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1 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can go on the record.

2 Good morning, everyone.

3 This is a transcribed interview of John Robinson Walker. Chairman Comer and
4 Chairman Jordan, of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Judiciary
5 Committee respectively, have requested this interview as part of the committees'
6 impeachment inquiry and investigation into the Biden family's extensive receipt of money
7 from foreign nationals and foreign companies.

8 Would the witness please state your name for the record?

9 Mr. Walker. John Robinson Walker.

10 Mr. [REDACTED]. On behalf of the committees, I want to thank Mr. Walker for
11 appearing here today. The committees appreciate your appearance for the interview.

12 My names is [REDACTED], and I am general counsel for the Committee on
13 Oversight and Accountability for Chairman Comer.

14 I will now ask everyone else on the majority and the minority committee staff to
15 please introduce yourself as well.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], Chairman Comer's staff.

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], with the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. Jordan's
18 staff.

19 Mr. Jordan. Jim Jordan, Ohio 4.

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2 Committee.

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14 Mr. [REDACTED], Oversight Committee, Democratic staff.

15 Ms. [REDACTED], Oversight Committee, minority staff.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you, everyone.

17 I'd like to go over a few ground rules and guidelines that we will follow during the
18 interview.

19 First, our questioning today will occur in rounds. The majority will ask questions
20 for 1 hour, and then the minority staff will have the opportunity to ask questions for the
21 next hour. This will proceed in rounds until we finish and conclude with all of our
22 questions.

23 Typically we take a short break at the end of each hour, but if you'd like to take a
24 break apart from that, please just let us know.

25 As you can see, there's an official reporter taking down everything that we say to

1 make a written record. So we ask that you please give verbal responses to all our
2 questions.

3 Do you understand everything so far?

4 Mr. Walker. Yes.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. To ensure the court reporter can make a clear record, we will do
6 our best to limit the number of people directing questions at you during any given hour to
7 just those people on staff who's asking questions.

8 It's important that we don't talk over one another or interrupt each other if we
9 can help it. And that goes for everybody present here today.

10 We encourage witnesses who appear before the committee to freely consult with
11 counsel if they so choose. It's my understanding that you are accompanied by counsel,
12 correct?

13 Mr. Walker. Correct.

14 Mr. [REDACTED]. Could counsel please state your name for the record?

15 Mr. McAndrew. Certainly. Ed McAndrew of BakerHostetler, for Mr. Robinson.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

17 Mr. Neminski. Michael Neminski of BakerHostetler.

18 Mr. McAndrew. Sorry. Mr. Walker.

19 Sorry. Didn't mean to misname you.

20 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

21 We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and truthful manner
22 possible, so we will take our time here today. If you have any questions or if you do not
23 understand one of our questions, please just let us know.

24 If you honestly don't know the answer to a question or you don't remember, it's
25 best not to guess. Please give us your best recollection. And it's okay to tell us if you

1 learned information from someone else, for example. Just indicate how you came to
2 know that information.

3 If there are things you don't know or can't remember, just say so, and please
4 inform us who, to the best of your knowledge, might be able to provide a more complete
5 answer to the question.

6 You should also understand that, by law, you are required to answer questions
7 from Congress truthfully. There are various criminal statutes that are relevant to the
8 integrity of congressional interviews, including make false statements.

9 Do you understand that?

10 Mr. Walker. Yes.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff during
12 this interview.

13 Do you understand that?

14 Mr. Walker. Yes.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. Witnesses who knowingly provide false testimony could be
16 subject to criminal prosecution for perjury or making false statements.

17 Do you understand?

18 Mr. Walker. Yes.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. Furthermore, you cannot tell half-truths or exclude information
20 necessary to make the statements accurate -- excuse me.

21 You cannot tell half-truths or exclude information necessary to make the
22 statements inaccurate. You are required to provide all information that would make
23 your responses truthful. A deliberate failure to disclose information can constitute a
24 false statement.

25 Do you understand?

1 Mr. Walker. Yes.

2 Mr. [REDACTED]. Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful answers to
3 today's questions?

4 Mr. Walker. No.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. Additionally, if you choose to confer with your attorney in a
6 sidebar, you may do so at any time. If you want to step out and talk, we'll provide you
7 with a room that you'll be -- you'll be able to talk freely. We'll just stop the clock for the
8 majority or minority's round of questioning, and then you can talk and come back in.
9 You can do that as many times and as much as you want.

10 Mr. Walker. Okay. Thank you.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. This is the end of my preamble. Does the minority have
12 anything they'd like to say before we begin?

13 Ms. [REDACTED]. We just thank the witness for joining us today.

14 Mr. Walker. Thank you.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. It's my understanding, talking with your attorney before we
16 started, that you have a statement that you'd like to read into the record. Is that
17 correct?

18 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

19 Mr. McAndrew. He does. And we'd like to mark it as an exhibit. So I know
20 you pre-marked a few, so whatever --

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. We'll mark it as exhibit 3 then.

22 [Walker Exhibit No. 3
23 was marked for identification.]

24 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. There's a copy. How best to get copies around to folks
25 here? Just pass them down? Or --

1 In business, the opportunities we pursued together were very valid, well-founded,
2 and well within the bounds of legitimate business activities.

3 To be clear, President Biden, while in office or as a private citizen, was never
4 involved in any business activities we pursued. Any statement to the contrary is simply
5 false. Hunter made sure there was always a clear boundary between any business and
6 his father, always. And as his partner, I always understood and respected that
7 boundary.

8 Based on what has transpired through this inquiry to date, I am very concerned
9 that what I say here today may be taken out of context to further a political objective
10 rather than to discover the truth. I therefore respectfully ask that any public statements
11 about this interview be accompanied by the release of the entire transcript of what I say
12 here today so that members of the public can form their own conclusions about what did
13 and did not happen during my business relationship with Hunter.

14 Thank you.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you, sir.

16 We will now begin. The time is 10:10.

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q I know you just addressed part of this in your opening statement, but can
20 you tell the committees how you came to know Hunter Biden?

21 A Sure. In -- I believe he joined the Clinton administration. He was at
22 Commerce as a political appointee. I was an appointee over at the Department of
23 Transportation. At the time, the two agencies had some activities going together, I
24 believe, like Open Skies agreements, things like that. And there were some Arkansas
25 political appointees over at Commerce that I was friends with, and we all kind of mixed

1 well together and became friends.

2 Q Do you recall what year it was that you were an appointee?

3 A I believe it was '99 or '98. I'm not positive.

4 Q When you're saying "appointee," you mean political appointee?

5 A Political appointee.

6 Q Under what administration was that?

7 A The Clinton administration.

8 Q And how long did you serve as a political appointee?

9 A Until the end of the administration. I don't know the exact timing, but it
10 was a year, year and a half, something like that.

11 Q In addition to that appointment, have you held any other political-appointee
12 positions?

13 A No.

14 Q In addition to your positions as a political appointee, what about your wife?
15 Has your wife ever worked for an administration?

16 A My wife was a political appointee in the Obama administration.

17 Q And what did she do there?

18 A She was -- I believe her title was a personal aide to Dr. Jill Biden.

19 Q And so, dating back to when you first met Hunter Biden, approximately how
20 long is that since you've known him?

21 A I've --

22 Mr. McAndrew. You need to do the math?

23 Mr. Walker. Again, you're talking about -- so 24 years since I first met him. Is
24 that what you were talking about?

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q Yes, sir.

2 A Yeah, okay.

3 Q And do you consider him to be a friend?

4 A I do.

5 Q Can you tell us about your beginning of your business relationship with
6 Hunter Biden, how that went from you both working as appointees together to then
7 transitioning into at some point being business partners?

8 A Yes. I believe in the early 2000s we had talked about it a little bit, nothing
9 very specific. I was working for a company called ANPC, Advanced Navigation and
10 Positioning Corporation. I was lobbying on their behalf. It was a startup out of
11 Oregon. Then, we just started having discussions. He was at Oldaker, Biden, Belair as
12 a lobbyist. We had had a discussion, and somehow I ended up getting ready to start at
13 Oldaker, Biden, Belair as a lobbyist and bringing on ANPC as a client.

14 Q What's your educational and professional background before you became
15 the appointee? Were you a lobbyist before then?

16 A I was not. That was my first job post. I did go into the FAA, not as a
17 political appointee but, I believe, as a contractor, shortly after 9/11 to help the FAA.
18 And I'd known some officials from the FAA from my time at DOT. And I started working
19 as a lobbyist after that.

20 Q Are you an attorney as your background? An accountant? Or any
21 business? What is your educational background?

22 A I have a business degree from the University of Arkansas, undergrad.

23 Q What happened after you started working in a lobbying company with
24 Hunter Biden? How did that develop from there then to becoming business partners on
25 your own?

1 A I think he was having discussions of maybe joining -- or of forming his own
2 group. At the same time, his father was, I believe, running for President in -- and I
3 volunteered maybe a week or two on his campaign in Iowa. And then I believe there
4 were more discussions post-Iowa, when I believe the current President had dropped out
5 of the race, and I believe Hunter was talking about starting his own entity.

6 Mr. ██████████. And just for the record, Ranking Member Raskin has arrived.

7 Thank you, sir.

8 Mr. Raskin. Thank you.

9 BY MR. ██████████ :

10 Q Approximately what timeframe was this occurring, where you both are
11 talking about -- where he's talking about forming his own, I believe you said company or
12 entity?

13 A Right. So it would've been -- you'll have to maybe help me with the dates,
14 but it would've been before President Obama was elected, post Iowa caucuses.

15 Q Thank you. Do you know the name of that entity or company that he was
16 seeking to form?

17 A It was going to be Seneca -- it was Seneca Global Advisors.

18 Q Who was going to be part of Seneca Global Advisors?

19 A Eric Schwerin; myself; Joan Pugh (ph), I believe, that he brought over from
20 Oldaker; and Michael Muldoon, I think, is how it all started. And he came over from
21 Oldaker also.

22 Q Just so I understand, all the individuals you just named were over at Oldaker
23 at one point --

24 A That's right.

25 Q -- and everyone was going to kind of syphon off into their own company?

1 A Right.

2 Q What kind of work did Seneca Global Advisors do?

3 A At its inception, it was going to be a lobbying and a business development
4 firm.

5 Q Was there a specific business sector that it was focused upon, or was it just a
6 general lobbying firm?

7 A It was just a general lobbying firm.

8 Q Did there come a time when you formed Robinson Walker, LLC?

9 A Yes. I don't know the date.

10 Q But it's an LLC formed in Delaware; is that correct?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q Has Hunter Biden ever held any equity in Robinson Walker, LLC?

13 A No.

14 Q Is it a sole member company?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And who is the sole member?

17 A Me.

18 Q Has Robinson Walker, LLC, ever had a website?

19 A No.

20 Q Has it ever had on its corporate records an office, like, in an office building?

21 A I don't believe so.

22 Q You don't have to give the address, but what is, based upon your memory or
23 knowledge, what is the address for Robinson Walker, LLC, on the corporate records, if you
24 know?

25 A Today?

1 Q Today or, if it changed, before. If you can remember.

2 A It's my home address in Little Rock now.

3 Mr. McAndrew. We'd prefer not to --

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

5 Q Yeah, don't put it on the record. I'm not asking you to do that at all.

6 Did you engage the Monzack law firm when you created Robinson Walker, LLC?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And who put you in touch with the Monzack law firm when you formed this
9 entity?

10 A Nobody. I knew a lawyer at Monzack. He was a friend of mine that I met
11 through -- he was in D.C. I can't remember where he was working or what he was
12 doing, but he was a friend.

13 Q How long did you stay at Seneca Global Advisors?

14 A The name changed at some point, and I left -- I don't remember the exact
15 day, but I left and went full-time with the fund that we had created.

16 Q When you say "the fund we created," who's "we"?

17 A It was Hunter, Chris Heinz, Eric Schwerin, Devon Archer. And William Lee
18 was a part of it. John DeLoche is a name.

19 Q I'd like to go through a couple of these individuals just so we can understand
20 who they are.

21 A Sure.

22 Q Who's Chris Heinz?

23 A Chris is -- was living in New York at the time. He had, I believe, a small
24 buyout fund out in New York; it was called Rosemont. And he was a friend of Hunter's,
25 but I'd known him through my very limited workings around, I believe, the Kerry

1 campaign. I was not on the Kerry campaign though.

2 Q How did John Kerry know Chris Heinz? What was their relation?

3 A It's his father-in-law -- his stepfather. I'm sorry.

4 Ms. [REDACTED]. Mr. Walker, can I ask you just to speak a little bit louder? I'm so
5 sorry, but --

6 Mr. McAndrew. No, that's fine. Just let us know if you can't hear.

7 Mr. Walker. Is it helpful to move the microphone closer?

8 Mr. McAndrew. I don't think it projects. They're not getting that out of the
9 microphones.

10 Mr. Walker. Understood.

11 Mr. McAndrew. They're trying to hear what you're saying from down the table.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

13 Q And just to clarify, John Kerry is the stepfather of Chris Heinz, correct?

14 A That's right.

15 Q Who is Eric Schwerin?

16 A Eric is a friend who was at Commerce during the Clinton administration. I
17 think he started off as a career servant and then changed into a political, maybe, position
18 at some point, I believe, I think in intergovernmental affairs but not positive.

19 Q Who's Devon Archer?

20 A Devon went to college with Chris Heinz, I believe, and was a friend of Chris's.
21 And he also had a business relationship with Neil Callahan from the fund.

22 Q And then William Lee?

23 A William and John got to know each other. I think their kids went to the
24 same school in San Francisco. Will is a software entrepreneur. And he came onboard
25 maybe not at the very beginning but shortly thereafter.

1 Q And I think the last person you mentioned was John DeLoche.

2 A Yes.

3 Q Who is John DeLoche?

4 A He was a former partner of ours that was a college roommate of Neil
5 Callahan's at the University of Chicago.

6 Q What was the name of the fund, if you can remember, that we're talking
7 about here?

8 A It started off as Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners.

9 Q Can you explain kind of the business model for Rosemont Seneca Technology
10 Partners?

11 A Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners was an actual fund that the -- we
12 were focused on B2B software. We were looking at investments of around \$10 million,
13 to take minority investments and grow them and then hopefully sell them for a profit.

14 Q How long did this fund continue for? What was the duration of this fund?

15 A It is still going today. It is now called Pilot Growth.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. And just a point of clarification. You said Seneca Global
17 Advisors became -- it changed its name. What did it become?

18 Mr. Walker. Rosemont Seneca. I don't know if it had anything more than that,
19 but it was Rosemont Seneca after that.

20 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q Did there come a time when Hunter Biden had to leave the fund for any
23 reason?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Why?

1 A I believe he tested positive for cocaine while he was in the Navy. And that
2 was unfortunate news, but it's something that probably needed to be done.

3 Q When Hunter Biden --

4 Mr. McAndrew. His leaving the fund, you mean?

5 Mr. Walker. His leaving the fund, yeah. Sorry.

6 Mr. McAndrew. That's okay.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q After Hunter Biden left the fund, did the other partners still stay as part of
9 the fund, or did it disperse at that point?

10 A Other partners stayed with the fund at that point.

11 Q What was the next business venture that you entered into with Hunter
12 Biden after he left this investment fund?

13 A I think it was -- I'm not certain, but I believe it was working on the Baneasa
14 project in Romania. It was a project called "Baneasa."

15 Q Who owned that project?

16 A A gentleman named -- I think he owned half of it -- a gentleman named
17 Gabriel Popoviciu.

18 Q And, just for clarity, we're going to get to that gentleman probably at the
19 latter part of the interview. So we're going to stick with --

20 A Sure.

21 Q -- CEFC now.

22 Did there come a time when you formed a venture with James Gilliar, with EEIG,
23 and Hunter Biden and others related to China endeavors?

24 A Yes. But I believe the initials are E-E-I-G.

25 Q I apologize if I said that wrong. That's what I meant to say.

1 A Yeah.

2 Q Who is James Gilliar?

3 A James is a -- he is a businessman, a developer. He's British. He lives in the
4 Czech Republic. He has a -- and he is a dual citizen of the, I believe, UAE. And I'm not
5 sure whether it's Czech Republic or British citizen; I assume it's British, but I don't know.

6 Q Did James Gilliar, based upon your knowledge in working with him, did he
7 previously work for anyone in the UAE?

8 A I don't know the entity, but I know that he was involved in some
9 developments, yes.

10 Q And who introduced you to James Gilliar?

11 A A gentleman named Chris Larson.

12 Q Who is that?

13 A Chris, I believe, was a former staffer for Senator -- or, I mean, Governor
14 Pataki and was working in the Governor's, I believe, private office at the time in
15 New York.

16 Q Do you remember approximately when this was?

17 A Not exactly. I would imagine it would have been 2015, 2016, but I don't
18 know for sure.

19 Q And how did you and James Gilliar strike up a business relationship? How
20 did it go from that introduction to then you eventually becoming business partners?

21 A Chris Larson thought that -- Chris had a friend who had an issue in Romania,
22 and he thought that maybe we would have some ideas on how to help.

23 Q The friend who had the issue, was that Gabriel Popovich?

24 A Popoviciu. Yes.

25 Q Popoviciu. Excuse me.

1 A No problem.

2 Q So the introduction of your relationship with James Gilliar was initially
3 focused on Gabriel Popoviciu.

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what was -- we'll get to Mr. Popoviciu later, but what was the issue that
6 Mr. Popoviciu was facing?

7 A Mr. Popoviciu was accused of -- at the time was, I believe, accused of a
8 crime. And I don't know exactly what it was, because it was -- they had charged him
9 with -- in the document I didn't quite understand it, but it was abuse of office. And I'm
10 not sure what that means in Romania.

11 Mr. McAndrew. Just to --

12 Mr. Walker. So I don't know.

13 Mr. McAndrew. -- clarify, Rob, when you say "they," he was charged where? In
14 which country?

15 Mr. Walker. He was charged in --

16 Mr. McAndrew. In Romania.

17 Mr. Walker. -- in Romania.

18 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. And it was corruption, abuse-of-power allegations? Those are
20 the allegations, correct?

21 Mr. Walker. I remember seeing --

22 Mr. McAndrew. If you know.

23 Mr. Walker. -- "abuse of power."

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

25 Q So how did it go with James Gilliar? How did it transfer over from this issue

1 with Gabriel Popoviciu, which we'll get to later, to then forming some sort of business
2 partnership where you would work with him trying to develop business with CEFC?

3 A That -- please restate your question, because we're advancing now in years
4 ahead, I believe.

5 Q Sure. When did it become -- when did you and James Gilliar begin to work
6 on matters for CEFC?

7 A I don't know exactly. I remember it was probably in the 2015-2016
8 timeframe, is when I probably first was introduced to the -- to CEFC.

9 [Walker Exhibit No. 4
10 was marked for identification.]

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q And I want to show you exhibit 4 --

13 A Okay.

14 Q -- which is an email entitled "Meet."

15 A Thank you.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Are you giving him the official or just marking them and giving
17 them --

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. They'll mark and give them the official.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. That's fine.

20 Mr. [REDACTED]. But you can keep that.

21 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Let's just put a "4" on it so we can keep track.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q Let me know when you're ready, sir.

24 A I'm ready.

25 Q Looking at the email, the bottom of the email, it says, "From: james gilliar,"

1 dated February 25, 2015, "Subject: Meet," "To: Rob Walker."

2 "R, Hunter was great... True sheikh of Washington. Thanks for everything. J."

3 I just want to provide some context. Did you introduce Hunter Biden to James
4 Gilliar?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How did that come about?

7 A I believe I would -- I was -- well, I -- I don't know exactly when or how, but
8 we -- I was working with -- on this Gabriel Popoviciu project, and I believe that
9 he would've met him sometime around then. I don't know exactly. Sorry.

10 Q Did Hunter Biden -- was he one of the business partners who was also
11 involved with James Gilliar and EEIG when you were assisting CEFC?

12 Mr. McAndrew. We might want to clarify what you mean by "assisting CEFC"
13 and a timeframe, just because we're talking about a period of years. Like, if you're
14 trying to get at the beginning of it, I'm not sure --

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. Yeah, we'll go through the timeline of it, but --

16 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

18 Q But during any of the timeframe when you were working -- however you
19 want to -- working for CEFC --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- was Hunter Biden one of the business partners with you and James Gilliar?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What is CEFC?

24 A CEFC was an infrastructure/energy conglomerate outside of China.

25 Q Who first raised with you the prospect of doing business with CEFC?

1 A Doing business? I don't know. I remember that they were -- CEFC was,
2 according to James Gilliar, I had heard a few times about an aggressive company that was
3 doing work in the Czech Republic, maybe for -- doing some work, some infrastructure
4 work. I don't really know exactly what. But I think it's been documented that they
5 were pretty heavy in the Czech Republic.

6 Mr. McAndrew. "They" being?

7 Mr. Walker. CEFC.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]

9 Q And Mr. Gilliar was also active in the Czech Republic?

10 A He was not active in business in the Czech Republic, but he, I believe, had his
11 ear to the ground on a lot of things that were happening in the Czech Republic --

12 Q And do you --

13 A -- at the time.

14 Q Do you know who the chairman of CEFC was?

15 A I know his last name.

16 Q Can you put it on the record, please?

17 A It's Chairman Ye.

18 Q Have you heard "Chairman Ye Jianming"? Have you heard that? Does
19 that ring a bell?

20 A I just referred to him and knew him as "Chairman Ye."

21 Q I understand.

22 Mr. McAndrew. And that's Y-e? Is that how it's spelled?

23 Mr. Walker. That's right. Y-e.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

25 Q Do you know where Chairman Ye is today?

1 A I do not.

2 Q Do you know who Zang Jianjun is, Director Zang?

3 A I remember Director Zang, yes. He was -- he was, I believe, the
4 number-three person at CEFC.

5 Q We're going to get into meetings in a little bit, but did you ever have any
6 meetings in person with Director Zang?

7 A Yes.

8 Q When was the last time you spoke with Director Zang?

9 Mr. McAndrew. If you can recall.

10 Mr. Walker. Probably sometime in 2017. Probably early-ish 2017, but I'm not
11 positive.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

13 Q I neglected to ask this. When was the last time you were in contact with
14 James Gilliar?

15 A I talk to James on and off. He and I have always had a working relationship.

16 Q Is he in the United States?

17 A No, he's not.

18 Q Who is Zhao Runlong?

19 A Zhao, as I understand, it was the interpreter for Zang.

20 Q And have you also heard of his name being Raymond Zhao?

21 A No. We called him Zhao, and I don't recall his name being Raymond, but
22 it's possible.

23 Q Did Director Zang speak English?

24 A He might have understood some bits, but I've never spoken with him in
25 English.

1 Q And so, just so we understand, Zhao would act as the interpreter between
2 different CEFC individuals and you, Mr. Gilliar --

3 A I don't know about --

4 Q -- and Mr. Biden?

5 A -- "different individuals." I knew him as his -- Zang's guy, his interpreter. I
6 don't recall him ever doing interpretation for Ye.

7 Q Who is Gongwen Dong?

8 A I don't know. I've seen the name. I'm not sure if I've ever been in his
9 presence, but I might've.

10 Q What about Mervyn Yan?

11 A I saw the name on the -- I believe from the news recently, and I don't know
12 who he is.

13 Q And what about JiaQi Bao?

14 A I've never heard that name.

15 Q So, going back to what I believe you said -- Mr. Gilliar was the first one that
16 introduced you to CEFC -- can you tell us what he proposed or what his ideas were related
17 to CEFC and what your involvement would be?

18 A So, around this same time, Hunter had his kids at Sidwell Friends, and there
19 was another gentleman at Sidwell Friends who he was friends with, just from school, who
20 was working -- or knew CEFC. And I believe -- I don't remember that person or his
21 name. But James knew of CEFC. And I kind of put the two together. "James, I
22 believe they're -- you know, somebody's trying to put Hunter together with CEFC as an
23 acquaintance of his. Do you know anything about this?" And he did not.

24 Q All right.

25 I now want to show you the United States District Court for the Central District of

1 California indictment. I believe this will be exhibit -- 4? Five. Excuse me.

2 [Walker Exhibit No. 5

3 was marked for identification.]

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. Once you get it, everyone, I'll direct your attention to page 4,
5 paragraphs 8 and 9.

6 Mr. McAndrew. We'll stick a "5" on this.

7 So he wants us to look at --

8 Mr. [REDACTED]. Page 4, paragraphs 8 and 9.

9 Mr. McAndrew. So go ahead and take your time and read those.

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

11 Q Let me know when you're ready, sir.

12 A I'm ready.

13 Q Thank you.

14 I'm going to read from the indictment.

15 Paragraph 8: "In the late fall of 2015, the Defendant" -- who in this case is
16 Hunter Biden -- "Business Associate 1, and Business Associate 2 began to investigate
17 potential infrastructure projects with individuals associated with CEFC China Energy
18 Company, Ltd. (CEFC), a Chinese energy conglomerate."

19 Paragraph 9: "In or around December of that year, the Defendant" -- Hunter
20 Biden -- "met in Washington, D.C., with individuals associated with CEFC. During the
21 next two years the Defendant, Business Associate 1, and Business Associate 2 continued
22 to meet with individuals associated with CEFC, including in February 2017, with CEFC's
23 then-Chairman (hereafter 'the Chairman')."

24 So I want to just direct your attention to the timeframe that's set forth in the
25 indictment first, which is the late fall of 2015.

1 Paragraph 9 goes on to say that there was a meeting in December of that year
2 where Hunter Biden met in Washington, D.C., with individuals associated with CEFC.

3 What can you tell us about that meeting?

4 Mr. McAndrew. If anything. If you know anything about it.

5 Mr. Walker. I remember going to lunch with Zang and Chao -- Chao.

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. Zhao?

7 Mr. Walker. Zhao, Chao. I'm not sure where we met with Zang, but I do
8 remember Zang being in D.C.

9 Mr. McAndrew. In December of 2015.

10 Mr. Walker. Well, I -- I don't -- I mean, he was in D.C. probably three or maybe
11 four times, but I don't remember the first time --

12 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, if you don't remember --

13 Mr. Walker. I don't remember --

14 Mr. McAndrew. -- dates, just let him know that you don't remember dates per
15 se, and then explain --

16 Mr. Walker. I remember meeting with him for sure.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

18 Q With Director Zang?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Was Hunter Biden at the meeting?

21 A I do not recall.

22 Mr. Jordan. Did you meet with him three or four times?

23 Mr. Walker. Yes.

24 Mr. Jordan. And was Hunter Biden at any of those three or four meetings?

25 Mr. Walker. I'm -- I don't know, but I'm sure he was, yes.

1 Mr. McAndrew. Well --

2 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

3 Mr. McAndrew. -- either you don't know or you're sure he was, one or the
4 other. Okay.

5 Mr. Walker. I know he's met Zang more than once, but I don't know if he was in
6 this D.C. meeting to begin with. I'm not sure.

7 Mr. McAndrew. The particular meeting that's referenced in the indictment, you
8 mean.

9 Mr. Walker. That would be correct.

10 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

11 Mr. Jordan. Who's Business Associate 1 and Business Associate 2 in the
12 paragraphs?

13 Mr. Walker. I don't know who --

14 Mr. McAndrew. I can state for the record that we haven't been told by the
15 Justice Department that we're Business Associate 1 or Business Associate 2.

16 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

18 Q The meeting that you do remember where Director Zang was there, who do
19 you remember being there?

20 A I remember James would've probably have been there, and I --

21 Q I'm just going to ask you --

22 A -- would've been there.

23 Q Sorry to interrupt you, but --

24 A Sure.

25 Q -- there's James Biden, who may be involved later. So you're saying --

1 A I'm sorry.

2 Q -- James Gilliar, correct?

3 A James Gilliar, yes.

4 Q So please continue. I'm sorry.

5 A James Gilliar would've been there too.

6 Q At the meeting that you're describing here, do you remember at all what
7 was discussed at the meeting?

8 A I do not.

9 Q Do you remember where the meeting took place?

10 A I do not.

11 [Walker Exhibit No. 6

12 was marked for identification.]

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q I'm now going to show you exhibit 6. This is going to be an email entitled
15 "CEFC / Wetinghouse." I think it's supposed to be "Westinghouse," but that's the title of
16 the email.

17 A Right.

18 Q And it comes with attachments. Excuse me.

19 Mr. McAndrew. If it's easier for you, flip that over and put them side-to-side so
20 you won't get -- this one's mine?

21 Mr. [REDACTED]: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Thanks.

23 You can just kind of push them that way a little bit -- get that water out of your
24 way -- so they're not in your way if you're -- I can hold on to it for you.

