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1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So on the SECO response,
2 so the -- the other thing is -- they -- so you -- so he
3 said -- so DO said he will reach out to the State
4 Department to see if they can reach out to SECO. So but we
5 can't -- but again --

6 MR. NIELS TROOST: But that will be via Chabrier
7 or via Baker or --

8 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: No, it will be between -- it
9 will be government-to-government.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: To --

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It will be G-to-G.

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: So --

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It will be --

14 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- and --

15 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It will be through
16 nobody.

17 MR. NIELS TROOST: So what do you think they will
18 -- they -- they can say?

19 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I think they'll say "back
20 the fuck off." These are -- this is -- this is -- this is
21 an organization that we are working with but they have to
22 really have that thing buttoned up. And there's not --
23 there is -- we -- we are monitoring this organization
24 closely.

25 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

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1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: We're going to leave them
2 alone if they can totally do that. Yeah, fully capable of
3 doing. I mean, that's what I -- I know they can do stuff; I
4 know they can do much better.

5 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

6 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Keep in mind, Switzerland
7 is very afraid of the United States because of the tax bill
8 that we gave them.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Right.

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: The fine that we put on
11 them.

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So and there is still a
14 lot of stuff that we hold on Switzerland; a lot of stuff.

15 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

16 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So, at -- at some moment
17 of time, and I (inaudible) talk (inaudible), but at some
18 moment in time, we should, for some time, just think back
19 and say that -- that -- the number of people we talk about
20 or the Program we talk about, this is -- none of this is
21 normal, right? This is not a normal situation. And I
22 think that, you know, for -- you know, I don't think that I
23 have been distant with you or you were -- you're not taking
24 this seriously or you didn't take this seriously. I --
25 this is very serious stuff. This is not a joke.

1 MR. NIELS TROOST: No, but -- but -- but -- look,
2 you scare me when you start saying, "Well, you know, it's,"
3 -- what -- what -- whatever you say, "You're playing with
4 fire." You don't say, "You're playing with fire," but
5 you're saying, you know, this is, "Don't fuck with me," and
6 --

7 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It's not about fuck with
8 me; it's -- it's just -- look, man, it's -- I'm not saying
9 don't fuck with me. I am telling you, once you are part --
10 you, listen, when you take -- when you enter this kind of
11 environment and you have been part of things like this
12 before when he was in JSOC, but he was an official
13 capacity; he was part of this kind of stuff. He -- man,
14 when you're part of this stuff, you're part of the stuff,
15 and people take care of you and you're part of a little
16 club. But you start, you know, meddling -- meddling
17 around, they can throw the rule book at -- rule book at
18 you. And there is -- there -- there is plenty of people
19 who have tried to do that and -- and they've just been
20 tagged because -- because it's an institution, right? I
21 mean, look at Trump. He was the fucking president, right,
22 and he started messing with the intelligence agencies and,
23 you know, the reason -- today, he's the fucking -- I mean,
24 he's like trying to hide from everything. I mean, his --
25 his -- there was a -- yesterday, his accounts in the U.S.

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1 were blocked. We didn't do anything with Republicans
2 controlling the House.

3 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Because there is a part
5 of this country that is just so -- that -- that is about
6 this country and is not really about the -- the people who
7 really care. And I think I am trying --

8 MR. NIELS TROOST: Which is the Deep State,
9 right, as you were talking --

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Deep -- which is the Deep
11 State.

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Which is -- we -- you
14 just don't cross the line. And I, you know, we -- look,
15 (inaudible) told you, I believe in whatever you are doing
16 and we did it. And --

17 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

18 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- but at some point, the
19 question that you have to ask is why the fuck are all these
20 people listening to me? It's an important question for you
21 to ask, you know?

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay, so what's the ans -- so
23 what's the answer?

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Because I'm a good guy.

25 MR. NIELS TROOST: (Laughter).

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1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: No, because -- it's
2 because, you know, you know, this is what I do; I have been
3 doing this for quite some time. Is we set up companies, we
4 -- we -- we align with the agenda. It doesn't matter who's
5 in office and we move along. I mean, Prabowo, you know,
6 who I introduced you, I mean, it was kind of -- I don't
7 think it -- if you -- you put it together. But he was on
8 the blacklist for 27 years.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, I think --

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Twenty-seven years.

11 MR. NIELS TROOST: I think you told me that and
12 then you got him off, right?

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: In -- in three weeks.

14 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

15 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: In three weeks. So it's
16 not -- it's not that, man, it's just -- it's just part of
17 -- and I don't -- and I think you kind of like just --

18 MR. NIELS TROOST: I just don't -- listen, I just
19 don't understand how that happens. Honestly, I just don't
20 understand how that happens, but I know you --

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I know.

