1 [Video played.]

- 2 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- WIT: They've got some fat boy playing me.
- 4 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: I did my best to get somebody better for
- **5** you, but ----
- 6 MJ [Col COHEN]: All right.
- 7 WIT: Thank you, sir.
- 8 MJ [Col COHEN]: When you're ready at 59, let me know. We
- 9 are ready? You may -- rebroadcast, and play from the
- **10** 59-second point.

11 [Video played.]

- 12 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: It can be stopped now. Yeah.
- 13 MJ [Col COHEN]: All right.
- 14 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: All right. Thanks.
- 15 Q. Dr. Mitchell, have you seen that before? Have you
- 16 watched ----
- 17 A. Never. I haven't watched the show.
- 18 Q. Okay. So the reason that I asked to show it was to
- 19 ask you how that compares to the way waterboarding actually --
- 20 the way you actually did waterboarding, and so that's my
- 21 question now. And I know -- I think there are some things
- 22 that I see that were different from your testimony. So could
- 23 you explain that?

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A. Well, first off, we didn't wear masks. The water 2 wasn't poured out of a bucket. The person's head wasn't 3 moving around like that. Nobody had his head up off the --4 the waterboard doing all this stuff with the rag where the --5 you know, the kind of manhandling his head. That wasn't 6 happening. There wasn't a distance shot, so I couldn't tell 7 what they were actually doing, what they were actually 8 waterboarding him on. 9 I don't recall any conversation about this individual 10 that he -- you know, the shouting about the individual in -in -- all that sort of stuff. I don't recall that. My -- my 11 12 guess would be that if he -- my recollection is if they 13 provide that kind of information, they usually provide it 14 during the bridging question just before the waterboarding 15 starts or during the bridging question the next time before 16 waterboarding starts, not during waterboarding. We're highly 17 suspicious of anything they say to us during waterboarding. 18 And as long as we're on that topic, I would -- I would 19 mention that the report writers, the -- the subject matter 20 experts and the interrogators, even if we don't believe the 21 person, we don't get to leave it out, it has to go into the 22 report. And somebody later on decides whether it's accurate 23 or if accurate. And if it's inaccurate, they remove it.

- 1 There were other things. We're not shouting at him
- 2 like that. The -- I did say it wasn't poured out of a -- out
- 3 of a bucket. It's actually poured out of a one-liter saline
- 4 bottle with an opening about this size [indicated].
- 5 MJ [Col COHEN]: You're referring to the -- the
- 6 standard -- with the ----
- 7 WIT: Water bottle.
- 8 MJ [Col COHEN]: Yeah, 20-ounce water bottle cap.
- 9 A. And so this idea that there's just buckets of water
- 10 being poured on the person is incorrect.
- 11 It seemed a heck of a lot rougher when the guy who was
- 12 supposed to be the preacher, I guess, or I don't know who the
- 13 person was -- there were three of us, not two of us -- grabbed
- 14 the person's head in the movie and sort of manhandled him
- 15 around to form that pool. That's not what actually happened.
- 16 The guy just actually just put his hands on his -- on his
- **17** face.
- 18 So it seemed to me -- it seemed to me that it didn't
- 19 look like what we did at all, with the exception that somebody
- 20 was pouring water on a cloth and the person was inclined at a
- 21 45-degree angle.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And let me just follow up with that. KSM didn't

- 1 scream, grunt, do anything. He -- as you know from what the
- 2 medical officer said in those reports that you showed me, KSM
- 3 was actually surprisingly good at remaining calm. And he
- 4 would actually even count down the number of seconds left.
- 5 So -- and then -- and then he would do this
- 6 [indicated] when we started getting close to 20 seconds to
- 7 tell us that our time was up.
- 8 MJ [Col COHEN]: You're using your hand in the standard --
- 9 in the traditional way of going back and forth toward your
- 10 neck as in like -- as if in cut the time, that -- that we
- 11 traditionally see in U.S. society.
- 12 WIT: So -- sorry, Judge.
- 13 A. So I -- I wouldn't characterize that as what we did at
- 14 all. In fact, I've seen many videos on YouTube of people
- 15 waterboarding people. None of them look like what we did.
- 16 Q. There were, as we know, videotapes made of your
- **17** waterboarding of Abu Zubaydah.
- 18 A. [Indicated].
- 19 Q. But, of course, those were destroyed. Now, would
- 20 those videotapes have been -- would those have depicted the
- 21 way you did do waterboarding?
- A. Well, they were videotapes of us waterboarding, so by
- 23 definition.

- 1 Q. Sorry. Bad question. Did those -- would the
- 2 technique that you used with Abu Zubaydah that was videotaped
- 3 be the same as the technique you used for Mr. Mohammad that
- 4 was, as I understand, not videotaped?
- 5 A. Yes. In the -- in the -- except -- one exception.
- 6 Abu Zubaydah and al Nashiri were waterboarded on gurneys, a
- 7 gurney, a hospital gurney, because the physicians wanted them
- 8 on gurneys.
- 9 The location where he was waterboarded ----
- 10 Q. Referring to Mr. Mohammad?
- 11 A. Yes, for Mr. Mohammad -- well, KSM was boarded, didn't
- 12 allow to get a full-sized gurney in it.
- Q. And -- I beg your pardon.
- 14 You were inclining your -- you were taking your hand
- 15 and placing it in -- in -- your -- your palm flat in a
- 16 horizontal position, but then you were -- you tipped one side
- 17 of your hand down to indicate that there was an incline. And
- 18 I believe we talked about this yesterday, the -- this is -- is
- 19 this the Trendelenburg position where the head is down?
- 20 A. Actually, the whole board tips.
- 21 Q. Uh-huh.
- 22 A. Not just the middle of the board, and it actually
- 23 stands upright too. So on the longer pours, we would stand it

- 1 upright so that the person would be able to actually drain it.
- 2 I -- I didn't look up the word, whatever word you used.
- Q. Hmm.
- 4 A. But the person's head is down.
- 5 MJ [Col COHEN]: And using a water bottle that he has
- 6 there as a -- as a prop, he had his hand as a fulcrum, the
- 7 waterboard -- the waterboard being exemplified by the -- by
- 8 the bottle which he inverted to a 90-degree angle and then
- 9 also inverted at a 45-degree angle backwards?
- 10 WIT: Yes, sir.
- 11 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 12 Q. I believe I showed you portions of the -- the document
- 13 that was reflections of the chief of the Office of Medical
- 14 Services yesterday, and I pointed you to page 40, describing
- 15 abrasions on Mr. Mohammad's lower legs from struggling against
- 16 the restraining belts. Do you recall seeing that?
- 17 A. I recall seeing the -- what you showed me.
- 18 Q. The exhibit? Yeah. Okay. And are you saying that --
- 19 that that's not true; that he didn't struggle against the
- **20** belt?
- 21 A. No, I'm not saying that.
- Q. Okay. And, in fact, at one point, there's a
- 23 description of Mr. Mohammad grabbing the clothes of the -- of