25 Mr. Walker. Thank you.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] Let me know when you're ready, sir.

2 Mr. McAndrew. That's it. You got me with this one.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Let me know when you're ready, sir.

5 A I'm ready.

6 Q This is an email that was produced to us by your attorney at our request for
7 documents. So we thank you for providing the documents, first.

8 The top of it says "CEFC" and then "Wetinghouse," which I believe is just a
9 typo -- it should be "Westinghouse" -- from James Gilliar, to jim@bernhardcapital,
10 copying jeff@bernhardcapital; Hunter Biden; you, Mr. Walker, and it appears to be
11 BCC'ed to you but at your Pilot Growth email account, dated February 23rd of 2016.

12 Then there's two attachments: CEFC_Cover_Letter_Signed,
13 CEFC_Westinghouse_Strategy_Signed.

14 Have I described that correctly?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And now I'm going to read into the record the email --

17 A Okay.

18 Q -- before I begin asking you questions.

19 "Dear Jim, good to see you a couple of weeks ago, further to our discussions we
20 have prepared a deck for my visit to CEFC board on Monday in Beijing, it has been made
21 clear to me that CEFC wish to engage in further business relations with our group and we
22 will present a few projects to them.

23 "I attach the decks and a covering letter that lay out the principals as I see of a
24 Westinghouse play, we have been a little presumptuous that you wish to be included, but
25 we hope so ?.

1 "Please feel free to make any amendments and alterations, and of course if you
2 do not wish to be involved, we would also understand and have a plan B so no pressure.

3 "Technically I have asked Joe to look over the doc, as he is keen to be involved and
4 I hope thats OK, as he knows the China / Shaw gig inside and out ?.

5 "P.S Im sure H can give you the heads up on the play if you need more details.
6 There are no guarantees, but we know God loves a trier so we give it our best shot.

7 "Kindest, James Gilliar."

8 Mr. McAndrew. Just before you ask questions, just for the record, it looks like
9 we have the attachment that is "CEFC China & Westinghouse Strategy." I don't see the
10 cover letter signed in my exhibit, but --

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. It should be your Bates numbers 2 and 3, if that's --

12 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, mine just --

13 Mr. Walker. Mine is missing.

14 Mr. McAndrew. Mine goes from RW-1 to 4.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. We'll make copies.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah.

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. And for ease, I don't really plan on referencing that letter.

18 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Yeah.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. But we'll provide it.

20 Mr. McAndrew. Just so we're clear. Okay.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q First, I want to begin, the date here is February 23, 2016, correct?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q So it's fair to say that by February of 2016 you, James Gilliar, and Hunter
25 Biden had began pursuing business with CEFC?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q And as part of that preparation in pursuing business with CEFC, it appears
3 that James Gilliar is referencing that he prepared a deck for his visit to the CEFC board on
4 Monday in Beijing. Is that right?

5 A That's what the email says.

6 Q And just so the record's clear for people who maybe aren't into preparing
7 decks, is a deck commonly, like, a PowerPoint or some sort of overview of what your plan
8 is when you're pursuing business? Is that a fair description?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q Do you know who James Gilliar was going to visit at the CEFC board that
11 Monday in Beijing?

12 A I do not.

13 Q Did you ever travel to Beijing to visit with CEFC?

14 A Not to visit with CEFC. I went during my time at Transportation.

15 Q Understood.

16 So, based upon your reading of this email, you don't know who the board is that
17 he's referring to?

18 A It says "CEFC board," but I don't know specifically who or if there's multiple
19 boards.

20 Q Do you know if he did go to Beijing?

21 A I know he has been to Beijing, but I don't know if he went to Beijing then.

22 Q Then he continues, "... CEFC wish to engage in further business relations with
23 our group and we will present a few projects to them."

24 Since he says they wish to engage in "further business relations," I just want to
25 understand what business relations had preceded this email.

1 Mr. McAndrew. If any. If that's accurate.

2 Mr. Walker. You know, I -- when you're referring to "business relations," I think
3 it was just -- we are still building our relationship with them at this point.

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

5 Q At this point, had you or James Gilliar or Hunter Biden pitched any business
6 ideas to CEFC?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q But you did have -- in February of 2016, there was some sort of relationship
9 at least developing with CEFC. Do I have that correct?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q It refers to, "I have asked Joe to look over the doc." Is Joe an attorney for
12 James Gilliar?

13 Mr. McAndrew. Well, do you know --

14 Mr. [REDACTED]. Who is Joe?

15 Mr. McAndrew. Do you know who the Joe -- yeah, go ahead. Sorry.

16 Mr. Walker. I don't know for sure who that is. I'm pretty confident that is a
17 guy named Joe Saleeby, who is an energy person that had formerly worked for Jim
18 Bernhard at Bernhard Capital when he was the head of the Shaw Group.

19 I believe that Joe still works with James Gilliar and was working on James Gilliar on
20 energy projects elsewhere, outside of whatever we were talking about here.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. And this "P.S Im sure H can give you the heads up on the play if
22 you need more details," "H" refers to Hunter Biden, correct?

23 Mr. McAndrew. If you know.

24 Mr. Walker. I don't know, but he did commonly refer to Hunter as "H."

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q And it's fair to say that Hunter Biden's CC'ed on the email?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So did Bernhard Capital or Westinghouse become involved in any of the
4 deals that you were facilitating with CEFC?

5 A No.

6 Q Do you know why?

7 A No. I don't recall why. It's -- I think Jim might have owned Westinghouse
8 at one time, but I don't know.

9 Mr. McAndrew. Jim?

10 Mr. Walker. Jim Bernhard might've owned Westinghouse or that technology
11 that Westinghouse had purchased. I'm not sure.

12 [Walker Exhibit No. 7

13 was marked for identification.]

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q I now want to show you exhibit 7, which will be the "H to Zang Draft" with
16 attachment.

17 Let me know when you're ready, sir.

18 A I'm ready.

19 Q This is another document and attachment that was produced by your
20 counsel to us. We again thank you for cooperating and producing the documents in
21 advance of the interview.

22 I'm going to read the top. You can just tell me if I'm accurately describing it.

23 A Okay.

24 Q The top is "Fwd: H to Zang Draft," from Rob Walker, to Hunter Biden, dated
25 March 22nd of 2016. "H to Zang.docx" is an attachment.

1 And then there's, if you go below, it looks like, an email that's forwarded from
2 you, March 22, 2016, 10:16 a.m., "Subject: H to Zang Draft," to James Gilliar.

3 So I'll start with the bottom. It appears you write, "Very simple. Take a look."

4 And then you forward it also to Hunter Biden and say, "Take a look and let me
5 know. Very simple. Once ok'd, I'll send to Joan to sign" --

6 Mr. McAndrew. Question mark.

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. Question mark. Thank you.

8 Mr. McAndrew. Uh-huh.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

10 Q Who is Joan?

11 A Joan worked in Hunter's office -- or worked with Hunter at Oldaker and at
12 Rosemont, and I'm not sure where she is now.

13 Q Did she act as somewhat of, like, a professional assistant to the group?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And then if we turn to the attachment, it appears to be a draft letter on
16 Hunter Biden's letterhead for an address in Washington, D.C., dated March 22nd of 2016,
17 directed to Director Zang.

18 Do I have that correct?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q Did you originally draft this letter?

21 A I don't recall. But Zang's name is misspelled.

22 Q Could you read it into the record for us?

23 A What, the letter? Or --

24 Q The body of the letter after "Director" -- from "Director Zang," and then if
25 you could just read it into the record.

1 Mr. McAndrew. So, after the salutation, just pick up with the text.

2 Mr. Walker. "I hope this letter finds you well. We anticipate working together
3 on a number of opportunities in the US and abroad. I believe we have presented a
4 collection of projects that parallel the interests of you and your team and we look
5 forward to discussing them in detail. As we await your next visit to the United States,
6 please continue to coordinate all matters with my confidant and trusted advisor, James
7 Gilliar."

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q All right. Just flipping back to the email, when you go to the bottom of this
10 email, which says, "Very simple. Take a look," it would appear from this original email
11 that you were the one who first drafted it. Would you agree with me?

12 A I would agree that that's what it looks like, but I don't recall.

13 Q Why would you have it sent from Hunter Biden's letterhead instead of from
14 James Gilliar or you?

15 A I think what is common with U.S. companies working with individuals
16 abroad, those individuals tend to -- they don't -- they aren't taken seriously unless they
17 have a calling card like this or something that says that they represent. So if -- you
18 wouldn't -- this is just normal, customary business practice.

1 [11:01 a.m.]

2 BY MR. ██████████:

3 Q But why use Hunter Biden to send the letter instead of Rob Walker or James
4 Gilliar, especially if James Gilliar had the original relationship?

5 A Hunter in our relationship was -- everybody had different roles. He was the
6 one that I imagine Zang would expect it to come from.

7 Q Is it because he was the son of the Vice President at the time?

8 A Well, I think in Zang's eyes -- that I worked for Hunter and that James
9 worked for us or for Hunter, and so that would be -- he was viewed as the principal of this
10 organization by Zang.

11 Q And that's because of his last name?

12 A I don't -- I can't answer for Zang, but, sure, he had an interesting last name
13 that would probably get people in the door.

14 Q And I now want to turn to exhibit 8, which is going to -- or excuse me -- it's
15 going to be exhibit 2, the transcript.

16 [Walker exhibit No. 2
17 was marked for identification.]

18 Mr. McAndrew. The -- okay. The big one?

19 Mr. ██████████. Yep.

20 Mr. McAndrew. That's the big one in the pile.

21 Mr. ██████████. You can go to page 82.

22 Mr. McAndrew. All right.

23 And, I'm sorry, this is exhibit 1?

24 Mr. ██████████. It's exhibit 2.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Exhibit 2. Thank you.

1 Okay. And where did you want him to go?

2 Mr. ██████. Page 82, please.

3 Mr. McAndrew. Eighty-two.

4 Mr. ██████. And just to set the stage for this exhibit, this is a transcription of
5 what appears to be an interview that the IRS and FBI conducted of you on December 8th
6 of 2020 when they met with you.

7 Mr. McAndrew. And before you start asking questions on this, just to put it on
8 the record, we understand this is an exhibit that the committee came into possession of
9 and has published. Prior to that, we hadn't seen it, in fact, didn't know existed, and
10 certainly can't vouch for what's in it in terms of its authenticity.

11 Mr. ██████. Okay. And just to be clear, the committee that did publish this
12 was the Ways and Means Committee through our --

13 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry.

14 Mr. ██████. -- whistleblowers, sworn law enforcement and conducting a
15 thorough investigation.

16 But we can continue now with the questioning on the bottom of 82.

17 Mr. Walker. Eighty-two?

18 Mr. ██████. Yes, sir. Let me know when you're there.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Where are we going?

20 Mr. ██████. Okay. Special Agent Wilson, second from the bottom. I'll read
21 it in.

22 He asks, "Um, where... any times when he" -- referring to Vice President
23 Biden -- "was in office, or did you hear Hunter say that he" -- referring to Vice President
24 Biden -- "was setting up a meeting" -- oh, sorry. I'm sorry. "He" is Hunter. I
25 apologize. Let me start over.

1 "Um, where... any times when he was in office, or did you hear Hunter say that he
2 was setting up a meeting with his dad with them while dad was still in office?"

3 And you responded, "Yeah."

4 Can you tell us about the times when Hunter Biden said he was setting up a
5 meeting with his dad and CEFC while his dad was in office?

6 Mr. Walker. I would like to point out that this was, I believe, being recorded off a
7 device that I didn't know about. I certainly don't recall Hunter setting up with a meeting
8 with his dad with -- "Any times he was in office, did you hear Hunter say that he was
9 setting up a meeting?"

10 Not -- no business associates that I would know of did he ever set up any meetings
11 with Hunter or with his father.

12 Mr. [REDACTED]. So when you said "yeah," what were you referring "yeah" to?

13 Mr. McAndrew. If you know.

14 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

15 Mr. McAndrew. If you remember.

16 Mr. Walker. It looks like I'm qualifying the question because I really -- nobody
17 asked me anything after that. I would have been happy to talk about it.

18 Mr. McAndrew. We should probably just back up and, you know, ask him if he
19 remembers the question. You know, if this is -- if he thinks this is an accurate recitation
20 of what was asked.

21 Mr. Walker. I will say that I remember this question.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

23 Mr. [REDACTED]. And do you remember saying "yeah"?

24 Mr. Walker. I remember being prompted to speak more, and I didn't have the
25 opportunity.

1 Mr. [REDACTED]. When you say you didn't have the opportunity, what do you
2 mean?

3 Mr. Walker. My point was that the former Vice President or Vice President at
4 the time would stop by --

5 Mr. McAndrew. Not at the time of the interview, or --

6 Mr. Walker. No.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Just be clear on time when you're talking about.

8 Mr. Walker. No. Just, in general, if it was Maisy's birthday, he would stop by.
9 If it was -- you know, he had never been to our office. He had -- as far as I know, he'd
10 never been to our office. As far as I know, he had -- Hunter had never set up any
11 business associates or any possible entities that we were going to be working with -- was
12 he trying to put them together with his father.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q Did Joe Biden ever attend any location or meeting or place where CEFC
15 officials were also there?

16 A Yes.

17 Q When was that?

18 A That was -- I don't remember the exact time, but I remember being in
19 Washington, D.C., and the former Vice President stopped by. We were having lunch.

20 Q When was it?

21 A I don't know the exact -- it was 20- probably -17 at some point, but I don't
22 know exactly when.

23 Q Can you say for certain it was in 2017?

24 A I can say it was for certain he was out of office.

25 Q Where did that meeting take place?

1 A At the Four Seasons in a restaurant in a private room.

2 Q What CEFC officials were there?

3 Mr. McAndrew. As best you can remember.

4 Mr. Walker. I don't know if Zang was there, but I believe that Ye was there. I'm
5 certain of it.

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. And Ye is Chairman Ye Jianming --

7 Mr. McAndrew. Sorry. What was that?

8 Mr. Walker. I'm certain -- I'm certain Ye was there.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

10 Q So Ye Jianming is the chairman of CEFC, correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And this was --

13 A There were other people there too. I just didn't know who they were.

14 Q And when you say other people, other CEFC people?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did Chairman Ye have an interpreter?

17 A He would have had to have, yes.

18 Q Because he doesn't speak English, right?

19 A As far as I know, I don't believe so.

20 Q So what was the purpose of the meeting that you had with the CEFC
21 individuals?

22 A We were still discussing ways we could work together. I don't think we had
23 structured a deal on how to work together at this point.

24 Q Did this meeting occur before or after your company received a \$3 million
25 payment from State Energy HK?

1 A I don't know for sure. I believe -- I believe -- I don't know.

2 Mr. McAndrew. If you don't know, you don't know.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Who from your -- on the American side, who else was there besides Joe
5 Biden?

6 A Hunter.

7 Q Was James Gilliar there?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So it was James Gilliar, you, Hunter Biden, Ye Jianming, and at least his
10 interpreter. That's what you can recall?

11 A There were definitely other people there, yes, from CEFC. I don't know
12 who they were.

13 Q And when --

14 A I wouldn't be surprised if Zang was there too.

15 Mr. McAndrew. But you don't know?

16 Mr. Walker. I don't know that.

17 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

18 Chairman Jordan. How long was the meeting?

19 Mr. Walker. The meeting was probably an hour and a half.

20 Chairman Jordan. Was the Vice President there the entire time?

21 Mr. Walker. He was not.

22 Mr. McAndrew. The former Vice President, just for the record.

23 Mr. Walker. I'm sorry. The former Vice President was not there the entire
24 time. He was there maybe 10 minutes.

25 Chairman Jordan. Did he speak? Did he give a little presentation?

1 Q We appreciate you being here today.

2 I want to follow up a little bit about that lunch in the Four Seasons, and I want to
3 preface this by saying, I'm going to be referring to now-President Biden as Joe Biden, and I
4 do that not out of disrespect but because we're covering a time period today where he
5 was a private citizen, he was Vice President, he was President, and I just want to not get
6 those time periods confused.

7 A Understood.

8 Q So you mentioned that Joe Biden, who was then a private citizen in 2017,
9 was briefly at this lunch at the Four Seasons?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q And I believe you said that, when he spoke, it was pleasantries?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q Okay. He did not speak about any business involving CEFC?

14 A He did not. He, I don't believe, even really knew why they were there.

15 Q So it was just, hi, nice to meet you?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And he --

18 A He specifically said, good luck in whatever you guys are doing.

19 Q And the rest of you did not discuss business while --

20 A Not in front.

21 Q -- he was in front --

22 A No. That's correct.

23 Mr. McAndrew. Just let her finish her question --

24 Mr. Walker. Sorry.

25 Mr. McAndrew. -- because if you talk over one another, it doesn't come out

1 clear.

2 Mr. Walker. Okay.

3 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

4 Q He didn't make any sort of presentation?

5 A No, not a presentation. He did not.

6 Q And you don't know how he came to be there that day?

7 A I don't know how he got there that day. I could speculate.

8 Q Okay.

9 Mr. McAndrew. No, you don't need to do that. Let's just stick with what you
10 know.

11 Ms. [REDACTED]. But you do know, and your memory is clear, that nobody
12 discussed business while Joe Biden was present at the lunch at the Four Seasons?

13 Mr. Walker. That is correct.

14 Ms. [REDACTED]. Now, you were asked some questions about the transcript that is
15 exhibit -- 1, 2?

16 Ms. [REDACTED]. Two.

17 Ms. [REDACTED]. Two. Thank you.

18 Now, that purports to be a transcript of an interview you had with Federal agents
19 back in 2020, correct? It was December of 2020?

20 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry, I was talking. Could you repeat that so he has it
21 clear?

22 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

23 Q The transcript reflects that it is -- or purports to be a transcript of an
24 interview that you gave with Federal agents in December of 2020, correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q And that was in Little Rock, Arkansas?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And the front page of the transcript makes reference to a WAV file, a .WAV.

4 If you could just look at the front page of the transcript.

5 Mr. McAndrew. He actually doesn't have it because he has got it messed -- there
6 it is.

7 Mr. Walker. Okay.

8 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Now he has it.

9 Mr. Walker. I do not see where it says "WAV."
10 I see where it says "WAV file."

11 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

12 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

13 Q So you do see it?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Just to be clear.

16 You did not know that day that the agents were recording you, correct?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q And to this day, you have not received that WAV file?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q You have not had an opportunity to review the audio of that interview?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q And because you haven't had an opportunity to review the audio of the
23 interview, you don't know if the transcription is accurate?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Now, I am -- and you don't know who prepared this transcript?

1 A I do not.

2 Q You don't know if it was prepared by professional transcribers like the
3 stenographers that we have here today?

4 A I do not know who transcribed this document.

5 Q And so you don't know if whoever transcribed it misheard some of the
6 words that were on the recording?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q Okay. You don't know how good the quality of that recording was?

9 A I do not. I've never heard the -- I've never heard the recording.

10 Q Now, you were asked about you answering "yeah" to a question about
11 whether Hunter Biden ever tried to set up meetings with his father while his father was in
12 office, correct, on the bottom of page 82 of the transcript?

13 A That's what the transcription says.

14 Mr. McAndrew. In the last round, you mean, he was asked?

15 Ms. [REDACTED]: Correct. In the last round.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Or are you talking about the --

17 Ms. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

18 Mr. Walker. Yes.

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Do you remember saying "yeah"?

21 A I don't recall.

22 Q Okay. You don't know if that's actually what you said?

23 A I don't recall.

24 Q Okay. It's possible that that could be a mistake by whoever prepared this
25 transcript?

1 A It's possible.

2 Q And it's possible that you did say it, but you meant, yeah, I understood the
3 question?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q But what you do know is that, regardless of what's reflected on that
6 transcript, accurate or not, you are not aware of Hunter Biden ever asking his father to
7 set up business meetings while he was in office?

8 A Not once. I don't recall Hunter setting up business meetings with anybody
9 that he and I were doing business with.

10 Q Okay. With his father?

11 A With his father.

12 Q Okay. Now -- thank you for that. I'm going to back up and ask you some
13 questions a little bit about your background and the nature of your relationship with both
14 Hunter and some other Bidens.

15 I believe you said during the first round that you have a degree in business from
16 University of Arkansas?

17 A Undergrad, yes.

18 Q And after college, at some point you worked at a real estate company?

19 A I did.

20 Q And you worked for a developer?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q So you have experience with real estate and development transactions?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q And you began working for the Federal Government in 1999?

25 A That's correct.

1 Q And as you said, that was during the Clinton administration?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And when you went to work for the FAA, the Federal Aviation
4 Administration, that was during the Bush administration?

5 A That's correct, yes.

6 Q So you've served under Presidents from both parties?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And you were at the Department of Transportation when you first met
9 Hunter?

10 A Yes, that's right.

11 Q He was working at the Commerce Department?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And I believe you said that the two departments had a lot of work together
14 at the time?

15 A That's right. And a lot of friends at both locations.

16 Q And your paths crossed often?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you became friends?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And would you say that at that time -- and I'm talking about the late
21 nineties -- your relationship was more professional? More social?

22 A More social.

23 Q Okay. You spent time with him outside of work?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And was Hunter in recovery from addiction when you first met him?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. He was still using?

3 A I've never seen Hunter do a drug. I know he was drinking.

4 Q Fair enough. But do you know if he was using drugs at that time?

5 A I do not.

6 Q Okay. When you decided to go into business with him or you first started
7 thinking about going into business with him --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- tell us what qualities Hunter has.

10 And you'd known him for almost a decade at that point?

11 A Right.

12 Q So tell us what it was that made you want to go into business with him.

13 A I've always considered him very intelligent. He is very good at structuring
14 deals. He has a good business sense. I feel like that he has certain leadership qualities.
15 I think some of the -- you know, the biggest misnomers or some of the issues that
16 maybe people talk about him is he wasn't qualified. But in my experience, when you're
17 putting together deals, it's more than looking at spreadsheets. You are really getting
18 both people to like a deal, and you need to basically form a win-win for both sides or the
19 deal will never happen. And by looking at spreadsheets and numbers, that
20 doesn't -- deals don't get done that way.

21 Q So it's more about the --

22 A Relationships.

23 Q -- the relationships? Forming relationships?

24 A That's right.

25 Q And in your experience, was Hunter skilled at forming those relationships?

- 1 A He was very good at that, yes.
- 2 Q Would you say he had a powerful presence and a powerful personality?
- 3 A Very powerful presence.
- 4 Q And those attributes were why you decided to go into business with him?
- 5 A That's correct.
- 6 Q And before -- you know, you mentioned when he tested positive for
7 cocaine?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Before that point, was he a productive business partner?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And he was somebody who you found it valuable to be in business with?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Your business relationship with Hunter ended in 2017, correct?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q And you've had no contact with him since then, correct?
- 16 A Since 2017, I don't believe so. I think the last time I communicated with
17 him was via text around Christmas in 2017.
- 18 Q Okay. So you haven't seen him since 2017?
- 19 A Not seen him or spoke to him, texted with him, nothing.
- 20 Q Since the Trump administration, timewise?
- 21 A Oh, yes.
- 22 Q That day at the Four Seasons, that wasn't the first time you had met Joe
23 Biden, correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q How many times would you say you've met Joe Biden?

1 A I don't know. That would be hard to say. I met him, I believe, the first
2 time when he was a Senator. It was without Hunter. It was at another social setting.
3 It was a fundraiser, I believe.

4 Q Okay. And after that, did you ever meet him with Hunter or through
5 Hunter?

6 A Yes, but it was usually -- at the last minute Hunter would say, we're going to
7 go play golf and I need you to come with me and -- to fill out a foursome, and his father
8 would be there.

9 Q Okay. And I believe you told the agents that you had played golf with Joe
10 Biden on, you know, on several occasions?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And on every one of those occasions, Hunter was there?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q And I believe you mentioned during the last hour that you would see him at
15 events like birthday parties, things of that nature?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And was Hunter present for all of those events?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. So the only time that you met Joe Biden without Hunter being
20 present was the fundraiser back when he was a Senator?

21 A I would have met him other times, and there would have been other times
22 without Hunter. My wife worked for his wife, and so I would see him merely in passing.
23 Maybe if I was picking up something from his residence that my wife couldn't drag into
24 her car or something like that.

25 Q Fair enough.

1 When you were golfing --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- and filling out the foursome, can you describe your interactions with Joe
4 Biden?

5 A It wasn't a lot. And it was -- I believe it was more of a quiet time for him.
6 We didn't talk about much of anything or even golf.

7 Q Did you spend --

8 A The conversations weren't directed towards me really at all. It was a time
9 for him to be with his family.

10 Q Would you consider yourself -- would you say you're friends with Joe Biden?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay. Certainly not close friends?

13 A He might be able to pick me out of a multiple choice, maybe.

14 Q Have you ever discussed business with Joe Biden?

15 A I've never discussed business with Joe Biden ever.

16 Q Not when he was a Senator?

17 A No.

18 Q Not when he was the Vice President?

19 A Never.

20 Q Never discussed business when he was a private citizen?

21 A Never.

22 Q And not since he's been President?

23 A I haven't seen him or -- no.

24 Q So you have not -- your personal interactions with Joe Biden were all before
25 he became President Joe Biden?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Did Hunter ever make or receive a call from his father during a business
3 meeting that you attended?

4 A No.

5 Q So he never put his father on speakerphone during a business meeting or
6 anything like that?

7 A No.

8 Q Was Joe -- you mentioned several of the entities that you worked for. Was
9 Joe Biden ever involved with Seneca Global Advisors?

10 A No.

11 Q Was he involved with Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners?

12 A No.

13 Q Was Joe Biden ever involved with Rosemont Seneca Advisors?

14 A No. That was an entity I wasn't part of, but no.

15 Q Was he ever involved with Pilot Growth Equity Partners?

16 A No.

17 Q Was he ever involved with your LLC, Robinson Walker?

18 A No.

19 Q Was he ever involved in any of the business entities that you've worked for?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. Let me have one minute.

22 Have you ever wired or sent money to Joe Biden?

23 A No.

24 Q Not when he was a Senator?

25 A Never.

1 Q Not when he -- never? Not as a private citizen or anytime in office?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that Joe Biden benefited
4 financially from any of your business dealings with Hunter Biden?

5 A No.

6 Q Did Hunter ever tell you that Joe Biden was involved in any of his business
7 ventures in any way?

8 A No.

9 Q Did James Biden ever tell you that Joe Biden was involved in any of his
10 business ventures?

11 A Jim?

12 Q Correct.

13 A No. I wouldn't know, though.

14 Q And do you have any reason to believe that Joe Biden ever benefited
15 financially from any of his brother's business ventures?

16 A I do not know.

17 Q And did Hunter or Jim ever suggest to you that Joe was involved in any of
18 their businesses?

19 A No.

20 Q Did Hunter or Jim ever suggest to you that you would receive any kind of
21 favor from Joe Biden if he went into business with them?

22 A No.

23 Q Have you ever asked Joe Biden or anyone in his administration for a political
24 favor?

25 A I don't believe I've asked him for anything.

1 Q Okay. And have you ever received a political favor from Joe Biden?

2 A No.

3 Q I want to talk briefly about your wife's relationship with Dr. Jill Biden. I
4 believe you said she was her personal aide?

5 A I think that was her title, yes. I don't know exactly what her official title
6 was.

7 Q And can you just describe generally what her duties entailed?

8 A She was -- she worked out of the residence and acted somewhat of a liaison
9 between maybe her -- maybe the office and the residence. She would -- I really don't
10 know. She would help plan for parties. She would -- there would be -- there was
11 always something going on, an occasion, and her role was primarily to assist the house
12 manager and the social secretary, I believe, at the time.

13 Q So she was focused on the logistics of the social events at the White House?

14 A She was mostly associated with that, yes.

15 Q Okay. And to be clear, this was when --

16 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. Was it at the White House?

17 Mr. Walker. Technically, I mean, the EEOB is part of the White House, so --

18 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Okay. It was at the EEOB?

21 A Her office -- I believe she had a desk there, but her main office was at the
22 residence.

23 Q And just to be clear, we're talking about when Dr. Jill Biden was the --

24 A Second lady.

25 Q Do you say second lady? That's the term?

1 A Yes.

2 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. That's right.

3 Ms. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

4 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

5 Q And to your knowledge, did your wife ever talk to Dr. Biden about any of
6 your business ventures?

7 A Not to my knowledge.

8 Q And to your knowledge, did your wife discuss -- well, I'm sorry.
9 Did you ever talk to Jill Biden? I assume you've met her, correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Have you ever talked to her about any of your business ventures?

12 A No.

13 Q And is your wife still in contact with Dr. Jill Biden?

14 A Maybe a text around birthdays.

15 Q And that's it?

16 A I know that Betsy recently went to -- my wife went to a former staff
17 Christmas party, but I don't believe that she interacted with Dr. Biden.

