- 1 [The R.M.C. 803 session was called to order at 0901,
- 2 **09 September 2025.**]
- 3 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: This hearing is called to order.
- I note that all parties that were present when the
- 5 commission last recessed are again present this morning. The accused
- 6 is also present.
- 7 Trial Counsel, can you confirm that we are being broadcast
- 8 to the RHR this morning?
- 9 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Your Honor, we are being broadcast to
- 10 the RHR as well as the Pentagon and Fort Meade.
- 11 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. I assume you will be using the
- 12 teletype capability authorized in AE 0012.020?
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: That is correct, Your Honor.
- 14 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Upon recessing last -- or yesterday
- 15 afternoon, the commission received via e-mail a memorandum that I as
- 16 the military judge is an addressee in this memorandum. Trial counsel
- 17 also is an addressee. And I note that defense counsel, lead defense
- 18 counsel was cc'd on the letter.
- 19 I'm having that letter marked. It's going to be identified
- 20 as Appellate Exhibit 0102.006. It is a two-page later signed by
- 21 Mr. Bruce [sic] Harvey, bearing the date 8 September 2025. That will
- 22 be maintained in the -- in the record under that designation.
- 23 LDC [MR. FANNIFF]: Your Honor?

- 1 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Defense Counsel?
- 2 LDC [MR. FANNIFF]: Concerning that 0102.006, the defense
- 3 requests that it be treated at the same -- it is of the same subject
- 4 matter, it's part and parcel of AE 0111.009, a notice filed by the
- 5 defense that was requested to be filed under seal. And we request
- 6 that AE 0102.006 also be filed under seal, Your Honor, under the same
- 7 justification provided in 0111.009.
- 8 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. Counsel, what I'm going to have you
- 9 do is I'm going to have you -- I'm going to have you file an exhibit
- 10 detailing that change, just so that it's clear for the record and the
- 11 commission is properly considering the request.
- 12 To the extent that you already have a request for certain
- 13 things to be placed under seal that are pending, no need to readdress
- 14 that. But if you're trying to -- if you desire to capture this
- 15 appellate exhibit as an additional matter filed under seal, I just
- 16 ask that you produce a filing to that effect.
- 17 LDC [MR. FANNIFF]: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you.
- So this morning, before we move into consideration of AE
- 20 0113.001 in that series of filings, the commission would like to have
- 21 discussion with Mr. Hodes, detailed defense counsel for Mr. Nurjaman.
- 22 I believe he is present with us via the RHR.
- Is that understanding correct, Defense Counsel?

- 1 LDC [MR. FANNIFF]: Yes, Your Honor.
- 2 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay.
- 3 So, Mr. Hodes, if you could please approach the podium in
- 4 the RHR.
- 5 [Pause.]
- 6 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: While we're waiting for Mr. Hodes, if I
- 7 could just remind the parties to secure their badges in the courtroom
- 8 if you have not done so.
- 9 [Pause.]
- 10 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Good morning, Mr. Hodes.
- 11 LDC [MR. HODES]: Good morning.
- MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: So first off, I want to advise you that I
- 13 did receive, as the detailed military judge, correspondence yesterday
- 14 from Mr. Harvey, identified that for the record. So just so you're
- 15 aware, I do have the benefit of that information. So I think that
- 16 slims down a little bit some of the things that I want to discuss
- 17 with you this morning.
- To that extent, I'm going to make this session brief and I'm
- 19 going to ask my questions in a very narrow fashion to aid you in only
- 20 providing the information that I require to ensure that I fully
- 21 understand your status as a detailed member of the defense team.
- 22 Okay?
- LDC [MR. HODES]: Yes.

- 1 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: So, Mr. Hodes, it's my understanding
- 2 you've had no contact with Mr. Nurjaman since 18 March 2024, correct?
- 3 LDC [MR. HODES]: Approximately.
- 4 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: March 2024, a better approximation? I
- 5 appreciate you might not remember the exact date.
- 6 LDC [MR. HODES]: Your Honor, I think my counsel provided
- 7 information in the docketed paperwork you have.
- 8 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. And we're referring to what has
- 9 been identified as AE 0102.006. It appears based upon that that 18
- 10 March 2024 is the last time that you've had contact with
- 11 Mr. Nurjaman. The information contained in that appellate exhibit is
- 12 correct, Mr. Hodes?
- 13 LDC [MR. HODES]: I cannot -- I cannot say, Your Honor. At
- 14 this point -- I'm pleading the Fifth, Your Honor. The simple fact is
- 15 I am under criminal investigation based on General Thompson's
- 16 comments to me ----
- MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay, Counsel -- you know what, Counsel,
- 18 we're not going to get into that. If you don't desire to answer any
- 19 questions based upon an assertion of your right against
- 20 self-incrimination, that's fine. Then what I'm going have you do is
- 21 I'm going to have you just listen, okay? I think that's the best way
- 22 for me to proceed ahead, then, if that's where you are at and that is
- 23 your right to assert. So I don't want to you to think that that's

- 1 being held against you in any way by me as the detailed military
- 2 judge. But I'm trying to find a way to move through this as narrowly
- 3 as possible. Okay?
- 4 LDC [MR. HODES]: Understood.
- 5 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: So based upon the fact that you've had no
- 6 contact whatsoever with Mr. Nurjaman since March of 2024, at least in
- 7 accordance with Appellate Exhibit 0102.006, that in accordance with
- 8 that appellate exhibit, you appear to be on a -- in a status of
- 9 administrative leave. I'm going to advise you of the following
- 10 expectations of the commission.
- 11 So I want to remind you that you are, of course, still
- 12 detailed as defense counsel in this commission. That's why we're
- 13 having this conversation this morning and you're in the RHR.
- 14 You were detailed pursuant to Rule 4.2.2 of the Rules of
- 15 Practice Before Military Commissions. As part of that detailing, you
- 16 along with all counsel detailed to this commission agree follow the
- 17 rules and procedures applicable to military commissions. Pursuant to
- 18 Rule for Military Commissions 505(d)(2)(B) and Rule of Practice 4.4,
- 19 after a detailed counsel has formed an attorney-client relationship
- 20 with their client, only the military judge may excuse or change
- 21 counsel upon a showing of good cause on the record. Additionally,
- 22 any request for excusal or withdrawal requires a written notice of
- 23 termination of representation pursuant to those rules.

