EXHIBIT 8
### CASH MANAGEMENT

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Take advantage of this great rate! A Flushing Bank 24 Month Consumer CD is now earning 1.70% APY (Annual Percentage Yield). With a minimum deposit of $1,000 you can start earning one of the most competitive rates around. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal on CDs. Rate is effective as of 5/25/23 and is subject to change without notice. Open a 24 Month Flushing Bank Consumer CD today and start earning more!
FLUSHING
Bank

600.581.2659 (655.540.227 TTY/TDD)

STATEMENT of
ACCOUNT

Developer Organization LLC
GEORGE A DEVOLDER-SANTOS
DEVOLDER ORGANIZATION LLC

Statement Begin Date: 06/16/2022
Statement End Date: 07/15/2022
Account Number:

CASH MANAGEMENT

All Transactions by Date
Date Description Withdrawal / Debit (-) Deposit / Credit (+) Balance
06/15 Balance Forward $15.00
07/15 Service Charge $19.38

Interest Rate Summary
Date Rate

Account Summary
Previous Statement Date: 06/15/2022
Beginning Balance + $34.08
Deposits + $0.00
Interest Paid = $0.00
Withdrawals - $10.00
Service Charge = $15.00
Ending Balance $10.08

Avg Stmt Available Bal $34.08

Minimum Balance $34.08

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Take advantage of this great rate! A Flushing Bank 18 Month Consumer CD is now earning 2.30% APY (Annual Percentage Yield). With a minimum deposit of $1,000 you can start earning one of the most competitive rates around. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal on CDs. Rate is effective as of 6/25/22 and is subject to change without notice. Open an 18 Month Flushing Bank Consumer CD today and start earning more!
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Take advantage of this great rate! A Flushing Bank 18 Month Consumer CD is now earning 2.30% APY (Annual Percentage Yield). With a minimum deposit of $1,000 you can start earning one of the most competitive rates around. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal on CDs. Rate is effective as of 6/28/22 and is subject to change without notice. Open an 18 Month Flushing Bank Consumer CD today and start earning more!
**Statement of Account**

**Statement Begin Date:** 08/16/2022  
**Statement End Date:** 09/15/2022

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**Previous Statement Date:** 09/15/2022  
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**Minimum Balance:** $4.08

**Avg Start Available Bal:** $4.08

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**Fight back against identity theft.**

*Detect, Detect, Defend.*

Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks and never allow merchants to write your Social Security number on your checks. If a business requests your Social Security number, ask to use an alternate number, such as your driver’s license number.

For more information visit FlushingBank.com or ftc.gov/idtheft.
**CASH MANAGEMENT**

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- **Interest Paid:** $0.00
- **Withdrawals:** $24,379.07
- **Service Charge:** $15.15
- **Ending Balance:** $275,622.95
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**Summary of Deposit Accounts**

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EXHIBIT 9
SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Contract for Capital Intro Services is made effective as of September 12, 2022 by and between
[Recipient] of [Address] (the "Recipient"), and Devolder Organization LLC of [Address] (the "Provider").

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES. Beginning on September 12, 2022, Provider will provide to Recipient the services described in the attached Exhibit (collectively, the "Services").

2. PAYMENT. Recipient agrees to pay Provider as follows:

   a. $250,000.00 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/cents) upon signing of this Service Agreement and $750,000.00 (seven hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/cents) at conclusion of project.

      - Recipient shall NOT be obligated to pay Provider the additional $750,000.00 or any portion thereof if Recipient secures the funding contemplated in Exhibit A elsewhere wherein the Provider is not the procuring cause within the timeframe stated therein. “Procuring cause” shall be defined as: the cause originating a series of events which, without break in their continuity, result in the accomplishment of the prime object.

      - In the event that the Recipient procures the funding contemplated in Exhibit A wherein the Provider is not the procuring cause, the initial $250,000.00 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/cents) may be repurposed, reclassified, and/or credited to Recipient by Provider in the event that the Recipient determines that an additional round of investment, as described in Exhibit A, would be beneficial to Recipient, in its sole discretion.

   b. If any invoice is not paid when due, interest will be added to and payable on all overdue amounts at 5 percent per year, or the maximum percentage allowed under applicable New York laws, whichever is less.

In addition to any other right or remedy provided by law, if Recipient fails to pay for the Services when due, Provider has the option to treat such failure to pay as a material breach of this Contract and may cancel this Contract and/or seek legal remedies.

3. TERM. This Contract will terminate automatically upon completion by Provider of the Services required by this Contract or within the time frame stated in Exhibit A wherein Provider has to perform, whichever is earliest.

4. WORK PRODUCT OWNERSHIP. Any copyrightable works, ideas, discoveries, inventions, patents, products, or other information (collectively the "Work Product") developed in whole or in part by Provider in connection with the Services will be the exclusive property of Recipient. Upon request, Provider will execute, within a reasonable period, all documents necessary to confirm or perfect the exclusive ownership of Recipient to the Work Product.
5. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Provider, and its employees, agents, or representatives will not at any time or in any manner, either directly or indirectly, use for the personal benefit of Provider, or divulge, disclose, or communicate in any manner, any information that is proprietary to Recipient. Provider and its employees, agents, and representatives will protect such information and treat it as strictly confidential. This provision will continue to be effective after the termination of this Contract. Any oral or written waiver by Recipient of these confidentiality obligations which allows Provider to disclose Recipient's confidential information to a third party will be limited to a single occurrence tied to the specific information disclosed to the specific third party, and the confidentiality clause will continue to be in effect for all other occurrences.

6. **WARRANTY.** Provider shall provide its services and meet its obligations under this Contract in a timely and workmanlike manner, using knowledge and recommendations for performing the services which meet generally acceptable standards in Provider's community and region, and will provide a standard of care equal to, or superior to, care used by service providers like Provider on similar projects.

7. **DEFAULT.** The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute a material default under this Contract:

   a. The failure to make a required payment when due.

   b. The insolvency or bankruptcy of either party.

   c. The subjection of any of either party's property to any levy, seizure, general assignment for the benefit of creditors, application or sale for or by any creditor or government agency.

   d. The failure to make available or deliver the Services in the time and manner provided for in this Contract.

8. **ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COLLECTION COSTS.** If there is a dispute relating to any provisions in this Contract, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs at all competent judicial levels.

9. **REMEDIES.** In addition to all other rights a party may have available according to law, if a party defaults by failing to substantially perform any provision, term or condition of this Contract (including without limitation the failure to make a monetary payment when due), the other party may terminate the Contract by providing written notice to the defaulting party. This notice shall describe with sufficient detail the nature of the default. The party receiving such notice shall have 30 days from the effective date of such notice to cure the default(s). Unless waived in writing by a party providing notice, the failure to cure the default(s) within such time period shall result in the automatic termination of this Contract, but not the remedies (contractual or at common law) that are affordable to the non-defaulting party.
10. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If performance of this Contract or any obligation under this Contract is prevented, restricted, or interfered with by causes beyond either party's reasonable control ("Force Majeure"), and if the party unable to carry out its obligations gives the other party prompt written notice of such event, then the obligations of the party invoking this provision shall be suspended to the extent necessary by such event. The term Force Majeure shall include, without limitation, acts of God, plague, epidemic, pandemic, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, including quarantine or other employee restrictions, fire, explosion, vandalism, storm or other similar occurrence, orders or acts of military or civil authority, or by national emergencies, insurrections, riots, or wars, or strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor disputes, or supplier failures. The excused party shall use reasonable efforts under the circumstances to avoid or remove such causes of non-performance and shall proceed to perform with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes are removed or ceased. An act or omission shall be deemed within the reasonable control of a party if committed, omitted, or caused by such party, or its employees, officers, agents, or affiliates.