18 Q Okay. And so neither you nor your wife have ever discussed any of the
19 entities we're talking about here today with Jill Biden?

20 A Never once.

21 Q And never with Joe Biden?

22 A Never once.

23 Ms. [REDACTED]. Thank you very much.

24 Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. Walker, have you ever expressed to potential business partners
25 that they would receive political favors if they worked with you?

1 Mr. Walker. No.

2 Mr. [REDACTED]: Have you ever expressed to potential business partners that they
3 would receive political favors if they worked with Hunter Biden?

4 Mr. Walker. No.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

6 Q At that Four Seasons meeting we were talking about --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- where then-private citizen Joe Biden came and exchanged pleasantries for
9 I think maybe 10 minutes, you said, and then left. Do I have that right?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q Before Joe Biden arrived, while he was there or after he left, did anyone say
12 that Joe Biden had any involvement with any business dealings between -- involving you
13 or CEFC?

14 A Nobody discussed anything like that.

15 Q Did anyone suggest it in any way?

16 A No.

17 Q I just want to go back to a couple of documents you discussed in the first
18 round with my Republican colleagues. I believe there were three emails introduced:
19 exhibits 4, 6, and 7.

20 A Four --

21 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Which one do you want to look at first, or does it -- just
22 grab more?

23 Mr. [REDACTED]: I'm not going to discuss them in detail.

24 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

25 Mr. [REDACTED]: My understanding is that exhibit 6 and 7 are two emails that your

1 counsel provided to the committee. Is that right?

2 Mr. McAndrew. You can look at my copies.

3 Mr. Walker. Okay.

4 Mr. McAndrew. So -- I'm sorry. Restate your question. Sorry about that.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. My understanding is that exhibits 6 and 7 are two emails that
6 your counsel, Mr. Walker, provided to the committee?

7 Mr. Walker. That my counsel --

8 Mr. McAndrew. Me.

9 Mr. Walker. Oh. What did they call you?

10 Mr. McAndrew. Did we actually provide these emails?

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. So to be clear, we provided the attachments.

12 Mr. McAndrew. Wait. To what? Here, just use them. Yeah. Which one?

13 Mr. [REDACTED]. Exhibits 6 and 7.

14 Mr. McAndrew. We provided an attachment to exhibit 6, which is called "CEFC
15 China & Westinghouse Strategy." It's Bates labeled RW-4 through 55.

16 What?

17 [Discussion off the record.]

18 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. All right. Sorry about that.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. Yeah. So we did provide the emails, yes.

20 Mr. [REDACTED]. Exhibit 4, however, is not an exhibit that you provided to the
21 committee. Do I have that right?

22 Mr. McAndrew. Exhibit 4. That's this one.

23 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

24 Mr. McAndrew. We'll state for the record that we didn't provide exhibit 4. I
25 think it was actually sent to us by the majority staff.

1 Mr. ██████: As you sit here today, Mr. Walker, do you have any knowledge of
2 where the committee got exhibit 4 from?

3 Mr. McAndrew. It's just -- do you know where they got it from?

4 Mr. Walker. I don't know for sure.

5 Mr. ██████: Based on the markings at the bottom of this email, it appears
6 that this email, like others used during the course of this investigation by my Republican
7 colleagues, comes from a website, bidenlaptopemails.com. Is that correct?

8 I'm asking my colleagues from the majority.

9 Mr. ██████: Yes.

10 Mr. ██████: So --

11 Ms. ██████: For the record, he said yes.

12 Mr. ██████: Bidenlaptopemails.com is a website maintained by an individual
13 called Garrett Ziegler, who's a former Trump administration official who worked for Peter
14 Navarro, who, according to press outlets, received what he purports to be a copy of the
15 hard drive from Hunter Biden's laptop from Rudy Giuliani and his associates.

16 I noticed that during the last round of questioning, my Republican colleagues did
17 not ask you to authenticate this email, meaning they didn't go through and ask you,
18 Mr. Walker, this is an email from February 26th, 2015. Do you remember sending this
19 email? And by that, I mean, do you remember each and every word on this email, such
20 that when you look at this, you know that this is a true, accurate, and authentic copy of
21 an email that purports to be between you and Hunter Biden in 2015?

22 And so I'm going to ask you, Mr. Walker, are you able, as you sit here today, to
23 authenticate this email?

24 Mr. Walker. I don't think I would be able to authenticate it unless I saw it come
25 from --

1 Mr. McAndrew. It's just a yes or no answer.

2 Mr. Walker. I don't know how I would authenticate it.

3 Mr. McAndrew. It's a yes or no answer.

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. So you cannot authenticate this document that --

5 Mr. Walker. No.

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- comes from the Garrett Ziegler's hunterbidenlaptop.com [sic]
7 website, correct?

8 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

9 Can I take a moment and talk to my lawyers?

10 Ms. [REDACTED]. Sure.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can go off the record, please.

12 [Discussion off the record.]

13 Ms. [REDACTED]. We're back on the record.

14 Is there anything you wanted to --

15 Mr. McAndrew. Put on the record?

16 Ms. [REDACTED]. -- put on the record?

17 Mr. Walker. I just had some names confused, and I was concerned, and it was
18 alleviated.

19 Mr. McAndrew. It was about the website. Yeah, it was about the website.

20 He just had confusion with the Ziegler name.

21 Ms. [REDACTED]. Mr. Raskin, did you have some questions?

22 Mr. Raskin. Yes.

23 Mr. Walker, just back to the Four Seasons --

24 Mr. Walker. Yes.

25 Mr. Raskin. -- luncheon meeting. Is it accurate to say that Joe Biden was a

1 drop-by visitor at that luncheon rather than a participant in the business meeting?

2 Mr. Walker. Yes.

3 Mr. Raskin. And he was not there at the beginning, to your recollection, and he
4 was not there at the end of the meeting?

5 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

6 Mr. Raskin. Okay. Thank you.

7 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

8 Q And on that point, this meeting was about 7 years ago, correct?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q Okay. And you remember that he was there briefly enough that he didn't
11 even have water, correct?

12 A I don't believe he was served anything.

13 Q Okay.

14 A There may have been a -- I don't think he even took a sip of water if there
15 was water.

16 Q And 10 minutes -- at this point, that's just an estimate?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Could have been shorter?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q It was, as Representative Raskin just mentioned -- or sorry -- Ranking
21 Member Raskin -- a drop-by?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Okay. And you weren't timing it at the time?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q You did not anticipate that you would one day be testifying before Congress

1 about it?

2 A That is correct.

3 Ms. [REDACTED]. Thank you.

4 And we're off the record.

5 [Recess.]

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can go back on the record.

7 Chairman Jordan. Let's go back to exhibit No. 7, Mr. Walker.

8 Why did you have Hunter Biden sign the letter again?

9 Mr. McAndrew. And you can use this copy if you want.

10 Chairman Jordan. Well, first of all, did Hunter Biden sign it and you guys send it?

11 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

12 Chairman Jordan. Did that actually happen?

13 Mr. Walker. I don't -- I don't know.

14 Chairman Jordan. You have no reason to believe it didn't happen. Is that right?

15 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

16 Chairman Jordan. Okay. Why did you have him sign it?

17 Mr. Walker. He is kind of the principal of the three of us, is how we look at him.

18 Chairman Jordan. What was the entity trying to conduct business with CEFC?

19 Mr. Walker. There wasn't an entity. It was a group of people. It was me,

20 Hunter, and James Gilliar.

21 Chairman Jordan. When you ultimately did the arrangement with the -- I think

22 you got 3 million from State Energy HK Limited, a Shanghai-based company with ties to

23 CEFC --

24 Mr. Walker. Yes.

25 Chairman Jordan. -- who did that money go to?

1 Mr. Walker. It came to me, my LLC.

2 Chairman Jordan. Robinson Walker LLC?

3 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

4 Chairman Jordan. But at the time that this letter was sent approximately a year
5 earlier, was Robinson LLC in operation?

6 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

7 Chairman Jordan. So you thought it was fine to -- you thought it was the best
8 move to have Hunter Biden sign this representing no entity, just his -- it looks like his
9 address? His working address? Suite 705, Washington, D.C.

10 Mr. Walker. Right.

11 Chairman Jordan. Okay. Let's go back to the Four Seasons lunch meeting.
12 When did that happen again?

13 Mr. McAndrew. Best of your recollection.

14 Mr. Walker. In 2017. Early 2017.

15 Chairman Jordan. And describe for us again -- we got into this right at the tail end
16 of our first hour. Describe who was all there.

17 Mr. Walker. It was, I believe, the chairman of CEFC, Zang from CEFC, me, Hunter,
18 James Gilliar, and other people from CEFC that I do not know.

19 Chairman Jordan. And I think you said that --

20 Mr. Walker. Maybe Zhao the interpreter. Yes, sir.

21 Chairman Jordan. You said it could have been as high as eight, nine, 10 people
22 from CEFC. Is that right?

23 Mr. Walker. That's right.

24 Chairman Jordan. And was James Biden there?

25 Mr. Walker. No.

1 Chairman Jordan. But Joe Biden was?

2 Mr. Walker. Appeared, yes.

3 Chairman Jordan. I think you said in the hour with the minority, you said it was a
4 stop-by or a drop-by?

5 Mr. Walker. Yes.

6 Chairman Jordan. But I think you also said he spoke to the entire group.

7 So you got -- my count is at least 13, 14 people there, and there was a moment
8 where Joe Biden in his stop-by/drop-by addresses the entire group?

9 Mr. Walker. Yes.

10 Chairman Jordan. What'd he say?

11 Mr. Walker. I don't remember exactly what he said, but -- I don't know.

12 Chairman Jordan. Had this happened before? Was this the only time it
13 happened in any type of business dealings you were working on where the Vice President
14 stopped by and talked to your clients --

15 Mr. Walker. This would be --

16 Chairman Jordan. -- business associates, partners, people you're trying to conduct
17 business with?

18 Mr. Walker. The only time where I was president -- present that this happened,
19 yes.

20 Chairman Jordan. Only time?

21 Mr. Walker. Yes.

22 Chairman Jordan. And then, again, was this before you received the 3 million
23 from the CEFC-linked company or after?

24 Mr. Walker. This was likely -- the meeting was likely before.

25 Chairman Jordan. So before. Only time it happens -- only time Joe Biden shows

1 up in a meeting, he gives a 10-minute presentation to the entire group, and a few days
2 later, you get \$3 million?

3 Mr. Walker. He'd had discussions beforehand with CEFC, meaning James Gilliar
4 had, and -- but if that's how it happened, yes.

5 Chairman Jordan. When did you first -- when was your first outreach and contact
6 with CEFC again?

7 Mr. Walker. Maybe 2015. I don't know exactly when.

8 Chairman Jordan. So you've been working on this for a while?

9 Mr. Walker. Yes.

10 Chairman Jordan. And a few days after, the former Vice President stops by, you
11 get the deal, you get \$3 million?

12 Mr. Walker. I feel like we've had a lot of meetings with CEFC, and our meeting in
13 Miami was -- I think it took place before then. It was more of a business discussion.

14 Chairman Jordan. Well, what was this? This was just lunch?

15 Mr. Walker. It was just lunch and furthering our discussions on what we were
16 going to do together and how it would be structured.

17 Chairman Jordan. But, again, you don't dispute the fact that shortly thereafter is
18 when you got \$3 million?

19 Mr. Walker. Yes. I think this meeting was more about how we're going to work
20 together in the future, but it had nothing to do with the \$3 million.

21 Chairman Jordan. Nothing to do. Just coincidence that it happened that way?

22 Mr. Walker. If that's what -- I mean, yes.

23 Chairman Jordan. Just coincidence?

24 Mr. Walker. Coincidence.

25 Chairman Jordan. Wow. Okay. Why did he come, then? Why did the Vice

1 President show up?

2 Mr. McAndrew. If you know. I don't know if you know the answer to that.

3 Mr. Walker. I don't know, but I think that from time to time he liked to lay eyes on
4 his son who was in and out of sobriety.

5 Chairman Jordan. And he only stayed 10 minutes?

6 Mr. Walker. That's right.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q Going back to exhibit 7, Hunter Biden left the RSTP fund in 2014. Is that
9 correct?

10 A I don't know for sure, but that sounds about right.

11 Q Was this CEFC business the first time that he had sort of picked back up with
12 you from a business standpoint?

13 A I don't believe so. We were working on -- I think I had already been
14 introduced to Baneasa at this point.

15 Q So when did you start working with Hunter Biden again after he was
16 separated from the Seneca organization?

17 A I don't know. I don't know exactly when, but it would have been roughly
18 2015.

19 Chairman Jordan. What prompted -- I think in the first hour you said it was a
20 good thing that he left RSTP.

21 Mr. Walker. I don't know what I said. I think it was something that had to
22 happen, though.

23 Chairman Jordan. And so what changed that you started doing business with
24 him again?

25 Mr. Walker. I think that the fund that we were in, we had some limited partners

1 that would not have approved of Hunter testing positive for cocaine. And so for our
2 business to move forward, the fund, it could not have him in it.

3 Chairman Jordan. So it was your partners who wanted him out?

4 Mr. Walker. All of our partners did.

5 Chairman Jordan. But then you made a decision to work with him subsequent to
6 that?

7 Mr. Walker. Yes.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q What business organization were you working with him? Was it just
10 Robinson Walker LLC? Was it just ad hoc business deals or was there a formal
11 company?

12 A There was not a formal company between Hunter and James and myself at
13 that point.

14 Q Okay. And were the business deals you were doing with Hunter Biden, did
15 they always include James and yourself? RSTP.

16 A Post-fund -- as far as I know, yes.

17 Q And at that time, were you still with the fund?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. So you were with the fund, but you also had other business
20 pursuits?

21 A Yes.

22 Chairman Jordan. Were you in agreement with your partners on kicking Hunter
23 Biden out of the fund?

24 Mr. Walker. I understood it had to happen.

25 Chairman Jordan. That's not what I asked you. Were you in agreement? Did

1 you vote yes? Did you vote no? How'd you vote?

2 Mr. Walker. I voted yes.

3 Chairman Jordan. Okay. So you voted to take him out of the fund, but then
4 you're doing business with him -- you haven't set up a, you know, business entity, but
5 you're conducting business with him post that?

6 Mr. Walker. Yes.

7 Chairman Jordan. Okay.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]

9 Q But your organization with Mr. Gilliar and Hunter Biden -- I mean, Hunter
10 Biden was not the principal of that organization, was he? I mean, were you two working
11 for him?

12 A There really wasn't a principal of the organization. It was three people
13 working together.

14 Q Okay.

15 A James had some development in energy jobs, yes.

16 Q So -- but did you hold Hunter Biden out as the principal to the Chinese
17 officials?

18 A No.

19 Q So why did the letter come from Hunter Biden? And you said earlier this
20 morning that you thought the Chinese would expect the letter to come from Hunter
21 Biden. Why was that the case?

22 A Right. It had just seemed -- if a U.S. entity was going to have a foreign
23 national represent them, it would probably make more sense to come from Hunter versus
24 me.

25 Q Because he's the son of the Vice President at the time, correct?

1 A He is the son of a Vice President at the time, yes.

2 Q So it made more sense to get this business deal to put him as the
3 front-facing person, right?

4 A Yes.

5 Chairman Jordan. Even though you had already -- even though you voted to kick
6 him out of the fund and you were going to kick him out of the business, because he's the
7 son of the Vice President, you wanted him to sign the letter so that you can do business
8 with this Chinese energy company?

9 Mr. Walker. I think that we were friends. It was an opportunity to go back into
10 business with him. And like I think I've stated earlier, I've always been friends with him,
11 even though I haven't talked to him in the last 7 years. But yes.

12 Mr. [REDACTED]. And for the meeting, the luncheon meeting in Georgetown --

13 Mr. Walker. Uh-huh.

14 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- Joe Biden -- and, again, I mean, like my Democrat colleague
15 mentioned, I mean no disrespect calling him Joe Biden. It's just simpler to -- given that
16 he was the Vice President and a private citizen and then on account of the now-President.

17 So when Joe Biden came to that meeting, did you have any idea he was coming
18 before he arrived?

19 Mr. Walker. I had an idea that -- I believe -- I don't remember exactly, but I
20 believe he -- it would happen often. Hey, where are you? I'm in the area. I'm at the
21 Four Seasons having lunch. Great. I'm going to stop by and say hi. Who are you
22 with? I'm with some people that I'm maybe doing business with.

23 I don't know. This is hypothetical.

24 Mr. McAndrew. That's hypothetical.

25 Mr. Walker. I did not witness anything.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q Okay. So you didn't -- did Hunter tell you before the luncheon that his dad
3 was coming?

4 A No. But I would say that he would have had to coordinate with Hunter
5 somehow because he would have had to have known where Hunter was.

6 Q Right.

7 A Right.

8 Q So were you surprised, though, when Joe Biden came? Was that a big
9 surprise?

10 A No. He would do that from time to time.

11 Q Okay.

12 A But it was more under friends, family.

13 Chairman Jordan. I thought you told me that that was the only time it happened
14 with business associates.

15 Mr. Walker. It is.

16 Chairman Jordan. Okay. So other times, just social settings, he would stop by,
17 is what you're saying?

18 Mr. Walker. Yes.

19 Chairman Jordan. Okay.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q And would you agree that that was helpful for the business deal? I mean,
22 bringing in the former Vice President Joe Biden in front of the Chinese CEFC officials,
23 you've got to believe it impressed them, right?

24 A I don't know.

25 Q So you're not willing to admit that that was an attempt to impress the

1 Chinese?

2 A That the former Vice President was going to impress them, I think it's quite
3 possible. I don't know if everybody in the room even knew who he was. But I bet that
4 if President Xi walked in the room, I'm not sure I would know who he was, so --

5 Q Okay. But, I mean, you said that you put Hunter Biden, you know, first on
6 the letterhead --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- because he was the son of the then-Vice President. I mean, now we're
9 talking about the same person coming to the dinner, and you say you don't know if the
10 Chinese knew who he was?

11 A I think that you said that his last name was interesting, and I agreed with
12 you.

13 Q I didn't say his name was interesting. I said his last name is the same as the
14 Vice President.

15 A Yeah, and I think I said that people thought that was interesting. Sure.

16 Q Okay. So you're not willing to admit that you were trying to impress the
17 Chinese with having Joe Biden involved with this luncheon?

18 A I am not saying it was foreshadowed. Were the Chinese impressed? It's
19 quite possible.

20 Q Okay. And at this point in time, he's still traveling with the Secret Service
21 security detail, correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q It's, you know, shortly after he left office. I mean, the detail runs for
24 another 6 months or --

25 A I don't know, but yes.

1 Q So his movements were not exactly the easiest thing to coordinate. Is that
2 fair to say?

3 A That's -- I don't know the movements, but yes.

4 Q Okay. So you're saying, as you sit here today, you didn't expect Joe Biden,
5 and when he came, you were surprised, at this luncheon?

6 A I think it was possible that I knew he might stop by.

7 Q Okay.

8 A There was a possibility, I think.

9 Q Okay. And did you speak -- did you and Mr. Gilliar and Hunter Biden speak
10 about that, that it might be beneficial to the business deal?

11 A I don't -- I don't know. I don't recall.

12 Mr. ██████: Okay.

13 James?

14 Mr. ██████: Thank you.

15 Mr. ██████: Leading up to that meeting where Joe Biden was President, in
16 2015, 2016 timeframe --

17 Mr. Walker. When he was President?

18 Mr. McAndrew. Sorry. Yeah.

19 Mr. ██████: Excuse me. Post-Vice Presidency now, leading up to that
20 meeting --

21 Mr. Walker. Uh-huh.

22 Mr. ██████: -- what kind of work did you do for CEFC leading up to that
23 meeting?

24 Mr. Walker. We introduced them to a bunch of potential projects. I think a lot
25 of the projects were maybe in documents that you shared with me earlier.

1 I remember a Greenfield project that I was working on in Colombia. It was an oil
2 and gas project there. I believe James was working on some projects in Oman, an oil
3 and gas project. I don't know exactly where.

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. This was the 2015, 2016 timeframe?

5 Mr. Walker. Yes.

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. But you had received no payment for any of that work, correct?

7 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

8 Mr. [REDACTED]. I now want to show you exhibit 8, which is the service agreement
9 between State Energy HK Limited and then Robinson Walker LLC.

10 [Walker exhibit No. 8

11 was marked for identification.]

12 Mr. McAndrew. I'll take this one back.

1 [12:29 p.m.]

2 Mr. McAndrew. Oh, he has one. Yeah, he's good.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Let me know when you're ready, sir.

5 A I'm ready. If you're going to point out specific pieces, I may need to read
6 that part, but go ahead.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Take your time to review it.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q Just for the record, this is exhibit 8, which is another document that counsel
10 for Mr. Walker produced.

11 And thank you again for producing this before this interview.

12 So we can start with the top. What is the date of this service agreement? It's
13 the second line.

14 A Yeah. Thirteenth of February, 2017.

15 Q The agreement itself, which two entities is the agreement between?

16 A A misspelled LLC under my name and State Energy HK Limited CR.

17 Q And the address for State Energy HK Limited, that's a Hong Kong address,
18 correct?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q And the other entity, the Robinson Walker, LLC, that's your entity, correct?

21 A That is my former address, yes, but that is my entity.

22 Q To your knowledge, what was State Energy HK Limited?

23 A It was an entity of CEFC's.

24 Q How did you learn that it was a CEFC entity?

25 A I just assumed that it was because I was -- or James was coordinating with

1 Zang on this.

2 Q And just so I understand, James Gilliar and Director Zang were the two who
3 were part of the negotiations in forming this agreement?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q And I'm going to read the "whereas" clause.

6 "WHEREAS the client intends to evaluate new opportunities in the markets of
7 Europe, Asia, Middle East, South and Central America and Africa, and has specific interest
8 in the Infrastructure, Rail, Power and the Nuclear energy market sectors."

9 Did I read that correctly?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And then if you flip to the last page -- or, excuse me, we'll go to paragraph 6.
12 So second page, paragraph 6.

13 A Yes.

14 Q "The Parties agree that a total amount of USD 3,000,000 (three
15 million United States Dollars) which will be considered the retainer for the calendar year
16 service. The 'client' and the 'provider' will agree additional remunerations, which relate
17 to performance related success each single program basis."

18 Did I read that correct, paragraph 6?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Essentially, Robinson Walker, LLC, was going to get \$3 million from this
21 agreement?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And then if you go to the last page, which is your Bates number 64, there is
24 "State Energy HK Limited" and then there's "Robinson Walker LLC." Do you know who
25 signed for State Energy HK Limited?

1 A I do not.

2 Q Is that your signature for Robinson Walker, LLC?

3 A Yes.

4 Mr. Jordan. Was this signed before the lunch at the Four Seasons or after?

5 Mr. McAndrew. If you know.

6 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q Had you -- to date, you had performed work for CEFC, correct -- "you" being
9 James Gilliar, Hunter Biden, and you -- I believe you just said, in Oman and Colombia,
10 right?

11 A There were others that -- but I don't know off the top of my head. Yes.

12 Q So do you know why you were getting paid through State Energy HK versus
13 another CEFC entity?

14 A Why specifically it was State Energy HK?

15 Q Correct.

16 A No, I don't know.

17 Q Do you know if State Energy HK is a state-owned entity or a partially
18 state-owned entity?

19 A I don't know.

20 Q Did you ever inquire whether -- it's called "State Energy," which is why I'm
21 asking the question. Did you ever inquire whether State Energy wasn't what's often
22 referred to as a state-owned enterprise, or SOE?

23 A I'm not familiar with that.

24 Q But you don't recall any conversations where somebody mentioned, "Hey, is
25 this a state-owned entity? It's called State Energy HK"?

1 A Nobody brought that to my attention, no.

2 Q And I now want to turn to what would be exhibit 1, which would be your FBI
3 302.

4 Mr. McAndrew. While you guys are doing that, I'll just represent for the record:
5 You're making a representation that it's the FBI 302. We don't have independent
6 knowledge of that. We see what it says, but we did not see this at any point prior to the
7 committee's publication of this redacted version of what purports to be the 302.

8 Mr. Walker. Is this -- what is a 302?

9 Mr. McAndrew. I'll just answer that. A 302 is just a summary of an interview
10 that the FBI prepares. They call it a 302. That's all it means.

11 Mr. Walker. Okay.

12 Mr. McAndrew. It's not the area code for Wilmington, Delaware. Actually, it is,
13 but --

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q If we turn to page -- page 7 of the FBI 302.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Okay. Here, in this, you say that you assume that State Energy HK drafted
18 the contract but you were not sure.

19 Have you had time to think about whether or not this is who actually drafted up
20 the contract that's at issue here?

21 Mr. McAndrew. You're referring to the second paragraph there --

22 Mr. [REDACTED]. Correct.

23 Mr. McAndrew. -- first full paragraph on the page?

24 Mr. [REDACTED]. Yes.

25 Mr. Walker. I'm under the assumption that HK drafted the contract.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q Do you know who at State Energy HK?

3 A I do not.

4 Q And, again, we said that the contract was for \$3 million, correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q And if you go to the bottom of page 7, the last sentence -- excuse me,
7 second-to-the-last sentence, you say, "The \$3 million amount was more of a 'thank you'
8 from CEFC."

9 A That's correct.

10 Q What did you mean when you said the \$3 million was more of a "thank
11 you"?

12 A I think we put them together with a bunch of qualified projects. They may
13 have been skeptical at first, but we opened the door to some potential business that they
14 would not normally have access to, I guess. Or "access" may be the wrong word, but
15 they didn't -- they were kind of impressed at what we were showing them, in my opinion.

16 Q And so the \$3 million payment, then, was payment for the success that you
17 had previously shown them. Do I have that right?

18 A From the opportunities that we had shown them, yes.

19 Q So, for prior work that you had provided them, they're paying you this
20 \$3 million, is how I'm understanding this. Do I have that right?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Why -- did you have a conversation with Hunter Biden and James Gilliar as to
23 why the money would be deposited in Robinson Walker, LLC, versus -- I think James Gilliar
24 had an EEIG account in Abu Dhabi, and Hunter Biden obviously had other accounts as
25 well. Why did it go to you?

1 A In my mind, I believe it made the most sense that it didn't go to a foreign
2 entity. And it was just a different deal; it was kind of outside of the scope of what
3 Rosemont Seneca was doing. So I believe it was my call. I can't remember why or
4 what, but I thought it should go to my entity.

5 Mr. McAndrew. Come in through your entity.

6 Mr. Walker. Yes.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q Did James Gilliar and Hunter Biden agree that it should go to your entity
10 instead of theirs?

11 A I don't recall.

12 Q And now we can put in the record exhibit 9, which is going to be our bank
13 memo 1, Oversight Committee's bank memo 1 -- or the second bank memo. Excuse me.

14 [Walker Exhibit No. 9

15 was marked for identification.]

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

17 Q And if you can go to page 31.

18 A Thirty-one.

19 Q Let me know when you're ready. Exhibit 9.

20 A Okay.

21 Q Correct me if I'm wrong, but it appears that on March 1st of 2017, according
22 to bank records that the House Oversight Committee subpoenaed related to your
23 Robinson Walker, LLC, on March 1st of 2017, State Energy HK Limited wired \$3 million
24 into your LLC, Robinson Walker, LLC, correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Then -- and we have an image of it below -- the next day, on March 2nd of
2 2017, James Gilliar, to his company EEIG, receives \$1,065,000, correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Why is it that you didn't send \$1,065,000 on the same day to Hunter Biden?
5 Why did you only send it -- a larger amount to James Gilliar but not a large amount to
6 Hunter Biden?

7 A I don't recall.

8 Q Did you have discussions with Hunter Biden about how the payments would
9 be structured to him?

10 A Did not have that conversation, no.

11 Mr. McAndrew. And you're using "structure" in the colloquial form, not --

12 Mr. [REDACTED]. I didn't mean "structure" for, like, in the money laundering -- just
13 how it would be sent --

14 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Yeah.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- how it would be sent to him.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Yep.

17 Mr. Walker. No.

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q Then, what we've been able to trace is, on March 6th of 2017, payments
20 begin to start going out to "Biden" account.

21 A Right.

22 Q I think we have a chart. So, within a week, money starts going to
23 Hunter Biden. Do --

24 A That's correct.

25 Q -- you recall that?

1 A Yes.

2 Q So why were there amounts sent, like 5,000, 25,000, 50,000, in the same
3 month? Like, why not just send him the \$1,065,000 that he was owed at that point?