- 1 Similar to conversations I know you and I have had in the
- 2 past when personnel have changed on the defense team, my expectation
- 3 as the military judge remains the same. That is that anybody who is
- 4 going to cease their relationship with this commission or request not
- 5 to be detailed counsel at this commission take affirmative
- 6 requests -- affirmative steps to request excusal prior to the event
- 7 that would necessitate termination of that relationship. Until such
- 8 time, as such a request is approved, you or anyone else would remain
- 9 detailed defense counsel to this commission.
- 10 As of this morning the commission has not received, to my
- 11 knowledge, any request from you regarding you status as detailed
- 12 defense counsel. Given the timeline that I can gather, based upon
- 13 the additional information provided in Appellate Exhibit 0102.006, I
- 14 would expect that the commission would receive such a request
- 15 shortly.
- To that end, I encourage you to continue to work with
- 17 Mr. Fanniff and the other people of the defense team on this
- 18 particular matter so that the commission has the benefit of properly
- 19 addressing the status of your continued detailing to this commission.
- 20 Okay?
- 21 LDC [MR. HODES]: I understand.
- 22 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: I want to make sure that you understand
- 23 that expectation.

- 1 LDC [MR. HODES]: Understood.
- 2 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. Thank you. Those are all the
- 3 questions, all the comments I have for you. I appreciate you coming
- 4 in this morning so we can have this conversation. You can sit down.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 [Pause.]
- 7 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: And it appears that Mr. Hodes has departed
- 8 the RHR.
- 9 Lieutenant Fernandez, can you confirm that fact for me for
- 10 the record?
- DDC [LT FERNANDEZ]: Yes, Your Honor. He's departing as we
- 12 speak.
- 13 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you.
- 14 [Mr. Hodes withdrew from the RHR.]
- 15 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. So the commission directed oral
- 16 argument on AE 0113.001. It's a defense motion to compel production
- 17 of classification guidance and other relief.
- 18 DDC [LT FERNANDEZ]: Your Honor?
- 19 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Yes?
- DDC [LT FERNANDEZ]: Your Honor, Mr. Hodes would like to know
- 21 if he's subject to recall or he is free to leave for the time being.
- 22 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Given the accused has -- given
- 23 Mr. Nurjaman has agreed to his excusal for the portions of this

- 1 week's proceedings, I don't have additional questions for him, so he
- 2 is free to -- free to depart. Thank you.
- 4 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. So it appears Lieutenant Fernandez
- 5 has departed the RHR. As that is a well -- an extension of the well
- 6 of the courtroom, I'm going to wait for her return, as she is
- 7 detailed defense counsel, before I proceed. So we're going to take a
- 8 brief recess in place here.
- 9 Keep your seats.
- 10 [The R.M.C. 803 session recessed at 0938, 09 September 2025.]
- 11 [The R.M.C. 803 session was called to order at 0939,
- 12 **09 September 2025.**]
- 13 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: This commission will again come to order.
- 14 All parties that were present when the commission last recessed are
- 15 again present.
- So moving on to our next business. The commission directed
- oral argument on AE 0113.001. That's the defense motion previously
- 18 described.
- Defense, in your filing you indicate that you bear burden as
- 20 the movant and the applicable burden is preponderance of the
- 21 evidence. Is that understanding correct?
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes, Your Honor.
- 23 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Trial Counsel, do you concur?

1 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Yes, Your Honor. MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: In addition, an M.C.R.E. 505(h) hearing 2 was held yesterday which the commission heard argument on the need 3 to -- your argument that may involve classified, or will involve 4 5 classified information. As a result of that, the commission issued a 6 ruling that will direct the closure of the courtroom for the purposes 7 of hearing argument as it pertains specifically to that classified information. However, it is the understanding of the commission that 8 9 the parties can provide the bulk of their argument in open session 10 and we will reserve that closed session merely for the purposes of 11 discussing the classified -- specifically the classified information. This meets the overall intent in the Rules for Military 12 13 Commissions to conduct commissions proceedings in open session to the 14 greatest extent probable. So the commission is going to proceed that 15 way. 16 We will start with this open session. Once we've concluded 17 with that open session, we'll move into a closed session to take up 18 those matters that require a closed session. As I informed the parities yesterday, there will be a break in time just to allow the 19 20 courtroom to be reconfigured for that closed session. 21 The parties will see a ruling detailing the commission's 22 facts/law analysis on that particular matter, and it will be identified as Appellate Exhibit 0113.008. It will be a five-page 23

- 1 document bearing today's date.
- With that, Defense Counsel, are you prepared to proceed?
- 4 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Any additional evidence or witnesses you
- 5 wish to call in support of your motion?
- 6 DDC [Capt TRULL]: No, Your Honor.
- 7 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Trial Counsel, any additional evidence or
- 8 witnesses you wish to call as part of your response to the defense
- 9 motion?
- 10 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Your Honor, no additional witnesses.
- 11 We -- I will note that we did provide the commission with a
- 12 supplemental class guidance as well in this case. And we had that
- 13 previously marked as AE 0107.002 and provided the commission a
- 14 reference declaration in that regard as well.
- So we would ask the court, to the extent it's necessary for
- 16 the resolutions motion, to review those as well.
- 17 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. And I appreciate both parties had
- 18 various attachments to their filings. It's the commission's
- 19 understanding that the parties would desire the commission consider
- 20 those attachments to their filings. Any objection to the commission
- 21 considering those matters in addition to the supplemental information
- 22 trial counsel just referenced?
- 23 Defense Counsel?

- 1 DDC [Capt TRULL]: No, Your Honor.
- 2 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Trial Counsel?
- 3 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: We do not object to anything the defense
- 4 has provided the commission.
- 5 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Very well. The commission will consider
- 6 those matters, then.
- 7 Defense Counsel, if you're ready to present argument,
- 8 please -- please proceed.
- 9 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 10 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Good morning.
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: May it please the court. This commission
- 12 should compel the government to provide to the defense classification
- 13 guidance concerning all of the information provided via the
- 14 M.C.R.E. 505(f)(2) summaries process.
- 15 Further, the commission should require that this production
- 16 of guidance be provided prior to allowing the government to certify
- 17 completion of its obligations in discovery for this case. To date,
- 18 the government has provided over 4,000 pages of these summaries to
- 19 the defense. Contrary to the government's assertion that all the
- 20 discovery has all proper classification markings, everything
- 21 submitted to defense has banner markings of SECRET/NOFORN without any
- 22 portion markings of other indicators of what in the document is
- 23 classified versus unclassified. Not at all in line with the

