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1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So we should give -- we
2 should give a response --

3 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

4 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- that would -- that --
5 that would qualify them in three or four steps. We don't
6 need to write a whole story then.

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: Right. No. Nobody's
8 suggesting that but what do you mean you verified? How --
9 how -- how are we able to verify that?

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Does it matter or --

11 MR. NIELS TROOST: I don't know. It's -- it's --
12 because I -- you understand that I'm really confused,
13 right, because you were talking to Helene, right? The lady
14 from SECO. And then still we get this letter and I -- I
15 still don't understand how -- how that --

16 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Because -- yes, and
17 that's why -- well, why we stopped. Helen is in the
18 policymaking division and Helen is -- and, you know,
19 because I had to reach out to my friend to connect me with
20 Helen. And he said, "Well," --

21 MR. NIELS TROOST: You --

22 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- "they have to," --

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: But -- I mean, (inaudible) --

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: My -- yesterday.

25 MR. NIELS TROOST: You spoke to Helen yesterday.

1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Not Helen. The folk in
2 the embassy who connected me to Helen; I spoke with them
3 yesterday. And I said -- I said, "What," -- I said, "Why
4 did this letter come?" Because I was trying to get a hold
5 of them; I couldn't. So yesterday, finally we spoke on the
6 (inaudible). I said, look, the letter is there because,
7 first of all, the -- Helen -- you know, there was the -- by
8 the time -- there was a government disconnect between two
9 departments. He said but keep in mind, there has been
10 several articles written against Paramount as to why SECO
11 hasn't done anything. So they sent them this basic letter
12 --

13 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

14 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- asking them basic
15 questions.

16 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

17 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Which is -- which is --
18 which is the -- which is the best that they could do --

19 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

20 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: -- because so far the
21 company hasn't done what they had -- what -- what SECO has
22 been asking them to do.

23 MR. NIELS TROOST: Which is --

24 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Which is -- which is --
25 which is they don't want the responsibility of -- of having

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1 a company that is dealing in the Russian business, even if
2 it is done through a subsidiary. They don't want -- they
3 don't want (inaudible) shit. They want to say this is an
4 U.S. issue; deal with the (inaudible). They're -- they've
5 been telling me for months, and so I have been telling this
6 to you for months.

7 MR. NIELS TROOST: So this inversion, we have to
8 do because of SECO was pressing for it.

9 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: And everybody is
10 pressuring because SECO is -- SECO has told me many times,
11 and I've told you this before, they've said, we do not
12 want," -- if -- if you don't want anything to happen to
13 this company, please just give us a reason to say this is a
14 U.S. subsidiary and we'll fully play ball. Otherwise, they
15 need to pick up a target; that's what -- that's what I've
16 heard many, many times now. And even that was confirmed
17 yesterday, too. But that was very -- I was very upset --
18 very, very upset. I said, "What the fuck happened?"
19 Because I wasn't able to get a hold of him. He said -- he
20 -- first he had some issue with his daughter. And I said,
21 I'm sorry, but this is -- we have been telling this to you
22 for a while. It -- and you need to do this. You need to
23 do this inversion.

24 MR. NIELS TROOST: This is the guy from, what,
25 the U.S. Embassy.

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1 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yes.

2 MR. NIELS TROOST: In Bern.

3 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah.

4 MR. NIELS TROOST: Okay.

5 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: Yeah. He said, "You need
6 to do this because SECO wants this to be a check in the box
7 exercise. If it -- if this continues to go down this path,
8 they will be forced to do things and I can't do anything."

9 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

10 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: So, which is true and I
11 understand from their perspective they don't want the
12 headache of dealing with the EU or anybody.

13 MR. NIELS TROOST: Mmm-hmm.

14 MR. GAURAV SRIVASTAVA: I mean, just think about
15 it from -- from -- you know, from their perspective;
16 neither does Helen. Nobody wants to deal with this shit.

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