- 1 the -- of -- of the waterboarders while the waterboarding is
- 2 occurring, grabbing hold of those. Do you remember that
- 3 incident?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. The -- in the movie, the -- the person -- the person
- 6 playing Mr. Mohammad says -- refers to Issa al Britani. And
- 7 you -- I believe you said a moment ago that you didn't
- 8 recognize that name: is that correct?
- 9 A. I said I didn't recall him using that name while he
- 10 was being waterboarded, and I don't recall asking him that
- 11 question while he was being waterboarded.
- 12 Q. All right. Do you recall asking him the question at
- 13 another time?
- 14 A. I think he volunteered that information during the --
- 15 one of the bridging question events when he was not being
- **16** subjected to any EITs.
- 17 Q. I'm going to show you ----
- 18 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: And, Your Honor, this will be the SSCI,
- 19 AE 630U Attachment B, Bravo, and ----
- 20 MJ [Col COHEN]: You may publish.
- 21 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: Thank you.
- 22 Q. This will be page 259, and I want to direct -- and
- 23 I -- I have the -- the other page as well, but I'm interested

- 1 in directing your attention to the part that's highlighted
- 2 here. But feel free to read anything you like and tell me
- 3 when you're ready to take a question.
- 4 A. Okay. I read the highlighted portions.
- **5** Q. Okay. Great. So it -- it says that there -- that the
- 6 investigation into the true identities of Abu Issa al Britani,
- 7 possibly also known as Dhiren Barot and Saajid Badat and by
- 8 other names, that that was a U.K.-led operation and that
- 9 sometimes the CIA had limited insight into U.K.-based
- 10 activities and that the U.K. was not sharing all their known
- 11 information, but that the FBI was working closely with -- with
- 12 a U.K. service on these matters.
- My -- sorry. My question is: Did you ever receive --
- 14 first of all, did you ever -- at any of the black sites where
- 15 you were present, did you see personnel from the United
- 16 Kingdom in those black sites?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you ever have communications that you understood
- 19 were coming from United Kingdom officials, such as
- 20 requirements or information, anything like that?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Having looked at this, do you remember this
- 23 reference to Issa al Britani?

- 1 A. Well, based on what I read earlier, I think the CIA
- 2 decided he had fabricated this information, so I -- I
- 3 recognized the reference to the name ----
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. ---- but ----
- **6** Q. But not other -- you don't have additional
- 7 recollections of -- of that name, Issa al Britani, or any of
- 8 those aliases?
- 9 A. Well, I don't have additional -- I -- the name is
- 10 familiar, as you know.
- **11** Q. Right.
- 12 A. But whether or not I have specific additional
- 13 recollections that I'd be able to generate here on the spot, I
- 14 don't think so.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, thank you. And -- and now I'm going to
- 16 direct your attention to page 97 of the same document.
- 17 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: Your Honor, that's the heading of it.
- **18** May I publish?
- MJ [Col COHEN]: You may. Yeah, we're still publishing.
- Q. It's -- can you see that? It's page 97.
- **21** A. Sure.
- 22 Q. Okay. Good. So direct your attention again to the
- 23 highlighted portion, and this goes over to the other page, and

- 1 I'll flip it when the time comes.
- 2 But it says that the U.S. ambassador to a country
- 3 wanted documents authorizing the program, referring to the CIA
- 4 program, and that the CIA sought the intervention of Deputy
- 5 Secretary Armitage -- I'm going to flip it now -- who once
- 6 again made strong remarks to the CIA about he -- how he and
- 7 the Secretary of State were cut out of the NSC clearance
- 8 coordination process and that Armitage questioned the efficacy
- 9 of the program. And it's -- the report goes on to say that it
- 10 was unclear how his concerns were resolved, but -- and there's
- 11 a reference to talking points.
- 12 But beginning with this sentence that starts with the
- 13 word "The" about six lines down from the top on the -- on the
- 14 right, "The presentation talking points did not describe the
- 15 enhanced interrogation techniques but represented that without
- 16 them we would not have succeeded in overcoming the resistance
- 17 of Khalid Shaikh Mohammad and other equally resistant HVDs."
- And it says that the talking points included many of
- 19 the same inaccurate representations made to U.S. policymakers
- 20 and others attributing to the detainees critical
- 21 information ----
- TC [MR. GROHARING]: Your Honor, this has been a very long
- 23 set-up to a question. I would just ask counsel to get to ----

- 1 MJ [Col COHEN]: Yeah, Counsel, where are we going?
- 2 Because you had him read it. Now you're reading it to him.
- 3 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: Well, he didn't. I didn't have him read
- 4 this part of it.
- 5 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 6 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: That's fine.
- 7 Q. I -- would you read it?
- 8 A. You want me to read the rest of it?
- 9 Q. Just read the -- the part that's highlighted.
- 10 A. I read the part that was highlighted.
- 11 Q. Oh, you did? Okay. All right.
- 12 Well then, the question is -- just to make sure we're
- 13 on the same page is, I -- I thought I heard you say yesterday
- 14 that your questioning of Mr. Mohammad had yielded information
- 15 about the arrest of -- that had led to the arrest of Hambali
- 16 and had broken up these -- the Second Wave plot and the
- 17 Heathrow plot and the Karachi plot, and the indication here is
- 18 that that's not how that occurred.
- 19 And so I -- you -- you are a -- you're an
- 20 interrogator, not a subject matter expert, not a targeter, not
- 21 a debriefer, as I understand it. Is your understanding
- 22 different from this?
- 23 A. My understanding is based on the Senate Select

- 1 Committee Minority Report, which supports what I said, and the
- 2 CIA's 2013 response to this. In particular, what they did was
- 3 criticize the way they did this analysis and what they focused
- 4 on when they said -- I'm trying to find the actual word here,
- 5 but they -- they disagreed with the way they characterized
- 6 this.
- 7 Because what they did in a very narrow way was
- 8 operationally define useful information in such a way that
- 9 virtually nothing that the CIA did produced any useful
- 10 information, when the CIA foolishly thought that they -- that
- 11 using the information that they got really allowed them to
- 12 catch these folks and really allowed them to -- as if this
- 13 analyst who's portrayed in that movie is somehow brighter than
- 14 the men and women who did the targeting, and that by looking
- 15 backwards over a dozen years or so, he can divine things
- 16 and -- that they were too foolish to realize that the
- 17 information they actually used didn't work.
- 18 I would be happy at some point, if someone asks me, to
- 19 describe why I think it's more efficient or as effective. But
- 20 in this particular case, don't take my word for it, Judge.
- 21 Read what the CIA said. Read what the Senate Select Committee
- 22 Minority Report says. They debunked this thing thoroughly.
- Q. And do you know what the -- this is the main committee

- 1 report. Do you know what they were relying on when they came
- 2 to this conclusion?
- 3 A. If you read the analysis that was done by the Senate
- 4 Select Committee Minority Report, what you'll see happened is,
- 5 as I said -- you asked me ----
- 6 Q. Excuse me.
- 7 A. --- a question. I'm trying to answer, sir.
- 8 Q. I'm asking you ----
- 9 A. If you want a different answer, ask a different
- 10 question.
- 11 Q. I'm asking you if you know what they relied on when
- 12 they wrote this sentence.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay. That's fine. "No" is a perfectly acceptable
- 15 answer.
- 16 Let me show you -- let's jump to page 481 of the same
- 17 document, and I'll direct your attention to the comment of the
- 18 Counterterrorism Center, Southeast Asia Branch, that the CIA
- 19 stumbled onto Hambali. They were in the process of arresting
- 20 someone else and when they got there, there was Hambali. They
- 21 really stumbled over it. It wasn't police work, it wasn't
- 22 good targeting, it was, we stumbled over it and it yielded up
- 23 Hambali.