- 1 requirements of the Executive Order 13526, which governs
- 2 classification markings and handling of classified information.
- 3 Therefore, the defense, in line with that Executive Order,
- 4 is required to treat each and every piece of information contained in
- 5 those documents as SECRET/NOFORN. The defense cannot ask witnesses
- 6 about this information. The defense cannot verify the information.
- 7 We can not resolve contradictions in various summaries. We can't
- 8 even discuss with our own client his statements and their accuracy
- 9 under the current process. Essentially, the defense has no
- 10 meaningful way to use this information outside of the cleared defense
- 11 team members.
- 12 The government argues that the issue has been remedied by
- 13 the classification guidance recently filed in the AE 0107 series;
- 14 however, this classification guidance does not address all of the
- 15 information provided through the summaries process. The government
- 16 based that assertion on its understanding that this motion relates
- 17 only to those non-HVD statements covered by classification guidance.
- 18 This is not the case.
- 19 This motion relates to the entire body of classified
- 20 discovery that the government has produced without any guidance on
- 21 how the defense team can effectively and efficiently use that
- 22 information to investigate and prepare a defense for Mr. Nurjaman,
- 23 degrading the very intent of the discovery process, which is why the

- 1 prohibition on certification of completion is appropriate.
- 2 The government cannot certify its obligations in regard to
- 3 discovery where it has failed to provide information in a usable
- 4 format. At many points in its response, the government asserts the
- 5 requested security guidelines and/or classification guidance ----
- 6 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Counsel, I'm going to have you slow down,
- 7 please.
- 8 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes, Your Honor.
- 9 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you.
- 10 DDC [Capt TRULL]: ----- are not relevant to the defense.
- 11 Specifically, they use the phrase "not relevant to the
- 12 charges of the accused." This is not the standard for discovery.
- 13 The correct standard starts with Rules for Military Commissions 701,
- 14 which states: Information within the possession, control, or custody
- 15 of the government, the existence of which is known to trial counsel
- or by exercise of due diligence can become known to trial counsel and
- 17 which are material to the preparation of the defense shall, upon
- 18 request, be given or made available for inspection by the defense.
- 19 The discussion underneath that rule cites to the case of
- 20 United States v. Yunis as reference to what material preparation of
- 21 the defense means.
- 22 In that case, the D.C. Circuit held that classified
- 23 information is material to preparation of the defense where there is

- 1 a strong indication the evidence will play an important role in
- 2 uncovering admissible evidence, aiding witness preparation,
- 3 corroborating testimony, or assisting impeachment or rebuttal.
- Based on the information, the court narrowed down the
- 5 analysis to not whether the information is relevant to the charges as
- 6 the government uses as a standard but, rather, if the information
- 7 will impact decisions that might affect how to plead or pursue lines
- 8 of inquiry or investigation, defense or trial strategies, to include
- 9 motions the defense may seek to file.
- The government adds in their response the additional
- 11 requirement that the information must be genuinely helpful and not
- 12 just theoretically.
- The government concludes this information is not actually
- 14 helpful but would only offer theoretical relevance and helpfulness to
- 15 the defense. But, surely, the defense having the ability to discern
- 16 when and how we can use certain information in discovery would affect
- 17 how defense moves forward in this case at all stages.
- This is more than theoretical relevance. It's more than a
- 19 theoretical effect on defense preparation. While the substantive
- 20 information contained in the guidance might not be used as evidence
- 21 in regard to the charges or sentencing in this case, it will directly
- 22 impact the defense ability to find and prepare its witnesses, to
- 23 impeach the government's witnesses, and investigate the government's

- 1 case for rebuttal.
- The recommendation by the government to use M.C.R.E. 505(g)
- 3 process would be inappropriate, as the commission recognized
- 4 yesterday. It would also be inconsistent with the rule itself, which
- 5 limits applicability to disclosure in connection with trial or
- 6 pretrial proceedings. Not in -- independent defense investigation
- 7 outside of the commission.
- 8 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Counsel, I'm going to -- I'm going to jump
- 9 in there.
- 10 So I appreciate the argument we had yesterday and I
- 11 appreciate there may be some overlap between the two. I think all
- 12 the parties appreciate that there is some, what appears to be,
- 13 overlap between the two issues. But in this particular matter, why
- 14 is that process inadequate for the defense?
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes, Your Honor. So the M.C.R.E. 505(q)
- 16 process, like I said, it applies to disclosure in court in connection
- 17 with the proceedings. There are times when the defense might go out
- 18 and do an investigation. We might be talking to our own witnesses or
- 19 trying to find those witnesses. We might want to discuss with our
- 20 client here on island. It wouldn't be appropriate to use the
- 21 commission process to have conversations -- to see what we can
- 22 disclose outside of the commission itself.
- 23 The rule imagines only using it for -- the rule uses the

- 1 phrase "commission proceedings" or -- "trial or pretrial proceedings
- 2 in the commission." It does not have any language related to use
- 3 outside of the commission itself.
- 4 So using that process for defense investigation would be
- 5 wholly inappropriate. Additionally, it would force the defense to
- 6 constantly inform the prosecution of defense efforts to build our own
- 7 case, to speak to our client, something that's not imagined anywhere
- 8 in the rules or criminal jurisprudence.
- 9 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. So how does that interact, then,
- 10 with the walled-off review process through the DISO that the
- 11 commission ordered some time ago?
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes. So we do have our Defense Information
- 13 Security Officer. And as was mentioned, we've attempted to use this
- 14 walled-off process to see if it would be a workable solution. I did
- 15 find the specific dates and I'm happy to put this somewhere in the
- 16 record for you other than here, if you request it, sir.
- 17 We submitted for review of three documents, a small, almost
- 18 nominal fraction of what we've received in discovery. Those were
- 19 submitted on May 21st of this year. We requested that they be
- 20 reviewed for security guidance. We were told it would take 60 days;
- 21 it's been almost four months. We've requested another update, but
- 22 we've yet to receive an update on how long it'll take. All we've
- 23 been told is it is with the original classification authority.