11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no other promises or conditions in any other agreement whether oral or written concerning the subject matter of this Contract. This Contract supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between the parties.

12. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Contract will be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions will continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Contract is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision will be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

13. **AMENDMENT.** This Contract may be modified or amended in writing by mutual agreement between the parties, if the writing is signed by the party obligated under the amendment.

14. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. For purposes of venue, any and all actions at law or equity shall be brought in Miami-Dade County, Florida in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

15. **NOTICE.** Any notice or communication required or permitted under this Contract shall be sufficiently given if delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address set forth in the opening paragraph or to such other address as one party may have furnished to the other in writing.

16. **WAIVER OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHT.** The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every provision of this Contract.

17. **CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION.** The rule requiring construction or interpretation against the drafter is waived. The document shall be deemed as if it were drafted by both parties in a mutual effort.

18. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or transfer this Contract without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

Recipient: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date: 9/28/2022

Provider: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date: 9/29/2022

Devolder Organization LLC
George Devolder-Santos
EXHIBIT A: DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The parties agree as follows:

1. **Services A.** Provider agrees to provide Capital Introductory services to Recipient for a maximum period of twelve (12) months while Recipient is seeking **$225,000,000.00** (two hundred twenty-five million dollars and 00/00 cents) funding to attain full ownership of [redacted] and fund production of new products under development. The Provider agrees to attend and participate in meetings with Recipient and collaborate and provide advice and assistance to Recipient as is mutually agreed by the parties when pertinent to the project. Provider is responsible for performing due diligence on all of Recipient’s financials to assure the Recipient fits the criteria and qualifications for the funding. Provider is responsible for creating the offer sheet for the deal. Provider will perform a series of introductions to the Recipient’s team with potential Investors such as: Banks, Family Offices, High net worth Individuals, Multi Family Offices, Endowments, Foundations, etc. The Provider’s service is to secure qualified Investors to fund the deal partially or in its entirety.

2. **Independent Contractor.** Provider’s relationship with Recipient will be that of an independent contractor and not that of an employee. Provider will not be eligible for any employee benefits, nor will Recipient make deductions from payments made to Provider for employment or income taxes, all of which will be Provider’s responsibility. Provider shall NOT have authority to enter into contracts that bind Recipient or create obligations on the part of Recipient without the prior written authorization of Recipient.

3. **Nondisclosure of Confidential Information.**
   
a. **Agreement Not to Disclose.** Provider agrees not to use any Confidential Information (as defined below) disclosed to Provider by the Company for Provider’s own use or for any purpose other than to carry out discussions concerning, and the undertaking of, the Services. Provider shall not disclose or permit disclosure of any Confidential Information of the Company to third parties. Provider agrees to take all reasonable measures to protect the secrecy of and avoid disclosure or use of Confidential Information of the Company in order to prevent it from falling into the public domain or the possession of persons other than those persons authorized under this Agreement to have any such information. Provider further agrees to notify the Company in writing of any actual or suspected misuse, misappropriation or unauthorized disclosure of the Company’s Confidential Information which may come to Provider’s attention.

b. **Definition of Confidential Information.** “Confidential Information” means any information, technical data or know-how (whether disclosed before or after the date of this Agreement), including, but not limited to, information relating to business and product or service plans, financial projections, customer lists, business forecasts, sales and merchandising, human resources, patents, patent applications, computer object or source code, research, inventions, processes, designs, drawings, engineering, marketing or finance to be confidential or proprietary or which information would, under the circumstances, appear to a reasonable person to be confidential or proprietary. Confidential Information does not include information, technical data or know-how which: (i) is in the possession of Provider at the time of disclosure, as shown by Provider’s files and records immediately prior to the time of disclosure; or (ii) becomes part of the public knowledge or literature, not as a direct or indirect result of any improper inaction or action of Provider.
c. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding the above, Provider shall not have liability to the Company or any of its subsidiaries regarding any Confidential Information of the Company which Provider can prove:

i. is disclosed with the prior written approval of the Company.

ii. is disclosed pursuant to the order or requirement of a court, administrative agency, or other governmental body; provided, however, that Provider shall provide prompt notice of such court order or requirement to the Company to enable the Company or its appropriate subsidiary to seek a protective order or otherwise prevent or restrict such disclosure.
FINDER'S FEE AGREEMENT

This Finder's Fee Agreement ("Agreement") is made and effective this February 1, 2022.

BETWEEN:  Devolder Organization, LLC (the "Finder"), an individual or a corporation with his main address at:

185 Great Neck Rd. 4th Floor
Great Neck, NY 11021

AND:  [Redacted] ("Referrer") "Special Advisor" to [Redacted] with its head office located at:

[Redacted]

WHEREAS,

A. Referrer is an employee (Special Advisor) of [Redacted] ("Company"),

B. Company has authorized Referrer to provide certain introductory services described hereunder and to utilize the Finder's contacts,

C. Referrer agrees to engage the Finder as an independent contractor to perform such Services and the Finder hereby agrees to provide such services for the benefit of the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. APPOINTMENT

The Referrer hereby appoints the Finder to act as a non-exclusive Finder, for the purpose of providing the following Services to the Referrer for the benefit of the Company: To actively assist in identifying, engaging and discussing potential acquisition candidates for Company which result in the Company acquiring the candidate.

The Finder shall provide the Services in accordance with the specifications and expectations consistent with the Company and the Finder shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable federal and state or other laws and regulations. Finder also undertakes to observe the highest professional standards in the performance of all services to be provided under this contract.

2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Finder fully understands and accepts that he or she will perform his or her work as an independent contractor at his or her own expense and risk in order to obtain information on an acquisition Candidate and submit it (oral or in writing) to the Referrer who shall thereafter communicate and review the Candidate with the Company as a sales opportunity.
3. **DUTIES OF FINDER**

   a) Throughout the term of this Agreement, Finder shall make reasonable efforts to endorse and promote [redacted] as an acquirer. It may also refer and transmit orally potential insurance brokerage to be acquired. Finder will respect and comply with all current practices and procedures regarding the referral of licensed insurance brokerage firms to be acquired.

   b) The Finder may only claim compensation hereunder for customers with whom Finder has had direct personal contact and to whom Finder has directly referred to the Referrer.

4. **COMPENSATION**

   Under the terms of this agreement, the Company will pay the Referrer and/or the Finder an intermediation fee for their respective split of the Referral Fee.

   Referral Fee shall be 3% of the Gross Revenue of acquired Company, unless otherwise specified by the Company prior to acquisition.

   The Gross Revenue shall be determined solely by the Company and shall split equally (50%/50%) between Referrer and Finder, unless otherwise directed and specified by the parties.

   In the event either party receives the full fee from the Company, the party receives more than 50% from the Company, shall make an adjustment payment to the other party resulting in a 50%/50% split of Fee, unless otherwise agreed upon. The transfer from the Referrer to the Finder of his share (or in the reverse) shall be made within 3 days of receipt of Fee from the Company.

5. **PAYMENT CONDITIONS**

   The referred customer is not a current customer of [redacted] or a customer whom [redacted] contacted before the date of the recommendation and to whom A crisure, LLC has undertaken sales and marketing efforts.

   Referral customers will not be considered accepted by the Company, and the Company will have no obligation to pay hereunder, unless an accepted contract is signed, and acquisition closes.

6. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

   In the course of performing the Services below, Finder may have access to certain confidential or proprietary information of the Company.

   This information considered confidential includes all information concerning the company, the products, the customers, the strategies, the marketing, the systems, the technology, the financial affairs and accounting, the statistical data owned by the Company and any other proprietary and trade secret information of the Company in oral, graphic, written, electronic or machine-readable form.