- And I thought I heard -- and I'll put this back up if
- 2 you need to see it further, but I thought I heard you say
- 3 yesterday that -- that -- that your interrogation of
- 4 Mr. Mohammad led to the arrest of Hambali; is that true or not
- 5 or do I -- am I ----
- 6 A. I believe that's true. Again, I would encourage you
- 7 to read the Senate Select Committee Minority Report which
- 8 specifically addresses these allegations that are made in the
- 9 Senate Select Committee Majority Report and I would encourage
- 10 you to read the CIA's responses. I don't speak for the CIA.
- 11 I don't know who this person is who made this comment. So all
- 12 I can do is refer you to the sources that I think are more
- 13 accurate and you can decide to pursue it or not.
- 14 Q. Do you see who's quoted here?
- 15 A. I see the quote, yes.
- Q. No, no. My question is, do you see who's quoted?
- 17 Chief of the CTC Southeast Asia branch.
- **18** A. So what?
- 19 Q. Isn't that a CIA -- isn't that person employed by the
- **20** CIA?
- 21 A. It's a CIA bureaucrat. I think you should -- I think
- 22 again, sir, that if you ----
- 23 O. Wait. The chief of the CTC's Southeast Asia branch is

- 1 a bureaucrat?
- 2 A. It's a bureaucratic position. It's a position that's
- 3 a supervisory position, not a person that's in the field.
- 4 Q. Okay. Got it.
- 5 You and I spoke briefly about the videotape issue, and
- 6 I just wanted to ask you this: During your -- during your
- 7 deposition, you said that you had a visceral reaction to the
- 8 tapes. "I thought they were ugly." These would be the tapes
- 9 of Abu Zubaydah being waterboarded. Do you stand by that ----
- **10** A. Yes.
- 11 Q. --- characterization?
- 12 In your book -- in your book at page 265 ----
- 13 A. Do you have a copy of this I could look at?
- 14 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: May I approach?
- 15 MJ [Col COHEN]: You may.
- 16 A. Thank you, sir. 265?
- 17 Q. I'm sorry. Yes. It actually is in the first
- 18 paragraph -- carry-over paragraph, and it's the sentence that
- 19 begins, "One of the last things I said to the base chief
- 20 was" -- as you were leaving on the rendition flight was,
- 21 "Don't forget to destroy those tapes."
- 22 A. Is there a question?
- Q. Do you stand by that?

- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. And while you're there, look at pages 238 to
- 3 239. And my question is, you write there that you had
- 4 mentioned tape in a cable that was -- apparently you wrote to
- 5 headquarters, and someone from headquarters wrote back and
- 6 said, "Never use the word tape."
- 7 A. They didn't wrote [sic] back. They called me.
- **8** Q. And they said never do that again? Don't use?
- 9 A. Never use the word "tape" in a cable again.
- 10 Q. Never use the word "tape"? They were that sensitive
- 11 to it?
- 12 A. They were sensitive to it at that particular time,
- **13** yes.
- 14 Q. When was that time?
- 15 A. It was the last site, so it would have been probably
- **16** 2006.
- 17 Q. And were -- and what site was that?
- 18 A. I can even tell you who told me that.
- **19** Q. Okay.
- 20 A. Site 10.
- 21 Q. In 2 -- do you remember ----
- 22 A. I'm sorry. Location Number 10.
- Q. Can you say early, mid, or late 2006?

- 1 A. I'm sorry. Did I say 2006?
- 2 Q. I thought you did.
- 3 A. If I did, that was an error. It was much later than
- 4 that. It was -- it was with the last detainee that they held,
- 5 and I can't remember whether that was 2008 -- I think that was
- 6 2008 or -- 2008 or 2007. I'd have to look at when that
- 7 detainee was held to be able to give you a hard date.
- 8 Q. Just represent to you that Mr. Mohammad and -- and a
- 9 number of other detainees were moved to Guantanamo in
- 10 September of 2006.
- 11 A. Right. It had nothing to do with them.
- 12 Q. Okay. So ----
- 13 A. In fact, I think I can -- the -- the detainee's name
- 14 is in my book.
- 15 Q. Well, my -- I guess my question is this: Were you
- 16 making videotapes of waterboarding there at that site?
- 17 A. Well, you know I wasn't.
- 18 Q. Right. And -- yes, but I need you to -- I just need
- 19 you to say it as opposed to me saying it.
- 20 So were you making videotapes of something else at
- 21 that site?
- 22 A. No. As you know ----
- 23 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. --- from reading the passage in the book, what I had
- 2 suggested was this particular jihadist was very concerned
- 3 about what his brothers thought about him, the ones who
- 4 remained at large, and he didn't want to appear to be
- 5 capitulating. And so what I suggested was that we threaten
- 6 him with making a tape that we would release, but just the
- 7 word "tape" made them crazy.
- 8 And I got this -- like I said, I got this phone call
- 9 on a secure line that just said, "Never mention the word tape
- 10 again," in a -- in a ----
- 11 Q. Ten pages later in your book, you say that you were
- 12 glad that unmasked senior CIA officers appeared on those
- 13 interrogation tapes along with us. Do you remember that?
- 14 A. I not only remember writing that, I remember thinking
- 15 that, and I think that to this day.
- 16 Q. Yeah. And that's because those were people that had
- 17 more -- that it would be harder to throw those people ----
- 18 A. I think the phrase you're looking for is "under the
- 19 bus."
- Q. Yeah. Under the bus. I was thinking "to the dogs,"
- 21 but otherwise it would be harder to do that with them than it
- 22 would be with you?
- 23 A. I agree with that.

- 1 Q. And -- and you say pretty much the same thing at
- 2 page 248, that "The CIA IG report was out there, inaccurate
- 3 and misleading, and so were those damn interrogation tapes."
- 4 Do you recall saying that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- **6** Q. All right. And this connects to the testimony we
- 7 discussed -- or it refers to your testimony yesterday that we
- 8 discussed that it -- your book makes the point about monstrous
- 9 things. This is -- these videotapes were extremely graphic
- 10 and revealing and you were very concerned about them being
- 11 made publicly available?
- 12 A. I didn't want them to be made publicly available.
- 13 Q. Right. Right. But, of course, you can appreciate
- 14 that they would have been useful in -- in these proceedings
- 15 and they're not available to us either.
- 16 A. [Indicated].
- 17 Q. Yeah. Not your matter, I guess, because someone else
- 18 destroyed them, not you. That would be Jose Rodriguez?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And at the time that he destroyed them, he was -- what
- 21 was his position?
- 22 A. Chief of Clandestine Services.
- Q. For the Central Intelligence Agency?