- Again, Your Honor, those were three documents. We have over
- 2 4,000 pages we would need to, at some point, submit through that
- 3 process, and it would incumber defense efforts constantly waiting for
- 4 all those document to come back before we can move forward in our
- 5 case. Not to mention that the commission still has 505 filings from
- 6 the government that have yet to be produced to the defense, which
- 7 means we're not even in a position where we can hope to complete this
- 8 anytime soon, which would cause further delays in the proceedings, in
- 9 defense efforts, and further prejudice Mr. Nurjaman in this
- 10 proceeding.
- 11 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you. Please continue.
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes, Your Honor.
- And again, coming briefly back to the 505(g) notice, the
- 14 commission has stated that the standard for those notices would be
- 15 particularized notice. And it is impossible for the defense to give
- 16 particularized notice when we lack the particularized knowledge of
- 17 what is actually classified. Therefore, even when we use those
- 18 notices, out of an abundance of caution, we are having to notice
- 19 documents that might not have classified information within them. It
- 20 might not even be classified information we look to disclose, but we
- 21 have no way of knowing that until we go through that process and the
- 22 government tells us.
- The government filed its AE 0107 filings after this initial

- 1 defense motion. The government argued in its response, and briefly
- 2 yesterday, that this guidance resolves the defense issues here.
- 3 While hopeful, and certainly more than what the defense has had in
- 4 the past, it is not a replacement for the relief requested by this
- 5 motion. Its classification guidance addresses only one category of
- 6 information contained in the summaries, non-HVD statements.
- 7 What it does not address is how we discuss those statements
- 8 with Mr. Nurjaman, how we discuss with Mr. Nurjaman summaries that do
- 9 contain HVD statements, or summaries that contain statements of U.S.
- 10 officials, or even his own statements made in U.S. custody.
- While the government indicated in yesterday's argument they
- 12 will give us further guidance, I'm using Mr. Nurjaman's statements
- 13 when discussing with him. It does not answer the remaining questions
- 14 and does not address future concerns over informational categories
- 15 the defense has not yet recognized or the government has not yet
- 16 produced.
- 17 And while the defense holistically disagrees with trial
- 18 counsel's assertion that we can discuss and take certain risks
- 19 because it is privileged, the defense does not feel comfortable doing
- 20 that with our client, nor does that resolve our concerns over talking
- 21 to other witnesses, government officials, or foreign governments
- 22 where that information would not be privileged.
- These effects on the defense are more than theoretical.

- 1 Statements of other high-value detainees might contradict other
- 2 statements or include new information that we want to discuss with
- 3 our client or others.
- As it stands, we have no guidance on how to utilize these
- 5 documents for our investigation and trial preparation. The
- 6 statements of these individuals contained various levels of hearsay
- 7 that might need to be asked about on direct or cross-examination of
- 8 witnesses. We have no idea when it crosses the line of a non-HVD
- 9 into an HVD statement when they're commingled in summaries.
- 10 Statements of U.S. officials, we currently have no guidance
- 11 on how to use these statements contained in summaries, statements
- 12 that might discuss conditions of confinement of our client or other
- 13 detainees. However, based on current classification guidance, we do
- 14 not have any indication of what in that is classified and what is
- 15 not.
- We have no way of getting that information without having to
- 17 go back and forth with the government or through the walled-off
- 18 process which, again, causes extreme delays and is ineffective for
- 19 our preparation.
- 20 A lot of defense preparation that I've mentioned in this
- 21 argument does deal with discussing with our client but, again, that's
- 22 not the only time we will be disclosing this information. The
- 23 defense might want to talk to other witnesses. We might want to talk

- 1 with people in the -- in our government who might not necessarily
- 2 have requisite security clearances anymore. We might want to talk
- 3 with foreign governments about this case. But we cannot do that
- 4 without risking our security clearances because we are currently not
- 5 in a position to properly protect the information that has been
- 6 provided to us.
- 7 The guidance offered is simply insufficient to address the
- 8 challenges the defense faces in this arena. Further, the alternative
- 9 solutions posed by the government of submitting one-offs to them for
- 10 consideration is equally insufficient.
- The commission should assume that the defense would request
- 12 virtually all documents that have been produced through this process
- 13 since the commission has already found the information contained
- 14 therein is noncumulative, relevant, and helpful to a legally
- 15 cognizable defense.
- Secondly, it would force us to reveal defense strategies and
- 17 conversations even with our own client prior to undertaking them.
- 18 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: How does -- how so?
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Your Honor, if we have to come to the
- 20 commission or to the prosecution every time we hope to go and ask
- 21 Mr. Nurjaman about one of his own statements or a collection thereof,
- 22 it wouldn't be difficult for the prosecution to then glean exactly
- 23 what the goal of that conversation would be. It would force us to

- 1 always show our hand to them, to always say this is the information
- 2 we're concerned with now, where we are in our defense strategies. It
- 3 would essentially give them control over our entire defense strategy.
- Additionally, we have no guidance on timelines. If we're
- 5 coming down to the island during the commission's hearing, we're
- 6 going to have meetings with our client. Do we submit those documents
- 7 we hope to discuss with him a month in advance, two months in
- 8 advance, three months in advance?
- 9 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: And I appreciate the portion of your
- 10 argument about the timeliness piece. I appreciate that.
- I'm trying to understand how requesting the government, we
- 12 want to discuss all of our client's statements with our client and
- 13 they can be found at Bates numbers 3 through 304. I'm trying to
- 14 understand how providing that information to the government so that
- 15 they can potentially provide you additional guidance to address that
- 16 particular concern would reveal a defense strategy.
- 17 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Or a technique or, you know.
- 19 DDC [Capt TRULL]: I appreciate the commission's questions
- 20 here. So based on your hypothetical, it would actually be less
- 21 prejudicial to do it that way. However, the alternative proposed by
- 22 the government was not a bulk submission of all those things, one
- 23 whole category. Their suggestion was instead literal one-off

- 1 documents like we can say we need this summary, and forcing us to
- 2 reveal that. We would then have to go through all the discovery,
- 3 categorize it, make sure we know exactly which Bates numbers contain
- 4 our client's statements, package them up, send that to the
- 5 prosecution. That's unrealistic especially if the timelines are ----
- 6 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: How so? How so?
- 7 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Well, Your Honor ----
- 8 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: I understand it's -- I understand it's a
- 9 lot of work. I mean, I understand that but how is that unrealistic?
- 10 DDC [Capt TRULL]: It's the timeline piece. If we do that,
- 11 how long is it going to take the government to get it back to us or
- 12 produce guidance? How many meetings are we going to go through with
- 13 our client before we can start discussing it? Because it's a bulk of
- 14 information as opposed to the two or three pages we need to discuss
- 15 with him next week. So either we're facing the timeliness problem
- 16 because it's a large volume of documents, or we're facing the
- 17 prejudicial aspect of these are the ones we immediately need but it
- 18 makes it so much clearer what we're after with those documents.
- 19 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay.
- 20 DDC [Capt TRULL]: And, again, the walled-off process, the
- 21 timeliness of that is also not a workable solution for us.
- 22 However, the government knows exactly what the defense
- 23 possesses. There's no need for us to tell them all of the RDI