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

23 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I know. But I'm trying
24 to -- because it's -- because -- because certain people,
25 because of their history and because of their background

1 and because of all the stuff that they have done and
2 because of the background that they have in government,
3 they -- the -- the intel communities take that stuff very
4 seriously and the policy changes on it.

5 MR. NIELS TROOST: Right.

6 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It happened. I mean,
7 he's a -- he's a -- he's the example.

8 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

9 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Dagalo is another one of
10 them. Dagalo in Sudan was on a sanction list, too. He was
11 the fucking head of Janjaweed.

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: And you got him off, too.

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah. So before fucking
14 Habib went and fucked it up because, you know, and just
15 (inaudible) guy got him off, too, and he was -- he was
16 going to get a visit -- he was going -- he was going to go
17 meet Kamala Harris. So it's -- it's --

18 MR. NIELS TROOST: It's --

19 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- you know?

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: It's just crazy how you do
21 that. It's just --

22 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: But it's -- you know, but
23 that's -- that's the world it is. I mean, that's -- and
24 Trafigura, right? I mean, this shit that they're going to
25 -- I mean, we -- you -- you have seen -- you've been around

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1 me for some time now but --

2 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, so tell me about Trafi.
3 So what -- what are you doing against them?

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So at the end of it -- so
5 Trafi is -- so Trafi's main backer is a guy called Paul
6 Ryan.

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

8 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Former Speaker of the
9 House.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay, and what is he now?

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Right now he is working
12 for Trafigura as head of government relations.

13 MR. NIELS TROOST: I mean, he's employed by
14 Trafigura?

15 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Correct.

16 MR. NIELS TROOST: Ah.

17 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: And 80 percent of
18 McCarthy's staff is Ryan's staff, okay? Kevin McCarthy,
19 who's -- who's Speaker of the House.

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: Right.

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: He -- he is the -- the
22 Majority Speaker of the House, republican side. So I am
23 meeting with Paul Ryan in DC.

24 MR. NIELS TROOST: This coming week?

25 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Paul Ryan. Yeah. Yes.

1 And Paul Ryan doesn't know that I'm involved with this. I
2 will tell him that I'm involved in this and to whatever
3 little shenanigans he's up to, please relax. And --

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: What -- what --

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- (inaudible) told me
6 that --

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- do you mean? Sorry, I
8 don't -- this part I didn't get.

9 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Whatever -- like, it
10 would be what I will tell him is to make sure to tell his
11 employer that I -- this is the first time I will -- you
12 know, his -- I will tell an official Trafigura guy that
13 this is my company and I need you to just relax. And if
14 you don't relax, Paul Ryan knows what I can do. And then
15 you're up for grabs; that's what I'm going to do. And
16 Jim's going to go with me, to the meeting, and that's where
17 we're telling him. And if you -- and if he wants -- and
18 maybe he'll just stop working for Trafigura but that's what
19 I want to do.

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: And then do what?

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Work for us.

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: Ah, okay.

23 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Work for us.

24 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm. All right. It's crazy.
25 It's -- cause you -- you really think it's Trafigura that's

1 behind all these attacks on -- on me --

2 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah.

3 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- on us?

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah, because it's
5 fucking mental, that this company that is so small, is
6 getting attacked --

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: It's crazy.

8 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- this much.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: It's crazy. It makes no
10 sense.

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: (Inaudible).

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: It makes no sense.

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It makes no sense. It
14 makes -- you -- you're doing -- being inside business and
15 fucking entire world is after you.

16 MR. NIELS TROOST: And -- and again -- and again,
17 nothing wrong with it. I am absolutely not involved. This
18 is one of the reason why you're shouting at me because
19 you're telling me, "Why didn't you tell Francois to do this
20 and that?" But I -- I cannot and I will not, right? So
21 and then it's -- it's -- there's nothing wrong with the
22 business and I just don't understand why somebody's
23 attacking us so much.

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Well, it's Trafi. It's
25 definitely not the cleaning lady. It's not him.

1 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

2 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I don't think it's him.
3 I think he just -- he's not doing anything.

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: You know, actually, I
6 have -- I have -- I have started to understand --
7 understand what he's trying to do a little bit better and
8 --

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Which is that?

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- you know, I understand
11 what he's trying to do. He is trying to, you know, he's
12 not -- you know, I think people, you know, just look at him
13 as this crazy money hungry guy.