   The Finder undertakes to keep all Company Confidential Information strictly confidential and must not, without the express prior written consent of the Company, (a) disclose such Confidential Information to third parties; or (b) use such Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever, other than for the performance of its obligations hereunder. The obligations under this section continue to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS.

This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect thereof. This Agreement may not be changed orally, and may be amended, superseded, cancelled, renewed or extended, and the terms hereof may be waived, only by an instrument in writing signed by each of the parties, or, in the case of a waiver, signed by the party against whom enforcement of such waiver is being sought.

8. INTELELCTUAL PROPERTY

Finder agrees that [COMPANY NAME] retains ownership rights in and to certain intellectual property, including without limitation any [COMPANY NAME] trademark, service mark, trade dress, advertising, any associated goodwill, whether presently existing or later developed (collectively "Intellectual Property"). Finder agrees to sign any document as reasonably required to effect recording or protection of any such property.

If approved in writing by [COMPANY NAME] Finder may use advertising that is associated with any Intellectual Property. Finder may use such advertising materials only upon the terms and conditions stated by [COMPANY NAME] from time to time. Finder may not modify or delete any Intellectual Property it uses without the written consent of [COMPANY NAME].

9. TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT

   a) Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience by giving the other party thirty (30) days' written notice (notice of termination).

   b) If either party breaches its obligations under this Agreement, the other party may terminate the Agreement by giving thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the defaulting party shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to remedy such default. If the breach is not remedied within the required thirty (30) day period, the party giving the notice shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

   a) In this agreement, the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter and vice versa unless the context otherwise requires.

   b) The capitalized headings in this agreement are only for convenience of reference and do not form part of or affect the interpretation of this agreement.

   c) If any provision or part of any provision in this agreement is void for any reason, it shall be severed without affecting the validity of the balance of the agreement.

   d) Time is of the essence of this agreement.

   e) There are no representations, warranties, conditions, terms or collateral contracts affecting the transaction contemplated in this agreement except as set out in this agreement.

   f) Nothing in this agreement is intended to constitute a partnership or a master and servant relationship between the parties.
g) This agreement binds and benefits the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

h) This agreement is governed by the laws of the State/Province of State

The Parties each hereby execute this Agreement as of January 31, 2022

DEVOLDER ORGANIZATION, LLC, FINDER

Authorized Signature

George Santos
Owner

Print Name and Title

Print Name and Title
FINDER’S FEE AGREEMENT

This Finder’s Fee Agreement ("Agreement") is made and effective this January 31, 2022.

BETWEEN: Devolder Organization, LLC (the "Finder"), a Limited Liability Company with his main address at:

185 Great Neck Rd., 4th Floor
Great Neck, NY 11021

AND: [Redacted] (the "Company"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Michigan with its head office located at:

[Redacted]

WHEREAS,

A. In addition to operating Insurance Brokerages Services, the Company is also in the business acquiring national and international Licensed Insurance Brokerage ("LIB") entities,

B. Company desires to obtain certain introductory services described hereunder from the Finder,

C. Company agrees to engage the Finder as an independent contractor to perform such Services and the Finder hereby agrees to provide such services to the Company.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. APPOINTMENT

The Company hereby appoints the Finder to act as a non-exclusive Finder, for the purpose of providing personal introductions to the principals of Licensed Insurance Brokerage entities for acquisition by the Company.

2. SERVICES

The Finder shall provide the Services in accordance with the specifications and expectations established by the Company and the Finder shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable federal and state or other laws and regulations. Finder also undertakes to observe the highest professional standards in the performance of all services to be provided under this contract.

3. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Finder, and its duly designated representative, fully understands and accepts that he or she will perform his or her work as an independent contractor at his or her own expense and risk in order to obtain information on Licensed Insurance Brokerage entities and the submission to the Company of the name and contact information of the principal of the acquisition opportunity.
4. DUTIES OF FINDER

a) Throughout the term of this Agreement, Finder shall make reasonable efforts to endorse and promote [redacted] and its acquisition opportunities. It may also refer to and transmit potential customers (including, but not limited to, business acquaintances, customers, and associates) for the Company to acquire. Finder will respect and comply with all current practices and procedures regarding the referral of clients to the Services.

b) The Finder may only claim compensation hereunder for customers with whom Finder has had direct personal contact and to whom Finder has directly referred to Company for acquisition, and which Company [redacted] acquires.

5. COMPENSATION

Special Advisor, as an employee of Company [redacted] is entitled to receive a Referral Fee for the successful acquisition of a LIB entity. Under the terms of this agreement, “Finder’s Fee” shall be deemed to mean 50% of the gross Referral Fee remitted and paid by [redacted] to the Special Advisor for referrals from the Finder. Within 3 days of payment to and receipt of Referral Fee from [redacted] the Special Advisor shall remit to Finder its Finder’s Fee (i.e. the sum of 50% of the gross standard Agency Referral Fee received by Special Advisor from [redacted] upon the closing of acquisition of a LIB, referred by Finder under this agreement.)

The above intermediation fees will be paid in full by the Company, as from the moment of execution of the contract, i.e., the moment when the Company executes the terms of the contract with the Client introduced by the Finder.

Payment of this commission will be made, by wire, no later than the 3rd day following receipt of proceeds for fees from Acrisure related to the acquisition. Upon request, Finder may request a copy of the wire transmission to Special Advisor from [redacted]

6. PAYMENT CONDITIONS

The referred LIB shall not be considered a customer, if [redacted] for another independent Agent/Broker is, upon making the referral, undertaking acquisition efforts. Notwithstanding, the aforementioned, if Finder can demonstrate and the LIB agrees, that the decision to be acquired is/was primarily due to the Finder’s introduction and/or influence, then Special Advisor shall notify [redacted] and claim referral fee.

Referral customers will not be considered accepted by the Company, and the Company will have no obligation to pay hereunder, unless an accepted contract is signed, or the service has been provided by one of the referrals and payment of the referral fee is received by Special Advisor.

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The Finder undertakes to keep all Company Confidential Information strictly confidential and must not, without the express prior written consent of the Company, (a) disclose such Confidential Information to third parties; or (b) use such Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever, other than for the performance of its obligations hereunder. The obligations under this section continue to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

8. OWNERSHIP

Acrisure shall retain full ownership of all Referred Customers that Finder refers to Acrisure under this Agreement, including all information relating to such Referred Customers.

Finder agrees that upon termination of this Agreement, Finder will return to the Company all drawings, blueprints, notes, memoranda, specifications, designs, writings, software, devices, documents and any other material containing or disclosing any confidential or proprietary information of the Company. Finder will not retain any such materials.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Finder agrees that [Redacted] retains ownership rights in and to certain intellectual property, including without limitation any Acrisure trademark, service mark, trade dress, advertising, any associated goodwill, whether presently existing or later developed (collectively "Intellectual Property").

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c) In the event of termination by either party, with or without cause, the Finder shall be entitled to receive Finder's Fee

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h) This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

The Parties each hereby execute this Agreement as of January 31, 2022

FINDER

Authorized Signature

Managing Partner

Print Name and Title

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INTERVIEW OF STAFFER 02
Conducted Virtually
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INTERVIEW OF STAFFER 02, held virtually.

Pursuant to agreement, before Charlie McGrath, Notary Public, in and for the State of Maryland.
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Will Freburger - Remote Tech
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## Exhibits

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Whereupon,

STAFFER 02,

being first duly sworn or affirmed to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY MS. BENITEZ

BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q We're on the record. Today is March 27th, 2023. We're conducting the remote interview of Mr. Staffer 02. Speaking is Indhira Benitez. I'm an investigative counsel with the Office of Congressional Ethics. Joining me today is Ms. Annie Cho with our office as well. Mr. Staffer 02 is not represented. He has been advised of the False Statements Act and he has signed the acknowledgement and provided that to our office. So again, Staffer 02, thank you again for -- for cooperating with our review and -- and answering some questions today. So why don't we start with what you do in the congressman's office? What -- what is your role and what are some of your
duties?