- A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Yeah. So just to -- excuse me.
- 3 I know that Mr. Mohammad was shown pictures from time
- 4 to time. Do you recall that? And never mind what of, just do
- 5 you recall there ever being an occasion when Mr. Mohammad was
- 6 shown a photograph?
- 7 A. I think I've testified to that several times during
- 8 this hearing.
- **9** Q. So the answer is yes?
- **10** A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And do you recall him being shown pictures of this
- 12 Issa al Britani?
- 13 A. I don't recall that.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right. And just a somewhat unrelated
- 15 question. At page 82 of your book, you say that
- 16 "Word-for-word translations are critical because many
- 17 indicators of deception are flagged by how things are -- how
- 18 things are said as much as by what is said." Do you recall
- **19** writing that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And do you stand by that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And I will direct your attention to your testimony the

- 1 other day, I believe -- and maybe I have -- would have this
- 2 wrong, but I believe you said, "I don't want to know what they
- 3 meant, I want to know what they said." Do you remember saying
- 4 that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And that's to the same effect? That's the same idea,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. That's the only way you can get accurate information
- 10 about people speaking in a language you don't speak ----
- **11** A. It's ----
- 12 Q. --- about what they're saying, right?
- 13 A. It's one of the ways. I mean, another way, if you
- 14 depended on your interpreter, which you would sometimes do, is
- 15 he would say he's using a Yemeni slang that means this
- 16 particular thing, which a word-by-word translation wouldn't
- 17 mean anything to me because I don't know the slang. So it's
- 18 just one of the ways. There were other ways.
- 19 Q. Now, in your testimony last week, it came up many
- 20 times, the reference to Mr. Mohammad discussing with you the
- 21 murder of Daniel Pearl, and you -- you mentioned that on
- 22 numerous occasions.
- 23 And so first of all, you know what I'm referring

- 1 to ----
- A. I do.
- Q. --- of course. And I just wanted to ask you
- 4 something about the dynamics of that. You've spoken about it
- 5 in some detail. But this discussion about Daniel Pearl came
- 6 in a particular context, and I want to just direct your
- 7 attention to MEA-STA-2740.
- 8 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: And, Your Honor, I can -- I can give
- 9 you -- tell you where we noticed that, if that would be ----
- 10 MJ [Col COHEN]: That would be great. Thank you.
- 11 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: Okay. This would be AE 630U
- 12 Attachment UU.
- 13 MJ [Col COHEN]: Thank you.
- 14 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: And marked UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO.
- 15 MJ [Col COHEN]: You may publish.
- 16 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: And the page number is 2740.
- 17 Q. Now, would you just take what time you want to read
- 18 over this, sir. And I really am directing your attention to
- 19 the -- really the paragraph beginning "Following," but any
- 20 part of it that you want to read is fine.
- 21 Are you good?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So first, directing your attention to -- to

- 1 this part of the -- and I've marked the -- the lower seven or
- 2 eight lines of the middle paragraph that begins "Following his
- 3 last debriefing session." You again state that he won't be
- 4 punished by you for telling the truth, even when the truth
- 5 consists of operations, aspirations, intentions, et cetera,
- 6 against the U.S. And you say, "No matter how much progress
- 7 he's made, should he choose not to be honest or productive,
- 8 his status will immediately reverse and, if not corrected, he
- 9 will find himself in the same or worse conditions than those
- 10 he's experienced heretofore."
- 11 And the -- the paragraph below goes on to say that
- 12 "Mr. Mohammad assured the interrogator" -- and I -- that --
- 13 that refers to you, I take it?
- 14 A. I didn't write this. I -- I was in the room when he
- 15 discussed Daniel Pearl.
- Q. Was anyone else in the room?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Who else was in the room?
- 19 A. Dr. Jessen was in the room and so was the CIA's most
- 20 prominent WMD expert. She was the one who was initially
- 21 questioning him. I can describe how this came about, if
- 22 it's -- if it's important, or not.
- Q. No, just -- or, you know, maybe. But let me say, do

- 1 you have a UFI for that person?
- 2 A. Maybe, but I don't recall the person's name.
- **3** Q. Okay. But you understood that the person was a
- **4** prominent WMD expert?
- 5 A. Oh, yes.
- 6 Q. And you say, "Oh, yes," let the record reflect, with a
- 7 certain inflection that means that -- I think means to convey
- 8 that's an understatement to say this person ----
- 9 A. Yes. The person was brilliant.
- 10 Q. Yeah. And would the person be identified as the
- 11 primary weapons of mass destruction person in the CIA?
- 12 A. I have no -- I have no idea what she was identified as
- 13 or not identified as within the agency. I was just told, this
- 14 is our top person on this particular issue.
- 15 Q. Okay. You -- but -- and that was your
- 16 understanding -- what I meant to ask was: That's your
- 17 under -- that was your understanding of who she was, right?
- 18 A. I think I answered it three times. Yes.
- 19 Q. Thanks. So it says, third -- sorry, fourth line down,
- 20 there's -- there is a ----
- 21 A. Fourth line down from where?
- Q. Yeah. That last paragraph on the page begins,
- 23 "Mohammad assured," and there's a sentence that begins with

- 1 the word -- there's a parenthetical and the word "Note"
- 2 appears. And it says, "Right prior to his admission of the
- 3 killing of Daniel Pearl, he asked the interrogator about his
- 4 progress so far, how am I doing so far? And the interrogator
- 5 replies on a scale of one to a hundred, you're at about
- 6 somewhere between 50 and 60, one being completely dishonest
- 7 and a hundred being completely honest." And he, Mr. Mohammad,
- 8 was distressed when he heard that. Do you remember that?
- 9 A. I remember he was very concerned about whether or not
- 10 we perceived him to being forthcoming, and so it -- it depends
- 11 on how much emphasis you put on the word "distressed" in terms
- 12 of -- you know, in terms of intensity. I -- I know he was --
- 13 I would have said he was concerned because he was trying very
- 14 hard to convince us that he was -- he was working with us.
- 15 Q. Okay. And -- and ----
- 16 A. Are we done with that page?
- 17 Q. We are.
- 18 A. Can I point one thing out?
- **19** Q. Sure.
- 20 A. Okay. So if you go down to where he talks about the
- 21 killing of Daniel Pearl, the way you read that could lead you
- 22 to believe that what happened in the previous paragraphs
- 23 happened just before he talked about killing Daniel Pearl.