- 1 statements. They know what they are. They should know the summaries
- 2 because they're the ones who created the summaries. They produced
- 3 the summaries. And they use classification guidance as a touchstone
- 4 when creating those summaries, so they know what to protect.
- 5 The government has the ability to identify and protect what
- 6 it claims as national security information, but they have deprived
- 7 the defense of the same opportunity. We have obligations to this
- 8 commission and to our security clearances to protect that
- 9 information, yet we lack the resources to do so. So we're constantly
- 10 stuck between protecting national security information and
- 11 effectively representing our client.
- I have a summation, but first, does the commission have
- 13 further questions?
- 14 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: I don't at this time. Thank you.
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Because the information sought is critical
- 16 to defense preparation and relevant to every piece of evidence that
- 17 has been produced via the 505(f)(2) process in this case, the
- 18 commission should compel production of the classification guidance
- 19 and prevent the government from certifying completion of discovery
- 20 until that guidance is produced and the defense can meaningfully use
- 21 the information contained in discovery.
- Thank you, Your Honor.
- 23 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you, Defense Counsel.

- 1 Trial Counsel, are you read to present argument?
- 2 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: We are, Your Honor.
- 3 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Please proceed.
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Good morning, Your Honor. Good morning,
- 5 Commission.
- 6 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Good morning.
- 7 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: It's an interesting motion because it
- 8 begins by the premise. The premise begins with something -- asking
- 9 for something that they actually are not entitled to under the law.
- 10 The process that gets us to resolution of many of these issues is the
- 11 505(g) process. And that is the heart of this issue. The defense is
- 12 not following the 505(g) process as they're supposed to do and
- 13 required to do under the rules.
- 14 Were the defense to file 505(q) notice for matters related
- 15 to witnesses in this case, then much of this would be resolved by
- 16 operation of law.
- 17 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Well, so let's talk about the 505(q)
- 18 process, then. I want you to address directly defense counsel's
- 19 assertion that this isn't based upon the language in 505(g). This
- 20 isn't the -- it doesn't appear to be the purpose of that provision of
- 21 the rule. This isn't -- this isn't an in-court presentation. This
- 22 is merely defense trying to prepare their case.
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Well, right, Your Honor. So I guess we

- 1 need to rewind a few -- a few -- to sort of dissect these issues a
- 2 little bit. We have a couple of issues at play. One is use of these
- 3 in any upcoming depositions that may occur, right? Because that is
- 4 the genesis, part of their requested relief.
- 5 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Well, I think that -- I think while that
- 6 may be part, I think defense counsel pretty clearly stated this is
- 7 broader than that.
- 8 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Yes. And, Your Honor, they've
- 9 asked -- they've asked throughout the motion series for two different
- 10 items, right? One being quidance and one being security quidance,
- 11 right?
- In their initial motion, they had asked for guidance, and
- 13 then in their reply, they asked for the underlying security guidance
- 14 themselves, because that was mentioned in their discovery request.
- 15 So two different things worth parsing out as we discuss this issue.
- One, they have asked for guidance, and I understand that.
- 17 And the problem is we provided them initial guidance. We said, "You
- 18 may use non-HVD statements." They are -- they are in and of
- 19 themselves unclassified, right?
- 20 So that tells them a great deal of information, right? So
- 21 they claim that we can't go talk to other people about what may be in
- 22 these summaries. But there's now an enormous body of material that
- 23 they can go speak to them about. They can go speak to a person about

- 1 the various facts that are stated in there that come from that
- 2 individual. They can go ask other people about those facts that come
- 3 from the individual because the non-HVDs, their statements are not
- 4 classified, right? The words that come out of their mouth by -- as a
- 5 general matter, are not -- are not classified.
- 6 So they can go talk to people, any non-HVD they're able to
- 7 speak to about their previous statements with the content of those
- 8 statements, right? How the United States acquired those statements
- 9 is an entirely different matter. They cannot talk to them about
- 10 that. But that's not important because what they're trying to do is
- 11 they're trying to confirm a variety of facts, which they can do,
- 12 assuming that that is their intention, right?
- So they can speak to their client about any of these
- 14 statements made by the non-HVDs. They just can't talk about the
- 15 circumstances in which those statements occurred and how the United
- 16 States may or may not have acquired those statements.
- So the assertion, too, that they are -- they are lost and
- 18 they're without resource may be a little overbroad because they
- 19 haven't explained to this commission anything except a theoretical, a
- 20 "we might not be able to do this; we might not be able to do that; we
- 21 might not be able to do this." They haven't explained how they have
- 22 taken the guidance and actually hit a roadblock.
- 23 What they said is this is lot of possibilities for problems.

- 1 "We're possibly hindered." But they haven't told you any way, shape,
- 2 or form how they took a -- a non-HVD statement, of which there are
- 3 many, many in that discovery, right? They've said -- they are now
- 4 lumping together two different things. One are the statement of
- 5 non-HDVs, of which there are many of those, and the statement of the
- 6 HVDs, which are -- which are far fewer in number.
- 7 They have not said to this commission, "All right. We tried
- 8 to take this non-HVD statement and then we tried to use it with our
- 9 client." Because we're allowed to do that, right? The
- 10 statement -- the classification guidance unambiguously says you are
- 11 allowed to tell your client what this person said, right?
- 12 So when they come up here and complain to the commission and
- 13 say, "We don't know what we can and can't tell our client," that's
- 14 not correct. They know that they can tell their client something
- 15 that a non-HVD said. That's hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of
- 16 pages of those, of statements. There are a few facts they cannot
- 17 tell them. But those -- those facts, they haven't explained to you
- 18 how those facts at this point are material, are material to their
- 19 preparation. They've just said hypothetically maybe, maybe we can't.
- They haven't said in any way, shape, or form to this
- 21 commission -- even in an ex parte filing -- "We tried to interview
- 22 this person and we tried to talk to them about these facts, and it
- 23 became clear that the circumstances of the taking of that statement