A  Yeah, so I'm the Director of Operations for Congressman George Santos. My duties include scheduling and booking meetings for the congressman with constituents and lobbyists and so forth. I also am the congressman's body man, so wherever he goes, I go. And if that includes traveling to the district with him, that -- I will do that. I also make sure that the office is stocked with all of its supplies and its needs and things like that. So I just make sure that the trains run on time at the office and -- and I -- I physically escort the congressman wherever he goes during work hours.

Q  Okay. And how did you come to work for Congressman Santos? How did you meet him?

A  I met Congressman Santos sometime back in 2019 in New York when he ran for Congress the first time. I was, at the time, the vice president of the New York Young Republican Club, and that is how I got my exposure to George Santos. At the time, our club was friends with
him, and we supported him for his 2020 run. And then he -- that -- that didn't -- that didn't result in a win, but he ran again for the 2022 cycle, which is -- again, our club supported him. That's -- you know, that's not just the me thing. That's the board of the club and the membership, everybody involved in that. And so -- so he eventually wins and then the scandals or whatever breakout, the news stories breakout about whatever questions surrounding his background, and pursuant to the large firestorm that he was facing, I had previously worked for Matt Gaetz in a similar situation that I ultimately helped him get through. And so I was recommended to him as somebody who possibly helped him get -- get him through this situation.

Q And you mentioned that your -- your club that you were a part of in New York helped him during his first congressional candidacy race and the most recent successful one. How did your club help him?

A We would -- we would just make like a
digital endorsement basically. If he needed
volunteers, I think we provided some, maybe not
more than five or six people, and just to door
knock, you know, something like that. Nothing --
nothing of real monetary value. Just general, you
know, tangential support to his campaign. But
that's really -- that's really it. There was no
monetary support. There was no -- I don't think
anybody actually from the club actually worked on
any of his campaigns at the time. Maybe one, but
I think he's passed now. So that's -- that's --
yeah, that's -- that's about the extent of the
support that we provided.

Q So you've never personally worked for
the congressman's campaign?

A Absolutely not. Never have. Have never
worked for either his 2020 campaign or his 2022
campaign.

Q How would you describe your relationship
with Congressman Santos?

A He's a friend.

Q And in your everyday duties in the
office as Director of Operations, do you know who
-- who handles the office's finances currently?

A    It's a split, so it's a split duty. I
handle a lot of the purchases and the maintenance
of the receipts, so that would be me. I think
ultimate approval authority on approvals for
purchases and such is the Chief of Staff, Staffer
01. And then the actual maintenance of the books
and other financial administration tasks and such
are left to Nariman Hawatmeh, N-A-R-I-M-A-N, last
spell her name.

Q     Okay. And I know that you mentioned
you're familiar with the public reporting that's
been surrounding the congressman. Are you
familiar with the not most recent, but fairly
recent public reporting regarding a change to the
congressman's FEC filing regarding some personal
loans to his campaign?

A    I'm not aware of that.

Q     Is there an approval process in the
office for any of the purchases or in -- in terms
of how the finances are handled in the office?
What's the process if you have to make purchases
for the office or Staffer 01, who does it go
through and who gives final approval?

A    All requests for purchases go through
me. Any purchase over $500 on a singular item is,
requires an approval from the Chief of Staff and
that -- that way I would send that up. And any
other sort of one-off or case by case special
approvals that are needed would be handled by --
would be approved by Staffer 01, but likely
executed by myself and -- and Nariman with
Nariman's guidance and advice.

Q    So I want to shift gears a little bit
and discuss the circumstances surrounding the
hiring or potential hiring and then firing or
potential firing of WITNESS 1, who was a
congressional aide, I believe. How did you --
how do you know WITNESS 1?

A    So WITNESS 1 had followed me already on
Twitter or a little bit before I -- before I -- I
joined the congressman's office. And once I
joined the congressman's office, and that was made public knowledge through public reporting, that is when he reached out to me wanting to meet, wanting to talk and catching -- catching up. And he said he'd be in DC and so he invited me to dinner, and I went and I discussed with him many things and he expressed there that he had, you know, interest to work for the Congressman. So at which point, you know, I -- I did my best to vet him in that moment to see what he was about, why he was interested and whatnot. At the -- at that moment, I -- in my opinion, I thought that he was being very genuine about wanting the job and that he wanted to help the Congressman.

And so -- so I kept him in mind for about a week or two. And then when the Congressman mentioned that -- that he was looking for a staff assistant, I immediately thought of and I provided his resume to the congressman. The Congressman liked his resume. The Chief of Staff liked his resume, wanted to speak to him, at which point I brought in to
have, you know, have the interview after the interview, I think a couple of hours later, alone without me be being in the middle of his -- I was not the hiring manager for this position. So I think at that point, George and Staffer 01 had made up their mind that they would like to hire him, and they sent him an offer letter, I believe, later that day.

Q What was the extent of your relationship with Derek prior to that dinner?

A Outside of some Twitter interactions, not much. You know, liking stuff. Other -- well, some minor Twitter engagement. Nothing -- nothing -- not -- I wouldn't say we were close friends.

Q And after the Congressman and the Chief of Staff extended an offer to Derek, what happened? What happened after that?

A He was -- he was excited. He reached out to me, letting me know he got the offer. He said thank you many times. I told him I didn't do anything. I wasn't the one who hired him. He came into the office, did his own interview. I
was not in the room during that interview, and he convinced the Chief and the Congressman for the job. And so you know, I said, congratulations, you didn't -- you know, you -- you -- you got your job. And I think, and then he would -- he came in the next day before any of the paperwork was processed to try to get a head start on the roll. And I think we -- that's when we allowed him to do some very minor, you know, paperwork kind of, you know, stuff. Just, you know, grabbing, you know, stuff from the printer, stuff like that. Helping me escort the Congressman to votes. Basically, like very low level stuff that -- that didn't require any special access for a House employee or anything like that.

At which point Staffer 01 didn't like the idea of -- of having someone there who wasn't processed and -- and, you know, on -- on the books officially yet working and -- and -- and doing that. And so he suggested that Derek come in when -- once the paperwork was processed, and so that is -- that was the next -- so that was the next
action taken, at which point, you know, was expressed like, Hey, I wanted to come in and help.

Staffer 01 told me I couldn't or to wait till the paperwork's processed. And so I told him, Hey, if that's the -- if that's what the boss said, if that's what Staffer 01 said, then that's what you have to do. He's the boss when you get in here.

You're going to be listening to him and doing what he says anyway, so get used to it.

So yeah. And then a couple of days passed and then reaches out to me again stating, you know, Hey, Staffer 01 asked for a meeting with me, with me and George, can you please be there? I think I told him I would be in the office, but I did not -- I wasn't actually in that meeting when that -- that was -- you know, that was requested by Staffer 01 and George. And so once that meeting was over, I think then Derek reaches out to me again saying, Hey, they had questions about some stuff that popped up in -- in my past regarding, you know, making recordings that were questionable and stuff like that. And
so you know, I have concerns that maybe that I
might not get hired for this position. I said,
don't -- you know, don't jump to conclusions.

You know, I don't think -- you know, I
-- I don't think it's healthy to try to fret about
it. Just, you know, go -- as -- as they tell you,
go along with it, and then maybe another day or
two later, the -- I guess Staffer 01 rescinded the
offer from -- from [Witness 1], and then [Witness 1]
was just,
was texting me, apoplectic, asking me to help him
get his job back and whatnot. I said, There's
nothing I can do. He comes in the next day after
the job -- the -- the offer was rescinded. He
tries to see the congressman very intently. He
was -- he was trying to see -- he -- he was trying
to see the congressman. The congressman was not
interested in seeing him.