- 1 But that's not true. Note, it said, "He had asked." "He had
- 2 asked." That's a -- it points to another time.
- 3 And I just think it's important to point out that the
- 4 stuff that you -- is up here at the top of this particular
- 5 document did not occur in the room with me when Dr. Jessen and
- 6 I were initially there, about the killing of Daniel Pearl.
- 7 Q. Why don't you just read the sentence that begins
- 8 "Note."
- 9 A. Okay. "At that point, Mohammad stated he was
- 10 concerned about the interrogator's judgments of his progress
- 11 and asked if he had improved."
- 12 Q. Hang on one second, Dr. Mitchell.
- 13 A. So that's not the sentence you want me to read?
- 14 Q. The word "note."
- 15 A. That's a parenthetical statement ----
- 16 0. Yes.
- 17 A. --- inserted inside of a sentence. It's not a
- **18** sentence.
- 19 Q. Okay. All right. Would you read the parenthetical
- 20 comment inserted inside the parentheses that begins "Note"?
- 21 A. Sure. "Note: Immediately preceding Mohammad's
- 22 admission to killing of Daniel Pearl, he had asked the
- 23 interrogator about his progress" ----

- 1 Q. You can stop there.
- A. --- "and the interrogator" ----
- Q. I'm interested in that term, "immediately preceding
- 4 Mohammad's admission to the killing of Daniel Pearl." He is
- 5 asking about, "How am I doing," right?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. Okay. So I have now put 27 -- sorry, MEA-STA-2741 on
- 8 the presenter and it is the same exhibit. It's the next page,
- 9 so it came within the same AE 630U Attachment UU.
- **10** A. Okay.
- 11 Q. So, sir, just directing your attention to this first
- 12 full paragraph on this page that begins, "Interrogation,
- 13 transition, and debriefing," do you see that?
- **14** A. I do.
- 15 Q. And it says that "Mr. Mohammad is told that he's
- 16 currently making progress across the continuum but could
- 17 immediately be returned to his initial interrogation phase at
- 18 any time depending on his -- in his behavior" and so on.
- 19 And then there's a sentence that begins about halfway
- 20 down the paragraph that begins, "Mohammad stated his intent."
- 21 And it says that he stated his intent to tell the truth and
- 22 then asked if it was too early to ask about writing a letter
- 23 to his family. And someone, an interrogator, says to him,

- 1 "That may never be a possibility, but it's too early now."
- 2 And he continued expressing concern about his two sons who
- 3 were with him at the time of his capture, asked if the
- 4 interviewer had any knowledge of their status and, if so, had
- 5 they been reunited with their mother. And the interrogator
- 6 replied that he didn't know that information.
- 7 First of all, do you remember that?
- 8 A. I know that this dialogue took place.
- 9 Q. Were you the interrogator that was referred to?
- 10 A. No.
- **11** Q. Who was?
- 12 A. I suspect it's Dr. Jessen, but ----
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. --- you'd have to ask him if it was him.
- 15 Q. Yeah. We can do that.
- The sequence of events is, first, he asks how he's
- 17 doing and he gets a 50 to 60 percent rating, and then he
- 18 confesses to the killing of Daniel Pearl, and then he asks
- 19 whether he can write a letter to his children?
- 20 A. No. You're talking about two separate answer --
- 21 incidents. This, as I tried to explain earlier, that
- 22 parenthetical statement where -- where he was going on about
- 23 Daniel Pearl happened before this. It happened before this

- 1 event that he's describing -- whoever it is, is describing in
- 2 this thing. He just made a parenthetical statement referring
- 3 back to something that had happened earlier. You're choosing
- 4 to interpret it as the same interrogation session, and it's an
- 5 error to do that.
- 6 Q. Well, doesn't it say that right before he admitted to
- 7 killing -- immediately preceding his admission to killing
- 8 Daniel Pearl, he asked how his -- he was doing?
- 9 A. He often asked how he was doing. It didn't just
- 10 happen the one session. And it does say that, but he -- it
- 11 says that in referring to a past interrogation. You are
- 12 misunderstanding this document.
- Q. What, the word "immediately preceding" ----
- 14 A. I -- I can't help you, sir. I don't appear to be able
- 15 to say anything to get my point across to you. There are two
- 16 separate -- that is a statement referring back in time to a
- 17 different interrogation session that I was part of and I was
- 18 there for. And I can tell you that this stuff that happened
- 19 up top I don't think occurred in that same session. I don't
- 20 remember that.
- I can tell you what I remember about him talking about
- 22 killing Daniel Pearl. I do remember him asking about how he
- 23 was doing just before he acknowledged that -- or voluntarily

- 1 told us that he had killed Daniel Pearl, but I don't remember
- 2 him asking about his family.
- 3 Q. Okay. Well ----
- 4 A. I think you're talking about two different things.
- **5** Q. It may well be that the document just speaks for
- 6 itself, but in any event, I won't continue to fence with you
- 7 over the meaning of "immediately preceding."
- 8 Is there a -- is there a Hippocratic Oath for a
- 9 psychologist?
- 10 A. I don't recall a Hippocratic Oath. There's a --
- 11 there's an ethical -- some ethical guidelines from the APA.
- 12 Q. And the -- and that essentially says do no harm to the
- **13** patient?
- 14 A. I'm sure it says do no harm to patients.
- 15 Q. Yeah. And that's because you -- you and all
- 16 psychologists have special training that's geared toward
- 17 understanding people's problems and helping them to get
- 18 better, right?
- **19** A. Okay.
- Q. And isn't it true that in 2005, the APA Council of
- 21 Representatives voted 157 to 1 to forbid psychologists from
- 22 participating in national security investigations?
- 23 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And isn't it true that you allowed your psychology
- 2 license to lapse?
- 3 A. I didn't allow it to lapse. My psychology license?
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. I never allowed that to lapse. I retired it when I
- 6 had reached 20 years, long after they had made that vote. But
- 7 I did resign from the APA, which may be what you're asking
- 8 about.
- 9 Q. No. I am talking about the ending of your licensing
- 10 to practice as a psychologist.
- 11 A. I retired it at some point. I didn't allow it to
- 12 lapse.
- 13 Q. So you at some point did not renew it?
- 14 A. No. You have to apply -- in Texas, you have to apply
- 15 for retirement. You have to retire the license.
- **16** Q. Okay.
- 17 A. If you allow it to lapse, it's lapsed. It means that
- 18 you're delinquent on your fees.
- Q. And you withdrew from the APA, as you say?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you did that over a dispute with -- with the APA
- 22 about their -- about various positions that they had taken;
- 23 would that be a fair way of putting it?

- 1 A. I don't know about fair.
- Q. Sorry. Would that be an accurate way of putting it?
- 3 A. The accurate way of putting it is I disagreed with
- 4 their position on psychologists helping national security.
- Q. We spoke previously of your having been in a conflict
- 6 position of both interrogating detainees and also assessing
- 7 them psychologically to determine what effect the
- 8 interrogation was having on them. And you had withdrawn
- 9 from -- at some point, you withdrew from the -- the process of
- 10 conducting assessments, correct?
- 11 A. Right. I don't think that we were -- I don't think --
- 12 not to quibble with you, although I've been doing that, I
- 13 don't think we were asked at that time when we were doing the
- 14 assessment of -- who was it that we did? I can't remember --
- 15 oh, Hawsawi, I think we did an assessment on Hawsawi. -- what
- 16 the effect of enhanced interrogation was on him. We were
- 17 asked how is he doing now, right? I mean, they wanted to know
- 18 how he was doing. And by inference, if he was doing badly,
- 19 they would think it was due to enhanced interrogation or
- 20 some other -- some other thing. But it wasn't like they told
- 21 me go evaluate whether or not this guy has been harmed by
- 22 enhanced interrogation. They just asked me how's he doing,
- 23 you know.