14 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

15 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: But the guy is
16 essentially building a parallel government and, you know, I
17 look through all of his ventures that he's doing and
18 companies that he owns everywhere. He's essentially
19 building a parallel state. And I think there is a way to
20 align with that rather than fight it, which is what my
21 suggestion is.

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, but again, but to work
23 with him, we need a license, right? I mean, it's --

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Not true because if you
25 buy below the price cap, you don't need a license.

1 MR. NIELS TROOST: That is -- absolutely. Yeah.
2 Yeah. But -- but he's -- he's -- he's -- but he's an SDN.

3 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: You're not working with
4 him; you're working with the company.

5 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

6 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Okay? And obviously --

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: I'm not sure about that, but
8 -- but we can get a legal opinion on that. I think we
9 should but okay, we're not --

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Right.

11 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

12 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: And obvious -- and
13 obviously, it will be known before we do that that this is
14 what we're trying to do.

15 MR. NIELS TROOST: And then when we do this
16 inversion, the idea is to get this OFAC license or
17 something, right? I mean, that's --

18 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: The idea is to be able to
19 buy as much as -- as much product as possible from -- from
20 Russia, from Iran, from Venezuela, and this KRG product
21 that he has from Syria, and whatever else we want to do.

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: But that has to be approved
23 with a license, obviously.

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes.

25 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Yes. Of course.
2 But for the Russia thing, we don't need a license as long
3 as you buy below the price cap.

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: But I think you need -- I
5 think -- I -- I -- we need to get a legal opinion on that
6 because, you see, right now, we're not --

7 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Well --

8 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- you know, we're not working
9 with any STN's, right, and I don't want to. Sorry, but
10 that's not going to happen so -- but we'll need to get a
11 legal opinion on that. What -- who we can work --

12 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah, we do, but -- but,
13 of course, I mean, we're not going to do anything without a
14 legal opinion but --

15 MR. NIELS TROOST: But if OFAC -- if OFAC issues
16 a license to work with those companies, than it's okay,
17 right?

18 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Or it can issue you
19 -- or it can issue you an opinion that they have no -- no
20 -- no -- no objection for doing so.

21 MR. NIELS TROOST: Which -- which OFAC can do.

22 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Correct.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, okay. It's never been
24 necessary because it's -- I'm not -- yeah, not going to do
25 anything that I'm not doing now, right? So, anyway, you

1 scare me a little bit when you -- well, not a little bit,
2 you scared me a lot when you go into this mood of yelling
3 and screaming at me and they think you work for the
4 Russians, which is such bullshit.

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I know but what do you
6 want me to say? I mean, you've got to -- I mean -- I mean,
7 but you have to understand, man, this is not normal that --
8 that -- that all these people are behaving in their own set
9 of mind. This is not normal.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: You know, like --

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, but like now for
13 example, then you bring up -- then you -- then you bring --
14 I mean, I didn't want to say, but then you bring up
15 Christelle. I mean, what has she got to do with it?

16 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It's a proof that you're
17 not working with the Russians; that you would not put your
18 daughter here in the United States if you were working with
19 Russians.

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: Right. But I'm not. I mean,
21 it's -- but, yeah.

22 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I understand, man, but I
23 -- I am -- I understand, man, but why am I dealing with --
24 I'm dealing with not one person; I'm dealing with a lot of
25 people that have opinion. It is from -- because of the

1 action that are taken by these people.

2 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

3 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I -- I mean, they're like
4 -- this shit is serious, man. Like, you know, like Susanne
5 and these people, man, it's like, I -- I -- I understand
6 they are what (inaudible) --

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: No, but Jeff -- Jeff spoke to
8 me about it, too, and then he also says that he recognizes
9 it's probably also because he -- he -- he -- he pissed them
10 off or he spoke to them in a --

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Okay, man --

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- aggressive --

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It -- it doesn't matter
14 what -- Jeff isn't -- Jeff -- what Jeff is saying and
15 reminding that, you know, I am telling you what -- how this
16 -- Jeff is on our side, okay? Jeff is not somebody who we
17 need to convince but the rest of them are somebody we need
18 to convince.

19 MR. NIELS TROOST: Speaking of Jeff, by the way,
20 yeah, he hasn't send -- he was going to send me -- because
21 he said he has, you know, because -- I also want to be --
22 we have to be 100 percent certain that having Americans or
23 American ownership is not against, you know, the OFAC rules
24 or the U.S. rules. And he said he's 100 percent convinced
25 and he looked at it left, right, center, and he said it's

1 got a ton of memos on it. I -- I -- he needs to -- I mean,
2 I'd like to see those memos. I mean, and he said he was
3 going to send it yesterday but he hasn't. When you -- when
4 you speak to him --

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: (Inaudible).