And after I kept repeatedly telling him
that, you know, the congressman didn't want to see
him and he didn't comply, I told him he needed to
leave and I escorted him out of the building, and
I told him I would -- you know, if you want to
continue to talk, I'll meet up with you later, sometime in the afternoon after work, but at which point he went and I think spoke to the media and gave them a recording that he had taken of that meeting where -- that -- the initial meeting where Staffer 01 and George had discussed his background with him and the concerns about his background with him. And so that is -- you know, that's -- and once that -- that recording was -- was dropped, you know, he made the statement that the job was rescinded on his background, whatever.

He made a -- there was a whole public letter thing that he published, and, you know, he tried to make a scene out of that. And then I don't know, you know, I -- I just decided, you know, to just try to keep my nose clean, out of the firestorm. And then he -- he did continue to text me throughout this time, just stuff like, Hey, you know, I -- I just want my job back, blah, blah, blah. And then eventually he drops the -- the allegations of harassment, and then he continues to text me saying, you know, This is not
what I wanted, blah, blah, blah, and then a couple
weeks after that, he sends me a final text saying,
I just want my job back. If I can get -- if you
can get me my job back, I'll -- I'll drop this
complaint. I'll drop everything, blah, blah,
blah. So --

Q  Do you --

A  Yeah, so that's -- that -- that was the
extent of everything that happened after -- that,
you know, the offer was made, as to my knowledge.

Q  Do you happen to still have that text
message where he offered to drop the complaint if
you were able to assist in getting him his job
back?

A  Yes.

Q  Would you be able to provide that to our
office? You can either e-mail it to me or
whatever is easiest.

A  Yes, I can.

Q  And I want to follow up with some of the
interactions you were having with Witness 1 while --
or after -- shortly after he -- his offer was
rescinded. What was your impression of him at that time, after his offer was rescinded?

A I think that he was panicking. He was very upset. He looked -- yeah, he looked upset, but it was his complaints were mostly about the job, and he kept trying to reiterate to me how much he loved George and how much he wanted to help George, and that this job would give him purpose and meaning to his life, and it's everything he's wanted, and he was just very desperately trying to do whatever he can to keep that job, and that's -- that's what I -- you know, the vibe that I got from him. Him showing up to the office the next day, trying to talk to George, trying to kind of throw his last Hail Mary to try and save his job after the -- the rescission. You know, I just found him to be very desperately trying to -- to keep -- to keep onto the role that -- that was offered, and not somebody who looked like they had been, you know, like, physically harassed. Like, I don't know why somebody would be clawing to get back into an office if that --
if that had been the case, but, you know, he was clawing to get back into that office.

Q As -- you mentioned that as a part of your duties, not only are you a director of operations, but you're also the congressman's body man.

A Yes.

Q Did there ever -- was there ever a time where Witness 1 was alone with the congressman?

A No, not a shot. So if it's not me that's with the congressman at all times, it's either the ledge director or the chief or the comms director, but -- and when those folks are not there, it's always me. I am always by his side. So there's no opportunity for Derek to be alone with the congressman.

Q How many times was Witness 1 in the office?

A I could count them on my hands. Once with Staffer 01 or an interview, maybe once with maybe Raphaelo, again, discussing legislation or something like that, and -- and then once again with Staffer 01 and George when they had the other
meeting to discuss his background. That's -- that
-- I could -- that's three times that I could
think of, and, you know, that's -- that's it, you
know.

Q  When's the last time you communicated
with Witness 1

A  I must have sent -- this was after --
after he dropped the -- I think the -- the
recording and the first letter that he put out, I
think he was sending -- he sent me something like,
Did you read the letter? You know, I said
something like, I read it, and, you know, he said,
you know, something like, I -- you know, I spoke
nice about -- you know, he said to me, like, I
spoke nice about you in the letter. I spoke nice
about Raphaelo in the letter, and Gabrielle, you
know, you know, did you see that? And I -- or --
and then he said, Did you see Jimmy Kimmel did a
thing on you? I said, I saw it. I didn't do
anything -- I didn't say anything to him outside
of, I read that. I saw that, you know, and that
-- I'm -- my last text message to him must have
been, I saw that, once -- and then I was advised
to cease all communications once the Committee on
Ethics had -- when the -- the -- the complaint
with ethics was filed, so I was advised to cease
all communications, at which point I did, so.

Q    Why do you think Derek raised those
allegations regarding the sexual harassment
claims?

A    I -- I personally think that he -- he --
or he was very into being in the spotlight, being
in the -- kind of, you know, in the center of
attention. I think he just didn't -- never had
that experience before, and he wanted to be
photographed next to George's side and all this.
He kind of saw me doing it, and, as I said, he was
following me on Twitter already. He kind of liked
my -- whatever I do, and, like, whatever that --
you know, that brand is, and so I think he wanted
to be that. And so I think that he was very much
somebody who was looking for the limelight,
looking to catch fire and become famous or -- or
whatever, and he saw this job as the opportunity
to do that, and once it was taken away from him, I
think he just -- he just panicked and then tried
to salvage whatever sort of notoriety and -- and
fame that he could, or infamy, with -- with --
with what happened, by first trying to, you know
-- again, he led with allegations that the job was
-- was unfairly rescinded days after he -- he made
these other allegations about harassment, and that
just -- I think that just kind of shows you how
disingenuous that was, but, you know, I -- I think
that -- that he just did that to try to keep
throwing fuel on whatever fire was left on his --
you know, on whatever his 15 minutes that he
thought he was going to get was going to be.

Q Do you know who made the ultimate
decision to rescind his offer?

A I believe the way George stated it in --
I think in the recording itself is, he said, you
know, you know, I like you, but, you know,
ultimately I'm going to leave the decision to
Staffer 01, so Staffer 01's going to have the
final say on whether or not we're going to bring
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you on, so I believe it -- I believe it to be Staffer 01 who had the final decision.

Q  Uh-huh. You provided -- well, I'm -- I -- I'm assuming, so please correct me if I'm
wrong, that you provided text messages to the congressman or his attorney for the purposes of
our review or other investigations between you and Mr. WITNESS 1; is that correct?

A  That's correct.

Q  In -- in those text messages, and I won't go through all of them, there were a couple
of exchanges where Derek mentioned some of the things that was going on in the press with the
congressman, and one of them being the need for the congressman to look or search or hire a new
treasurer, campaign treasurer. What -- what could you tell me about that? Did you have any role in
the congressman hiring the new treasurer? What were -- what were the conversations around the --
the congressman's former campaign treasurer?

A  I have nothing to -- I had nothing to do with the treasurer. I have nothing to do with the
campaign as of now. There's -- that had zero to
do with hiring of the campaign treasurer or
finding it, anything. Anything.

Q What could you tell me about the -- to
the best of your knowledge, the personal loans
that the congressman made to his campaign?

A I -- I have no -- I have no knowledge of
any of the congressman's financials, so what --
what -- the loans -- what -- not -- I have no
idea. To the best of my knowledge, you know,
George is a successful businessman, and those --
those loans came out of his pocket. That's --
that's all I have.

Q What's your -- what's your understanding
of the -- the congressman's business or business
dealings?

A I understand it to be capital
introductions. Basically, you know -- and it's a
fancy way of saying I introduce my clients to rich
people who would give them money to invest, and so
that's -- I -- I, you know, see that as like a
general sort of like brokering business. Nothing
out of the ordinary in my eyes. So that's -- I --
that's my understanding, and that's -- that -- you
know, and I took -- and I take his word at that.

Q You mentioned earlier that as a part of
the -- the club that you're a part of in New York,
you -- you -- your club provided volunteers if the
congressman would need volunteers for -- for his
campaign, but that no one, except for maybe one
person that you recall, actually worked his
campaign from -- from staff. Do you remember that
person's name?