- 1 were so vitally important that we couldn't move forward at all in our
- 2 investigation."
- 3 They didn't say that to you because they can't, right?
- 4 Because it's a theoretical possibility at this point. They haven't
- 5 taken the classification guidance and used it meaningfully, and that
- 6 may be because it's fairly recent. And they do have -- they probably
- 7 have questions about it, and that's fair.
- 8 But the answer to that isn't to come to the commission and
- 9 create this as a general hypothetical problem. The answer is, let's
- 10 actually ask the government more about what we can and can't do. And
- 11 they did that do a degree in their -- in the motion, and we responded
- 12 to that by developing new classification guidance and additional
- 13 guidance to answer the questions they posed.
- It doesn't really reveal their strategy, like they say. I
- 15 mean, it's true that we've seen all these statements. We have them.
- 16 And some of the issues in this case are just going to be patently
- 17 obvious in some regard. It's obvious that you would want to impeach
- 18 a witness with their prior statement. That is -- that is not out of
- 19 left field. That's not revealing anything. And we don't have a lot
- 20 of time or energy to spend thinking or worrying about how they may or
- 21 may not use something.
- 22 Ultimately, how they may or may not use something will
- 23 depend on the 505(g) process and how it comes out. The reality is

- 1 that they haven't made any efforts to provide the prosecution with
- 2 questions that we can then feed to the OCA and get answers to them,
- 3 resolve this, right? Real questions, not theoretical ones.
- And that was what the 505(g), in relation to the
- 5 depositions, would unearth. It would tell us, all right, we intend
- 6 to use these facts, right? So, for instance, in some of
- 7 their -- their filings to this commission, they have noted summaries.
- 8 So summaries contain statements of non-HVDs.
- 9 Well, you can read those and you can see that virtually all
- 10 of the content that they would ask about is not classified, and they
- 11 would know that because the classification guidance told them. What
- 12 they would also know is that the document itself remains classified
- 13 for various reasons.
- So they would know that to request in a 505(g), we want to
- 15 use this document, but we want to use the conditions under which this
- 16 document was taken and ask specifically about them.
- 17 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Counsel, hold on one moment.
- 18 So for purposes of the record, it looks from the commission
- 19 that our RHR feed has gone down. We do have detailed defense counsel
- 20 in the RHR. What I'm going to do is I'm going to place us in a
- 21 recess.
- I apologize, Counsel, for cutting off your arguments, but
- 23 I'm going to place us in a recess to allow us to investigate a little

- 1 further. And once we're ready to go -- I don't think all the feeds
- 2 are up yet, Counsel.
- 3 So let's just take a moment here. We'll recess. And when
- 4 we're ready to come back on the record to reassume, we'll do so at
- 5 that time.
- 6 So this commission is in recess.
- 7 [The R.M.C. 803 session recessed at 0946, 09 September 2025.]
- 8 [The R.M.C. 803 session was called to order at 1018,
- 9 **09 September 2025.**]
- 10 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: This commission will come to order. All
- 11 parties that were present when the commission last recessed are again
- 12 present.
- I also note that Mr. Nurjaman is with us and the RHR feed is
- 14 back up and running and I can see Lieutenant Fernandez present there.
- 15 Okay, Trial Counsel. Please continue.
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Your Honor, thank you. I would like to
- 17 rewind a little bit, if we may, and talk about the central premise of
- 18 the defense's argument.
- Their argument relies upon the assumption that 505 and its
- 20 protections and requirements do not apply, except when we're here in
- 21 trial. So saying we don't -- we don't have to give the commission,
- 22 the government, 505 notice of the use of classified information in
- 23 any of our interviews, in any of our conversations with our clients,

- 1 anything we want to do in any of our investigations, et cetera. And
- 2 that's just -- that's just wrong.
- 3 If the commission looks at 949p-5 in the MCA, which is
- 4 Notice By Accused of Intention to Disclose Classified Information,
- 5 you'll see right up -- right up from the jump, at the very beginning,
- 6 Notice By Accused, it requires notification ----
- 7 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Counsel, one moment.
- 8 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Yes. Of course, sir.
- 9 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Were you -- where are you?
- 10 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: I'm at page 655.
- MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: No, what's the -- what's the statute
- 12 citation?
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: Excuse me. 949p-5.
- 14 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 Please continue.
- TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: It says that if an accused -- and that's
- 17 at (a)(1). That's starts off: If an accused reasonably expects to
- 18 disclose or to cause the disclosure of classified information in any
- 19 manner in connection with any trial or pretrial proceeding.
- 20 All right. It doesn't say in a -- in a proceeding. It
- 21 doesn't say in a -- in a motions hearing. It says, "in connection
- 22 with."
- Because what's happened is the defense has received the

- 1 classified information in discovery prior to trial as part of the
- 2 overarching process, the overarching trial process that we have,
- 3 knowing that they may have a variety of uses for it. They didn't
- 4 receive it out of some FOIA request or because of any other -- any
- 5 other reason. They only received it because of its eventual use in
- 6 their trial preparation and in a trial itself.
- 7 So they're not exempt from providing 505 disclosures and
- 8 following the mandates of 505 just because they intend to disclose in
- 9 an interview with somebody, wherever they may be at. They still have
- 10 to come to the commission and ask for its use. Or prior to its use,
- 11 provide the government notice, and the government counsel can go to
- 12 the OCA and give them left and right limits on it, additional
- 13 guidance, or provide a substitution. And that's exactly what hasn't
- 14 happened here.
- 15 If the commission looks further on, we have limitations on
- 16 disclosure by accused in connection with the trial proceedings. So
- 17 it's that word "in connection with." It's much broader than they
- 18 would have this commission interpret the rule. They want and asking
- 19 the commission to say I only have to give it to you if we're going to
- 20 use it in open court or something to do -- a very formal part of this
- 21 proceeding.
- 22 But what they're doing when they're interviewing someone is
- 23 not talking to someone in a restaurant or bar or cafe idly or