6 MR. NIELS TROOST: -- could you ask him?

7 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Sure, but you can also
8 text him.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah, I'll do that. Yeah.
10 And then also, he said he was going to send a memo on the
11 meeting that he had or the conversation he had with that
12 OFAC lady.

13 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah, I don't want him to
14 send that memo because it's going -- it's just not
15 necessary. It's not necessary. People ask me about that.
16 I don't think -- (inaudible) I think you should just read
17 that memo; he can tell you what the conversation was but
18 not put all that in writing because that call should never
19 have happened.

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: Why not? Why not?

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Why not? Because that's
22 -- that's not how OFAC operates. OFAC is an enforcement
23 agency; OFAC is not a collaborative agency. Their job is
24 to fuck you. Their job is not to reach out and build a
25 relationship. That's not how this works. I forced them to

1 make that call because they were going to deal with --

2 MR. NIELS TROOST: But how can you force them to
3 make that call?

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Man, it fucking doesn't
5 matter, Niels.

6 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay. Yeah, I'm trying to
7 understand.

8 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: (Laughter). It doesn't
9 matter. How can I force them? It doesn't matter. I did.
10 And he got the call.

11 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay.

12 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Okay? It doesn't matter
13 how it went and how -- it doesn't matter. It did -- the
14 thing is the action happened. I mean, you eat the cake,
15 man. Why do you care about where I -- where I -- where I
16 bought the bananas from? (Laughter). I mean, it's like --
17 you should tell him he should read you the memo, word-by-
18 word, so you can listen, whatever he's gotta say, but that
19 call never happened for all intents and purposes. That
20 call never happened because the call should never have
21 happened. The only reason that call was forced is because
22 of the action that they were intending to take so I needed
23 to make that call happen.

24 MR. NIELS TROOST: The action against Paramount?
25 But why?

1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Well, because -- because
2 they were -- because there is a list. I've told this to
3 you five times, there's a list the Ukrainian government is
4 circulating that is -- has your name and Paramount name on
5 it. It has been sent to SECO, it's been sent to EU, that
6 they've sent to Dubai, that they have sent to U.S.
7 Everybody has that list and you are featured on that list
8 so I needed Jeff to talk to them to make sure that he
9 explains to everybody and OFAC and OFAC was then going to
10 relay to other agencies that you're okay. Otherwise, there
11 was going to be not -- there was going to be five
12 investigations happening at the same time and that will for
13 sure bury the company.

14 MR. NIELS TROOST: But did OFAC then confirm that
15 we're okay?

16 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes. They want to
17 collaborate on working -- on different state -- on the
18 state actors.

19 MR. NIELS TROOST: And this is because they
20 understand that this is part of this program or --

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: They understand that I am
22 part of this company.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: And that there is --

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: The program -- the
25 program did -- they know that this is run out of Los

1 Angeles by me and that's what they told Jeff and that was
2 that. You're okay. And that's what -- and it wasn't only
3 Jeff. It was Melissa Mannino; it was the full Baker team.
4 It was six people or four people from their side on that --
5 on that call, you know? Even O -- Melissa used to work for
6 OFAC. Melissa said that in her entire time there, OFAC has
7 never made an outreach call to build a relationship with a
8 company. Ever. Period.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: So that would -- that's highly
10 unusual then.

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Absolutely. Forced. I
12 forced OFAC to do it because I don't want shit to happen.
13 I want to do this business with you and just -- just -- and
14 the company. So it's very unusual. It's very unusual. It
15 never happens. That they reach out --

16 MR. NIELS TROOST: But then -- but --

17 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- (inaudible) Jeff --

18 MR. NIELS TROOST: But Jeff and Melissa -- but
19 Jeff and Melissa understand then why -- why it's happening
20 or --

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Of course. Of course.
22 Of course. Man, Jeff knows -- Jeff may not say anything,
23 Jeff is part of every fucking conversation that I'm having
24 with the regulatory legal guys. Baker Hostetler government
25 relation team, the -- you know, there is -- there is a

1 whole other running bill that is not part of Paramount's
2 bill that I have with them for many years that they write
3 memos and government opinions and shit like that, which is
4 -- which -- which -- which is given out. So they're part
5 of every conversation.

6 MR. NIELS TROOST: That's amazing.

7 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: They're part of every
8 dialogue.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay. All right, now, okay --

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Some day, I will, you
11 know, talk -- we're going to talk and I'll tell you the
12 whole story from top to bottom. But there is a lot of
13 stories.