A Yeah, his name is Fernando Acosta and
he's -- he's dead now.

Q Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Do you
remember in what capacity he -- he assisted in the
campaign?

A I do not know. I do not.

Q Okay. Has anyone reached out to you --
oh, sorry. I think we have a question here from
Annie. Annie?

EXAMINATION BY MS. CHO

BY MS. CHO:
Q Yeah. Staffer 02, I just kind of wanted to backtrack. You had -- when Ms. Benitez had asked you about the personal loans from Congressman Santos, you mentioned that, to your knowledge, the payments came from his personal pocket. There was press coverage on this issue regarding the fact that he claimed sometime late in January that the loans actually did not come from his pocket. And then there was another interview that occurred thereafter where he then said it did come from his pocket. Do you have any knowledge of, you know, why there was a discrepancy regarding those payments?

A If you're talking about the public reporting or his public comments, I don't know what the discrepancy is and why that -- why that's there. I do -- I'm not responsible for the Congressman's communications. So I just don't -- I don't -- I -- I don't know why he would say that -- those particular things in -- in that particular instance, so.

Q So -- okay, so there was no internal
communication with you and the Congressman or
anyone in the office regarding where those
personal loans came from?

A          No.

MS. CHO:   Okay.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MS. BENITEZ

BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q          Staffer 02, has anyone communicated with
you regarding our review or investigation?

A          No, I've kept this -- it's -- just to
myself. I've -- I've not mentioned it to anybody.

MS. BENITEZ: Okay. I'm going to take a
quick, maybe one-minute break, just go through my
notes, make sure we covered everything, so we
won't have to do this again. And if you have to
use the restroom or take a quick break, I'd do
that now. If we can go off the record, please?

(Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

THE REPORTER: All right. Back on the
record.

BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q          Thank you. Staffer 02, a couple of
quick just follow-up questions. You -- and I'm sorry, remind me again the name of the club that you were part of in New York?

A The New York Young Republicans Club.

Q Okay. How did the Congressman, or how was he connected to -- to that club or who connected --

A So actually -- so actually, the -- the Congressman was a member of that club already prior to Gavin Wax being elected president and myself being elected as vice president in April of 2019. So he was already a member for a couple years. We took it over and I did not know who George was at that time. A couple months after we had taken over and we kind of revitalized the club, he came back around and we made acquaintances with him. And I must've -- I think I met him and then a week later I got hired in DC for a job and I -- I left.

So that's -- so and then I was quarantined in DC for that year, so I didn't really see George again until December 3rd of 2020.
when our club gave him an award at our gala at the
end of that year. So that's -- that's -- our
relationship was kind of a slow burn. I saw him
more through 2021 and we got closer over 2021.
And in 2022, just, you know, just closer, not
really, you know, I didn't do any work for him.
So you know, just better relationship, friendly
relationship.

Q  Did you -- were you personally involved
with setting up any of the volunteers with his
campaign?

A  No, I was not. I -- I've -- I -- I have
a role on the executive committee and so I don't
have direct oversight over who -- what -- what
campaigns we get involved in or what we -- what
resources we send them. It's not a -- that's --
that was -- that's usually not directed by me, but
it was definitely not directed by me for George
Santos.

Q  How did you -- I know you mentioned how
you ended up working for the Congressman. When
exactly was it that you were hired to work for his
official office?

A   My official start date turned out to be June, I'm sorry, January 12th of 2023.

Q   And who was it that connected you with the Congressman or told you about the role in his office?

A   He called me on January 1st, 2023, to ask me if I was interested, and I -- and I said I -- I was interested in coming back to the Hill. What's the role? He said, What are you interested in doing? I said, I could do my -- I -- I said I could do comms with my eyes closed. And he said, I already have a comms director. How -- you know, How about operations? And I said, I can do operations fine. In fact, if you call Congressman Gaetz, I think he would tell you -- if you need recommendation on that, he would tell you that my operation skills are better than my comm skills. And then which he replied to me, I already spoke to Gaetz about this. And so that's -- that's my understanding that he already had done his research, spoke to my previous employer and then
approached me.

Q And I want to circle back to the issue of the -- the personal loans. I know that you don't have any oversight over the Congressman's finances, but as someone who is heavily involved in -- in the day-to-day operations and also as a body man who -- who often is by the Congressman's side, what conversations have you had or has the Congressman had surrounding his personal finances and the public reporting about them?

A He's -- he has intimated to me that the public reporting is all false, that he can't wait for the world to learn that it's all legit and that this is his money that he made from legitimate contracts with his business and clients. He even early on, and early on when I first joined his office, he had showed me some profit and loss statements from his organization, not that I could make heads or tails of them, I'm not really a finance expert. But there are a bunch of big numbers on there and he said that -- that, you know, all that money's his. So that's
about the extent of the knowledge that I have when
it comes to the -- and whatever other
conversations he's had, it's been with his lawyer.
So I'm -- I'm not at liberty to disclose that.

Q    And why do you believe that the loans
made to his campaign came from his personal funds?

A    I believe that they came from his
personal funds because he told me. And so George
is a friend. My -- I -- now he has -- he has --
held purchased tables to our gala in 2021, the club
gala 2021, purchased tables in 2022, and we've
never had an issue with his purchase of those --
those tables, you know, say checks always cleared.
So you know, that's -- I had no reason to believe
that he had any financial issues based on whatever
little sort of knowledge I have with how he spends
his money and how those transactions processed.

Q    You mentioned your -- your club's gala.
I'm assuming there's a -- a substantial price
attached to a table. How much is it for a table
at one of your club's galas?

A    $5,000 is the -- the general. I think
-- it's -- it's -- it's anywhere between four --

let's say general is like $4,000, and I think

VIP's $5,500 and he's bought two or three of those

tables at both -- both galas, so spending upwards

--

Q  Okay.

A  -- of 10 grand or -- or so.

Q  Where do they usually take place, those
galas?

A  The last -- so the -- he's attended

three galas, to my knowledge. In 2020, that gala
took place at Maritime Park in Jersey City,
Jersey. That's been widely publicly reported
where that took place and all that in 2020 and

2021. And in 2022, the galas took place at the

same venue at 583 Park Avenue in New York City in
Manhattan.

Q  And then just finally, just circling

back to some of your duties in the office. You --
you mentioned earlier that the -- the role of

keeping track of office finances is kind of split

between you and another staffer, and you -- there
are certain things that go through you, certain things that go through some -- someone else. Could you just give me a little more detail about that process? Do you keep paper receipts? How is -- how is the bookkeeping done? Kind of walk me through, maybe if you can give me an example of something that you would do and what the process is to -- to do the bookkeeping for that -- for that --

A  Sure.

Q  -- transaction?

A  So every -- every purchase that's made in the office, that generally needs to go -- be requested through me. Once the purchase is made, the digital or paper receipts need to be provided to me immediately. I keep a record of those paper receipts, and then by the 18th of every month, I have to have those paper receipts and digital receipts submitted to -- for the prior month to Nariman, who's our financial, you know, administrator, finance administrator, and I provide her the -- the -- the receipts, the paper.
I scan them, digital ones, I package them all up. I send them all over to her. She makes sure that I have every -- a receipt for every transaction for that -- for that billing period, and she takes care of it from there.

You know, I have no visibility into what goes on from there. Now, really Staffer 01 only gets involved when there are purchases of above $500 for one singular item, at which point I would need the Chief of Staff's approval. I would also, for any interesting requests, I personally would ask for in writing the justification for why this -- this item is necessary. If I have any questions about that, I would push it up to Staffer 01, who's our Chief of Staff, for additional advisement and approval. And that's really -- that's really, you know, the extent.