4 A I don't recall specifically, but the way I viewed it at the time, it was his
5 money, and that's how he wanted it.

6 Q All right. So that's how he wanted it? He wanted the money sent to him
7 in this particular manner?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q And is he also the one that requested that the money that came in from
10 State Energy HK, that would be sent to Hallie Biden as well?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And so it's true that Hallie Biden did get some of the money from the
13 Robinson Walker, LLC, account, right? Her account.

14 Mr. McAndrew. I would just ask you to clarify "did get." I don't know if he
15 knows if she --

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

17 Mr. McAndrew. -- actually got it or where it went.

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. I'll reframe the question.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Right.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Did you or are you aware of anyone sending money from the Robinson
22 Walker, LLC, account to Hallie Biden?

23 A Yes.

24 Q In addition to Hallie Biden, did you or anyone else you know, using the
25 Robinson Walker, LLC, account, send money to "JBBSR INC"?

1 A I don't remember what that entity is, but I'm looking at the memo that you
2 provided, and it looks like I have put money into that, yes.

3 Mr. McAndrew. But -- you're saying that's what's on the chart, right?

4 Mr. Walker. That's what's on the chart, right.

5 Mr. McAndrew. Go ahead.

6 BY MR. ██████████ :

7 Q Do you remember sending money to James Biden from the Robinson
8 Walker, LLC, account?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Or one of his entities, I should say?

11 A If that's his entity, then yes.

12 Q Why were you sending money to Hallie Biden and then James Biden's entity,
13 JBBSR, Inc.?

14 A That's what Hunter wanted. At this time, we were starting to have
15 discussions with Jim about joining our group.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Jim Biden?

17 Mr. Walker. Jim Biden.

18 Mr. McAndrew. Uh-huh.

19 Mr. Walker. I remember Hunter telling me that he needed it. And I believe Jim
20 confirmed that, that he needed it at a certain -- I don't know whether he was having
21 financial difficulties. But that's where Hunter wanted it sent.

22 I remember Jim calling me to ask me if I could send him more, and I would clear it
23 with Hunter first. And then Hunter would say yes, and then I would send it to Jim -- or
24 to JBBSR.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Do you specifically recall sending it to JBBSR? Or are you just

1 looking at the chart and assuming that's Jim's entity that you sent it to?

2 Mr. Walker. Assuming that's Jim's entity --

3 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Just --

4 Mr. Walker. -- is what I'm assuming.

5 Mr. McAndrew. That's fine.

6 Mr. Jordan. How was it supposed to be split up? You get \$3 million; there's
7 three of you in the business. Was it supposed to be a million each?

8 Mr. Walker. Yes, but there were -- I think James wanted -- James had some
9 expenses and wanted to -- there was a gentleman named Sanan that worked for James
10 Gilliar that was kind of his right-hand guy at EEIG, and he wanted him to have some of it
11 for a bonus, I guess.

12 Mr. Jordan. What was that bonus amount?

13 Mr. Walker. I'm -- he was really instrumental in putting together a lot of the
14 documents, and --

15 Mr. Jordan. No, no. What was the amount?

16 Mr. McAndrew. What was the amount? Not what was it about.

17 Mr. Jordan. I mean, you get 3 million, and there's you, Gilliar, and Hunter Biden,
18 right?

19 Mr. Walker. Right.

20 Mr. Jordan. It's pretty simple -- a million, million, million. But that's not how it
21 shakes out. 1,065,000 goes to Gilliar. It looks like, based on the total, \$1,065,692 goes
22 to Bidens. And you get the short end of the deal. Why is that?

23 Mr. Walker. I incurred some of the expenses, I believe is how it shook out.

24 And --

25 Mr. ██████. No, but you get the smallest amount.

1 Mr. Walker. Right.

2 Mr. McAndrew. When you say you incurred the expenses, you paid for things
3 and didn't get reimbursed for them. Is that right?

4 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. So why are you getting the smallest amount?

6 Mr. Walker. You know, I'm not positive, but somehow it all -- besides James --

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. Biden or Gilliar?

8 Mr. Walker. Gilliar.

9 Mr. Jordan. Was the money that James Biden got in addition to the one- -- or is
10 that included in the third split for Hunter Biden?

11 Mr. McAndrew. Do you understand --

12 Mr. Walker. I don't understand the question.

13 Mr. McAndrew. Did you understand that -- yeah. You were looking at the
14 document. Just go ahead and listen to the question.

15 Mr. Jordan. Okay. I assume it's part of the \$1,065,692 that went to
16 Biden-related entities; that includes James Biden in that amount. So James and
17 Hunter Biden are getting the \$1,065,692. Is that accurate?

18 Mr. Walker. Yes. I don't know if all this was from CEFC money or if this was
19 other money also from your chart. I'm not sure if --

20 Mr. Jordan. Well, did you have additional money come in to Robinson Walker
21 between --

22 Mr. Walker. From Gabriel --

23 Mr. Jordan. -- March 1st, when the 3 million was wired, and May 18th?

24 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. If you know.

1 Mr. Jordan. You don't know?

2 Mr. Walker. It's quite possible.

3 Mr. Jordan. Okay. From CEFC, or from someone else?

4 Mr. Walker. From someone else.

5 Mr. Jordan. So, then, the 3 million was split up a million, million, million, back to
6 that sort of fundamental question we had?

7 Mr. Walker. That was the fundamental idea, that it was split up three ways.
8 But I think I -- James wanted a little bit more for Sanan, and so I took that out. And
9 Hunter and I basically took less than a million, both.

10 I just think that some of this is -- it's possible that it is from -- some of the money
11 that -- one of these transactions might've been from --

12 Mr. McAndrew. I don't want you to --

13 Mr. Walker. -- Bladon, but I don't know. I'm speculating.

14 Mr. McAndrew. I don't want you to speculate about that, Rob, if you're not sure.

15 Mr. Walker. Okay.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Just look at the chart and answer the best you can.

17 Mr. Walker. Yeah.

18 Mr. Jordan. Well, how did the conversation go when Hunter Biden said, "Hey,
19 Rob, don't just send me the 1 million. I want you to do it in multiple payments to all
20 different kinds of entities"? Is that -- how did that go?

21 Mr. Walker. I didn't really question. At one point, I did get frustrated, and I
22 went to Eric and I was like, "We just need to figure this out. I'm not keeping a bank
23 record for Hunter anymore." And that's how it happened.

24 Mr. Jordan. But did he give you a reason? Did he say, "Hey" --

25 Mr. Walker. He did not.

1 Mr. Jordan. -- "Hey, Rob, I know it'd be simpler for you to write one check like
2 you did with James Gilliar, but I'd rather you write 16 to the following folks over the next
3 2 months, and here's why I want you to do that"?

4 Mr. Walker. I think you would have to ask him. I just -- it's his money. That's
5 where he wanted it sent.

6 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q Did you ever have a discussion with Schwerin? I mean, the Owasco, P.C.,
9 was a professional corporation set up to manage Hunter Biden's money, as we
10 understand it, and Schwerin was managing that. I mean, you could've just given the 1
11 million to Schwerin and let him deal with all this stuff. How come you didn't?

12 A That's not how Hunter wanted it done.

13 Q Did -- you said you talked with Schwerin at any point about that?

14 A Yeah. I think towards the end I was -- I was like, "Hey, this is -- I -- let's all
15 figure this out to where I'm not making payments here and there."

16 Q Because this type of thing, that's not your job; that's Schwerin's job, isn't it?
17 You know, wasn't he running Owasco? Wasn't he in control of it?

18 A He was the head of operations, I would say, for Owasco --

19 Q Right.

20 A -- or whatever entity that was.

21 Q So what did Schwerin tell you when you had that conversation with him?

22 A I think he and I --

23 Mr. McAndrew. If you can remember. Don't --

24 Mr. Walker. I don't remember what he told me, but I remember that we spent a
25 couple of days trying to figure out how to even up everything between the three of us.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q Do you think Hunter Biden was trying to hide the money?

3 A I can't speculate. You'd have to ask him.

4 Q Was that at a time when he was going through the divorce?

5 A Yeah, but I don't know for a fact, but a lot of these would probably include
6 Kathleen, so I don't know.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q When you received the other money you're talking about, the Gabriel
9 Popoviciu money, based upon -- and you can go to page 16 of our memo. When you
10 received that money, it came from a company called Bladon Enterprises, Limited, correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Mr. McAndrew. Take your time.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q And when that money would come through from Bladon Enterprises,
15 Limited, it would be in increments of approximately \$180,000 per month?

16 A Roughly, yes.

17 Q And then you each would individually get your one-third-share cut, it looks
18 like. That's how I -- when I review the bank records, that's what I see. Do I have that
19 right?

20 A Usually, yes.

21 Q So I guess the question becomes: If that's how the money was structured
22 during the Gabriel Popoviciu payments, do you have any understanding as to why it was
23 disbursed differently with the State Energy HK payment?

24 A No. I don't think it made sense to me, but I -- I don't know. That's how he
25 wanted it.

1 Q Did you have any conversation with Hunter Biden or James Gilliar where you
2 just raised some concerns with getting a \$3 million wire from Hong Kong from this
3 company, State Energy HK, which -- correct me if I'm wrong -- it doesn't sound like you're
4 that familiar with? You may be familiar with CEFC, but not really with State Energy HK.
5 Like, did you have any concerns with that?

6 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. Just restate that. Was it --

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. Sure.

8 Mr. McAndrew. -- did he have any conversations or did he have any concerns?

9 I don't --

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

11 Q Let's start with: Did you have any concerns?

12 A I didn't have any concerns. It was well-founded, legitimate business
13 activities that we were flying and traveling and scouring the Earth for to find deals.

14 Q And now I want to go back just to right before this payment went through.

15 Did you have a meeting in Miami with --

16 Mr. McAndrew. Sorry, James. Which payment, just to be clear?

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. Oh, before the --

18 Mr. McAndrew. Sorry.

19 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Before the \$3 million March 1, 2017, payment from State Energy HK --

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q -- did you have a meeting in mid-February of 2017 in Miami with Chairman
23 Ye, Hunter Biden, and James Gilliar?

24 A I was in Miami with Hunter and James and members of CEFC. Yes.

25 Q Can you tell us about why you were there to meet them?

1 A We had met them on a number of occasions. We had introduced them to
2 interesting deals, and I think we were trying to expand our relationship with them.

3 Q Who was present for these meetings? And the way I understand it, it
4 wasn't just one meeting; it was kind of a longer -- you met with them several times.

5 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. We may need to break that down, because it may vary.

6 Mr. ██████████. Yeah.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah.

8 BY MR. ██████████:

9 Q When did you -- when did you -- do you recall your first meeting during the
10 Miami trip with Ye Jianming or Zang or any of the other CEFC officials?

11 A I remember meeting up in -- Ye had a suite, and we met up there for a
12 couple of hours, taking breaks, socializing. And then we went downstairs and had a
13 dinner with him at the hotel.

14 Q Who else was there other than -- what hotel was it at, first? Do you
15 remember?

16 A It was at -- yes. I believe it was at the St. Regis Hotel in Bal Harbour.

17 Mr. McAndrew. All right. You said you believe. Do you remember that, or is
18 that your best guess?

19 Mr. Walker. I'm pretty sure.

20 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

21 BY MR. ██████████:

22 Q And you were there with James Gilliar and Hunter Biden, correct?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q Can you tell us about your first meeting with people that day at CEFC?

25 A I think it was all in one day. If it was more than one day, I'm forgetting.

1 But it was, you know: I want to be -- we want to be future partners with you.
2 We think we've shown you some interesting deals. We would want to be a larger piece
3 of the deals on some of the deals that we introduce to you.

4 And we were talking about a hypothetical structure on how that would work.

5 Q What was the hypothetical structure?

6 A That we wanted to be a larger part and do more work and qualify deals for
7 us as partners instead of just for CEFC.

8 Q During this meeting, did there come a time when you learned that Ye
9 Jianming, Chairman Ye, had given Hunter Biden a diamond?

10 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. I missed that. Can you say it again? I was --

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q During this meeting in Miami, at some point did there come a time when you
13 learned that Chairman Ye had given Hunter Biden a diamond?

14 A I have never seen a diamond, but of course in a lot of reports, I have read, or
15 through Twitter, that -- that he may have received one, but I don't know.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Wait. But I don't want you to base this on what you read on
17 Twitter, please.

18 Mr. Walker. Yes. I don't --

19 Mr. McAndrew. Okay?

20 Mr. Walker. I never saw a diamond.

21 Mr. McAndrew. All right.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q Have you ever talked with Hunter Biden about the diamond?

24 A I -- I believe he told me that there -- there was a diamond. I don't
25 remember where or what or if even if it was Miami.

1 Q You said "there was a diamond." There was a diamond that was given to
2 him by Ye?

3 A That was my understanding.

4 Mr. McAndrew. No. Did he tell you that, is the question.

5 Mr. Walker. I don't know for sure, but I --

6 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

7 Mr. Walker. I know that -- and I'm -- I don't know whether -- I don't know
8 whether it came from Hunter or not.

9 Mr. McAndrew. You don't know if what came from Hunter? I'm sorry.

10 Mr. Walker. Of him telling me that there was a diamond. I don't know if that
11 came from Hunter or not.

12 Mr. McAndrew. You don't know if he told you that. Okay.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q So, by the end of the Miami meetings, had a general framework been
15 established that there would be a joint venture with the three of you on one side and
16 CEFC on the other side?

17 A I don't know if there was an actual agreement in place, but that was
18 discussed, yes. And I don't know if we talked about -- I don't remember the exact
19 specifics of how we had it structured in our heads, but I don't believe anything was on
20 paper.

21 Q But, at that point, it would be yourself, Hunter Biden, and James
22 Gilliar -- that was the totality of people on one side?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay.

25 Mr. McAndrew. As of that time, is --

1 Mr. [REDACTED]. At that time.

2 Mr. McAndrew. -- what you're saying, yeah.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q After the Miami meeting, James Gilliar went to Romania. Are you familiar
5 with that?

6 A I don't recall specifically where he went after that.

7 Q Well, I think --

8 A I know that -- I think he flew with -- I think he left with CEFC, but I don't
9 know for sure.

10 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q He left with CEFC, you said?

13 A I believe so.

14 Mr. McAndrew. But you don't know --

15 Mr. Walker. I don't know for sure.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Let's --

17 Mr. Walker. I know at one point -- I don't know for sure. I know at one point
18 he had flown with them somewhere out of the United States to somewhere else, but I
19 don't know where.

20 Mr. McAndrew. Well, let's just --

21 Mr. Walker. I don't really know.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. So let's just stick to his question. And, you know, he's
23 talking specifically about after the Miami meeting and what you recall.

24 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q But your understanding is that James Gilliar occasionally would fly with
3 CEFC --

4 A I think he did once.

5 Q Okay.

6 Did you go to -- did you, James Gilliar, and Hunter Biden then go to New York?

7 Mr. McAndrew. When? I'm sorry.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q In March of 2017?

10 A I don't know if it was March, but I had certainly been to New York with
11 Hunter and James.

12 Q And, at that point, around March of 2017, an additional person was brought
13 into the deal, Tony Bobulinski. Is that correct?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q And Tony Bobulinski was introduced to Hunter Biden --

16 A There was two New York meetings, but -- on --

17 Mr. McAndrew. Let --

18 Mr. Walker. I don't know which one.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Let him finish his question.

20 Mr. Walker. Yeah. Sorry.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q But Tony Bobulinski and Hunter Biden met face-to-face for the first time in
23 New York City. Is that correct?

24 A I don't know.

25 Q Okay.

1 Who suggested to you that Tony Bobulinski should be brought into this deal?

2 A The original idea was James Gilliar's.

3 Q And you had known Tony Bobulinski prior to then; isn't that correct?

4 A Not really.

5 Mr. McAndrew. Well, prior to when?

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. Prior to James Gilliar suggesting that Tony Bobulinski could be
7 brought into this deal.

8 Mr. Walker. I believe I had casually met him once, maybe twice.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

10 Q Had you met him in Las Vegas at any point?

11 A Yes.

12 Q When was that meeting? Do you remember?

13 A I don't remember specifically.

14 Q Do you remember --

15 A It would've been before that.

16 Q In 2016 probably?

17 A I don't know for sure, but that sounds about right.

18 Q Okay. Do you remember who else was at that meeting in Las Vegas?

19 A It was not a meeting. I know that Gabriel Popoviciu was there with a
20 gentleman named Demetrios, who was -- it was his 50th birthday, and that's what they
21 were celebrating. I believe James had invited or told Tony that we were going to be in
22 Las Vegas, and Tony showed up with some other people.

23 Q Was John Sandweg at that Vegas get-together?

24 A I don't believe so.

25 Q Okay.

1 Mr. Jordan. Can I go back just a second?

2 When was the Miami meeting with -- was it in February 2017?

3 Mr. Walker. I don't know. If somebody can help me out. I don't remember.

4 Mr. Jordan. Who was at the Miami meeting again?

5 Mr. Walker. Hunter, James Gilliar, and members of CEFC.

6 Mr. Jordan. The same people who were at the luncheon at the Four Seasons --

7 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

8 Mr. Jordan. -- roughly? Okay.

9 Did you sign the contract in Miami? Was that done in person?

10 Mr. Walker. I don't believe so, but I don't recall.

11 Mr. Jordan. So you think it was done via some kind of electronic -- email? Like,
12 how was the contract --

13 Mr. Walker. I really don't know.

14 Mr. Jordan. Was the meeting -- the meeting in Miami, that was before the lunch
15 at Four Seasons?

16 Mr. Walker. Yes.

17 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q I want to go to the New York meeting where Tony Bobulinski met
20 Hunter Biden.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Were you at any of the meetings --

23 A I don't know if that's when they initially met, but I remember Tony being in
24 New York and Hunter being there also.

25 Q Was James Gilliar also there?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. Do you remember having any meetings or any kind of dinners or
3 drinks in New York?

4 A We had met, I believe, in the lobby of the Refinery Hotel first, in New York,
5 which is a Midtown hotel. And we knew the Chinese were in town and that we were
6 going to meet with them, but we really didn't have confirmed plans, and I think it was a
7 lot of waiting.

8 Q Did James Gilliar ever explain to you why he was bringing Tony Bobulinski
9 onto this deal?

10 A He did. I don't know whether it was then or before or after. But he
11 thought Tony was a good operations manager of sorts and that would -- and a little bit of
12 a bully in a, you know, I guess in James's mind, a good way, to keep everybody moving.

13 Q Why was that necessary?

14 A Because -- I don't know. Tony had a little bit of a Navy background, and I
15 don't think it ever left him.

16 Q I want to go to the -- in late April, early May of 2017, you and -- or
17 Hunter Biden went to Los Angeles to attend the Milken Conference. Is that correct?
18 Are you aware of that?

19 A I did not attend the Milken Conference. I think I went with Hunter maybe a
20 little bit before that. For some reason -- I don't remember why, but I did not attend the
21 Milken Conference.

22 Q But you were in -- were you in Los Angeles when Hunter Biden was in Los
23 Angeles at that time?

24 A I was not in Los Angeles when he was there for the Milken Conference.

25 Q Okay. Are you aware that Hunter Biden met Tony Bobulinski during that

1 time?

2 A I did not --

3 Mr. McAndrew. At that conference, or around that time.

4 Mr. Walker. I did not know that was happening at that time, but I found out
5 later from a TV show.

6 Mr. McAndrew. Okay. Again --

7 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

8 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Personal knowledge is not stuff you found out from a
9 TV show or on Twitter.

10 Mr. Walker. Okay.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q And Tony Bobulinski never mentioned to you that, you know, he had
13 attended the Milken Conference?

14 A He did not that I recall.

15 Q Were you aware that Joe Biden spoke at the Milken Conference?

16 A Not at the time.

17 Q But you're aware now?

18 A Through a TV show.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Thank you.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q It's my understanding that, after that, the group -- Tony Bobulinski, yourself,
22 Hunter Biden, and James Gilliar -- traveled to New York again. Is that correct?

23 A It's -- I remember being in New York with them. I don't know if -- I think we
24 may be talking about two different New York times, because I only remember being in
25 New York with Tony once.

1 Q Okay. And this would've been early May of 2017.

2 A Okay.

3 Q And I believe you made reference to, you were anticipating meeting the
4 Chinese, or the CEFC, individuals. I believe at this point there was a plan to meet
5 Chairman Ye in New York. Does that sound right to you?

6 A I don't recall that. Now, the documents that I reviewed that you sent over,
7 I don't dispute that --

8 Mr. McAndrew. Well --

9 Mr. Walker. I don't know. But I believe there was a claim that Ye was not
10 there --

11 Mr. McAndrew. You don't need to go into the documents.

12 Mr. Walker. I don't remember.

13 Mr. McAndrew. Just, if he wants to show you the documents --

14 Mr. Walker. I remember we met with --

15 Mr. McAndrew. Rob --

16 Mr. Walker. -- we met with CEFC.

17 Mr. McAndrew. Rob, hold on. If he wants to show you the documents, he'll
18 show you the documents. Just go off of what you know.

19 Mr. Walker. Okay.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q And I know this was a while ago, so --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q I believe you flew in on a Friday, and the plan was to meet with CEFC on a
24 Sunday. Does that sound right to you?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Did you meet with Director Zang on Saturday as well?

2 A I don't recall.

3 Q Okay. Did you meet with CEFC officials multiple times during that meeting?

4 A I remember one specific time when we met with CEFC and officials.

5 Q And that was at a dinner, correct?

6 A It was at a lunch of some sort, but there weren't -- it wasn't a private room,
7 but it was -- it was after lunch. I can't remember whether we ate lunch or not, but there
8 were plenty CEFC people there. And it was me, Tony, James, and Jim Biden from our
9 side.

10 Q Was Hunter Biden at that meeting?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And do you remember what CEFC officials were at the meeting?

13 A I only knew Zang and his interpreter.

14 Q Zhao?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you remember what was discussed during that meeting?

17 A Not exactly. I think Hunter was a little upset, and it may have been that we
18 hadn't solidified another -- another deal that we had discussed in Miami.

19 Q Did Hunter make reference to money that was owed to him?

20 A I don't recall.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. What do you recall Hunter saying? Hunter Biden. Excuse me.

22 Mr. McAndrew. If you --

23 Mr. Walker. I don't recall specifically. I remember that he was a little hot
24 about something, but I don't remember what.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q Why do you remember that he was hot about something?

2 A Because it was something that I would remember him being. He was -- he
3 was pissed. But no real particular reason. He was -- I don't know.

4 Q Was he -- was he, like --

5 A He was raising his voice to the --

6 Q Was he shouting?

7 A -- to Zang.

8 Q How was Zang responding to that?

9 A I don't recall. I -- I was a little surprised.

10 Mr. ██████. Was he mad that he hadn't been paid?

11 Mr. Walker. I don't know. And I think --

12 Mr. McAndrew. It -- yeah.

13 Mr. Walker. I think that -- well, I don't know.

14 Mr. McAndrew. Well, let's not speculate, okay?

15 Mr. Walker. Okay.

16 Mr. McAndrew. So, if you don't know, you don't know.

17 Mr. ██████. Did anybody else in your group say anything to him when he
18 was -- when he was -- I think you said he was upset with Zang. Did anybody else say
19 anything to him, that you can recall, on your side?

20 Mr. Walker. To Hunter or --

21 Mr. ██████. Yeah.

22 Mr. Walker. -- Zang?

23 Mr. ██████. "Calm down," like, "knock it off," or anything like that?

24 Mr. Walker. I don't recall.

25 Mr. ██████. Did James Gilliar and you ever discuss Hunter Biden's actions or

1 words during that meeting?

2 Mr. Walker. Not that I recall.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. This is probably a good time to break.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can break right here.

6 [Recess.]

1 [2:04 p.m.]

2 Ms. [REDACTED]: We are back on the record.

3 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Mr. Walker, I'd like to direct your attention back to exhibit 7. That is the
5 draft letter from Hunter Biden to Director Zang.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Or, that's the attachment.

8 A Okay.

9 Mr. McAndrew. You can look off of that one.

10 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

11 Q You explained earlier that you put that letter on Hunter Biden's letterhead
12 and prepared it for his signature because he was seen as the principal of your group,
13 correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Did you put it on Hunter's letterhead and prepare it for his signature
16 because your intent was to convey to Director Zang that Joe Biden was involved in this
17 deal --

18 A Of --

19 Q -- somehow?

20 A -- course not.

21 Mr. McAndrew. Just let her finish the question.

22 Mr. Walker. I'm sorry.

23 Mr. McAndrew. Yep.

24 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

25 Q Your reason for choosing it was because of the role that Hunter played in

1 your group?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And the way he was seen, or at least the way you imagined he was seen, by
4 Director Zang?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Not because his last name was "Biden"?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Thank you.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

10 Q Mr. Walker, again, I'm [REDACTED] with the Democratic staff.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Just a few questions for you relating to the \$3 million payment from State
13 Energy HK that we discussed earlier.

14 A Yes.

15 Q You mentioned, if I understood you correctly, that that payment was
16 associated in part with work that the venture had done previously in sourcing deals for
17 CEFC.

18 A Yes.

19 Q It's my understanding -- I'll refer you back to exhibit 8, if I could.

20 A Okay.

21 Q And that's the service agreement that my Republican colleagues showed
22 you.

23 A Yes.

24 Mr. McAndrew. Do you need that one?

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q It's my understanding that the 3 million set forth in this agreement -- and
2 that was at page 2 -- was also attributable to the fact that CEFC was happy with the
3 deal-sourcing work you had done for them and wanted to continue the relationship and
4 that the 3 million was intended in part to support that continuing relationship.

5 Am I right about that?

6 A That is correct.

7 Q Yeah.

8 You were also asked earlier about the use of Robinson Walker, LLC, to make
9 payments to Mr. Gilliar's entity and to Hunter Biden's entity. Do you recall that?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. To your understanding, was the purpose of structuring the
12 payments that way ever to obscure the identity of CEFC as the source of the funds?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. Did President Biden have any involvement in setting up that
15 payment structure?

16 A Absolutely not.

17 Q Was he aware of it, to your knowledge?

18 A Not to my knowledge.

19 Q You were also asked earlier about payments to various Biden family
20 members. You mentioned in response that you were frustrated, if I recall correctly, with
21 Hunter Biden's requests that you route payments to various of his family members.

22 Am I correct in understanding that you were frustrated because of the
23 administrative inconvenience to you in having to make those various payments?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q Okay. It's not because you were concerned about any wrongdoing or

1 impropriety?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q Okay.

4 And the payments that were made to those Biden family members were taken out
5 of Hunter Biden's share of the proceeds, correct?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q Okay. They were not in addition to his agreed-upon share?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Okay.

10 Was it ever your understanding that the payments to Biden family members were
11 for the purpose of obtaining access to President Biden?

12 A That's -- they were not used to gain access to President Biden.

13 Q Or influencing Joe Biden in --

14 A Not --

15 Q -- any way?

16 A No, sir, not in any way.

17 Q Do you have any knowledge that Joe Biden provided any political favors or
18 took any official action as a result of the \$3 million payment?

19 A I have no knowledge of that.

20 Q And was President Biden, to your knowledge, even aware of the payments?

21 A I'm pretty certain he was not aware.

22 Q You have no knowledge that he was?

23 A I have no knowledge that he was aware.

24 Q Thank you.

25 A Thank you.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q Mr. Walker, I'd like to return to discussing this trip to Las Vegas in 2016 that
3 you discussed with my Republican colleagues in the last round.

4 A Yes.

5 Q Can you remind me who attended this trip?

6 A The trip was Gabriel Popoviciu, Demetrios that works for Gabriel. I was
7 there. James Gilliar was there, and James had invited Tony.

8 Q And was Tony accompanied by anybody?

9 A Tony was with some gentlemen that I understood were Russians.

10 Q Did you have a specific understanding as to that gentleman's identity?

11 A I don't know who the other gentlemen were, but one, I was told, was a
12 gentleman named Alex Vekselberg.

13 Q And how did you learn that that was Alex Vekselberg?

14 A Either from Tony or from James, but I don't recall.

15 Q And what is your understanding as to who Alex Vekselberg is?

16 A It was my understanding that he was the son of a gentleman named Viktor
17 Vekselberg, who is a Russian businessman who at the time I don't believe was sanctioned
18 but I think he probably has been since.

19 Q What was your understanding as to why Mr. Bobulinski was in Las Vegas
20 with Alex Vekselberg?

21 A I believe he was entertaining them. And when James invited Tony to
22 Las Vegas, those guys were with him, and, as I understood it, he was just entertaining
23 them.

24 Q Did you have any understanding as to whether Mr. Bobulinski had a prior
25 existing relationship with Alex Vekselberg?