- 1 casually. They're doing it because they're trying to find
- 2 information that might ultimately be usable in a proceeding. And
- 3 that's the very purpose of it.
- 4 So the rule itself tells them if you're going to use
- 5 it -- you got it because you're in a proceeding, you're in a case,
- 6 you need -- you need to disclose that if you intend to do it. And
- 7 they can't get around it by saying that the rule somehow hamstrings
- 8 them because it imposes a hard requirement on them. And certainly,
- 9 we work around that by them asking questions like in this motion,
- 10 when they're asking for additional guidance.
- 11 You'll also see in 505 itself, in (a)(1), it says: This
- 12 rule applies to all stages of the proceedings.
- So certainly the discovery phase and their use of discovery
- 14 information would mandate a requirement that they provide notice of
- 15 intent to disclose it. So if they have something that is
- 16 unambiguously classified and all the documents they received, which
- 17 are, in fact, only a fraction of the total discovery in this
- 18 case -- if the documents that they have received that are marked
- 19 CLASSIFIED are clearly classified and they received no other
- 20 guidance, then they must treat them as such. And they don't get to
- 21 make that determination.
- 22 So one of the problems that we've been hearing defense
- 23 counsel state is that they think that things are unclassified in

- 1 those materials. It's not their role or their decision to decide
- 2 what matters may be classified or unclassified. They have documents
- 3 that are marked -- clearly marked as CLASSIFIED, as the role of the
- 4 OCA to tell the commission, to tell us, to tell the defense what is
- 5 classified.
- If we went to the OCA and said, "We're going to use 60
- 7 things and we're going to interpret it our own way," they would tell
- 8 us to go jump in a creek. Like, I cannot do that. Similarly, the
- 9 defense can't do that. What happens is they have to tell -- they
- 10 have to provide information about what they intend to disclose.
- They don't have to say how they intend to ask the question
- 12 exactly. They don't have to provide everything. But they have to
- 13 provide those limited details which the law, under 505 and its
- 14 interpreting cases, have required. They have to provide notice of
- 15 the intent to disclose information.
- And then the OCA can say, "All right, I'm going to -- I can
- 17 get you that information unclassified. I can give you the
- 18 substitute." Right? We have a process. And it is -- it is -- it is
- 19 very absurd to say we're going to shove every document before the
- 20 government because we need to know everything. That's not how this
- 21 works.
- 22 You provide particularized notice of the particular
- 23 information that you intend to disclose and then the government can

- 1 work with the OCA to get you guidance on that, to tell you what is
- 2 and what isn't and how it can and can't be used. And then if we
- 3 can't get that, get you a substitute. And if we cannot resolve it
- 4 between the parties, then we come to the commission and the defense
- 5 can follow the rules and make the case as to its relevance,
- 6 materiality, and use.
- 7 The commission can help forge a proper substitute for it or
- 8 provide a remedy if none can be found. Those are the rules. We have
- 9 a process, and it applies to this stage of the proceedings, too.
- 10 Your Honor, the defense has asked for the original -- the
- 11 classification security guides. And, you know, I don't want to
- 12 belabor this point, but they have no right of access to those and
- 13 they have no -- they're simply not relevant and not material for them
- 14 to have these things, right?
- They're not relevant to them because the guides themselves
- 16 make no fact that is -- that is before this commission any more
- 17 probable or less probable. They're not -- they're not evidence.
- 18 They are not a report, a statement of a person. They're
- 19 not -- they're not something fundamental to the trial process such as
- 20 evidence. They are -- they are -- they are what they
- 21 are. They are security classification guidelines that help the OCA
- 22 to do their -- the job.
- The defense does not have the training, the knowledge, or

- 1 authorization to use them and does not have the training, knowledge,
- 2 or authorization to interpret them. The prosecution does not either.
- 3 So they're not material to them because it -- it's -- they can't
- 4 possibly be helpful for them because they're not authorized and
- 5 allowed to use them. They don't get to interpret the documents that
- 6 they've received based on the guidance that the OCA would use, or the
- 7 guide the OCA would use.
- 8 It's just -- it's just entirely outside their role. It's
- 9 entirely unhelpful to them. It's entirely inappropriate for them,
- 10 just as it would be inappropriate and wrong for any member of the
- 11 prosecution to attempt the same thing. It's not our job. If we
- 12 have -- if we have to get something declassified or figure out how to
- 13 use it, then we must ask. And if we need to in this case, we
- 14 will -- we will ask and we will tell the defense that we are seeking
- 15 declassification of things as well. You know, there's -- those rules
- 16 are mutually applied.
- So, Your Honor, I think the question that we have to go back
- 18 to is why do we have this process? We have -- we have a clearly
- 19 articulated system that is established, and the defense needs to
- 20 follow that in every case in which they wish to do it. And we've
- 21 seen it working already. We saw it work without them revealing
- 22 anything in which they said, all right, how do we use statements we
- 23 might -- we wish to use in interviews or talking to witnesses or even

- with their own client, right?
- 2 And they asked, and we pointed them to the guidance that
- 3 they had received prior to the motion. You guys can look at any
- 4 non-HVD statement and the information that they contain, meaning that
- 5 statements by them, they're not classified. So go forth and use that
- 6 in any way that you -- shape or form that you see fit. Because it's
- 7 not -- there are only certain limitations to those, but they don't
- 8 bound you in any -- in many ways. And when they do bind you, you
- 9 have to come to us.
- 10 And that's the whole problem with this motion. This motion
- 11 is not framed in such a way that it gives you something to decide,
- 12 right? Because the normal way the commission would decide something
- 13 is the commission receives a fact in issue, right? In this case it
- 14 would be a dispute over a particular piece of classified information,
- 15 right?
- The defense says, "I need to use this. Here's why I need to
- 17 use this. Here's its relevance and materiality, and here's what's
- 18 going to happen if I can't use it, Your Honor." Right?
- And then the commission can then turn to the government and
- 20 say tell me about that and the parties can debate and discuss it and
- 21 then provide the commission with either a substitution or a lack of
- 22 substitution and the commission can resolve the issue.
- They didn't follow a process like that. They brought you a

- 1 very generic, very broad, very sweeping, well, what if, maybe, might.
- 2 And so they haven't brought you a real case or controversy to decide
- 3 because they haven't brought you a concrete issue.
- 4 505 classification quidance requires concrete issues. It
- 5 requires concrete information to resolve. Without that concrete
- 6 information, this commission can't really go forward and decide this
- 7 because this commission needs to see how this works. Because we've
- 8 already seen a process by which defense has said, all right, we need
- 9 some help figuring this out, and we said, all right, we have given
- 10 you -- the government, I mean, the OCA, has given you the ability to
- 11 use statements of non-HVDs. That's the information contained in
- 12 those statements. That is a large body of information.
- We're also giving them the ability to discuss with their
- 14 client those RDI statements because those should be marked ready to
- 15 display, or given to them in some way they can talk to him about
- 16 them.
- 17 If they have more questions about how to use things, the
- 18 proper thing to do is to file a 505(g), is to tell them what
- 19 information. We don't even have to know exactly how you're going to
- 20 do it or how it plays into your strategy, but we can then -- the
- 21 commission can assess its relevance, materiality, and use and make a
- 22 proper decision. But we cannot have a situation where the commission
- 23 is going to just -- they're asking to very surreptitiously, very