MS. BENITEZ: Annie?

RE-EXAMINATION BY MS. CHO

BY MS. CHO:

Q Yeah, regarding the purchase request, you know, you said Staffer 01 gets involved when
the purchases are usually above $500. Regarding any of the office purchases, does the congressman ever get involved? Or any -- does he give any approval or authorization for any of the purchases?

A No, he does not give approval or authorization, per se. He will request certain things, Hey, I want this map framed. Right? At which point, I have to figure out if that's going to cost us any money, whatnot. And I then go frame it and, you know, pay the cost or whatever. And -- and, you know, have it mounted and whatnot. Yeah, the congressman will request things and that -- those things may cost things to -- to cost some -- some amount to process or handle. And if that's, you know, an -- if that's perceived as an authorization, then yeah, the congressman does. But they're rather minute things, you know, having a tapestry or something like that, or a map, as recently, framed.

He requested a couple of flags actually, and they were too expensive. And so then, he said
no. He actually disapproved on that. So you
know, there's a very -- it's very hands-off from
the congressman, outside of, you know, just he --
he may make some requests that cost a certain
amount. At which point, you know, I would -- if
it's not over $500, I'm -- I -- I -- I don't take
it to the Chief of Staff, and I just get a
process.

Q  Okay. And then additionally, so you
said that the congressman had reached out to you
on January 1st, 2023, regarding this position in
this office.

A  Yeah.

Q  Earlier, you had been -- earlier, you
had mentioned that it was recommended to the
congressman that -- to sort of get him through the
situation regarding the recent -- or the scandal
when it kind of was released back in like late
November or December --

A  Late December, yeah.

Q  -- to kind of get in contact with you.

Yeah. To get in contact with you, to kind of help
him through, get him out of that situation. What
was your role with that? Like you know, do -- do
you have some examples that you could provide in
terms of what you did to kind of help him get
through that initial stage of that?
A  I did absolutely nothing because I
didn't -- so the -- the -- December 19th is when I
think the actual stories broke.
Q  Uh-huh.
A  The first New York Times story,
something like that, December 18th, 19th. I had
texted him and let him know that I had his back.
And I -- if he needed anything from me, I'm there.
He responded by saying, I'm going to have fun,
just you know, kind of disproving all their -- all
the media's assertions. I didn't hear back from
him after that. I did get a phone call from the
press, from New York 1, at the time, once the
scandals broke, asking me what I thought of the
Santos situation.
And I gave them a quote in my club
capacity, as the Executive Secretary of the New
York Young Republicans Club. I gave them a quote saying that, you know, this is nonsense. That is the -- that is the extent of the material support that I had given him in that moment. And it's really more as a, sort of, commentator, as a political, sort of, activist in that New York scene, not as a representative of his campaign or anything like that. And so I did not do anything for the congressman regarding helping him through this situation until I had been hired. And that was on January 12th.

Q Okay. And then you -- you just mentioned that the press had reached out to you when the scandals -- when the press kind of released --

A Uh-huh.

Q -- the story. Did they reach -- why would they reach out to you? Was it because of your role with the Young Republican Club?

A Correct.

Q Or was there another reason?

A Correct.
Q  Okay.
A  They asked me in my club capacity. Because I had -- my gala was 9 days before, 10 days before the scandals dropped. So --
Q  Okay.
A  -- you know, that's where he was most recently seen in a -- in a sort of big way, was at -- was at our gala. The gala was widely internationally reported on. His presence there was reported on. So I think that it was only natural for them to reach out to us. I -- I think the -- I think actually, specifically, the author of that piece wanted to speak to me over the chairman of the -- or the President of the club, Gavin Wax. And I was happy to talk to him. And so I -- again, I gave him a -- a quote in my club capacity as a commentator and activist in the New York City political scene.
Q  Okay. And then lastly, you mentioned that the club has helped out other candidates or other campaigns. What other campaigns has the club kind of supported?
A Inna Vernikov, City Counsel, Vickie Paladino, City Counsel. I think back in 2020, we may have lend a hand or two to Nicole Malliotakis in her 2020 run. We have also -- we helped a -- a judge on Staten Island who was elected in 2019. Helbock, Judge Helbock.

Q Okay.

A H-E-L-B-O-C-K. We've also given -- I mean, we provide, you know, a -- a -- the -- the most support that we generally provide to a multitude of candidates is generally just a digital endorsement, you know, saying the club endorses, et cetera. So we've endorsed, you know, Mike Collins. We've endorsed Cory Mills. We've endorsed many, many people, but providing actual, like, boots on the ground or volunteers has been really limited to New York City folks. And the ones I guess that matter are the ones who won. And that's, you know, Vickie Paladino, Inna Vernikov, and George Santos, very -- I mean, we -- I think we only sent him volunteers once. He's actually -- you know, he -- yeah, he's not -- he
-- he was -- it's hard to get people out there to Nassau County. So we -- we've -- we only did that once, and I -- I don't think it was more than a handful of people.

Q  Okay. And I'm sorry, are you still with the Young Republican Club, or?

A  Yes, I'm still the Executive Secretary of the New York Young Republicans Club. And it's an --

Q  Executive Secretary?

A  Executive Secretary, yes.

Q  Secretary. Okay, so you're no longer the Vice President?

A  No, I'm not the Vice President.

Q  Okay.

A  No. I haven't been -- I stepped down in March of 2022.

Q  Okay.

A  So -- and then, reassumed this executive secretary role. I was -- yeah.

Q  Okay.

A  Yeah. And it's still -- it's still a
seat on the executive committee, but yeah.

Q  Okay.

A  It's not the Vice President or Chairman, yeah.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MS. BENITEZ

BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q  Staffer 02, a couple -- excuse me, a couple of final questions. Would you happen to know what kind of car the congressman drives in his personal capacity?

A  Yes, he drives a Jaguar F class.

Q  Okay.

A  Or the SUV. The -- oh, the F-PACE, I think. Yeah, the Jaguar F-PACE, the SUV.

Q  Not familiar, but I will trust your -- your description of it. Who -- who is Julie Santos?

A  I don't know. It could be his sister?

Q  What about Vernon Hill? Do you know who that is?

A  No, idea.

MS. BENITEZ: Okay. Well, I don't have
any more questions for you, Staffer 02. I want
to, again, thank you for your time today. Annie,
if you don't have any more questions, I think we
can go ahead and -- and wrap this up. I'm not
seeing Annie's camera on, so no more questions for
you. Again, thank you so much, Staffer 02. We
can go ahead and get off the record.

(Off the record at 12:52 p.m.)
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EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR OFFICE OF
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BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q  For the record today is April 6, 2023. We're conducting the remote interview of Witness 1. He is represented by counsel, Mr. Emmett Robinson, who is present with us here today.

Speaking is Indhira Benitez, investigative counsel with the Office of Congressional Ethics. I am here with two of my colleagues, Annie Cho and Docktrel Cromartie.

Witness 1 has been given a copy of the False Statements Act and has signed the acknowledgement and provided that to our office.

So again, Witness 1, please feel free to stop me if you need a break during the interview, and again, just wanted to thank you for your cooperation.
So, Witness 1, can you tell me a little bit about yourself? Where are you from and how did you end up in DC?

A Yeah. Grew up in Ohio, ended up in DC after being involved with a friend of mine romantically, through romantic relationship; was staying at Joint Base Andrews because they were in the military, ended up getting a hard pass for the news media as a position as a journalist to the White House.

When our relationship romantically ended, I continued to frequent DC periodically for news reporting and to cover the White House and the President, and of course, when the new Congress this year took office, I saw an opportunity to apply for a position with Congressman Santos's office, and that's how I got introduced to that.

Q Okay. And how did you eventually connect with Congressman Santos?