1 A I was under the assumption that they had a prior relationship, but I don't
2 know.

3 Q Now, I'd also like to turn back to the meeting that you discussed with my
4 Republican colleagues in Miami.

5 A Okay.

6 Q Is your recollection that that happened in February of 2017? Does that
7 sound right?

8 A That sounds right.

9 Q Okay. Now, I think you explained that there was more than one meeting
10 while you were in Miami. Is that right?

11 A I think -- I don't recall.

12 Q Okay. Who -- strike that.

13 A I'd been to Miami before.

14 Q Okay. But as it relates to the meeting in Miami in February of 2017, who
15 did you go to Miami with?

16 A I know who was in Miami; I can't remember who I traveled with.

17 Q Okay. Who was in Miami?

18 A From our side, it was Hunter, James, and myself. James Gilliar.

19 Q And when you say "our side," are you talking about the working group that
20 you had formed to --

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Okay. Was Tony Bobulinski present for that meeting?

23 A No.

24 Q And just for clarity on the record, you did not see a diamond exchanged to
25 Hunter Biden in Miami. Is that correct?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Okay.

3 You also described in the previous hour that Mr. Gilliar introduced Mr. Bobulinski
4 into the group that you had formed to work with CEFC. Is that accurate?

5 A That's accurate.

6 Q How would you describe the relationship between Hunter Biden and Tony
7 Bobulinski in 2017?

8 A Cordial at first. Tony wanted -- seemed to want to run everything, and
9 Hunter wasn't -- didn't think Tony should be doing that, for one reason or another. They
10 didn't like each other.

11 Q So it's fair to say they did not get along?

12 A Initially, maybe first couple of encounters. But, no, they did not get along
13 at all.

14 Q Okay. Did you have any concerns about bringing Mr. Bobulinski into this
15 working group?

16 A I did, yes.

17 Q What were those concerns?

18 A I didn't understand why. But James thought he would be a good middle
19 linebacker for the group. And he is a -- I was under -- I understood that he was a good
20 operations person --

21 Q And when you say --

22 A -- managing -- managing a big infrastructure deal, is what I was told.

23 Q And when you say "middle linebacker for the group," what do you mean by
24 that?

25 A Somebody that could be more like a chief operating officer.

1 Q Did you have an understanding as to Tony Bobulinski's business activities
2 before joining the group?

3 A No.

4 Q Are you aware of how other members of the working group came to view
5 Mr. Bobulinski?

6 A Everybody, I believe, in the group came to view him as a hothead, but I'm
7 speaking for others, so I don't know.

8 Q How did you view Mr. Bobulinski, please?

9 A Tolerable for a while. Intolerable and aggressive towards the end of our
10 relationship.

11 Q Okay.

12 When did the group you formed with Hunter Biden, eventually Jim Biden, James
13 Gilliar, and Tony Bobulinski disband?

14 A I believe it was maybe early summer of 2017. I don't have the exact date.

15 Q Okay. Is it fair to say you were not working with this group after 2017?

16 A I was not working with this group after 2017.

17 Q So, after 2017, this group disbands. Did you have any contact with Tony
18 Bobulinski after the fact?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And what were those contacts?

21 A The one I recall in particular is, he called to tell me in the fall of -- it would've
22 been right before the election, so the election -- the --

23 Mr. McAndrew. The 2020 election?

24 Mr. Walker. The 2020 election.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

1 Mr. Walker. So he called -- the specific meeting I recall -- or, call that I had from
2 him was in October of 2019 --

3 Mr. [REDACTED]. 2019.

4 Mr. Walker. -- before the election.

5 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

6 Mr. McAndrew. Wait. I'm sorry.

7 Mr. Walker. I'm sorry.

8 Mr. McAndrew. 2019? Say that again. The year before the election?

9 Mr. Walker. Election -- October before the Presidential election --

10 Mr. [REDACTED]. Right.

11 Mr. Walker. -- which would be 20- --

12 Mr. McAndrew. You mean 2020.

13 Mr. Walker. Yes. I'm sorry. 2020.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q To be clear --

16 A Yes.

17 Q -- you had a phone call with Tony Bobulinski in October of 2020?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Did he call you, or did you call him?

20 A He called me.

21 Q Why was he calling you?

22 A He notified me -- or, he wanted to let me know that there was a laptop that
23 they -- I don't know who "they" is -- had found, and he said it was Hunter's, and he told
24 me he was really anxious about what was on the laptop.

25 Q Had you heard about the events surrounding Hunter Biden's laptop before

1 this call with Tony Bobulinski?

2 A No.

3 Q What is your understanding as to how he had that knowledge?

4 A I don't know. He just said his friends are telling him that there is a laptop of
5 Hunter's.

6 Q And, as you just mentioned, he did not elaborate on who his friends were?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you ask him who his friends were?

9 A I don't recall.

10 Q Okay. How was Tony's demeanor during this call, if you recall?

11 A Panicked.

12 I then got on a plane with my family. We were on a fall-break vacation, and he
13 was constantly calling me. I told him I would check with Eric Schwerin to find out if he
14 had heard anything about this. Eric thought I was crazy.

15 Then I called George Mesires, who was acting as Hunter's attorney at the time,
16 and he said, that's -- he hadn't heard anything and that was ludicrous.

1 [2:19 p.m.]

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

3 Q Did you speak to Tony again after this call regarding Hunter Biden's laptop?

4 A He called probably five or six times a day for three or four days in a row.

5 Q And did you speak to him on each occasion?

6 A Probably not every occasion but probably half.

7 Q Do you recall the release of a report by the Senate Committee on Finance
8 regarding Hunter Biden's business dealings in the past?

9 A No.

10 Q So returning to this October 2020 call with Mr. Bobulinski, is it your
11 knowledge that he recorded that call?

12 A It is now.

13 Q Can you elaborate?

14 A At the time I had no clue that he was recording me.

15 Q And how did you learn that he had recorded this call?

16 A It was on a FOX entertainment television evening show, the Tucker Carlson
17 show. It was the lead-up, saying that they had recordings of me on tape.

18 Q So to be clear, you learned that your call with Tony Bobulinski was recorded
19 because the FOX News show had published that information?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q And that was the first time you had heard about that call being published?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q At the time of the call, to be clear, were you aware that Tony was recording
24 this call?

25 A No.

1 Q Did you give your consent to Mr. Bobulinski to record this call?

2 A No.

3 Q Did Mr. Bobulinski tell you that he was recording this call?

4 A No.

5 Q In your opinion, why do you believe Mr. Bobulinski recorded that call with
6 you?

7 A Because he wanted to play it on FOX News, I guess, and I really don't know
8 because it didn't make a lot of sense.

9 Q Do you have an opinion why he wanted to play it on FOX News?

10 A It would be an opinion, but I don't know.

11 Q What's your opinion?

12 A Well, to put the damn thing up before the election on FOX News and take
13 bits and pieces of recorded conversation, to take it out of context was to do something
14 about the election.

15 Q During the call and what has been published, allegedly you said, quote, "Ah,
16 Tony, you're just going to bury all of us, man."

17 Do you recall that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you recall making that statement on the call?

20 A No.

21 Q So you only recall that statement because you saw it on FOX News. Is that
22 fair to say?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Now, assuming that statement is true, do you have an understanding of why
25 you would say, Tony, you're going to bury us all?

1 A Yes. I thought he would -- he said that -- I do remember that he -- one of
2 the last calls we had, he gave me an ultimatum and said he was going to go public and tell
3 everybody that Hunter was working with the Chinese -- I can't remember exactly what he
4 said -- and I needed to call Adam Schiff's office and have them retract a statement that he
5 had just made on TV.

6 Q Were you concerned that Tony's actions would open you up to criminal
7 jeopardy?

8 A Do I think his actions --

9 Q Strike that.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q I can be more clear.

12 With the information that Tony Bobulinski was bringing forward to the FOX News
13 program --

14 A Yeah.

15 Q -- do you think that Tony Bob- -- do you think the information that Tony
16 Bobulinski was publishing would subject you --

17 A No.

18 Q -- to criminal liability?

19 A No.

20 Mr. McAndrew. So that's not what you meant by bury us all, that you were
21 going to be exposed to some liability?

22 Mr. Walker. No.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

24 Q What did you mean by that?

25 A I thought it was ridiculous that he was going to be -- he was going to say

1 something and that made no sense and was stupid and was just going to embarrass
2 everybody.

3 Q Is it fair to say you're concerned about scrutiny from the media and the
4 press?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Is it fair to say you were concerned about scrutiny from Congress?

7 A No.

8 Q That wasn't on your radar yet?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. Following this call you had with Tony Bobulinski in October of 2020,
11 do you recall Tony Bobulinski holding a press conference before the final Presidential
12 debate in 2020?

13 A Yes.

14 Q In your opinion, why did Tony host this press conference?

15 A Tony didn't voluntarily do this, in my opinion. I don't know the reasons
16 why. I was -- he had told me while we were talking, why he was calling me in Florida,
17 that he had friends or business partners that were getting very uneasy. I didn't dig. I
18 don't know what he was talking about. But I believe he was pressured to do this for
19 some reason.

20 Q Was it your understanding that Tony Bobulinski was working with the Trump
21 campaign to host this press conference?

22 A I don't think he put together the press conference by himself.

23 Q Did you have an understanding that he was working with the Trump
24 campaign at that point?

25 A I did not know.

1 Q But this conference -- strike that.

2 Are you aware that Tony Bobulinski was a guest of then-President Trump to the
3 final Presidential debate, following that press conference?

4 A I believe so. I think he might have mentioned it during the press
5 conference, but I'm not sure.

6 Q Do you have an understanding why he was President Trump's guest to the
7 Presidential debate?

8 A I think it was probably so the media would be able to ask him questions or
9 maybe would embarrass Joe Biden at the time.

10 Q Now, in your opinion and based on your experience as a business associate
11 of Tony Bobulinski, again, in your opinion, what do you believe Tony Bobulinski's
12 motivations were for coming forward?

13 A Political and maybe something else, maybe -- I don't know. I would
14 speculate that there was something else in it for Tony, but I don't know what.

15 Q Do you find Mr. Bobulinski to be a credible actor?

16 A No.

17 Q Would you ever consider working with Mr. Bobulinski again?

18 A No.

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Just a couple of follow-up questions on that.

21 The press conference that Mr. Bobulinski gave, that was immediately before the
22 second Presidential debate, correct?

23 A I recall. I don't know which one it was, but yes.

24 Q Okay. But it did -- it took place the same day as the debate, as one of the
25 debates.

1 A That's correct.

2 Q And if I represent to you that it was the second debate, you wouldn't have
3 any reason to disagree with that.

4 A That's correct.

5 Q I want to get back to a statement you made a couple of minutes ago. You
6 said that in one of the last calls that you received from Mr. Bobulinski, he asked you to
7 have Congressman Schiff retract a statement.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you recall the date of that call?

10 A Not specifically, but I'm sure it was October.

11 Q Okay. Do you recall what the statement was that he wanted to have
12 retracted?

13 A I don't recall.

14 Q And do you recall why he wanted that statement retracted?

15 A I don't. I don't recall.

16 Q Se he just called you and was, like, you need to call Mr. Schiff and have him
17 retract this statement.

18 A Yes.

19 Q And why do you think he did that?

20 A I think it was an ultimatum maybe so he could say you didn't do what I said,
21 so now I'm going to go forward and, you know, talk about our relationship with CEFC, I
22 guess.

23 Q Did you get the impression that somebody was pressuring Mr. Bobulinski to
24 ask -- to pressure you to contact Mr. Schiff?

25 A Yes. But in reality, what the hell am I going to do? That -- and why would

1 I do that? It made no sense to me.

2 Q Understood. But your impression was that somebody wanted
3 Mr. Bobulinski to contact you for this purpose. Is that fair to say?

4 A That's fair to say, yes.

5 Q And you don't know who that entity or person was.

6 A No. I know that during the same time these phone calls were happening that
7 there were other -- there's rumors or statements in the press and maybe even testimony
8 of other -- of people meeting -- associates of the White House that were meeting with
9 Tony Bobulinski in Virginia.

10 Ms. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q I just want to come back to the statement that you may or may not have
13 made: You're just going to bury us all.

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q Was your concern that Mr. Bobulinski was going to tell truths and that's
16 what was going to bury us all or was your concern that he was going to go out and tell lies
17 and misconceptions and half-truths and that's what was going to bury you all?

18 A It was -- I don't necessarily know whether it was either. I don't recall at the
19 time. But it just was nonsensical to me. What -- I didn't understand what he was
20 doing, or it didn't make sense to me.

21 Q And you've cooperated with Federal investigations. You've cooperated
22 with Congress. You've told the truth to everyone. Is that fair?

23 A That's fair.

24 Q And you have nothing to hide about the truth, right?

25 A That's right.

1 Q And there was no wrongdoing that you participated in or anything that you
2 did that you are concerned will bury you, right?

3 A I believe he was talking to James Gilliar at the time also, and we both were
4 kind of dumbfounded about what was happening. I did -- we didn't know.

5 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

6 Q If I can ask a couple of questions to orient --

7 A Sure.

8 Q -- as to time.

9 So these conversations with Tony that were later recorded, this was in October
10 2020, correct?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And that was 3 years after you ceased doing business with Hunter, Tony, and
13 James Gilliar, correct?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q And you were asked a lot of questions during the previous hour about the \$3
16 million payment from State Energy HK and all these financial transactions. Those
17 occurred during -- in 2017, correct?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q And just for the record, in 2017, the President of the United States was
20 Donald Trump, correct?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q And at the time, Joe Biden was a private citizen.

23 A That's correct.

24 Q So all those transactions and all of the things that Tony was discussing 3
25 years later in 2020, that happened years before Joe Biden became the President of the

1 United States.

2 A That's correct.

3 Q In fact, it happened 2 years before he even announced his candidacy to be
4 President of the United States.

5 A That's right.

6 Ms. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

7 Mr. [REDACTED]: Do you have any concern about the truth of your business
8 transactions -- business dealings with Hunter Biden and James Biden coming out?

9 Mr. Walker. No, I don't. I think that Tony was -- I will add a little bit to why
10 Tony was probably doing this. I think he had come to realize that Hunter had moved on
11 without him and he was probably a little pissed also. So that probably added a little fuel
12 to Tony's fire.

13 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

14 Q And I think this is our last set of questions for this round. And I apologize
15 because I think we've talked about this a number of times, but I just want to make this
16 abundantly clear for the record.

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q I want to return to the meeting that took place at the Four Seasons --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- in 2017. You said earlier in your testimony that Joe Biden did not give a
21 presentation during -- during his drop-by appearance, correct?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Okay. So if someone were to walk out of this room and say that Joe Biden
24 gave a 10-minute presentation to CEFC, that would be misrepresenting your testimony,
25 correct?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q And it was also your testimony that the \$3 million payment had no
3 connection -- it was not connected to Mr. -- I'm sorry -- to Joe Biden's appearance at that
4 lunch, correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q So if someone were to walk out of this room and say that you were paid \$3
7 million because Joe Biden made an appearance at that lunch, that would be
8 misrepresenting your testimony, correct?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q Okay. And putting this all together, if someone were to walk out of this
11 room, say that Joe Biden gave a 10-minute presentation at that lunch, and that as a result
12 of that presentation, you were paid \$3 million, that would be a misstatement of your
13 testimony, correct?

14 A That's correct.

15 Ms. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

16 Ms. [REDACTED]: We're good. We can go off the record.

17 [Recess.]

18 Mr. [REDACTED]: We're back on the record.

19 Chairman Jordan. Mr. Walker, I just want to make sure I have the sequence
20 right, and I apologize for coming back. Both sides have been back here a couple of
21 times.

22 But the contract between you and the CEFC entity is dated -- I think it was exhibit
23 6 or 7. I can't remember. But it's dated the 13th of February 2017. Is that right?

24 Mr. Walker. Okay. Let's see.

25 Chairman Jordan. Here in front of me. Yeah, it's -- excuse me, it's No. 8. It is

1 dated the 13th of February -- Monday, 13th February 2017.

2 Mr. Walker. Yes.

3 Chairman Jordan. Okay. And then you said, about the same time, you,
4 Mr. Gilliar, and Hunter Biden met with the folks from CEFC, the chairman, and several
5 others in Miami.

6 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

7 Chairman Jordan. And I just want to know if, do you remember, do you recall if
8 it was before the 13th, after the 13th, on the 13th? Did the contract all get done the
9 same time you were in Miami? Because --

10 Mr. Walker. I don't recall.

11 Chairman Jordan. Well, would you think? I mean, was it before or after? Or
12 didn't -- you don't know, you don't know, I guess.

13 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, if you don't know.

14 Mr. Walker. I really don't know.

15 Chairman Jordan. And then it was after that that you had the lunch at the Four
16 Seasons where Joe Biden showed up.

17 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

18 Chairman Jordan. And was it shortly after? Was it a couple of days later?
19 Was it a week later?

20 Mr. Walker. That what?

21 Chairman Jordan. That you had the luncheon at the Four Seasons.

22 Mr. Walker. I -- I don't recall. I think it was a couple of days.

23 Chairman Jordan. A couple of days?

24 Mr. Walker. Yes.

25 Chairman Jordan. So that would have meant for sure that the lunch at the Four

1 Seasons happened before the money was sent.

2 Mr. Walker. I'm not positive, but I'm sure there's records of it where we can
3 verify that.

4 Chairman Jordan. Well, if it's a couple of days, then the money gets sent on
5 March 1st.

6 Mr. Walker. Okay.

7 Chairman Jordan. So if it was a couple of days after the February meeting and
8 after -- have to be before the money was sent.

9 Mr. Walker. Okay.

10 Chairman Jordan. So is that likely the sequence was you draw up the contract,
11 you have the meeting in Miami, and then few days later you have the meeting -- the
12 luncheon at Four Seasons?

13 Mr. Walker. I don't know about where the contract was drawn up or when it
14 was signed. I know what the date says, but I think that would be fair.

15 Chairman Jordan. Yeah. And the meeting in Miami had all the same players
16 that the luncheon at the Four Seasons had --

17 Mr. Walker. Yes.

18 Chairman Jordan. -- with the addition of Joe Biden stopping by.

19 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

20 Chairman Jordan. And in that meeting, Mr. Biden spoke to -- I think we covered
21 this -- spoke to the entire group. Was he introduced by someone? Did Hunter Biden
22 say, Hey, I want -- you know, my dad, former Vice President, wanted to say a few words?
23 How did that go, do you remember?

24 Mr. Walker. I don't recall. I believe the chairman of CEFC said a few words, but
25 I don't -- I think it was just "nice to meet you" through a translator.

1 Chairman Jordan. Okay. Okay. Okay.

2 Mr. [REDACTED]: Your 302 form, which has been marked as exhibit 1. On page 8,
3 the bottom, the -- there's a discussion of a meeting in New York at the Refinery Hotel, the
4 last full paragraph, beginning on 5-8-2017.

5 Mr. Walker. Is this it? Exhibit 1?

6 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, that's it. Yeah, page 8. That's 7. Flip over. Down
7 toward the bottom.

8 Last paragraph, you said? Yeah.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

10 Q Yeah, beginning on 5-8-2017.

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q There was a charge for \$6,200 from the Refinery, a hotel in New York,
13 labeled as highway robbery --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- by Walker. What can you tell us about that?

16 A It was a charge, I believe, from the Refinery Hotel on my credit card, and
17 it -- I certainly wasn't the one to run up \$6,200.

18 Q Okay. How did somebody get your credit card, though?

19 A I don't know.

20 Q And who did get your credit card? Is that Hunter Biden?

21 A I may have put my credit card down on Hunter's room. I'm not sure, but I
22 don't know.

23 Q Okay. Did you ever ask Hunter what the \$6,200 was for?

24 A No.

25 Q What could it have possibly been for? I mean, what did the hotel invoice

1 say? Was it just room service?

2 A I don't recall.

3 Q During that May 2017 visit to New York, you had previously told us that
4 Hunter Biden was angry about something?

5 A Yes.

6 Q As I understand it, you told the FBI that later on that night you gave Hunter
7 Biden 9,000 in cash.

8 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry, [REDACTED]. Where are you? Just so we can follow
9 along.

10 Mr. [REDACTED]. Sure. It's the next page of the 302 on page 9.

11 Mr. McAndrew. Page 9. Okay. Let's see.

12 Mr. Walker. Yes.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q So the last paragraph, the second sentence begins, "Walker gave RHB 9,000
15 in cash when they were in New York staying together at the Refinery."

16 A Yes.

17 Q Was that the same trip, the highway robbery trip?

18 A I don't know, but I recall this taking place.

19 Q How many times did you stay with Hunter Biden at the Refinery in 2017?

20 A I don't recall.

21 Q More than once?

22 A Most likely, yes.

23 Q Okay. Why did -- like, why did you have to go to an ATM to withdraw
24 \$9,000 for Hunter Biden?

25 A I don't think I can withdraw 9,000 from an ATM, so I think I went to a bank,

1 frankly.

2 Q Okay.

3 A But I went to a Bank of America, and I don't think he had any money.

4 Q Okay. Why did he ask you to do that?

5 A Because I still probably owed him money.

6 Q Okay.

7 A Or I was giving him an advance. I don't recall.

8 Q Did you withdraw this money from the Robinson Walker LLC, account?

9 A I would imagine so, yes.

10 Mr. McAndrew. But do you know you did or --

11 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

12 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q Well, if it was from your personal bank account, that obviously would be a
15 little bit more complicated, wouldn't it, considering you have to tell your wife, like, \$9,000
16 was just withdrawn?

17 A I don't recall that conversation with my wife.

18 Q Okay. So likely it was the Robinson Walker LLC, account?

19 A I don't know. Likely.

20 Q Okay. So this \$9,000 that you withdrew in cash for Hunter Biden, was he
21 angry at you before you withdrew that money? It seems abrupt that you're in New York
22 and you just walk into a Bank of America to withdraw \$9,000 in cash.

23 Mr. McAndrew. And the question is, was he angry at Rob?

24 Mr. [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

1 Mr. [REDACTED]. Prior to that experience.

2 Mr. Walker. I don't believe he was angry at me. I'm not even sure if we're
3 talking about the same trip.

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay. There's a \$50,000 loan that you made to Hunter Biden.
5 Is that discussed in the 302? Is that correct?

6 Mr. McAndrew. Where are we? It's the same area, isn't it?

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. The loan's discussed on page 6 and I believe page 9.

8 Mr. Walker. Yes.

9 Mr. [REDACTED]. So on page 6, before the redacted portion, the last sentence says,
10 "Walker gave \$50,000 to RHB that was never paid back, but he does not recall if he
11 treated it as a loan for tax purposes."

12 Mr. McAndrew. You got that?

13 Mr. Walker. I see --

14 Mr. McAndrew. You're on page 9. You're not even --

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. Sorry, Steve, just for clarity, where are you reading from?

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. Page 6.

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay. We're on page 6.

18 Mr. McAndrew. Flip to page 6 you've got here. You have to go back a few
19 pages here.

20 Mr. Walker. Okay. Yes.

21 Mr. McAndrew. Go ahead and take a look at that sentence before you answer --

22 Mr. Walker. Okay.

23 Mr. McAndrew. -- just so you got the language clear in your head.

24 Mr. Walker. Okay.

25 Mr. [REDACTED]. Do you remember?

1 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, you might need to restate the question. I'm sorry. He
2 read it now. What was the question?

3 BY MR. ████████:

4 Q Okay. Do you recall a \$50,000 loan that you provided to Hunter Biden that
5 you told the FBI about?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. And what can you tell us about that?

8 A That he said he needed it to finalize his divorce, I believe.

9 Q Okay.

10 A And I don't recall anything else.

11 Q Like, why did you have to give it to him? Why couldn't he get it from
12 somewhere else?

13 A I don't think he had any money.

14 Q Okay. But, again, why did -- I mean, you're great friends with him, I
15 understand. Obviously, you're great friends if you give him a \$50,000 loan.

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q But, like, why you and not his Uncle Jim or somebody else?

18 A I don't know. I -- we had a lot of transactions together, as you saw.

19 Q Uh-huh.

20 A And I may have had the money, clearly. So I gave it to him.

21 Q Okay. Did you expect to get paid back for that \$50,000?

22 A I did.

23 Q Okay. And you haven't been paid back. Is that correct?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Have you had any discussions with Hunter Biden about paying you back on

1 the loan?

2 A I haven't talked to him in a long, long time.

3 Q Okay. On -- flipping over to page 9 of the 302 --

4 A Okay.

5 Q -- the second paragraph, beginning, "Walker had a conversation with RHB."

6 A Yes.

7 Q States, "Walker had a conversation with RHB about paying back the loan.

8 When Walker went back to Little Rock, RHB was very rude about it, as he was angry

9 Walker was asking about it, considering the problems he was going through."

10 So as I understand it, you asked Hunter Biden to repay the loan and he got mad at
11 you?

12 A That's correct.

13 Mr. McAndrew. Does this refresh your recollection at all, like, as you look at it?

14 Mr. Walker. This -- it wouldn't have been just about that. I think he realized
15 that we weren't going to be working together and I was walking away from the Sinohawk
16 deal.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

18 Q So was he mad about you walking away from the Sinohawk deal or was he
19 mad about you asking about the \$50,000 loan?

20 A He was really mad about me walking away from the Sinohawk deal.

21 Q Okay. And why was he mad at you?

22 A Because we were friends and he wanted me to be a part of it and thought
23 we were partners.

24 Q Okay.

25 A And that's when we quit being partners.

1 Q And why were you walking away from the Sinohawk deal?

2 A I didn't want Hunter to be the one running it by himself, and I didn't want -- I
3 thought that -- I think Tony was asking me at the same time what was going on. And it
4 didn't feel right to get into a relationship without a formal -- without dissolving the
5 relationship with Tony officially.

6 Q So you walked away from the Sinohawk deal?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And then you -- have you spoken with Hunter Biden since?

9 A I believe we might have spoken once. I don't know. But I think I stated
10 earlier that later that Christmas we sent a text, and that was the last communication we
11 have had.

12 Q Okay. In the same paragraph of the 302, the second to last sentence is,
13 "The last time Walker saw RHB."

14 Mr. McAndrew. You got that?

15 Mr. Walker. No.

16 Mr. McAndrew. Last one.

17 Mr. Walker. Yes.

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q Was in 2017 on 16th Street in Washington, D.C., at about 10 p.m.?

20 A Yes.

21 Q RHB was drunk or high and yelling at Walker.

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you remember when that was in 2017?

24 A It would have been, I believe, in the fall, but I don't know exactly when.

25 Q Okay. And is that, in fact, the last time you spoke with him in person? I

1 know you mentioned a text.

2 A It's the last time I saw him in person for sure.

3 Q Okay. So --

4 A I think.

5 Q -- is it fair to say you had a falling out and you're no longer in communication
6 with each other?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. And does it have anything to do with the \$50,000 loan, or is it just
9 the Sinohawk deal? Can you explain the falling out a little bit?

10 A I think it was he was extremely unhealthy at the point. And, yes, it was the
11 Sinohawk deal that I walked away from. And I was there to meet him to inform him that
12 we are done being partners.

13 Q Okay. Where was the meeting on 16th Street?

14 A It may have been 14th Street technically because it was in Logan Circle. I
15 don't remember the exact location.

16 Q Okay. Was it at a hotel or a restaurant or was it just on the street?

17 A It was a restaurant.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Restaurant/bar.

20 Q Now, this \$50,000 loan that he did not repay, is that the only loan that you
21 made Hunter Biden?

22 A I might have made him other loans that I was repaid back, or I may have paid
23 myself back from money that I owed him. So I would have taken it out of what I owed
24 him, but I don't know specifics about any other loans.

25 Q Okay. Do you know if Hunter Biden had a practice of taking loans that he

1 did not repay?

2 A I have no idea.

3 Q But, in fact, you made him a \$50,000 loan that he did not repay?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q And when you did ask him to repay, he got angry at you. Is that fair?

6 A That's fair.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

8 Q I want to turn to approximately May of 2017. I believe the Sinohawk deal is
9 starting to come together a little bit.

10 A Okay.

11 Q If we could just start with who were the persons and entities -- if you can
12 remember. If you can't remember, that's fine -- but the persons involved with Oneida
13 Holdings.

14 A I don't remember the entity names. But it was me, James Gilliar, Jim Biden,
15 Tony Bobulinski, and Hunter.

16 Q Those five individuals and their respective entities, that's what comprised
17 Oneida Holdings? Do I have that correct?

18 Mr. McAndrew. Without looking at the documents, I don't know if you're sure.
19 But go ahead and answer if you can.

20 Mr. Walker. I'm not sure, but that sounds right, yes.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q What was the percentage structure that each individual was supposed to
23 receive in Oneida Holdings based upon any of the deals that would be made with CEFC?