- 1 secretly throw out the entire whole body of 505 law and 505 rule
- 2 process because they say maybe, might, we can't use it.
- 3 Your Honor, that's our argument barring your questions, sir.
- 4 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: I don't have any additional questions at
- 5 this time. Thank you, Trial Counsel.
- 6 Defense Counsel?
- 7 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Brief rebuttal, Your Honor.
- 8 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Please.
- 9 DDC [Capt TRULL]: Your Honor, the government's entire
- 10 argument misses the mark on what the defense is asking for. First,
- 11 I'd like to start with what was just offered as the premise of 505(g)
- 12 notice.
- 13 The government states that it is for us to give
- 14 particularized notice of what we intend to disclose. That is missing
- 15 a key phrase from that rule. What we have the obligation to notice
- 16 is the classified information we intend to disclose. That rule
- 17 assumes the defense knows what information is classified. We do not.
- The government also asserts that we think things are
- 19 unclassified. We do not think things are unclassified.
- We have now received guidance in the 0107 series saying that
- 21 large portions of certain summaries that are marked SECRET//NOFORN
- 22 are, in fact, unclassified. This highlights that the government has
- 23 the capability to do that for large buckets, if you will, of

- 1 information.
- 2 They've done that for the non-HVD statements. They've
- 3 stated they intend to do that for the RDI statements of Mr. Nurjaman.
- 4 They have the capability to narrow down into these
- 5 categories the information and provide guidance from the OCA. We are
- 6 not asking the government to decide what is classified. We are not
- 7 asking this commission to decide what is classified, and we are not
- 8 asking this commission allow us to decide what is unclassified.
- 9 We want to simply comply with our clearance obligations,
- 10 with our obligations to this commission, and appropriately use the
- 11 information.
- We do not want to have to do the work of filing a 505(g)
- 13 notice, use this commission's time to notice things that are, in
- 14 fact, unclassified. Prior to the filings in AE 0107, that is exactly
- 15 what we would have had to do. We would have had to notice all of
- 16 those documents broadly because information is not just the document
- 17 itself. It is every portion contained in that document. That's why
- 18 portion markings are so important. That is why guidance to help
- 19 people using those documents is important. What information in this
- 20 document can I talk about in a SCIF, in a collateral space, in the
- 21 open?
- There's no need for the defense to notice classified
- 23 information if we're talking to someone in a SCIF with the requisite

- 1 security clearance. Just like there's no obligation for us to notice
- 2 information that is unclassified when we're talking to a potential
- 3 witness.
- But the government's framework that they suggest comes from
- 5 505 would require us to do both of those things. Because the
- 6 government has argued that we have the obligation to provide
- 7 particularized notice of what we intend to disclose. Period. Full
- 8 stop.
- 9 That is simply not what we are required to do. But we have
- 10 no way to comply with that rule without doing so based on the process
- 11 as it currently stands.
- We have to assume all of the information is, in fact,
- 13 classified. We have to act under that framework and notice what the
- 14 government what might later assert is not classified.
- Now the defense has wasted time filing a 505(g) notice,
- 16 putting it together, possibly delayed parts of our investigation,
- 17 maybe we've delayed travel, which we have in the past, because we
- 18 were unclear on what we could and could not talk to potential
- 19 witnesses about.
- 20 This puts the defense at a serious disadvantage. The
- 21 government argues we are not entitled to the classification guidance
- 22 or security quidelines because it is not relevant as it does not make
- 23 a fact of consequence more or less likely in the case.

1	Your Honor, that is not the standard for discovery. That is
2	the standard for the Rules of Evidence when we are in trial. That is
3	not how this commission should decide this case. You should use the
4	701 standard and the accompanying $\underline{\text{Yunis}}$ definition of material to the
5	preparation of the defense and find that we cannot prepare a defense
6	without knowing what information we can and cannot use in which
7	settings, with which other people who might be witnesses, who might
8	inform the defense about certain issues on the case.
9	Further, Your Honor, the government states that we've been
10	unclear about what we've requested. Maybe the defense could have
11	been clearer with the vernacular that we used in our original filing,
12	but we are asking for the security guidelines to make it perfectly
13	clear from the OCAs what we can and cannot use to best protect the
14	information. Because, to be perfectly clear, the defense is not
15	looking to subvert any obligations to national security. We are
16	trying very hard to comply with them.
17	But should the commission find those aren't the gold
18	standard, for whatever reason, you have the power under 906 to give
19	appropriate relief to cure any defect that affects the rights and
20	remedies of any party. This is affecting the right to effective
21	assistance of counsel to participate in his own defense. This is
22	affecting Mr. Nurjaman.

So if you're not inclined to grant our motion to compel

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- 1 these security guidelines themselves, our motion does still ask for
- 2 classification guidance in the form the prosecution has previously
- 3 produced to cure that defect in a meaningful way.
- 4 Therefore, the commission should force the government to
- 5 give the defense some form of guidance on how to use the entire body
- 6 that has been produced via the M.C.R.E. 505 summaries in this case.
- 7 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Thank you, Defense Counsel.
- 8 Counsel, as indicated earlier, at this point we're going to
- 9 move into a closed session to discuss the classified portion of
- 10 counsel's argument.
- I anticipate this will take us about 30 minutes to make that
- 12 transition. We still have time, I believe, to do that, and then come
- 13 back on the record and continue that argument.
- 14 Is there anything additional that we need to discuss in this
- open session as it pertains to AE 0113 or, as I anticipate this could
- 16 potentially be our last open session on the record, is there anything
- 17 else that needs to be discussed on the open session of the record for
- 18 this particular hearing?
- DDC [Capt TRULL]: Nothing further from the defense.
- 20 TC [Lt Col GOEWERT]: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
- 21 MJ [Lt Col BRAUN]: Very well, then. This court is in recess
- 22 to transition into a closed session.
- 23 [The R.M.C. 803 session recessed at 1037, 09 September 2025.]