- 1 Q. Okay. And I mean, I didn't mean to -- I really didn't
- 2 mean to imply something that went beyond my question. I mean,
- 3 the point of -- of this is that you've at least been part of
- 4 designing and conducting an interrogation program. And -- and
- 5 then -- but one of the questions in the interrogation program
- 6 is whether it's being harmful to the people who are the
- 7 subjects of it. And there's a conflict in you working both
- 8 sides of that street ----
- 9 A. Well ----
- **10** Q. --- right?
- 11 A. --- there's at least the appearance of conflict. I
- 12 mean, what you try to do -- what the ethical guidelines --
- 13 since you asked me about it, what the ethical guidelines
- 14 require is that you alert the people to the conflict of
- 15 interest and if there's no way out of it, you do the best you
- **16** can do to ----
- **17** Q. Right.
- 18 A. ---- you know, stay on the right side of things.
- 19 Q. But you were very forthright in your book that --
- 20 that -- that that was not appropriate and you got out of that
- 21 business as soon as you could, right?
- 22 A. Yeah, I didn't want to be doing it.
- Q. Right. So now just a question or two about some

- 1 comments you made last week regarding psychological issues
- 2 surrounding the -- surrounding the interrogation program. And
- 3 you spoke of both classical conditioning and also operant
- 4 conditioning, and -- do you recall that?
- 5 A. I do recall.
- 6 Q. Yeah. And to -- just to orient us, if I understand
- 7 correctly, Pavlovian, or classical, conditioning has to do
- 8 with involuntary responses and ----
- 9 A. Autonomic nervous system responses, not necessarily
- 10 involuntary.
- 11 Q. Okay. But in other words, responses that are not
- 12 consciously decided upon and the -- of course, the example is
- 13 Pavlov and his dog, who is salivating around meat and he can't
- 14 control -- salvation is taking place below the conscious
- 15 level, and -- and there's the -- the business of the bell and
- 16 the -- after a while, he salivates in response to the bell or
- 17 to the light. And so there -- and -- and that is what is --
- 18 that is what is Pavlovian classical conditioning, correct?
- 19 A. That's the simplest explanation. It actually gets
- 20 considerably more complicated ----
- 21 Q. Yeah.
- 22 A. --- than that when you start looking at the different
- 23 exposures and the -- you know, how contiguous the responses

- 1 are and all that sort of stuff. But that would -- that's the
- 2 thumbnail description of it.
- 3 Q. So in operant conditioning, by contrast, this is
- 4 voluntary choices that, in this case, a person makes. And so
- 5 you provide a reward, which you might call positive
- 6 reinforcement, and that leads them to behave in a particular
- 7 way.
- 8 You could also provide an aversive consequence and --
- 9 which would lead -- which would change their behavior in
- 10 another way; in other words, do something that they don't
- **11** like.
- 12 A. Are you suggesting that an adversive consequence is
- 13 what most people refer to as negative reinforcement?
- **14** 0. Yeah.
- 15 A. Because if you're calling it that, that's an error.
- 16 Q. No, no. Actually, I'm not.
- 17 A. That's called punishment.
- 18 Q. Right. And negative reinforcement is removing the
- 19 aversive consequence, correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. So this is that process you were describing
- 22 before of making an effort to modify a person's behavior,
- 23 correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. All right. So -- and you talked about walling in this
- 3 context, and you -- you said that there is an unconditioned
- 4 stimulus, which is walling. It produces an involuntary, a --
- 5 not involuntary but -- what was the word that you used?
- 6 A. Well, I think most people would find it mildly
- 7 aversive.
- 8 Q. Yeah. You don't -- but you don't -- but it creates a
- 9 sense of fear or ----
- 10 A. Not fear. It -- I find it disorienting ----
- **11** Q. Okay.
- 12 A. --- you know. And that disorientation goes away as
- 13 soon as the walling stops. But initially, you're being
- 14 bounced against the wall, so ----
- 15 Q. It's unpleasant?
- 16 A. I don't even -- I wouldn't even describe it as
- 17 unpleasant. I've had it happen to me many, many times. It's
- 18 just disruptive, you know. Is disrupts your chain of thought.
- 19 It's disruptive and -- and disorienting.
- Q. So are you saying it's positive reinforcement?
- 21 A. Is there anything in that sentence that suggested it
- 22 was positive reinforcement? I said most people find it mildly
- 23 aversive.

- 1 Q. Yeah. I mean the part where I said it's unpleasant
- 2 and you said, no, you didn't agree with that.
- 3 A. Well, I personally didn't find it unpleasant. I --
- 4 well, I quess we're quibbling about what unpleasant means.
- 5 It's mildly aversive to most people.
- 6 Q. And what does -- and aversive means that you don't
- 7 like it?
- A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Great. So that is performed -- that process is
- 10 performed with a towel, as we talked about yesterday.
- 11 TC [MR. GROHARING]: Objection, asked and answered.
- 12 MJ [Col COHEN]: Counsel?
- 13 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: It's to orient him to the -- to
- 14 discussing this in psychological terms.
- **15** MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 16 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: I'm not going ----
- 17 MJ [Col COHEN]: Is this one of those opportunities where
- 18 you could simply say do you remember last week when we talked
- 19 about blah, blah, blah?
- 20 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: Yes, sir.
- 21 MJ [Col COHEN]: Thank you.
- Q. Do you remember last week when we talked about the
- 23 towel?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. And I think maybe we talked about it yesterday
- 3 as well. But the towel is placed around the neck, the --
- 4 there's nothing aversive about a towel under normal
- 5 circumstances. It's -- it's an ----
- 6 A. I think the word you're looking for is neutral
- 7 stimulus.
- **8** Q. Yeah, but in -- but in the process of -- because --
- 9 because it's connected with the walling, it comes to be -- it
- 10 creates an involuntary response of -- of alarm and aversion,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yes. It signals that -- to the autonomic nervous
- 13 system that, you know, that mildly aversive thing could
- 14 potentially happen.
- 15 Q. And you used the example of a towel, but anything in
- 16 the environment that is associated with the aversive event
- 17 could have the same effect. Chains, hoods, masks, any -- any
- 18 of the -- any of the accoutrements of the -- of the
- 19 environment where the aversion occurs could -- could have a
- 20 similar effect?
- 21 A. That's an unsophisticated understanding of it. I
- 22 could explain it. If it -- if -- if every time I saw you you
- 23 had on a red hat and you punched me in the nose, eventually I

- 1 would become weary of that red hat, right?
- Q. Yeah.
- 3 A. But if we eat there or we talked with our buddies
- 4 there or we gained comfort there or we watched movies there
- 5 with you with the hat on, that hat would just be a hat.
- 6 Sometimes you punched me in the nose, sometimes you didn't; it
- 7 wouldn't signal anything.
- 8 Q. Uh-huh. Okay. But you said also that having been --
- 9 having been classically conditioned to fear not being
- 10 cooperative, detainees would -- when they were making an
- 11 operant choice to cooperate, would somehow give you a tell or
- 12 a sign by looking nervous or fearful that would indicate to
- 13 you that they were lying. In other words, they were
- 14 connecting the classical conditioning in that moment, correct?
- **15** A. Yes.
- 16 Q. All right. So the -- they would have been able to
- 17 figure that out after a while too, correct, and make a double
- 18 effort to avoid appearing -- to avoid appearing frightful.
- 19 A. The -- the problem with that is that once you've
- 20 classically conditioned a -- you know, a conditioned stimulus,
- 21 the extinction goes [indicated], like this, as soon as the
- 22 contingencies change. And sometimes they lied to us and we
- 23 didn't do anything to them, as you well know; and sometimes