24 A It was all going to be even for everybody across the board. So it would
25 have been 20 percent for everyone.

1 Q And just explain the structure. There's the five individuals that make up
2 Oneida Holdings, and that's the, I'll call it, the American side. I know James Gilliar's U.K.,
3 but the American side.

4 A Right.

5 Q And then you have, on the other side, Hudson West for or CEFC entity, which
6 makes up the joint venture which is called Sinohawk. Do I have that right?

7 A That sounds right.

8 Q How is it that James Biden became involved with Sinohawk? Because as I
9 understand it, he wasn't involved originally, from your testimony, with State Energy HK or
10 all the work that you did prior to getting that payment from State Energy HK. So how is
11 it that James Biden came into the picture with Sinohawk?

12 A At Hunter's -- Hunter thought he would be a good addition.

13 Q What did you think of James Biden?

14 A May have been a little aggressive in some of my statements, but I didn't
15 think he needed to be a part of our group.

16 Q And in your statements, I think you referred to him as a snake. Do you
17 recall making that statement?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So why did you believe that James Biden was a snake?

20 A As I stated just a second ago, I probably was a little bit upset and said some
21 aggressive things. I don't know anything in particular with James and never worked with
22 him before and I've never worked with him since.

23 Q At what point, if you can recall -- or I should say, there came a point when I
24 think it was discussed in the prior hour where Tony Bobulinski and Hunter Biden start to
25 have a little bit of a fallout. Is that correct?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q And I guess their personalities were clashing and they couldn't come to
3 agreements on certain terms. Am I in kind of broad strokes describing that correctly?

4 A Yes.

5 Q But your team, your Oneida Holdings team, you guys had like a group chat,
6 right, that you were all using?

7 A I believe so.

8 Q Okay. Now I want to show you one of the chats from the Oneida Holdings
9 team, which will be exhibit 10.

10 [Walker Exhibit No. 10
11 was marked for identification.]

12 Mr. ██████. I'm just going to read it into the record.

13 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah, before you do, James, I'll note for the record it's a
14 screenshot of a Blackberry from the Oneida Holdings team. I know you're going to read
15 into it the record. We can't authenticate it, but go ahead.

16 Mr. ██████. Sure.

17 "Hey, Tony, I have an idea." And it says Hunter Biden at the top. "In light of the
18 fact we are at an impasse of sorts, and both James' lawyer and my chairman gave an
19 emphatic no, I think we should all meet in Romania on Tuesday next week. Zang will be
20 there and so will the completed agreement if they stick to schedule.

21 "We all want you to be part of this partnership and respect your position."

22 And then if you flip to the next page, it appears to be a chat between you and
23 Tony Bobulinski. And you say, "No. When he said his chairman, he was talking about
24 his dad, and I think your dismissal of it maybe offended him a bit, but you didn't know
25 what he was talking about. Let's let it go till morning, if we can."

1 Then Mr. Bobulinski responds, "Of course, but if his dad really read the
2 agreement, he would support it in a second.

3 "That's actually my point. Talk tomorrow."

4 So here it appears that Hunter Biden is involving his -- the chairman, which he
5 refers to in his discussions with the Oneida team. And then your discussions with Tony
6 Bobulinski can clarify for Mr. Bobulinski, Hey, Hunter's upset because when you were
7 dismissive of him and he referred to chairman, he was talking about his dad.

8 And so my question to you is: If Joe Biden had no involvement in the business
9 dealings, why would Hunter Biden refer to him as chairman, and why would you associate
10 the chairman to be Joe Biden?

11 A That is what I was thinking he was referring to. If I reread it, I'm not
12 positive. But it was, I believe, 1:00, 2:00 in the morning, and I'm just trying to stop the
13 traffic.

14 Do I really know he was talking about his father? No. At first glance, yes.

15 Q If one of my -- I'm just going -- if one of my friends or colleagues texted me
16 about a chairman, I would never go to the point where I thought it was they're talking
17 about their dad. And so it's odd to me that you thought that the chairman here was
18 Hunter Biden's dad.

19 A I understand that.

20 Q Especially based upon your prior testimony about Joe Biden not being
21 involved. But here we are right in the thick of the Oneida Holdings deal and you
22 associate Hunter Biden's chairman as his dad.

23 So can you explain that in a little bit more explanation to us as to how you came to
24 believe that, at that time at least, that Hunter Biden's reference to the chairman was Dad,
25 Joe Biden?

1 A He's not a drug addict.

2 Q And he's interpreting -- he's telling Tony Bobulinski that it's the family name,
3 in reality, that's the basis for the deal.

4 A I don't think he's saying it's the basis for the deal. I think what he's saying
5 is, and what it looks like to me, is Tony is asking for control.

6 Mr. McAndrew. Don't speculate here, Rob, if you're not clear on this. You're
7 not on the message. I don't -- they can ask the other guys these questions.

8 Mr. Walker. I think you could ask James these questions.

9 Mr. [REDACTED]. Well, if you could put us in touch with him, we'd appreciate that.

10 Mr. Walker. I can give you his number.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. Thank you. And his address.

12 The -- if we could now go to the next exhibit, 14.

13 [Walker Exhibit No. 14

14 was marked for identification.]

15 Mr. McAndrew. Same thing. Rob's not on it, but go ahead.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. This is James Gilliar and Mr. Bobulinski, May 18th. Not --

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. I'm sorry. Can we just hold on for one second?

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. Sure.

19 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Chat from James Gilliar. "Not strictly true, the family is the reason
21 Chairman Ye wants the relations. H could be unreliable, so I pushed another family
22 member."

23 And then Tony goes on to respond, "They could have split their equity which was
24 the discussion. And then Jim sat there and said he wouldn't take it from H, and all of a
25 sudden they each had equal parts. Come on, it happened right in front of you."

1 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah.

2 Mr. ██████. These are a production from Ways and Means Committee that
3 were obtained through sworn law enforcement officers. And I'm going to start in the
4 middle. And since it's difficult to read, I'll just read it aloud.

5 It says, "SM says," which is Hunter Biden.

6 Mr. Walker. It's a WhatsApp group message?

7 Mr. ██████. Correct.

8 Mr. Walker. Okay.

9 Mr. ██████. "SM says, 'Bullshit, James, all-around bullshit. Explain to me
10 one thing Tony brings to my table that I so desperately need that I'm willing to sign over
11 my family's brand and pretty much the rest of my business life. Read the effing
12 documents, people. It's plain effing English. Why in God's name would I give this
13 marginal bully the keys' -- he leaves out to -- 'my family's only asset? Why? Should I
14 cite 20 different clauses in five different documents that say Tony owns and controls and
15 manages and parcels out and lords over me everything from my right to work to my right
16 to an opinion?'"

17 And they continue on talking.

18 And then if you go to the bottom, Hunter Biden says, "And try one more time to
19 play" -- he writes Zlao, Z-l-a-o, but I think he means Zhao -- "off me James. Try one more
20 time to tell me this play is all" -- in caps -- "about the stock market. Amateur effing
21 hour. Oh, and if you want, we can all do a conference call with my guy and his intel.
22 Slightly better, I'd say, than yours, James."

23 So my question is: Hunter Biden is the one putting out there that his dad is
24 involved. Hunter Biden is --

25 Mr. Walker. Hmm --

1 Mr. McAndrew. Let him ask his question.

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

3 Q Well, his family's brand, correct?

4 A Meaning his last name.

5 Q Well, that's what this is all about. He uses his last name. He uses his
6 father. He uses his dad's position of power to try and get business deals with foreign
7 oligarchs, the family brand. And that's what Hunter Biden uses, correct, in this chat?

8 A Can I ask a question about this WhatsApp?

9 Q Sure.

10 A Was this the same WhatsApp that Tony gave a screenshot of but wasn't on
11 the WhatsApp?

12 Q This, according to the whistleblowers, it says WhatsApp group message with
13 SM, which is Hunter Biden; James B, James Biden; Walker, that's Rob Walker; and Gilliar,
14 James Gilliar.

15 A Okay. So it's a screenshot.

16 Q No, no. This is a IRS agent who compiled the chats that they have
17 obtained. And it says Apple iCloud backup is the source of the document, if you look to
18 the -- probably your left.

19 Mr. McAndrew. And I'll just say for the record, we can't talk to the authenticity
20 of something that an IRS agent put together. We don't know where this came from.
21 But go ahead. You can represent it and ask the questions.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q My question is: Here you have Hunter Biden talking about his family brand;
24 talking about chairman, his dad, being involved; Hunter Biden bringing his father to the
25 Four Seasons to meet with different CEFC business people. All indications are that Joe

1 Biden was involved with the deal, based upon Hunter Biden and James Biden's
2 interactions, and what James Gilliar was texting to different people.

3 So why is it that you are so emphatic that Joe Biden was not involved?

4 A Because he was not involved in anything we were doing, period. Ever. As
5 far as I know, he was not involved.

6 That is, looks like to me, somebody being aggressive, protecting their name, and
7 not happy about the deal. But, no, there was -- he was not involved in anything we
8 were doing.

9 Q So even though he's -- it's your testimony he's not involved in anything that
10 he's doing when --

11 A Anything that we're doing.

12 Q -- anything that you are doing. When Hunter Biden talks about the
13 chairman, you at the time thought he was talking about his father?

14 Mr. McAndrew. Well, that misstates his testimony.

15 But go ahead, you can answer. Go ahead.

16 Mr. Walker. The -- this long drawn-out message would be typical of Hunter
17 when he's not in a sober state.

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. Exhibit 16, which will be an email, "Expectations."

19 [Walker Exhibit No. 16

20 was marked for identification.]

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. Let me know when you're ready.

22 Mr. McAndrew. You want him to read through the whole thing?

23 Mr. [REDACTED]. No, I'm not going to read through the whole thing. I'll just start
24 with the top.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q This is an email from James Gilliar. Subject matter's "Expectations," to
3 Tony Bobulinski, copying you, Rob Walker, as well as Mr. Hunter Biden, dated May 13th
4 of 2017.

5 First off, give you an opportunity to read it.

6 A Okay.

7 Q So the way I understand this email is this an email from James Gilliar to Tony
8 Bobulinski, cc'ing the other -- you and Hunter Biden, basically laying out what the
9 payment agreements would be, how much people would get paid, and the provisions of
10 the percentages that the different partners would receive. Am I reading that correctly?

11 A This looks like it's not a contract. It's an email, but yes.

12 Q But it's what's being proposed as what the payments would be to the
13 different partners for their roles with Oneida Holdings.

14 A That's correct.

15 Q And 20 H, that stands for Hunter Biden?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And 20 RW, that would be you, Rob Walker?

18 A Yes.

19 Q 20 JG, James Gilliar?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And then 20 TB would be Tony Bobulinski?

22 A Yes.

23 Q The 10 Jim, that would be James Biden?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And then 10 held by H for the big guy, that would be Joe Biden?

1 Mr. McAndrew. Question mark.

2 Go ahead, yeah.

3 Mr. Walker. It has a question mark on the end, and this is an email, and this was
4 not -- this is hypothetical, and this was never followed through within any agreement.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

6 Q Well, the whole Sinohawk fell apart, correct?

7 A That's right.

8 Q So Sinohawk never got a dime.

9 A That's correct.

10 Q But leading up to the formation of Sinohawk, this is what the proposed
11 payment structure would be, correct?

12 A That was a question mark. I think he was tossing some things out there.

1 [3:22 p.m.]

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

3 Q Well, I said proposed. Proposed payment structure.

4 A This is what James is proposing?

5 Q James Gilliar --

6 A Right.

7 Q -- who is your business partner --

8 A That's correct.

9 Q -- who you trusted and worked with in the past, correct?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q And you worked with him on the State Energy HK deal?

12 A That's right.

13 Q And you worked with him on the Gabriel Popoviciu as well?

14 A That's right.

15 Q And in none of the emails that I reviewed and none of the context that I
16 reviewed does he joke around about giving proceeds of money to partners who are not
17 involved. I saw none.

18 A You see a question mark there, right? Right there at the end.

19 Q So it's fair to say, then --

20 A He doesn't know. Nobody responded to this. And when the deal came
21 through, I think it was 20 percent across the board. And it never happened. The
22 structure was put together, but the thing dissolved shortly thereafter, also.

23 Mr. Jordan. 20 percent across the board for who?

24 Mr. Walker. Hunter, me, James Gilliar, Tony, and Jim.

25 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

1 Can I go back one second, James? I apologize.

2 Mr. [REDACTED]. Yes, sir.

3 Mr. Jordan. Let's go back to the very first email that James -- it says here, "Hey,
4 Tony, I have an idea. In light of the fact we have an impasse of sorts, and both James'
5 lawyers and my chairman gave an emphatic no" -- and James only focused on you
6 thinking that Hunter Biden's reference to the chairman is a reference to his dad.

7 What was the -- was the impasse this? What we just went through? Was the
8 impasse on who was going to be in the deal and what they were going to pay? Was that
9 the impasse?

10 Mr. Walker. No. The impasse was that he thought that everybody -- that me,
11 Hunter, James, and Jim Biden would all be able to outvote him, and he was trying to
12 figure out a way that he could structure it to where he would have more votes than
13 everybody else.

14 Mr. Jordan. Tony Bobulinski?

15 Mr. Walker. Yes.

16 Mr. Jordan. Okay. And so when Hunter Biden writes, "Both James'
17 lawyers" -- so he's talking about his uncle's lawyer, James Gilliar's lawyer, and his
18 chairman said no. So three individuals said no to that, is what this reads.

19 Is that how you read it?

20 Mr. Walker. I don't know exactly what he's talking about, but that's possible,
21 yes.

22 Mr. Jordan. Well, he said his lawyer -- or excuse me. His chairman -- which you
23 said was Joe Biden -- and then Gilliar's lawyer and James Biden's lawyer -- so two other
24 lawyers -- all said no to the arrangement, whatever this arrangement that Tony Bobulinski
25 was trying to set up.

1 Mr. Walker. Right. I think I also said that -- my comment was that I was trying
2 to defuse a fight.

3 Mr. Jordan. Yeah. I get it. I get it.

4 Mr. Walker. Yes.

5 Mr. Jordan. I think you said it was a 3-day running Blackberry fight, right?

6 Mr. Walker. Right.

7 Mr. Jordan. Yeah. But, I mean, I think anyone with commonsense would read
8 it exactly like you did. He doesn't say "the chairman." He says "my chairman." And
9 that's why you read it the way that you did and felt that that referred to his dad. He
10 said, my chairman vetoed what was being proposed, just like two other partners' lawyers
11 vetoed what was being proposed.

12 Is that how you see it?

13 Mr. Walker. I think you would have to talk to them about this and the people
14 that wrote this.

15 Mr. Jordan. That's certainly how you saw it that night when you said it was his
16 dad.

17 Mr. Walker. I think my focus that night when I thought it was his dad is that I
18 wanted to stop this immediately because it was going nowhere.

19 Mr. Jordan. Okay. And who is the big guy?

20 Mr. Walker. You'll have to ask James.

21 BY MR. ██████████:

22 Q Did you respond to question who is the big guy?

23 A I don't believe so. I don't recall.

24 Q How big was this deal supposed to be? How much money was supposed to
25 be on the table?

1 A It was supposed to be a \$10 million loan to start a U.S. office in -- I think on
2 the East Coast and the West Coast.

3 Q And so, at the very least, it would be a \$10 million deal? At the very least.

4 A Right. It was structured that we were going to be equal partners and go
5 after infrastructure deals, and we didn't have the money to set up the offices for a U.S.
6 side of the entity.

7 Q And so 10 percent of 10 million -- \$10 million deal would be a million dollars.
8 That's quite a bit of money.

9 A That's for -- this was money that wasn't necessarily going into people's
10 pockets. This was money that -- I know that there's numbers associated with what
11 people were going to get paid, but there were also a lot of other expenses, and the
12 money was to set up the office.

13 Q But, presumably, the company was expecting to make more than \$10 million
14 or else you wouldn't take out a \$10 million loan, correct?

15 A We thought that we were planning to make a lot of money and do a lot of
16 good things, yes.

17 Q But what I'm getting at is that 10 percent of a lot of money is a lot of money.
18 And so --

19 A That's right.

20 Q -- I would think that if you had someone losing 10 percent of that money, the
21 other business partners -- that they would be upset about this big guy getting 10 percent
22 of the money.

23 A I think it could also be looked at that people were like, what the hell are we
24 talking about here? This is ridiculous. And nobody responded to it because I don't
25 think it was serious.

1 Mr. Jordan. So one of your business partners sends an email to another business
2 partner and copies the rest of the people in the business and says in there that there will
3 be 10 percent held by one of those business partners for the big guy, and you're telling us
4 here today you don't know who the big guy is?

5 Mr. Walker. I think that people can make assumptions on who the big guy is, but
6 this is a --

7 Mr. Jordan. Well, I'm asking you --

8 Mr. Walker. This is a bullshit email with a question mark at the end.

9 Mr. Jordan. I'm just asking you, who do you think the big guy is?

10 Mr. McAndrew. Understanding you're asking him to speculate about that, but --

11 Mr. Jordan. Well, I think he knows, but I'm asking --

12 Mr. Walker. I think I would be speculating on what James is talking about.

13 Mr. [REDACTED]. Is there another big guy? Who else could it be? Honestly, who
14 else could it be?

15 Mr. Walker. You'll have to ask James. He wrote the email.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. So you're honestly saying you don't know who the big guy is, and
17 you're not willing to speculate that this is Joe Biden?

18 Mr. Walker. I'm saying if you're asking me to speculate that the question mark,
19 the 10 percent, the big guy is referring to Joe Biden, that is speculation. This is
20 something I didn't write and didn't respond to.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. All right.

22 Mr. Jordan. Do you think the big guy is the same guy as the chairman? Do you
23 think "my chairman" equals the big guy?

24 Mr. Walker. Mr. Chairman, I really don't know. You'll have to ask him.

25 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

1 probably not be a fruitful use of our time because I don't think anyone would fight that he
2 has texted about his father being involved.

3 So why would he be upset if Hunter Biden is the one out there promoting that his
4 dad is involved?

5 A Why would -- who would be upset?

6 Q Why would Hunter Biden? You just said Hunter Biden would be upset.

7 A Why Hunter was -- in one of the emails, he was talking about how he
8 didn't -- to me, it looked like he was -- didn't want to lose control of the deal to Tony on
9 how the deal was structured. I think we're talking about two separate things here. I
10 think if Hunter saw this, he would be upset, and he would be embarrassed because Joe
11 Biden was never a part of anything we did.

12 Mr. [REDACTED]. Let me pull up the fourth -- the fourth bank memo. This will be
13 number 18.

14 [Walker Exhibit No. 18
15 was marked for identification.]

16 Mr. McAndrew. Yep.

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can go to page 3.

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. I'm sorry. James, are we marking this as an exhibit?

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. It is an exhibit. 18.

20 Mr. McAndrew. 18.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. Sorry if I didn't say that.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q Page 3. The Oversight Committee summarized some of the WhatsApp
24 messages.

25 And on July 30th of 2017, Hunter Biden sent a WhatsApp message to Raymond

1 Zhao, a CEFC associate, regarding the \$10 million capital payment.

2 "Z, please have the director call me -- not James or Tony or Jim -- have him call me
3 tonight. I am sitting here with my father and we would like to understand why the
4 commitment made has not been fulfilled."

5 And then if you go on to the next page, page 4, it's bold and underlined, "I will
6 make certain that between the man sitting next to me and every person he knows and my
7 ability to forever hold a grudge that you will regret not following my direction."

8 And so your statement that you just made that Hunter Biden would be upset that
9 there is a reference of his dad being involved, here we have Hunter Biden specifically
10 referencing his father to CEFC in order to get paid.

11 Do you think that you have a misunderstanding of Joe Biden's role in this?

12 A I am certain I don't have a misunderstanding of Joe Biden's role in this.

13 Q So is it your position that Hunter Biden is lying to the Chinese about who his
14 business partners are?

15 A I think if this is what you think that it is saying, that Hunter is not a healthy
16 person at this moment.

17 Q And so James Gilliar was duped into believing, too, that Joe Biden was
18 involved in the deal?

19 A I think you should ask James Gilliar, and he'll tell you the same thing. He
20 was very cavalier with some things with Tony. I don't know why, but you would have to
21 ask him.

22 Q You would agree with me that if someone lied about who their business
23 partner was in some lucrative business deal, such as the former Vice President, I mean,
24 that's wire fraud?

25 A Well, I don't think that Tony believes this, but you would have to ask him.

1 Mr. ██████. We do have some more questions, but do you have any
2 follow-up, sir?

3 Mr. Jordan. Let's go back to where you said in the last hour when you -- on the
4 phone call -- I think it was the last hour -- the phone call that was recorded that you didn't
5 know about, that phone call was between -- was you and Mr. Bobulinski?

6 Mr. Walker. Sometimes. Sometimes James Gilliar was on there, also.

7 Mr. Jordan. And the one where you said, "You're going to bury us all," was
8 Mr. Gilliar on that call? Was it three-way?

9 Mr. Walker. Not positive, but maybe, yes.

10 Mr. Jordan. Maybe, yes.

11 And, again, what did you mean when you said, "Tony you're going to bury us all,"
12 when he started talking about this --

13 Mr. Walker. He was talking about going to and making a statement with the
14 press, and I wasn't even sure what about or where or -- but I think that he had found out
15 that he was also not -- that I believe he had also seen that there was a -- that Hunter had
16 received 5 million from CEFC. And I think he was mad about that, and --

17 Mr. McAndrew. Being Tony, you mean?

18 Mr. Walker. Tony was mad about that.

19 Mr. Jordan. No, we understand he's mad. He wants a different deal. He
20 wanted a different deal.

21 Mr. Walker. Yeah.

22 Mr. Jordan. That's why it got all split up, and he said he's no longer doing
23 business or whatever. We get all that.

24 But that's not what you said. You said, "Bury us all." And that has certain
25 implications, certain -- you know, the way people hear that and think about that is that

1 can be some kind of criminal concern, some other kind of concern. It's like there were
2 things you wanted not to come out that are going to come out. And that's what I'm
3 asking --

4 Mr. Walker. Just to come out in -- just to come out in general before an election
5 like that and say stuff that was very volatile and not true, he embarrassed me. He
6 endangered a little bit of all of us. I think in his FBI statement, he even said he had a
7 SEAL team watching his family.

8 And I am -- now, I'm moving out of my house. I'm worried about my family. It
9 was just a stupid thing that Tony did, and he did it for political reasons or for other that I
10 don't know about.

11 Mr. Jordan. Okay. But that's not what you said. I'm just trying -- what
12 is -- but you're telling me that's, I guess, what you mean now. But, normally, you would
13 say he's going to cost Joe Biden the election, if that's what you thought. It's not been
14 good.

15 It's been -- you know, there's no place for these threats and stuff. We all get
16 them, and I hate them.

17 Mr. Walker. Yeah.

18 Mr. Jordan. It's bad for everyone. So I, you know, wish that didn't happen to
19 you.

20 Mr. Walker. Thanks.

21 Mr. Jordan. But that's not what you said. You said, "Bury us all."

22 Mr. Walker. Right.

23 Mr. Jordan. You didn't say it's going to cost him the election. It's going to
24 embarrass us. You said, "It's going to bury us all."

25 Mr. Walker. Maybe it's a bad usage of some words. But I was worried that,

1 financially, after this, it would be a long time for me to repair my relationship.

2 Mr. Jordan. Is it possible you had -- is it possible you had in mind -- these kind of
3 statements that we just went through, where he's talking about "my chairman," he's
4 talking about, you know, "Make sure you don't ever use Joe Biden's name," he's talking
5 about "10 percent for the big guy" -- is it possible that's what you were thinking about?

6 Mr. Walker. At the time, no, that's not what I was thinking about. I thought it
7 would be embarrassing for us, including Tony, if he went forward and did what he did,
8 and I think it was, and I think it was embarrassing for all of us all the way around.

9 Mr. [REDACTED]. It's probably a good time to break. On our end, we have
10 probably one round left. I think it would be less than a round.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. Off the record.

12 [Recess.]

13 Ms. [REDACTED]. We can go back on the record. Thanks.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q Mr. Walker, I understood you to say in the previous round that, in your view,
16 Mr. Gilliar would dispute any notion that Joe Biden was involved in any of your business
17 ventures?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q And that's despite the series of purported text messages that you were
20 shown?

21 A That's right.

22 Q Okay. I'm going to mark as Exhibit 19 an article from The Wall Street
23 Journal from October 2020.

24 [Walker Exhibit No. 19
25 was marked for identification.]

1 Mr. McAndrew. Thanks.

2 Mr. Walker. Okay.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Just for the record, it's titled, "Hunter Biden's ex-business partner alleges
5 father knew about venture," dated October 23rd, 2020.

6 And I'm looking in particular at the third page of this article?

7 A Okay.

8 Q And the second full paragraph down, which begins, "Mr. Gilliar told the
9 Journal?

10 Do you see that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Would you mind reading that paragraph into the record for me?

13 A "Mr. Gilliar told the Journal, I would like to clear up any speculation that
14 former Vice President Biden was involved with the 2017 discussions about our potential
15 business structure. I am unaware of any involvement at any time of the former Vice
16 President. The activity in question never delivered any project revenue."

17 Q Okay. Thank you.

18 That paragraph is consistent with your understanding, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q That -- specifically that Joe Biden was not involved with your discussions in
21 2017 regarding potential business with CEFC, correct?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Okay. And it is also correct, to your knowledge, that the venture did not
24 deliver any revenue?

25 A Not for me. That's correct.

1 Q Okay. Any reason to believe that Mr. Gilliar was being untruthful when he
2 made the statement to The Wall Street Journal?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. Thank you.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

6 Q Mr. Walker, I just have a few questions for you just to make sure the record
7 is clear about what certain exhibits that were introduced in the past round are and are
8 not.

9 I would like to turn first to Exhibit 18. I believe my majority counterparts read to
10 you about text that purports to come from a WhatsApp message.

11 I just want to be clear with you. Exhibit 18 is not a WhatsApp message, is it?

12 A No. This whole thing isn't -- no, it is not.

13 Q In fact, it is a memorandum from Committee on Oversight and
14 Accountability majority staff. Is that what it says on page 1?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q So this is a document that was written by the majority staff of the Oversight
17 Committee. It's not actually WhatsApp messages. We're in agreement, right?

18 A Right.

19 Q Exhibit 16, which purports to be an email from James Gilliar. I think you
20 referred to this as a "bullshit email" in the past round.

21 Did you provide this email to the Oversight Committee?

22 A I don't know. Did I? I mean, did this --

23 Q It doesn't have any --

24 Mr. McAndrew. I can represent for the record that he did not provide it to the
25 Oversight Committee.

1 Mr. Walker. Thank you.

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

3 Q And this is an email from 6, 7 years ago. Are you in a position to
4 authenticate every word in this email based on your recollection?

5 A Not every word, no.

6 Q And I'll represent for the record that, based on the markings on this
7 document, this is another email that comes from the website, "bidenlaptopemails.com,"
8 which is a website maintained by Garrett Ziegler, former White House Trump
9 administration staffer who worked for Peter Navarro, who has told the press that he got
10 his copy -- what he purports to be a copy of the Hunter Biden laptop hard drive from Rudy
11 Giuliani and his associates.

12 Moving now to Exhibit 15, I believe my majority colleagues read what they
13 purported to be WhatsApp messages from this document, but I want to be very clear.
14 Exhibit 15 does not contain any actual WhatsApp messages. Is that correct?

15 A It appears so, yes.

16 Q Meaning it does not actually contain any WhatsApp messages, correct?

17 A It appears that there are no WhatsApp messages here.

18 Q In fact, all these are are summaries and notes on what are purported to be
19 WhatsApp messages that, as was made clear in my majority counterparts' reading, is in
20 fact riddled with errors and typos?

21 A And brutally small text.

22 Q I now want to move on to a series of exhibits: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17.

23 Mr. McAndrew. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17. Okay.

24 Mr. Walker. Okay. I'm ready.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q I believe my majority counterparts, at times, referred to these as WhatsApp
2 messages, but I want to be very clear about what these are.

3 All of these exhibits are what appear to be photographs of a broken Blackberry
4 phone. Is that correct?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q You did not provide these to the committee. Is that correct?

7 Mr. McAndrew. He did not. I will represent for the record.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q Are you in any position to authenticate any of these images, meaning to
10 state for the record that they are what they purport to be, WhatsApp messages between
11 various people?