14 MR. NIELS TROOST: The story -- the -- the story
15 of what?

16 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: The story of why people
17 listen, how they listen, how this whole thing works. There
18 is a system. There -- there is a system. It works. And
19 we just need to -- we -- if we work with system, we'll grow
20 with the system. And that's -- you know, and because --
21 you know, I think you and I care about the same thing,
22 which is to maintain the -- the way of western life.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: I want to do what's best for
24 the western world, yeah. Absolutely.

25 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Exactly.

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1 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

2 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So and that's, you know,
3 it's not idealism. We can't -- okay --

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay, Sir.

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: But -- but O -- but OFAC
6 is, you know, that was, you know, that wasn't the call that
7 Baker Hostetler requested. OFAC reached out to Jeff to set
8 up a call with him, to have a chat with him.

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: And in the end of the
11 call, they told Jeff we would love to collaborate with you
12 on figuring out who the other bad -- who the bad state
13 actors are. That's not normal. OFAC's job is to
14 prosecute; not to be -- not to be --

15 MR. NIELS TROOST: No, I don't understand how any
16 of this works but that's --

17 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: But it's working so why
18 don't you just enjoy the fruit rather than trying to
19 understand it. This is what I don't understand.

20 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So --

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: All right, so --

23 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I thought Jim was trying
24 to explain to you things. He didn't explain to you
25 anything?

1 MR. NIELS TROOST: No, the only thing he told me
2 is that, you know, this -- this NOC, which I don't quite
3 understand what it is, but --

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Well, there is only --
5 there is only, you know, maybe a handful of NOCs in the
6 world.

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

8 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Which is -- which is like
9 -- you can probably (inaudible) 30 of them.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: A handful is not 30
11 (laughter).

12 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: In the world.

13 MR. NIELS TROOST: In the world, yeah. Okay.

14 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah, in the world
15 there's 30 NOCs, globally. Operate 30 of them.

16 MR. NIELS TROOST: And they all know each other.

17 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Of course. Did you know
18 Buffett was one of them at one moment in time?

19 MR. NIELS TROOST: Who, Warren Buffett?

20 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: That's right. He manages
21 the Agency's pension fund.

22 MR. NIELS TROOST: You're kidding me.

23 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes, Sir. And do you
24 know between -- do you know between the first operation
25 that happened in Russia, which was an inter -- M&M was the

1 company that went into Russia, the chocolate company, to do
2 these -- to do all kind of espionage. M&M.

3 MR. NIELS TROOST: No.

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Warren Buffett was the
5 defender of it.

6 MR. NIELS TROOST: No way.

7 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes, Sir. Yep. Warren
8 Buffett is a NOC. Warren Buffett is a NOC. That's Warren
9 Buffett.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: And that's why --

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: He --

12 MR. NIELS TROOST: And that is why he's so
13 successful or --

14 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Absolutely. Because he
15 -- he can make no fucking mistake. He can run no foul. He
16 can do no violation. Have you ever heard of an
17 investigation against him? He does nothing wrong. He is a
18 NOC. He is the definition of a NOC.

19 MR. NIELS TROOST: But then you also said that
20 Elon -- Elon Musk somehow was involved or that you --

21 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: No. Elon Musk was
22 involved at some point but he went off the deep end.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: He -- he -- because he
25 started collaborating with China, he started collaborating

1 with -- even Erik Prince was a NOC at one point but he's
2 been kicked out of the club because he went for, you know,
3 because -- the thing is, when you're -- when you're a NOC,
4 you make a lot of money. But they want you to make a lot
5 of money. But the problem is that you can become greedy
6 and become like Erik Prince and sell your soul to China for
7 a few billion dollars and what he did. Right now, he's
8 nobody right now. They're, you know, he can't even come to
9 the U.S.

10 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm.

11 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: But people who do it
12 right, like Buffett, you live a good life, okay?

13 MR. NIELS TROOST: I just don't understand about
14 how it's possible but, yeah.

15 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Okay, but what do you
16 want me to do? But obviously, it's happened (inaudible),
17 it's there, so I don't know what to tell you.

18 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm. Okay. Crazy.

19 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: It's -- it's -- it --
20 it's pretty simple, man. You have to -- it doesn't matter.
21 All these stories don't matter. What matters is what's
22 happening in your life.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: And OFAC is there. You
25 have these things that are there, which we need to -- which

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1 are real things we need to deal with and, you know, I -- we
2 are under -- we are under -- under attack on this side and
3 we need to get our shit in order now.

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: Yeah.

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So that's -- that's the
6 -- that's the bottom line of this whole story.

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: And --
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