- 1 they told the truth and we didn't realize it, as you well
- 2 know; and sometimes they told the truth and it was enough to
- 3 stop the next attack.
- 4 You know, so I don't -- I just don't think that -- I
- 5 think it's farfetched to think that the -- the reinforcement
- 6 contingencies that we had in place to -- to produce that
- 7 temporary state where they were willing to work with us ----
- Q. Hmm.
- 9 A. --- lasted for years. Because those reinforcement
- 10 contingencies went away for Khalid Shaikh Mohammad after about
- 11 21 days, and he was another days or so smoking and joking
- 12 with us at times. Not smoking, really, just joking and
- 13 talking and ----
- 14 Q. Of course, the person might also just not know the
- 15 answer to a question you asked, and might ----
- 16 A. Absolutely true.
- 17 Q. --- might be nervous about the possibility that you
- 18 were going to look at that and say, you're not being truthful,
- 19 and now ----
- 20 A. Actually, that's not what I would say.
- 21 Q. --- trouble is going to start again.
- 22 A. No, that's not what I would say.
- **Q.** Why not?

- 1 A. Because it's fruitless. What I would say to the
- 2 person is, "Okay. I want to believe you. Help me understand
- 3 why it's not true. Give me something I can give to Washington
- 4 so they will take the pressure off." That's what -- pressure
- 5 off me or, you know, the urge to put him back into EITs.
- 6 That's the way that I talked to them. I don't talk to them
- 7 the way that you just described me talking to them.
- 8 Q. But we talked yesterday at some length about the fact
- 9 that you can't always -- you -- you weren't able -- none of
- 10 you were always able to tell when somebody was being truthful
- **11** or not, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Right. So when you -- when the detainee says
- 14 something and it's apparent that you don't believe it or that
- 15 you don't know if it's true, you're not -- you're -- his 50 to
- 16 60 percent meter is moving down now. He's going to be nervous
- 17 about that, right? Because you don't -- not because he's
- 18 lying, but because there's no way for him to convince you that
- 19 it's true.
- A. Well, there actually is a way for him to work with me
- 21 to get Washington to take the pressure off, right? Because
- 22 that's really what we want them to do. We don't want -- we
- 23 don't want to hear lies. We don't want people making stuff

- 1 up. That's not very useful. And we don't want people so
- 2 scared that they'll say anything that they think they need to
- 3 say in order to satisfy it.
- 4 What we really want to do is ask a person a question
- 5 and have them do what KSM was nice enough to do once he
- 6 started working with us, and that is to say, "Here is the
- 7 answer to your question but here are some things that you
- 8 didn't ask that I think are important."
- 9 So that's what we wanted, more full and complete
- 10 answers. So I just don't -- I just don't think its very
- 11 fruitful to act like an interrogator acts, the way that they
- 12 were doing in that movie, where you're yelling at the guy and
- 13 you're accusing him of lying and you're doing all that other
- 14 stuff. Because in my experience as a psychologist and a
- 15 hostage negotiation guy and someone who has worked with, you
- 16 know, people who are homicidal and -- and other sorts of
- 17 things, that doesn't help.
- 18 What helps is when you say, "I'm here to help you.
- 19 Work with me," you know, "Help me convince them," that helps.
- Q. You referred to this conditioning going away quickly.
- 21 You talked about that last week and -- and again just now.
- 22 The -- this is what's referred to as extinction, correct?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Yeah. And you said that if -- if extinction didn't
- 2 work, nobody -- no one would smoke, I believe was the example
- 3 you gave.
- 4 A. I actually didn't say it the way that you said it
- 5 because it makes no sense the way you said it.
- **6** Q. Well, how did you say it?
- 7 A. I said if classical conditioning worked every time,
- 8 nobody would be smoking because most people try to quit
- 9 smoking ----
- **10** Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. --- right? But what happens is some of the --
- 12 they -- they don't allow enough time to pass for that
- 13 classical conditioned response. And I used to run smoking
- 14 cessation groups so I'm very familiar with smoking, people who
- 15 smoke. They don't allow enough time to pass for the
- 16 environmental and situational cues to become unattached to the
- 17 desire to smoke.
- 18 Q. Yeah. But, of course, you're not waterboarding people
- 19 in a smoking cessation program. So there's a whole
- 20 different ----
- 21 A. Are you suggesting that as a therapy technique?
- Q. I don't know. I -- maybe -- maybe you are, I don't
- 23 know.

- 1 A. I didn't suggest it. You did.
- 2 Q. Okay. But you're not -- you're not waterboarding. My
- 3 point is that the aversive stimulus in waterboarding is much
- 4 different from the aversive stimulus that's present in smoking
- 5 cessation.
- 6 A. It depends on whether you have lung cancer or not.
- Q. Hmm.
- 8 A. There are people with lung cancer who would very much
- 9 like to stop smoking but can't.
- **10** Q. Right.
- 11 A. But I don't -- I don't need to quibble. Waterboarding
- 12 is -- waterboarding is more aversive than most things people
- 13 would experience.
- 14 Q. And it's familiar, isn't it, that people with PTSD,
- 15 veterans with PTSD years and years after they've served in
- 16 Vietnam or in any of the conflicts, will still react -- have a
- 17 strong reaction to an explosion. I know there -- you see
- 18 signs that say, 4th of July, be mindful of our veterans who
- 19 may be living in the neighborhood. That -- those kinds of
- 20 effects go on long after the original conditioning stimuli.
- 21 A. Are you suggesting that PTSD is a form of classical
- 22 conditioning?
- Q. No. I'm just asking you, people continue these --

- 1 these -- this -- this degree of -- of continuing to respond to
- 2 a stimulus in a -- in a -- in a way that relates to the past,
- 3 goes on for years, doesn't it?
- 4 A. It can go on for years. But here's what I would say
- 5 in response to that: I don't -- I haven't personally heard of
- 6 anybody who had PTSD that was responding to a chair or to a
- 7 room or to anything like that. Normally it's -- it's loud
- 8 noises or it's a sense of threat or it's something like that.
- 9 Not -- not necessarily a chair.
- 10 Q. How about an implicit feeling that you're about to be
- 11 waterboarded again if you don't cooperate? That got
- 12 Mr. Mohammad to give you a lot of information, didn't it? I
- 13 mean, when you were ----
- 14 A. I can't -- I can't speak for what he felt. I -- I
- 15 don't know what he felt ----
- 16 Q. Hmm.
- 17 A. --- right? I mean, you'd just have to ask him where
- 18 he had an explicit feeling that we were about to put him on
- 19 waterboarding. If you knew how many times he lied to us after
- 20 that, you wouldn't think that. If you knew how many times he
- 21 quit working with us after that, you wouldn't think that.
- Q. And can I ask, when he would quit working with you,
- 23 you wouldn't go back to him and say, "Look, we're going --