12 A I cannot state their authenticity.

13 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

14 Q And this is not your Blackberry, correct?

15 A It's been a while since I've had a Blackberry. I don't recall. But it's
16 definitely not mine.

17 Q These are not from your Blackberry?

18 A These are not my Blackberry.

19 Q Thank you.

20 Mr. [REDACTED]. And I would like to ask my majority counterparts if, for their
21 interest of the record, can state where these photographs come from?

22 Mr. [REDACTED]. They came from Tony Bobulinski.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

24 Q So these were photographs provided -- apparently, according to my majority
25 counterpart -- by Tony Bobulinski, who was, among other things, President Trump's guest

1 at the second Presidential debate in 2020.

2 I want to go over some of these images because they are particularly unclear. In
3 particular, I want to talk to you briefly about Exhibit 10, Mr. Walker.

4 A Yes.

5 Q So the first page, which we've talked about, has this line that purportedly
6 reads, "In light of the fact we are at an impasse of sorts and both James' lawyers and my
7 chairman" -- et cetera, et cetera.

8 Do you see that?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you know if this is a text message or WhatsApp message that was
11 actually sent by Hunter Biden to anyone, as you sit here recollecting?

12 A I don't recall.

13 Q Based on this image and just looking at it, are you in any position to say on
14 what date this message was sent?

15 A No.

16 Q There are no date markings of any kind, are there?

17 A There are not.

18 Q There are no time stamps on this page, are there?

19 A There are not.

20 Q Do you know what sort of condition Hunter Biden -- if he did send this text
21 message -- was in when he sent it?

22 A Not for sure, but I can guess.

23 Q Okay. Is it possible that this text message contains typos or other
24 mistakes?

25 A I suppose so, yes.

1 Q And turning to what is stapled as page 2 of this exhibit, we talked about that
2 text message -- WhatsApp message that purports to be from you, and it said, "When he
3 said the chairman, he was talking about his dad."

4 Do you see that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Again, as you sit here today, are you able to authenticate this picture of this
7 phone and say that it is what it purports to be?

8 A No.

9 Q And, as you sit here, do you know whether this message was in response to
10 the chain, related to the chain in any way?

11 A I am not. I'm not sure why I'm saying "no" at the first part of the sentence.

12 Q And it's partly cut off, right?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q So other than the fact that these pages were stapled together as an exhibit
15 by my majority counterparts, do you have any basis to say that there is any relation
16 between these various images?

17 A In 10, it looks like they're different -- some have dates, some don't. I
18 don't --

19 Q So is it fair to say that it's completely unclear what the relation between
20 these various images stapled together as Exhibit 10 are?

21 A Yes.

22 Q I also briefly want to touch on the fact that almost everything we've talked
23 about in the past hours that we've been here -- whether it was the service agreement
24 that's Exhibit 8, the wire transfers we were talking about, Miami, the Four Seasons -- that
25 all took place at a time when Joe Biden was a private citizen?

1 A That is correct, yes.

2 Q And, during that time, Donald Trump was the President of the United States.
3 Isn't that correct?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q And, you know, we've talked a lot about CEFC.

6 Are you aware of CEFC having any business transactions, attempted business
7 transactions, business discussions with former President Trump, members of his family,
8 anyone associated to him?

9 A Not firsthand knowledge. I've just heard --

10 Q And what have you heard?

11 A When we were in New York, I believe that I was told that he was
12 visiting -- the chairman was visiting another group. It may have been the last name
13 Witcoff and the last name Cohen. Not Michael. I don't know these gentlemen. And I
14 think they were working with them. I know they tried to buy Cohen Group's -- from an
15 article I read, their broker-dealer, and I believe the SEC or CFIUS might have shut it down.

16 Q And what was the relationship of that meeting to anyone -- to former
17 President Trump or anyone in his family or anyone associated with him?

18 A I don't know. I would really be spreading rumors, and I don't know these
19 for a fact. I did hear that the chairman might have had a residence in Trump Tower, but
20 I have no knowledge -- firsthand knowledge of that.

21 Q You have heard that the chairman of --

22 A CEFC.

23 Q -- CEFC had a residence in Trump Tower in New York?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Are you aware of any other actual or contemplated business dealings

1 between CEFC and former President Trump or anyone in his family?

2 A Not firsthand knowledge. So I really wouldn't want to share rumors,
3 frankly.

4 Q Anything that you heard that you would care to share?

5 A I heard that there were -- I believe Michael Cohen's wife might have been
6 shopping with Chairman Ye's wife. I don't know. I have no comment on that. There
7 were rumors that maybe he had a relationship with Jared Kushner, also, but I do not have
8 firsthand knowledge of that, and it's not something that I researched or tried to.

9 Q And this was at a time when Michael Cohen was still former President
10 Trump's attorney?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And so you heard that Chairman Ye might be considering business deals with
13 Jared Kushner. Is that right?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q And are you aware that, during the Trump Presidency, at a time when
16 Donald Trump was Commander in Chief, he received over \$150,000 from CEFC through
17 Trump World Tower, which is an entity that he 100 percent owned through various LLCs,
18 corporations, and trusts?

19 A I was not aware of that.

20 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Mr. Walker, the photos of the Blackberry that we've established was Tony
22 Bobulinski's Blackberry, you -- have you been read Tony Bobulinski's interview with
23 agents -- the report of that?

24 A If he has had more than one, no. If it's the one where he volunteered just
25 preelection and post-debate, I've read that.

1 Q And you're aware that Tony Bobulinski refused to let law enforcement
2 forensically-image the Blackberry that contained these messages, correct?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q So all we have are photos that the agents themselves didn't even take,
5 correct?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q They were on a computer that his lawyer brought to an interview?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q And then placed on a flash drive?

10 A I did not know that, but okay.

11 Q You have no idea if Tony Bobulinski or anybody involved with him tampered
12 with that Blackberry before showing the images on the laptop to the agents?

13 A I have no idea. The majority sent one Blackberry message in particular that
14 looked awfully strange to me that was different from all the rest. That actually had a
15 GSM that wasn't from the United States in the left-hand corner. I don't know about it.
16 It didn't look like Tony was on it. It looked like somebody had sent Tony that, and he
17 screenshotted that.

18 Q And when you say GSM not in the United States, can you be a little more
19 specific?

20 A It was a mobile network that looked like it was in a Russian mobile network.

21 Q Okay. And you're referring to MTS-RUS?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And your understanding is that that's a Russian mobile network?

24 A That's my understanding.

25 Q Okay. And from what you read, you know that Tony Bobulinski did not

1 want agents seeing the full contents of that Blackberry?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q Okay. Now, we talked -- or you spoke with majority counsel during the last
4 hour about some messages on this Blackberry that -- where Hunter was referring to his
5 family and his family legacy. Do you recall those messages?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Did you interpret them as Hunter being concerned that Tony might do
8 something that could damage his family's reputation?

9 A That's what some of the messages looked like, yes.

10 Q And, as we all know, Hunter has the same last name as his father?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And, as we've all learned over the past several years, anything that might
13 tarnish Hunter's reputation can be used to tarnish his father's reputation or to attempt
14 to, correct?

15 A Of course, yes.

16 Q So you interpret those messages as Hunter being concerned about his family
17 and how these deals might impact his family's reputation?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Being concerned about your family's reputation is not the same thing as your
20 family or your father actually being involved in deals, is it?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Now, you were shown a message where James said that Chairman Ye
23 wanted the deal because of, quote, "the family," correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Did you ever discuss that with Chairman Ye? Did you ever hear Chairman

1 Ye say that?

2 A No.

3 Q Did you ever hear James say that to you?

4 A No.

5 Q James says a lot of things that are not grounded in reality. Is that fair to
6 say?

7 A That is fair to say.

8 Q I'm going to shift gears a little bit away from the messages.

9 There have been allegations made in the press and various reports that you and
10 your business associates during this time, including Hunter Biden, engaged in money
11 laundering, and I believe there was reference to wire fraud at the beginning of this
12 interview.

13 What is your response to those allegations?

14 A I didn't take them seriously, and I don't recall being asked about it in any
15 interviews so far.

16 Q Why didn't you take them seriously?

17 A Because it's not true.

18 Q One of the cornerstones of that allegation is your use of an LLC to receive
19 funds from various businesses.

20 You started your LLC in approximately 2008, you said?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And it's called Robinson Walker LLC?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q And that is your actual name? Your true name?

25 A That is my middle name and last name, yes.

1 Q And you started that LLC, as many LLCs are started, to limit your personal
2 liability should you incur any debts as part of your business deals, correct?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q And that -- in your understanding as a businessman and in your experience,
5 that's not uncommon?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q And you received -- the transactions that you did for most of your business
8 went through that LLC because that was your business account?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q And I believe you stated earlier, in addition to the account having your name
11 on it -- or the LLC having your name on it, the address of that LLC was your home
12 address?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q If you were trying to conceal what you were doing with that LLC, you weren't
15 doing a very good job, were you?

16 A I'd put it under Ed's name.

17 Mr. McAndrew. Thanks. Always throw the lawyer under the bus.

18 Mr. Walker. I was joking.

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q Okay. Turning to a more serious topic.

21 A Yes.

22 Q You mentioned during the past hour that you had to move your family out of
23 your home. Could you elaborate on that a little bit? Can you explain why?

24 You can take all the time you need.

25 A I would like to move on. I don't want to answer that question.

1 Q Would you feel comfortable with me asking questions that you can answer
2 with a "yes" or a "no"? I'm not going to name any people or anything like that.

3 A [Nonverbal response.]

4 Q Okay. Your name has been mentioned in many public reports issued by
5 various congressional committees and many media reports, correct?

6 A That's right.

7 Q In connection with Hunter Biden.

8 Have you received any threats to your physical safety or that of your family as a
9 result of that attention?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did those threats seem credible enough to you that you felt the need to
12 leave your home to protect your family?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Has this been an ongoing problem for you for several years?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How many times have you had to move your family out of your home?

17 A Including today, three. They --

18 Q So when you say "including today" -- and I apologize. I know this is hard,
19 but I think it's important to make the record.

20 Did you move them today because you felt that the media attention that you
21 would receive as a result of this interview would cause increased threats and
22 harassment?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And you receive that harassment, I imagine, on social media?

25 A A little. Some emails directly.

1 Q So there have been direct --

2 A Some text messages that I've forwarded to my attorney, who has forwarded
3 to the FBI, I believe.

4 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. I can represent for the record that there have been a
5 number of safety threats, and we have passed them on to the FBI to follow up with them
6 accordingly.

7 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

8 Q So you took them seriously enough that you felt the need to get law
9 enforcement involved?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And do you tend -- does this tend to happen more frequently whenever your
12 name reappears in a committee report or in an interview by one of the members of the
13 committees?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And how has this affected you and your mental state?

16 A Yeah, it's been tough.

17 Q When you befriended Hunter Biden over 20 years ago, did you imagine this
18 would ever happen?

19 A No.

20 Ms. [REDACTED]. Can we go off the record briefly?

21 [Discussion off the record.]

22 Ms. [REDACTED]. Can we go back on the record?

23 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

24 Q Just to complete the record -- and I don't know that we have enough copies
25 for everybody, but we definitely have enough copies for you, one for the majority, and

1 one for us. We want to make sure it's included.

2 I'm handing you a text message -- or what appears to be a Blackberry message.

3 It's time-stamped 18:01. There's no date on it, but it does have in the corner,

4 "MTS-RUS-LTE-VPN."

5 Mr. McAndrew. All right. And we're marking this as Exhibit 20?

6 Ms. [REDACTED]. This will be Exhibit 20.

7 [Walker Exhibit No. 20

8 was marked for identification.]

9 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

10 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

11 Q You were referencing earlier in our hour of questioning that there was a text
12 message that you found strange because it had the MTE-RUS-LTE wireless carrier on the
13 corner, correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And is this the -- is this a true and -- is this what you were referring to?

16 A That is the one, I believe, yes.

17 Ms. [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you.

18 Go ahead.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. And, just to be clear, this exhibit was provided by the majority
20 alongside the other pictures of the Blackberry from Tony Bobulinski that we have
21 discussed and marked as exhibits.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. I can confirm that. This came over in the packet.

23 Mr. [REDACTED]. I just want it to be clear for the record that this exhibit is also
24 from this packet from Tony Bobulinski.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Oh, I was saying it came over in the packet from the majority.

1 Ms. [REDACTED]. And the majority has said that the Blackberry photographs came from
2 Tony Bobulinski.

3 Mr. McAndrew. Yep.

4 Ms. [REDACTED]. Okay.

5 We can go off the record. Thank you.

6 [Recess.]

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. Go back on the record.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q Mr. Walker, we would like to change topics and talk about Romania and Mr.
10 Gabriel Popoviciu.

11 A Okay.

12 Q Can you tell us how you first came to meet Mr. Popoviciu?

13 A Yes. He was introduced to me through a gentleman named Chris who
14 worked in Pataki's office -- I think his private office in New York -- and that's who
15 introduced me to James Gilliar.

16 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. See, we're getting late in the day. Gabriel
17 Popoviciu --

18 Mr. Walker. James introduced me -- James and Chris both introduced me to
19 Gabriel.

20 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

21 Sorry. I'm all over your question there. Sorry.

22 Mr. [REDACTED]. You're fine. You're fine.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

24 Q When you were introduced to Gabriel Popoviciu, what was the purpose of
25 why you were being introduced to him?

1 A He was having a problem in Romania where he had a property. It was
2 called Baneasa, and it was -- he would -- he had to stop developing because there were
3 some legal matters that he was having to deal with.

4 Q And when you say "legal matters," he was charged with allegations in
5 Romania by Romanian prosecutors for abuse of power, correct?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q What was going to be your role with this property that he was having an
8 issue with in Romania?

9 A At first, I didn't know. I was, I think -- I don't know if I met him in the
10 United States first or in Romania first. But he was having these issues, and he wasn't
11 sure why, and he was trying to figure it out, and I was -- I believe I told him I was going to
12 start looking into it for him.

13 Q What issues was he concerned about that he wasn't sure why he was having
14 those issues?

15 A He -- his development was a large development. It was called Baneasa. It
16 was in between the airport and the middle of Romania, downtown Romania. It had, I
17 believe, the largest mall in Eastern Europe. It had an IKEA. The U.S. Embassy was on
18 this property. There were a lot of apartment complexes, and there was a lot more
19 development to be done.

20 Q Did the property have anything to do with the abuse of power allegations?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What was that?

23 A I don't understand -- I don't recall exactly what the abuse of power was, but I
24 know that it would be the equivalent in the United States of a -- like, a private-public
25 partnership.

1 He bought the property for -- and dollar for what is called, I think, the Agronomy
2 University, but then he turned around and put millions of dollars into it to put
3 infrastructure down in it by roads, things like that. And he was partnered with the
4 Agronomy University, which was maybe their department of agriculture. I don't know
5 the exact -- I don't recall the exact details, though.

6 Q Based upon the bank records we've obtained, it appears that Bladon
7 Enterprises Limited began paying your Robinson Walker LLC approximately \$179,000 to
8 \$180,000 per month beginning in November of 2015.

9 I'm not asking you to go back and remember the exact dates, but just -- do you
10 know why you started to get payments? What was the purpose of -- what were you
11 getting paid to do?

12 A I told him -- he told me the story. I told him I would start looking into it and
13 trying to devise a plan. The reason that the United States was interested -- interesting
14 for him is because he was under the impression that the -- I don't know how far back this
15 dates, but he was under the impression that the United States Government was -- had
16 given money to the Romanians to train prosecutors to build up their anticorruption unit
17 and to train their equivalent of the FBI to fight corruption in Romania.

18 Q What about that made him retain Robinson Walker LLC?

19 A I was talking to him about what we could do. One would be to try to shed
20 some light on the situation in the United States, try to figure out and really get down to
21 the bottom of what was going on because I think he was a little confused on what was
22 happening also because he thought that the partnership with the university was a really
23 good partnership, and he didn't understand what he was being prosecuted for, I believe.

24 And I was just trying to shed some light on it because the United States was quick
25 to pat the Romanians on the back for every prosecution of a wealthy individual over

1 there, and it was -- it seemed to be and become -- it seemed to become quite
2 overzealous, and we're just chalking up a lot of prosecutions, and people were cheering
3 him on really not understanding what was happening in the court cases, from what I
4 understand.

5 Q What was the payment agreement that you, through Robinson Walker LLC
6 and Bladon Enterprises Limited -- let me step back.

7 Bladon Enterprises Limited is Gabriel Popoviciu's company, correct?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q And was there an agreement between Bladon Enterprises Limited and
10 Robinson Walker LLC as to how much Robinson Walker LLC would get paid?

11 A Eventually. Eventually, yes.

12 Q When was that agreement?

13 A I don't know the dates exactly, but my -- one of my first trips over was more
14 of fact-finding. I toured all of Baneasa, which was a very big project. We -- he showed
15 me other projects that he had going on in -- I believe it was a hotel in Ghana. Two
16 separate -- two separate real estate developments that were going to happen in
17 Tanzania. One was in the bay. I was familiar with all the locations. I had been there
18 before, and I was -- I really liked him as a person, and I wanted to do business with him.

19 Q How did Hunter Biden and James Gilliar come into the picture of being part
20 of this group that would help Gabriel Popoviciu?

21 A James is -- was the person that introduced me. James always has ideas and
22 suggestions. He had friends that were Romanian. They were maybe former members
23 of SRI that could tell us and kind of suggest what was really going on and just -- he was
24 basically there to kind of fact-find what was happening from the Romanians.

25 Q What about Mr. Hunter Biden?

1 A Hunter was a little reluctant at first, and he just wanted to make sure it was
2 really legit and something that we wanted to get involved in because he certainly could
3 be scrutinized on the surface of what it looked like if he was helping somebody who was
4 under investigation or convicted in Romania.

1 [4:36 p.m.]

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

3 Q And this is while his father is serving as Vice President, correct, this
4 timeframe?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Were you aware that Vice President Biden, as part of his portfolio, he also
7 interacted with Romania and Romanian leaders?

8 A I was aware that he dealt with a lot of leaders, yes.

9 Q But in Romania, I'm saying, specifically.

10 A I don't know specifically what involvement he was. It wasn't a focus of
11 mine.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

13 Q I just have a question. When did this business relationship, or when did
14 you start working on Mr. Popoviciu's case? What timeframe did that begin?

15 A I don't know exactly. I'm -- it would have been 2015 or 2016, but I don't
16 remember.

17 Q Okay. So that the payments that -- the payments start on November 5th, I
18 believe, of 2015, so end of 2015, but you were talking about work you had done and trips
19 to Romania before.

20 A Right.

21 Q So early -- can you give me an early part of 2015, middle part?

22 A Sir, I met with Gabriel a couple of times in the U.S. and in Romania, but
23 I -- I'm sorry. I'm -- this is ninish years ago. I'm not positive exactly the dates.

24 Q Okay. But can you give me a general time of the year of 2015; beginning
25 part, middle part, anything like that?

1 A I can't be specific even that much. I -- I don't know.

2 Q Okay.

3 A I'm sorry.

4 Q And, when he -- you mentioned that he had -- I'm sorry. I'm just trying to
5 understand. You, of course, told us today you're not a lawyer, you're a businessperson,
6 and so I'm just trying to understand the dynamic of how you got involved with a legal
7 case in Romania, of what your role was in a legal case in Romania.

8 A I think I kind of would drum up ways that -- that might shine some light on
9 what was happening in Romania that could help the situation. But I instantly knew that
10 I was also interested in working with Gabriel in the future on projects, and I think the
11 feeling was mutual as we spent a couple of days looking at projects around the world that
12 he was interested in pursuing.

13 Q Okay.

14 A And I thought I could help also.

15 Q Help in Romania. And had you done a bunch of business in Romania before
16 working --

17 A I had done no business in Romania.

18 Q Okay. And then you mentioned that Mr. Popoviciu -- one of the reasons as
19 well as he engaged with you is kind of this U.S. impact, or they had given money to form, I
20 think, their version of an FBI. Is that the DNA that they had over there, the prosecutors?

21 A The prosecutors was -- it was called the DNA.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And I can't remember exactly what it was. Their equivalent of the FBI was
24 the SRI, I believe.

25 Q Okay. And I think you said that there was some sort of element that the

1 United States was pushing or helping Romania with anticorruption efforts at that time,
2 and that's why he came to you. You thought maybe there was a U.S. element. Is that
3 right?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q Okay. I'd like to turn to an exhibit, a speech that Vice President Biden gave.
6 This will be exhibit No. 21.

7 Can I get one more copy, please?

8 [Walker Exhibit No. 21
9 was marked for identification.]

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

11 Q And I won't make you read the whole thing. I just want to --

12 A Thank you.

13 Q -- draw your attention to -- so the date of this speech that Vice President
14 Biden gives, the date on this is May 21st of 2014.

15 A Okay.

16 Q I'll read the title, "Remarks by Vice President Joe Biden to Romanian Civil
17 Society Groups and Students."

18 And then if you could just direct your attention to page 4 of 6 and that top
19 paragraph on page 4. And I'll read into the record.

20 This is Joe Biden -- this is remarks by Vice President Joe Biden.

21 Quote, "Corruption is a cancer, a cancer that eats away at a citizen's faith in
22 democracy, diminishes the instinct for innovation and creativity; already tight national
23 budgets, crowding out important national investments. It wastes the talent of entire
24 generation. It scares away investments and jobs. And, most importantly, it denies the
25 people their dignity. It saps the collective strength and resolve of a nation. Corruption

1 is just another form of tyranny," end quote.

2 So my question, Mr. Walker, is: When you said earlier that you were talking
3 about perceptions of Hunter Biden getting involved with helping an individual in Romania
4 in a Romanian legal case on an abuse of power case, was any of the conflict in maybe that
5 his father was speaking on anticorruption efforts and that the United States was giving
6 money to prosecute these corruption cases in Romania?

7 A I think that I agreed with what the Vice President said in that paragraph, and
8 I don't think that's why Hunter -- it could have been. I'm just -- I don't know, though.

9 The -- corruption comes in different forms. I think, in my opinion, there was
10 corruption inside the judicial system and in the DNA, not just with individuals that were in
11 Romania that were considered corrupt, I guess.

12 Q Okay. Now I'd like to turn to -- this is going to be exhibit 22. It's going to
13 be an email inquiring about the Romanian Ambassador.

14 [Walker Exhibit No. 22
15 was marked for identification.]

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

17 Q Okay. The date of this email -- start from the bottom and work to the top.
18 Mike Smith to you, Rob Walker.

19 Mike writes, "Any word on if there is a candidate up for ambassador?" And
20 the --

21 A That's coming from Mike, or from me?

22 Q Correct. This is --

23 A Okay.

24 Q -- from Mike Smith to you.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Down the bottom here.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q And the subject at the top is "Re: Romania."

3 Do you know Mike Smith?

4 A I do.

5 Q And it appears from his email he works at a CGA Group. Do you know what
6 the CGA Group is?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Okay. And how do you know Mike Smith?

9 A Mike's been a friend of mine from -- in D.C. since mid to late 1990s.

10 Q And what is the CGA Group?

11 A I believe it's Cornerstone Government Affairs.

12 Q And what do they do?

13 A They're lobbyists.

14 Q Was Mike a registered lobbyist?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. And we'll go up to the email above on January 15th, 2015, at
17 11:51 a.m. Rob Walker writes, and would you read that into the record, please?

18 Mr. McAndrew. So it's just this one.

19 Mr. Walker. "Do you know," question mark.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Okay. And we'll go to Hunter Biden, on January 16, 2015, 8:27 a.m.,

22 Hunter Biden wrote, "No. Mark said no one in line right now. I can check again, RHB."

23 And then, above, the final email in this thread, from Rob Walker to Hunter Biden,

24 date 2015, January 16, at 12:26. Would you please read your response to Hunter Biden

25 into the record?

1 A I believe I said, "Thanks."

2 Q Why were you asking Hunter -- why were you passing along this question of
3 who was going to be the next candidate or the candidate for Ambassador to Romania?

4 Mr. McAndrew. If you recall.

5 Mr. Walker. I don't recall.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

7 Q Who is Mark?

8 A I assume that is the former Ambassador, Mark Gitenstein, the U.S.
9 Ambassador to Romania.

10 Q And do you know Mr. Gitenstein -- Ambassador Gitenstein?

11 A A little, but not well.

12 Q And do you know what Hunter was doing in the days preceding this, or was
13 this apropos of nothing? What -- do you know the timing of why you reached out?

14 A I do not.

15 Q Okay. We're going to enter in -- this will be exhibit No. 23.

16 [Walker Exhibit No. 23

17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q Okay. And this is an exhibit provided by IRS whistleblowers, provided to
20 the Ways and Means Committee, released by the Ways and Means Committee.

21 I'd like to direct your attention to page 1. It should be about -- a little less than
22 or a little more than halfway down. It's going to be an entry on January 7th of 2015. It
23 should be highlighted in blue.

24 Mr. McAndrew. January 7th, 2015, the narrow one in blue.

25 Mr. [REDACTED]. Highlighted in blue.

1 Mr. Walker. I can't tell --

2 Mr. McAndrew. It's like right here. You got it? You got it?

3 Mr. Walker. Yeah.

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

5 Q And I'm just going to read this into the record. Under the description,
6 "Calendar entry - scr. January 7th, 2015, sportsman, Hunter Biden, event, lunch with
7 Ambassador Gitenstein, former Romanian Ambassador."

8 Looks like 8 days before you reach out with Mike's question, Hunter sat down with
9 the former Ambassador, Mark Gitenstein. So do you think that's maybe why? Does
10 this refresh your recollection at all as to maybe why you were reaching out to Hunter
11 asking him who the candidate for Ambassador to Romania would be?

12 A I don't know. I'm assuming they didn't have an Ambassador at the time.

13 Q Okay.

14 Mr. McAndrew. Well, he's just asking if it refreshes your recollection.

15 Mr. Walker. No, it does not.

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

17 Q And did asking about who the former candidate to the Ambassador of
18 Romania -- did it have anything to do with your representation or your business dealings
19 with Gabriel Popoviciu?

20 A I think Mike was asking me the question, correct?

21 Q And you passed it along to Hunter Biden, and both you guys got paid for
22 representing Gabriel Popoviciu in 2015, so I'm asking the question --

23 A Yeah.

24 Q -- did this question have anything to do with your representation of
25 Mr. Popoviciu?

1 A I don't know.

2 Q Okay. I'll just state for the record that, in March of 2015, the White House
3 nominated Ambassador Hans Klemm to the post of Ambassador to Romania.

4 And then we're going to go to page 2 of the same chart you're looking at, which is
5 exhibit 23, middle of page 2. I'm just going to ask you a question before we get into this.

6 Did you ever have any sort of communication with any State officials in 2015?

7 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. Any State officials?

8 Mr. [REDACTED]: Yeah. State government officials. United States Department of
9 State, U.S. State Department.

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

11 Q Did you have any email communications with State Department officials?

12 A I don't know what the year it was, but yes.

13 Q Okay. And what were the nature of those conversations with U.S. State
14 Department officials?

15 Mr. McAndrew. Again, if you can remember.

16 Mr. Walker. The only State Department official that I recall talking to was a
17 communications person. It was a -- a female, and I don't remember her name.

18 Mr. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], let me just offer him this larger version.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]: Sure.

20 Mr. Walker. I'll take it.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]: I'm not sure how many we have, but I can give you mine.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Are you sure?

23 Mr. [REDACTED]: Yeah. Yeah. Take it.

24 Mr. McAndrew. Thank you. Appreciate it.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q Anyone else at the U.S. State Department?

2 A Not that I recall.

3 Q Okay. So middle of the page, on 9/14 of 2015, I'll read into the record.

4 A In blue?

5 Q In orange.

6 A Okay.

7 Q "9/14/2015, email from Greg O'Connor (U.S. Embassy Bucharest, Romania)
8 to Walker. Email mentioned O'Connor meeting with Walker on 9/13/2015, and
9 O'Connor had 'canvassed my staff regarding your local partner and they said that he was
10 a well-known player in the local market. They were aware that there had been
11 allegations and investigations, but said that his profile had become lower in recent years.'
12 O'Connor provided Walker with a link to the American Chamber of Commerce in Romania
13 and said that he would 'e-introduce' Walker to the American Chamber Executive Director
14 Anca Harasim when she returned from holiday."

15 Does this refresh your recollection of any email communications you had with
16 Greg O'Connor from the U.S. State Department?

17 A Yes, it does.

18 Q Okay. Did you have -- is this the only time that you emailed Mr. O'Connor
19 from the U.S. State Department?

20 A I would have emailed him, probably one to set up a meeting, and I may have
21 had a follow-up or two with him, but I don't recall.

22 Q Okay. And what was the nature of your meeting with the U.S. State
23 Department at Bucharest, Romania, in September of 2015?

24 A I was trying to understand from -- I believe he was the commercial officer at
25 the time, and I was trying to understand what the situation was in Romania with regards

1 to Mr. Popoviciu in general and if he had any just general intel on him, I believe.

2 Q Okay. So you're looking for a little insight to help Mr. Popoviciu?

3 Mr. McAndrew. Well, or trying to understand --

4 Mr. Walker. I'm trying to get the lay of the land.

5 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

6 Mr. Walker. I'm also probably inquiring about the DNA and the SRI and just their
7 reputation.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

9 Q Sure. Okay.

10 I will introduce another exhibit. This is going to be Vice President Biden meeting
11 with the Romanian President, Klaus Iohannis. I hope I'm pronouncing that correctly.

12 A I'm not sure.

13 Q Okay.

14 Mr. McAndrew. Sounds good.

15 Mr. [REDACTED]. And this will be exhibit No. 24.

16 [Walker Exhibit No. 24

17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q All right. The date of this is September 28th, 2015, 2 weeks after you had
20 communicated with the U.S. State Department and a week after Mr. Klemm had been
21 appointed or, I guess, confirmed at that time as Ambassador to Romania. It's titled
22 "Readout of the Vice President's Meeting with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis."

23 And I'm just going to read a sentence into the record from the readout. Quote,
24 "The Vice President welcomed President Iohannis' focus on anticorruption efforts and
25 rule of law as a means to strengthen national security and promote greater investment

1 and economic growth," end quote.

2 Again, I'll ask the same question about the previous speech, where the Vice
3 President was talking about anticorruption efforts. It looks like the Vice President is
4 speaking again about the partnership between the United States and Romania, cracking
5 down on anticorruption efforts.

6 So, when Hunter Biden got involved with the deal with you to represent
7 Mr. Popoviciu, did his father's words and cooperation and coordination, sending money
8 to Romania to crack down on anticorruption, did that factor into any sort of decision or
9 conversations that you and Hunter had about taking on Mr. Popoviciu as a client?

10 A I don't recall having any discussions about any meetings with the President
11 of Romania and President Biden -- Vice President Biden.

12 Q Okay. Did you go to the event at the White House where the President --

13 A I did not.

14 Q Did Hunter Biden go to the event?

15 A I don't know.

16 Q Did James Gilliar go to the event?

17 A No.

18 Mr. McAndrew. If you know.

19 Mr. Walker. I wouldn't --

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Okay, so you know that you didn't go and that Mr. Gilliar didn't go, but you
22 don't know if Hunter Biden was there. That's correct?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q And then it was already read into the record, but -- so this is on
25 September 28th of 2015, but it was read in the record. We put in the record our second

1 bank memorandum. But on November 5th of 2015 is when the payments began from
2 Mr. Popoviciu's entity, Bladon Enterprises, to your entity.

3 A In --

4 Q Is that correct? November 5th of 2015. Is that correct?

5 Mr. McAndrew. Which --

6 Mr. [REDACTED]. We can get it in front of you.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Let's --

8 Mr. [REDACTED]. It's the second bank memorandum, exhibit 9?

9 Ms. [REDACTED]. I'm sorry. Exhibit 9.

10 Mr. [REDACTED]. Exhibit 9.

11 Mr. Neminski. Is there a specific page you want him to look at?

12 Mr. [REDACTED]. Yeah, 16.

13 Mr. Neminski. I'll take that.

14 Mr. Walker. Thank you.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

16 Q So I'll just ask the question of do you know when the first -- when you
17 received the first payment from Bladon Enterprises was for representing Mr. Popoviciu?

18 A That looks -- what's the question?

19 Q Well, I guess -- I asked if you could know -- if you could tell us. If you don't
20 know, I mean, does this look accurate, November 5th of 2015?

21 A This looks -- this looks accurate to me.

22 Q Okay. You have no reason to dispute this date?

23 A I don't.

24 Q Okay. And that first payment is for \$179,836.86.

25 Do you have any reason to dispute that amount?

1 A I don't.

2 Q Is that -- I mean, does that look right? I mean, was it about \$180,000
3 monthly in payments that Mr. Popoviciu was sending to you?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q And you would split it three ways between yourself, James Gilliar, and
6 Hunter Biden, right?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Did you split it between anyone else?

9 A No.

10 Q And you said that there was an agreement, but I think it was my impression
11 that the agreement came later.

12 How much later did the agreement come, I guess when you papered it?

13 A My agreement with?

14 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Which --

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

16 Q For this deal that we're talking about, for this representation to make
17 \$180,000 payments monthly.

18 Did I get that right? I thought you said earlier there was an agreement, but --

19 A There was.

20 Q -- I thought you alluded that it came later, or did you have an agreement on
21 day one of November 5th of 2015?

22 A I believe I had an agreement, but I don't know, so --

23 Q Was it a written agreement, or an oral agreement?

24 A It would have been a written agreement.

25 Q Okay. Would you commit to providing that written agreement to us that

1 started on 11/5 of 2015?

2 Mr. McAndrew. We'd have to see if we can locate it, but -- we'll get back to you
3 on it, yeah.

4 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

6 Q And then I want to turn back to exhibit No. 23. It's that orange chart.

7 A Okay.

8 Q And, before I direct you to where we're looking on this orange chart, I just
9 have a question.

10 Did you have any meetings with any -- with any U.S. ambassadors?

11 A Not any current ambassadors, no.

12 Q What about former ambassadors?

13 A I went to Mark Gitenstein's D.C. law office at one point and just asked him
14 about the DNA, the SRI, and Gabriel Popoviciu.

15 Q Okay. And when was this?

16 A I don't know exactly when, but --

17 Q But he was a former Ambassador at the time?

18 A He was a former Ambassador at the time.

19 Q Okay. Do you know if Hunter Biden met with any ambassadors in the
20 scope of his representation of Mr. Popoviciu?

21 A At one point, Hunter went to lunch, I believe, with Michael Gottlieb and
22 Ambassador Klemm in --

23 Q Was that in March of 2016?

24 A In Romania.

25 Q In Romania. Okay. So that was -- okay. We'll get there. But did he

1 have any meetings with any ambassadors -- what about the Ambassador to Romania?

2 Did he ever have a meeting with the Ambassador to Romania?

3 A I don't know. I think there was something that was going to be scheduled,
4 but I'm not sure that it ever happened.

5 Q Okay. So was that maybe the November 14th of 2015 meeting?

6 A I really don't know. At the times, I don't know.

7 Q Okay. But your -- it's your testimony today you don't know if that meeting
8 ever occurred with Ambassador to Romania?

9 A I -- I don't recall. I really don't.

10 Mr. McAndrew. All right.

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

12 Mr. Walker. I'm sorry.

13 Mr. [REDACTED]. That's okay.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q And then, on November 16th, Hunter Biden traveled to Romania for the
16 16th to the 17th of November of 2015. Does that sound about right?

17 You were just talking about how he went with Michael Gottlieb to Romania to
18 meet with Hans Klemm, the U.S. Ambassador. Was this in November of 2015?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. And what did Michael Gottlieb and Hunter Biden discuss with Hans
21 Klemm -- with Ambassador Klemm?

22 A I think they wanted --

23 Mr. McAndrew. It -- again, if you don't know. You're not there, right?

24 Mr. Walker. I'm not there.

25 Mr. McAndrew. Okay.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

2 Q Well, he was your business partner on this deal, right?

3 A I did say -- I didn't hear anything back from Hunter, but Michael Gottlieb told
4 me that Klemm didn't want to talk about Gabriel Popoviciu.

5 Q And why is that?

6 A Probably because --

7 Mr. McAndrew. Well, no.

8 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

9 Mr. McAndrew. I don't want you to start speculating about it. This is --

10 Mr. [REDACTED]. Did you ask?

11 Mr. McAndrew. -- do you know this or not?

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

13 Q Did you ask Michael Gottlieb?

14 A No. He sent that to me. No. He told me personally.

15 Q Okay. So was that the end of the contacts that you -- I guess did you ever
16 pay Michael Gottlieb for this? I mean, was he a part of the three-man team?

17 A He was -- at some point, he was --

18 Mr. McAndrew. Did you pay Michael Gottlieb?

19 Mr. Walker. I did not pay Michael.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Okay. Did Gabriel Popoviciu pay Michael Gottlieb?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. Through a separate agreement?

24 A I imagine so.

25 Q Well, was he a part of your agreement between you, James Gilliar, and

1 Hunter Biden, that written agreement that we just talked about? Was he on there?

2 A Who? Michael --

3 Q Yeah. Gottlieb.

4 A Not that I recall, no.

5 Q Okay. So it was maybe a separate agreement?

6 A Yes.

7 Mr. McAndrew. Well --

8 Mr. Walker. I don't know.

9 Mr. McAndrew. -- you don't -- again, you don't know --

10 Mr. Walker. He wasn't part of my agreement.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

12 Q But he wasn't a part of yours?

13 A He was not part of my agreement.

14 Q Okay. Got it.

15 So there was no other contact between you and Michael Gottlieb and Hans

16 Klemm. That was -- it was like the end of that with the Gabriel Popoviciu case, it sounds
17 like?

18 A You know, I've never met Ambassador Klemm. I know that Michael had
19 served with him in some form or fashion, and I don't know how or what exactly. I don't
20 recall, but they were friends.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q Did Hans Klemm reach out to DNA, the anticorruption unit in Romania, at
23 any point?

24 A Not that I know of.

25 Q Did he do -- you're not aware of any incidents where Hans Klemm did

1 anything with DNA at all? Didn't make any phone calls, didn't do anything with DNA?

2 A I don't believe he did anything on behalf of Mr. Popoviciu.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

4 Q Did you ever submit a letter -- you, Hunter Biden, James Gilliar, Michael
5 Gottlieb, any of you four, did you guys ever send in a letter to Ambassador Klemm?

6 A I don't recall.

7 Q Okay. So we're going to mark this as exhibit 24, I believe.

8 Ms. [REDACTED]: Twenty-five.

9 Mr. [REDACTED]: Twenty-five. Twenty-five.

10 Okay. We'll withdraw that record.

11 Mr. McAndrew. I'm sorry. We're not marking that as 25?

12 Mr. [REDACTED]: No. Yeah, we're not going to mark it.

13 Mr. McAndrew. All right.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q All right. So let's talk about the second meeting that Hunter Biden had with
16 Ambassador Klemm. We talked, or -- excuse me -- was there any more meetings that
17 Hunter Biden had with Ambassador Klemm?

18 A I recall that one meeting. I don't recall others.

19 Q Okay. Are you aware of a meeting on March 29th of 2016 at Lapis, a
20 restaurant in D.C.?

21 A I do not.

22 Q Okay. So you weren't a part of that meeting?

23 A I was not a part -- what meeting? Between --

24 Mr. McAndrew. He's just asking if you're aware of a meeting.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

1 Q You were part of a March 29, 2016, meeting with Hunter Biden and Hans
2 Klemm?

3 A I'm not a part of that.

4 Q Okay. So I guess I'm trying to understand what -- what were you all doing
5 for Mr. Popoviciu? It sounds like Ambassador Klemm shut this down when they went
6 over to Romania in November of 2015. He didn't want to have any part of
7 Mr. Popoviciu. So what was the nature of your work for a year --

8 A I was still trying to figure out ways to help him. We were also wanting to
9 do some other development work around the world. The -- but it was going to be hard
10 to move forward with anything because who is going to work with a Romanian that is
11 convicted or, at the time, potentially convicted or in a lawsuit or in some sort of large
12 corruption case?

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q I've counted approximately 17 payments from Bladon Enterprises, Ltd. --

15 A Yeah.

16 Q -- over to Robinson Walker, LLC.

17 A That's right.

18 Q All of them except for one payment occur while Vice President Joe Biden was
19 in office.

20 A That's right.

21 Q When he steps out of office, the payments stop. But Gabriel Popoviciu's
22 case continues. So why is it that you all have stopped getting paid the same time that
23 Joe Biden stepped out of office?

24 A I don't know. Gabriel had the opportunity to stop payments, I believe, at
25 any time in the contract.

1 Q So, just so I understand it, Mr. Popoviciu decided to stop making payments
2 to you, Hunter Biden, and James Gilliar once Joe Biden left office?

3 A If you say so. I don't -- I don't know that for certain, or I don't have it in
4 front of me, so I don't know.

5 Q Well, you can go to page 16 and 17 of the bank records memorandum, which
6 is --

7 Mr. [REDACTED]. Exhibit 9.

8 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- exhibit 9.

9 Mr. Walker. Okay. Thanks.

10 Mr. McAndrew. Back to the chart?

11 Mr. [REDACTED]. Back to the chart. Go to the back page.

12 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Flip over to the next page. They're just trying to get
13 to, I guess, the end of it, right?

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

15 Q It's my understanding there is one kind of lingering payment in May of 2017
16 that Mr. Bobulinski was tasked with trying to obtain from Mr. Popoviciu on behalf of you,
17 Hunter Biden, and James Gilliar. Do you recall that?

18 A State that again.

19 Q It's my --

20 Mr. McAndrew. That's a lot, yeah. I missed that.

21 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

22 Q Sure. There was one lingering payment there, May 26th in 2017 that was
23 eventually paid by Bladon Enterprises, LTD to Robinson Walker, LLC. It's my
24 understanding that Mr. Bobulinski was tasked by James Gilliar and Hunter Biden to talk
25 with Popoviciu to get that payment, because they felt like they were owed

1 additional -- one more payment from him.

2 A I don't know why we would engage Tony for any of this.

3 Q Okay. And --

4 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. You don't need to speculate about it. He's just saying
5 that's his understanding of it and asking if you agree. Is that your understanding of it?

6 Mr. Walker. I don't --

7 Mr. McAndrew. Sounds like you don't know.

8 Mr. Walker. It's under -- that is not my understanding.

9 Mr. [REDACTED]. It's fair to say that 16 of the 17 payments occur while Vice
10 President Biden is in office, all of them except for that May payment?

11 Mr. McAndrew. I'll just -- I mean, the memo speaks for itself. It says what it
12 says. We're not disputing what the memo says.

13 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay. But why did Popoviciu quit paying you three after Vice
14 President Biden leaves office? What was -- what was the reason why he no longer
15 wanted to work with you all?

16 Mr. Walker. I don't know exactly. I think there was some rumors going --

17 Mr. McAndrew. Whoa. Just stick to what you know.

18 Mr. [REDACTED]. Well, you talked about the rumors with President Trump.

19 Mr. McAndrew. Understood, but, like, if you don't know why, then just say you
20 don't know why.

21 Mr. Walker. I really don't recall why.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q You don't know why a client who was paying you -- paid you \$180,000
24 for -- since November 2015, all of a sudden stops wanting to pay you in January of 2017?
25 You never had a conversation with Popoviciu or Hunter Biden or James Gilliar as to why

1 he was -- no longer wanted to use you guys anymore?

2 A I don't know why exactly. He had other law firms, and I think that he
3 thought that he was going to start using a law firm in London, and he was taking a
4 different tact because he didn't think the -- that the U.S. was super concerned with the
5 corruption that was happening inside the DNA and the judicial system.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

7 Q Just going back to the agreement real quick, can you explain the nature of
8 how the financial payment structure was set up? Was it just that there were going to be
9 \$180,000 payments? Was there any sort of -- if the case was dismissed or dropped, that
10 there was going to be a larger payment?

11 Can you shed some light, since we don't have the document here in front of us, as
12 to what the nature of those terms were?

13 A The nature of the terms were that this was a monthly payment, that he
14 could stop at any moment, I believe. And I -- and I -- I believe I had 2 percent of -- I
15 asked for 2 percent of Bladon, which was the Baneasa project.

16 Q Okay. And how much was that estimated to be worth?

17 A I do not know off the top of my head.

18 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

19 Q Did you pitch any of -- any of Popoviciu's real estate to CEFC?

20 A I did not personally. I think that was later on. I believe that James and
21 Tony might have, but I don't know for sure.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q Did Hunter Biden have any other sort of financial stake in it, or was it just the
24 monthly payments?

25 A The monthly payments.

1 Q So he had no percentage ownership in Bladon?

2 A He did not have any ownership in Bladon, no.

3 Q Okay. And did he have any other financial benefit that he could have
4 gained or did gain just beyond the \$180,000 divided by three?

5 A I think that Gabriel was really interested in working with three of us in
6 developing other projects, mainly in Africa.

7 Q But, within the four corners -- but, within the four corners of that
8 agreement, there was no other financial benefit that he had or could have had?

9 Mr. McAndrew. To the extent you know.

10 Mr. Walker. Yeah. I don't --

11 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah.

12 Mr. Walker. -- know. I mean, I know what -- what -- what we had with Gabriel
13 and what he was paying us.

14 Mr. [REDACTED]. Okay.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

16 Q So this is a pretty sweet deal. I mean, he's paying you 180,000 bucks a
17 month, right, and what exactly were you doing for him?

18 A You know, I was -- I was trying to shine some light on what was happening,
19 and it was no easy task. We brought in a guy named John Sandweg, who was a lawyer
20 and I believe former DHS official, Homeland Security official. And we brought in Louis
21 Freeh and his -- his groups to really figure out what was taking place.

22 I believe they -- a short period of time, they put together a couple of documents.
23 One is a summary. I don't know if you have them. One is another larger document
24 about -- translated all the court records, figured out what's going on, interviewed
25 witnesses, and it was apparent that Gabriel was getting screwed somehow. We still

1 didn't know who or why.

2 And I think Judge Freeh was shocked. You'll have to ask him exactly why. And
3 the whole thing was a sham. I think, by his former business partner that looked like he
4 was trying to get the rest of the Baneasa project. Baneasa project was very large. I
5 think the mall was, at the time, 2 percent of the Romanian GDP.

6 Q Did you ever make any representations that you'd try to leverage
7 Hunter Biden's relationships with administration officials?

8 A No. I never -- I visited one person in the State Department at the time.
9 Again, I can't remember her name. And I was just giving her a heads up that this Louis
10 Freeh report on this case in Romania may be headed her way and that she should
11 probably just be aware of it.

12 Q But, in terms of your communications with Popoviciu, did you represent to
13 him that you would try to leverage your relationships in the administration to --

14 A No, not in any --

15 Q -- help his situation?

16 A I never said I would leverage my relationships within the administration.

17 Q Did you ever say that you would have communications with administration
18 officials on his behalf?

19 A I don't recall exactly what I told him, but I don't think he was under the
20 impression that this was -- this was going to be a long slog.

21 Q Right. Was there an expectation that Hunter Biden was going to talk to his
22 dad about this situation?

23 A There was no expectation of that happening.

24 Q What was Hunter Biden doing as part of this operation? You've told us
25 what you did. You've told us that you put together Louis Freeh and some other --

1 A Hunter brought in Louis Freeh. And, in our initial meeting, Judge Freeh
2 made it real clear that he didn't want to have anything to do with this and he was just
3 listening because Hunter had brought him in. And so bringing the former FBI director
4 into the case to help Gabriel, I think, was kind of a big deal.

5 Q Okay. Was it like a big enough deal that -- you know, worth 100 -- what
6 was Hunter's share of the monthly? Was he getting a third of it, or was that --

7 A He was getting a third of it.

8 Q So was it enough of a big deal, like that one task, to be commensurate with,
9 you know, 180 divided by three every month for a certain number of months?

10 A Well, I can't talk about Gabriel's feelings, but my -- I would imagine he's a
11 pretty thrilled person because he is -- has been exonerated, and I think Louis Freeh was
12 working with him until just a few months ago. But I don't know that for a fact.

13 Q Okay. Did Hunter Biden do anything else on this representation?

14 A No, but he -- he was a very good person at strategy, was really good at
15 talking to Gabriel about what was happening, not what would he -- what he was doing,
16 but what people should be touched, whether it was by me or by Judge Freeh.

17 Mr. Jordan. When you -- I want to go back to that statement you said in the
18 recorded phone call with Mr. Bobulinski and Mr. Gilliar.

19 When you said bury us -- Tony is going to bury us all, who is -- when you say all,
20 who are you referring to?

21 Mr. Walker. Tony, me, Jim, and James Gilliar.

22 Mr. Jordan. So all your business partners and the deal you were looking to do
23 with CEFC, those people?

24 Mr. Walker. Yes.

25 Mr. Jordan. And, well, did they all include then candidate Biden?

1 Mr. Walker. What do you --

2 Mr. Jordan. Well, earlier, you referenced that you were concerned about how
3 this was going to impact the election, he was trying to prevent, you know, help
4 President Trump and minorities portrayed it that way. Was that one of the things you
5 were concerned about too when you said all? Was he included in that all?

6 Mr. Walker. What I was thinking is that any damage to his son or any potential
7 or alleged damage or whatever Tony was going to say was going to hurt his son, and I
8 think he was intentionally trying to hurt his son.

9 Mr. Jordan. And what were the -- was it -- what was -- what Mr. Bobulinski said,
10 was it false statements he was making that were -- that was going to bury you all? What
11 were the statements? What was he saying that was going to get the result you were
12 concerned about?

13 Mr. Walker. As I believe I've stated, he's a pretty aggressive and I believe also
14 portrayed him as a little bit of a bully. I just want to -- was trying to get him to calm
15 down. And I think that, if we look at -- it's not for me to decide, but if we look at the
16 statements he made to the FBI, I think they -- they show that he has clearly perjured
17 himself.

18 Mr. Jordan. Well, you said there was a meeting in Los Angeles between him,
19 Hunter Biden, Joe Biden, and James Biden. Were you at that meeting?

20 Mr. Walker. I was not.

21 Mr. Jordan. But you have no reason to believe that meeting didn't take place?

22 Mr. Walker. That's correct.

23 Mr. Jordan. Okay. So that meeting happened. That's one of the statements
24 he made.

25 And we've seen the email where it talks about 10 percent --

1 Mr. Walker. Well, I don't know whether that meeting happened --

2 Mr. McAndrew. Yeah. Good.

3 Mr. Walker. -- that it happened. I hadn't talked to Hunter about that meeting.

4 Mr. Jordan. Okay. Fair enough.

5 And we've seen the statement that said -- you know, an email from your -- from
6 one of your partners about 10 percent for the big guy. That's out there in the public.
7 That's a true statement.

8 So I'm wondering is there statements he made that were going to, quote, bury us
9 all that were not, in fact, accurate? And if so, what were they?

10 Mr. Walker. I'm not sure what Tony was -- was going to do, but he was clearly
11 upset. He was, I think, scorned from the deal that he was not clued in on by Hunter, and
12 it -- you know, his -- whatever he threatened to go public with just seemed absurd to
13 James and myself.

14 Mr. Jordan. I get all that. I get he's mad and everything.

15 My question is: Did things he said -- were they false? And, if so, what were
16 those false statements that led you to say, You're going to bury us all?

17 And it sounds like you don't -- you can't point to any false statement he made, at
18 least not here today.

19 Mr. Walker. I don't recall the conversations that I had with him while he was
20 recording me.

21 Mr. McAndrew. And, just for the record, I'll make a note, we don't have a copy
22 of this recorded conversation, only what's been played on, you know, the various TV
23 shows.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

25 Q You said Mr. Bobulinski perjured himself with the FBI. What exactly --

1 A I'll let you decide that. That's just a comment.

2 Q I'm sorry?

3 A I'll let, you know, you guys decide, but --

4 Q Well, no. That's a pretty serious allegation. If there is something that he
5 said in his FBI 302 that you believe constitutes perjury, we'd like you to tell us.

6 A He said he was in the meeting with us in Miami, and he said in the interview
7 that he saw a diamond. And I think, by the WhatsApp screenshots that were sent
8 around proves that he wasn't in Miami.

9 Q Just one other question. On this exhibit we've been looking at lately,
10 exhibit 9, the -- going to page 31 -- and these are some of the payments that we discussed
11 this morning. When the money came in from State Energy HK Limited, you sent
12 Mr. Gilliar his share plus 65,000. And then, for the Hunter Biden share, you held it, and
13 then you paid it out as, I believe, he instructed, and this is on page 31 of 32.

14 Mr. McAndrew. Here you go. Here you go, 31, 32. Yeah. Go ahead
15 and -- can you just restate it? I'm not sure he follows.

16 Mr. [REDACTED]. Well, I just wanted to --

17 Mr. McAndrew. He's looking at the documents and trying to refer to the
18 documents.

19 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- refer him to the document, and --

20 Mr. McAndrew. Yep.

21 Mr. [REDACTED]. -- I have a particular question.

22 Mr. McAndrew. Yep. Okay.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

24 Q At the time, did you have any concern that Hunter Biden was trying to keep
25 the \$1 million that he was owed secret from his -- his wife that he was involved with a

1 divorce proceeding, because, if they're going through a divorce, presumably, you know,
2 his wife is entitled to half of that money unless they had a -- some sort of prenuptial
3 agreement?

4 A I'm not sure how Hunter would have kept money away from his wife
5 when -- you know, that wouldn't -- that wouldn't make sense to me.

6 Q But, if you had paid that million dollars that he was owed from this
7 transaction immediately to Owasco, I mean, that -- wouldn't that be factored into the
8 divorce proceedings? I mean, were you concerned that potentially he was trying to hide
9 this money from his wife?

10 A I did not ask them -- ask him that question, and it was not a concern of mine.
11 It was his money and for him to --

12 Q It was his business? Did you believe it was sort of his business and you had
13 nothing do -- no role in doing anything other than the way he instructed?

14 A I was friends with Kathleen, and I had no desire to cheat her out of anything
15 by any means.

16 Q Okay.

17 Mr. [REDACTED]. I think the hour is up.

18 [Discussion off the record.]

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q I want to talk to you about some events that happened during the time
21 period of 2016, 2017, that may have impacted the schedule of things.

22 You're aware that Mr. Popoviciu was convicted of bribery in -- sometime in 2016,
23 correct? Does that sound right to you?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And, at some point after his conviction, he fled to the United Kingdom,

1 correct?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And, in August of 2017, after you received the last payment from Bladon
4 Enterprises, he surrendered to authorities in the UK, correct?

5 A I don't know exactly, but yes.

6 Q So fair to say he had -- he was otherwise engaged in 2017? I mean, he had
7 a lot going on?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q He couldn't work on your business developments?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q And you're also aware that, this past summer, Mr. Popoviciu was completely
12 exonerated of all corruption charges, correct?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q I'd like to introduce -- what exhibit are we on now?

15 Mr. [REDACTED]: 25.

16 [Discussion off the record.]

17 [Walker Exhibit No. 25

18 was marked for identification.]

19 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

20 Q So exhibit 25 is an article titled "UK Supreme Court Discharges Romania's
21 Extradition Request for Gabriel Popoviciu." And, as that article makes clear, the
22 Supreme Court in the United Kingdom denied Romania's request for extradition of
23 Mr. Popoviciu, correct?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q And they found that it was the judge in his case, not Mr. Popoviciu, who was

1 corrupt?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And they agreed with the Romanian appeals court finding that Mr. Popoviciu
4 had not bribed anyone, correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q And that the bribes that he had been charged with were actually paid by
7 someone else without his knowledge?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q And he's been completely exonerated?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q But that wasn't until after you were done working for him?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q Mr. Walker, have you ever discussed Mr. Popoviciu, anything about
14 Romania, with Joe Biden?

15 A No.

16 Q And, to your knowledge, has Hunter Biden ever discussed Mr. Popoviciu with
17 Joe Biden?

18 A No.

19 Ms. [REDACTED]. Thank you very much.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

21 Q Are you -- did you or Hunter Biden ever represent or suggest to anyone that
22 you would leverage Joe Biden to help Mr. Popoviciu?

23 A No.

24 Q I just want to make a couple of points for the record.

25 Exhibit 22, which was introduced earlier, is another email that appears to be from

1 bidenlaptopemails.com?

2 And exhibit 23, which was discussed with the witness, I want to be clear, is just a
3 spreadsheet with notes and comments that appear to be from one of the IRS
4 investigators, but there are no underlying documents. It's completely unclear from this
5 document what this document is based on, and it contains many typographical errors.

6 And, finally, for me, Mr. Walker, at the beginning, hours ago when we started this
7 transcribed interview, my colleagues from the majority explained that this transcribed
8 interview is being conducted pursuant to the impeachment inquiry of President Joe
9 Biden. We talked a lot about Hunter Biden today, and so I wanted to ask you a very
10 simple question: Are you aware of any evidence of any wrongdoing by President Biden?

11 A I am not.

12 Mr. ██████████. With that, off the record.

13 [Whereupon, at 5:35 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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I have read the foregoing ____ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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Date

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Page	Line	Change
39	9	Add “it”
40	7	Remove “with”
67	3	Change “he’d” to “we’d”
119	16	Change “Se” to “So”
177	3	Change “him” to “them”