- 1 we're going to have to go back to the hard times again if
- 2 you -- if you don't start working with us again"?
- A. No. That may have been implicit in what we said and
- 4 somebody like the -- the station chief may have said something
- 5 like that.
- 6 Q. Uh-huh. But my point is, the -- the threat to return
- 7 to the hard times was either implicit or explicit, but it was
- 8 what -- the reminder of that was what drove Mr. Mohammad to
- 9 resume cooperation?
- 10 A. Most of the time, it was resolving whatever he was
- 11 complaining about. He -- he quit cooperating when they forced
- 12 him to take a vitamin. We talked them out of forcing him to
- 13 take a vitamin during -- when he was fasting. He quit
- 14 cooperating when they were interrupting his prayers. We
- 15 talked them out of not interpreting his prayers and he started
- 16 cooperating again. He quit cooperating when he didn't get his
- 17 favorite piece of bread. We talked them into giving him his
- 18 favorite piece of -- piece of bread and sent home the guard
- 19 who was picking the heels out and giving them to him.
- 20 So my experience of him wasn't that he was under some
- 21 involuntary control, but rather he chose to quit cooperating
- 22 at times and stuck with it until -- and he was mostly right
- 23 about the things that he said. The guard was really giving

- 1 him the wrong pieces of bread deliberately and they were
- 2 really forcing him to take a vitamin during his fasting and
- 3 they really were interrupting his prayers, right? So once we
- 4 resolved those conflicts, he went back to working.
- **5** Q. But, sir, I'm not asking you about Mr. Mohammad's
- 6 complaints about food or anything. I'm -- I'm asking you
- 7 about these occasions when you left him and -- or -- and where
- 8 others left him with the impression he was going to go back to
- 9 the hard times if he didn't get around to cooperation. That
- 10 is a whole different thing.
- 11 A. Well, I'm sure that occurred.
- **12** Q. Okay.
- 13 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: And, Your Honor, I am at a quitting
- 14 place.
- 15 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 16 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: I'm sorry. I have -- I have additional
- 17 questions, but ----
- 18 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 19 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: ---- I see the time.
- 20 MJ [Col COHEN]: All right.
- 21 Mr. Harrington, when we return from lunch, I don't
- 22 know how much longer Mr. Nevin will be, but we'll start your
- 23 testimony -- I mean your examination at that point.

- 1 TC [MR. GROHARING]: Judge, it would be helpful to get an
- 2 idea of how much time Mr. Nevin has as well as the others. I
- 3 would also like to know whether or not anyone intends to use
- 4 the evidence that the FBI techs have brought. If not, they
- 5 can return it.
- 6 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. Sir, I'll temporarily excuse you.
- 7 You may start your lunch recess and then ----
- **8** WIT: Let me put this away.
- 9 MJ [Col COHEN]: They'll pick it up. I'll watch it for
- **10** you.
- 11 WIT: I would prefer to put it in the ----
- 12 MJ [Col COHEN]: Oh, yeah. Put it in the envelope.
- 13 WIT: Thank you, sir.
- 14 MJ [Col COHEN]: In fact, I'll take it right now. Thank
- 15 you. I got it. You're good. No, you're good, sir. All
- 16 right.
- 17 [The witness withdrew from the courtroom.]
- 18 MJ [Col COHEN]: All right. Does anyone else need the
- 19 physical evidence, first of all? If anyone does, speak now.
- 20 LDC [MR. CONNELL]: You mean for this witness, right, sir?
- 21 MJ [Col COHEN]: For this witness. All right. All right.
- 22 So once the pictures are taken, they can return it to the --
- 23 the evidence locker.

- 1 TC [MR. GROHARING]: Judge, and I've spoken with counsel.
- 2 We have provided photos of all the evidence ----
- 3 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 4 TC [MR. GROHARING]: ---- previously. I think we'll be
- 5 able to use those photos.
- 6 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 7 TC [MR. GROHARING]: And ----
- 8 MJ [Col COHEN]: Make sure you coordinate that with the
- 9 court reporters and then I'm okay with whatever the court
- 10 reporters decide.
- 11 TC [MR. GROHARING]: Yes, sir.
- 12 MJ [Col COHEN]: All right.
- 13 LDC [MR. SOWARDS]: To be clear, to follow up to
- 14 Mr. Connell's question, they would be needed for Dr. Jessen.
- 15 MJ [Col COHEN]: I understand.
- 16 LDC [MR. SOWARDS]: Okay.
- 17 MJ [Col COHEN]: They just won't need to be here the rest
- **18** of the day ----
- 19 LDC [MR. SOWARDS]: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 MJ [Col COHEN]: ---- or until he testifies.
- 21 Mr. Nevin, where are you at as far as timing?
- 22 CDC [MR. NEVIN]: I think approximately an hour.
- 23 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. Excellent.

- 1 And then Mr. Harrington, how many hours or less or
- 2 more do you -- do you anticipate?
- 3 LDC [MR. HARRINGTON]: Certainly the rest of the
- 4 afternoon, Judge, and probably into tomorrow morning.
- 5 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. And then Ms. Bormann?
- 6 LDC [MS. BORMANN]: Probably less than a full day.
- 7 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. All right. So we should wrap up
- 8 sometime tomorrow with -- with all the defense. We'll see if
- 9 the government has any cross-examination at that point. And
- 10 my goal is to -- to start open session testimony of Dr. Jessen
- 11 on behalf of Mr. Ali on Thursday at some point.
- 12 LDC [MR. CONNELL]: Sir?
- MJ [Col COHEN]: Yes, sir.
- 14 LDC [MR. CONNELL]: That's my goal, too.
- 15 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 16 LDC [MR. CONNELL]: But I did want to tell you that I will
- 17 have some redirect whether the government has questions or
- 18 not, mostly in response to the questions that you asked the --
- 19 the witness.
- 20 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay.
- 21 LDC [MR. CONNELL]: So I just wanted you to be aware of
- 22 that.
- 23 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. All right. Let's see where we're

1 at then. At least at some point on Thursday then, we're going 2 to start with Dr. Jessen. 3 Yes, ma'am. 4 ADC [MS. RADOSTITZ]: Your Honor, we have discovered that 5 there is a bit of a conflict for our team around 6 classification guidance and asking of a guestion that we think 7 needs to be resolved in an exparte with yourself. We could come back a little bit early. It won't take very long. We 8 9 just need to explain to you what the conflict is and where we 10 are with it. 11 MJ [Col COHEN]: Okay. Of this witness? 12 ADC [MS. RADOSTITZ]: Yes. 13 MJ [Col COHEN]: Then that will be fine. I'll return at 14 1300 with you all. 15 ADC [MS. RADOSTITZ]: Okay. 16 MJ [Col COHEN]: And everyone else please plan on entering 17 the courtroom around 1315. All right. 18 [The R.M.C. 803 session recessed at 1206, 28 January 2020.] 19 20 21 22

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