A So I actually had no idea who he was prior to his swearing in. It was actually the day or the week-long process that the House was taking to
select the Speaker is when I was actually first ever heard of Congressman Santos, and a friend of mine had actually sent me an article about some of his background and how it was being questioned, and of course the news media on television and online was covering that quite intently during the Speaker race as well.

So that was the first time that I had ever heard the name George Santos or that he was even a congressman.

I had followed a gentleman on Twitter by the name of Staffer 2 who ultimately would go on to work for the congressman and have the title of director of operations. I knew that Staffer 2 had a very controversial background. He was a provocateur in terms of what his style was. He was a guy who liked to poke the bear and the beehive, and he was very good, in his words, at what he does, and his, his fan base and the folks that align themselves with him tend to think that he's very good at what he does, but he does have a criminal record, and he has some questionable
background.

So I saw an opportunity to reach out to him because I'd wanted to work on the Hill. I think, you know, it had always long been a goal of mine growing up to work on the Hill, but I never had the traditional résumé or the background or the poli sci degree that most people have. I hadn't worked on any campaigns because I had always been on the news side of things, and you really don't blend the two. So I didn't really have those inside connections to go get the job on the Hill with an office.

And so I reached out to Staffer 2 on Twitter, and I said, hey, I see that you're working for Congressman Santos; I'd love to meet with you to see if I can help out in any way; my background's in news media, speech writing. I think those will be great things that you guys definitely need some help with. You're getting a lot of attention. And he said, yeah, that's great, let's meet.

So I popped into the office one day in
January, shook his hand. It's the first time I'd
met Staffer 2 in person, and he said he was busy
that day, that he couldn't, couldn't meet, but
that we would grab dinner the following week in
mid January.

So we swapped phone numbers, and we stayed
in contact, and I came back to Ohio and ended up
flying back to DC the following week, and we got
dinner; it was I think a Tuesday or Wednesday in
mid January. We grabbed dinner at the Bombay
restaurant just around the corner from the White
House.

It was at that time that it was Staffer 2
and I. I had sent an Uber to pick him up. I
wasn't sure -- he wasn't in a very good financial
position. He had just come from New York, and I
could tell that he had some financial challenges
just by the way that he was describing his stay in
DC. He was couch surfing from what I understood
and didn't have any money. They only get paid
once a month on the Hill, so he had been in the
job for -- well, he hadn't even officially
started. He was doing volunteer work in the
office at that time for about a week, and then his
official hire date wasn't until like a week into
his employment status at the office there.

So he, much like me, worked in the office
for about a week or so before he was actually
being paid. He knew that he had a job coming. It
just the process hadn't been finished yet with his
paperwork, so he didn't have any money, so I
picked up the dinner tab and paid for his Uber.

And during our dinner we discussed a lot
of things. He asked questions about, you know, my
background, where I came from, who I was, what my
political ideologies was, and I essentially told
him that, you know, I was in the center; I didn't
have one way or the other. I was friends with
congressman Tim Ryan and that I also had friends
who were Republicans, and I come from a
conservative area and I really wasn't looking for
a Republican or a Democrat office to work in; I
was just looking for an office to work in that I
could apply myself to for the constituents and to
write speeches, and I know that's very different
than what a lot of people go to the Hill for.
When they go, they align themselves with their
party and their beliefs, but I simply just don't
really have an opinion on a lot of things; I just
never had. So that's why I told him that.

Q And what, what about congressman Santos or
Staffer 2's background attracted you to wanting to
work in that specific office?

A I knew that Staffer 2 had a nontraditional
background, much like me. You know, I don't have,
like I mentioned, a background in politics. When
I was working full time in the news, I had some
litigation for public records against local media,
or local government agency. So it was -- I came
with my own baggage, so to speak, and I knew that
during that process of applying for jobs on the
Hill it would be challenging. So I wanted to go
to an office where I knew they were desperate for
help and that they were willing to accept people
like Staffer 2 and myself who had nontraditional
backgrounds.
Q What was the hiring process like? So I know you mentioned you went into the office at some point early January to meet Staffer 2, and then you went in again middle of January. Tell me about the second time you went into the office. Who did you speak with, who did you meet with, and what happened?

A So I was actually in -- I went back to DC on my own forward on my own dime and was staying in a hotel, and I texted Staffer 2, and I said I'm going to be outside of the hallway with the rest of the news media; if you need anything, come out and get me, because I was essentially asserting myself in the hallway making myself available because I knew that they needed staff in that office, and Staffer 2 said that he could get me a position in the office but that the opportunity had to present itself.

So I arrived at about 9 a.m. one morning. They actually had brought in doughnuts and had left them in the hallway for the news media, and Staffer 2 had told me the night before, he says,
make sure you get there early because they're
going to, we're going to do a Boris Johnson, and I
didn't know what that meant. So I did a little
research, and I said, oh, you're bringing in
doughnuts, aren't you, because Boris Johnson one
time took tea outside of his house to the news
media.

And so I stood out in the hallway for
about a half an hour, and Staffer 2 comes out and
he whispers in my ear, and of course all the news
media is wondering what, who I am and why he's
whispering in my ear, and he whispers in my ear
and he says, you're getting ready to go into a
staff interview with the congressman and the chief
of staff. He says, you've already got the
position, but they want to meet you and get
introduced to you, so follow me.

We walked into the office. It was a
Monday morning, and I went into the congressman's
office, in his personal office where the chief of
staff was standing and the congressman was
standing. They both shook my hand. We introduced
ourselves, and they told me to have a seat, and we proceeded to have a conversation about who I was and my background.

Q What position was offered to you at that time?

A So at that time there was no official position that was offered in the moment. I was being interviewed for just a staff position as it was relayed to me by Staffer 2. I wouldn't know until later that day that the official title would be legislative correspondent and staff assistant.

The interview was very nontraditional. It was about 15 minutes. We talked about everything in the interview except for the job duties. I had exactly no idea what I was being asked of to do if I were to be hired. In fact, when I went in the next day, I didn't know what to do. I didn't know what my job was. I had this title but I didn't know what I did.

Q Do you remember what date that was or approximately what date that was?

A Yeah. So it was January 24th was my first
official day at the office in my capacity as an LA staff assistant.

Q How much time did you spend in the office on January 24th?

A I arrived shortly before 9 a.m., and I don't believe I left until about 6:30 or 7:00 that night.

Q Did you have an opportunity to meet any other staffers that day?

A I did. I met our, at the time it was our office assistant who also has the title of press secretary which was Gabby Lipsky, and then I met Rafael Carone who was in charge of legislation; of course re-met the chief of staff, Staffer 1, and then the director of communications whose names I can't recall.

Q Did you have any task or assignments that you were responsible for that day, or what were you doing on the 24th when you were in the office?

A Yes. So immediately I was shown around the office. I was assigned a desk. They said this is my desk. I would not have a computer
log-in until my onboarding paperwork was finished but that I was free to use my cell phone if I needed to. I had a desk phone. I was told that I would be answering incoming phone calls for constituents and documenting information.

The Staffer 2 and the congressman showed me a stack of mail that was on Gabby's desk and told me to go through it, and then my job would be to go through the mail and to respond to the constituents every day and to pick letters.

I looked at the congressman and I asked him, I said, you know, what do you want me to do with these letters exactly? I said, when President Obama was in office, he would choose five letters and he would personally write back to the citizens five letters on his desk, and he said, that's fine, give me five letters, he said a day, and I will sign them and we'll mail them back to the constituents.

Most of the mail was hate mail, postcards, people calling him nasty names and telling him that he needed to resign. I created a filing
system that day where we got one of those accordion files and had 30 slots in it, and the goal was to have one for each month, and inside was a slot for each day, and then the mail for that day would go in there. If it was hate mail, it would go into one folder. If it was positive mail, it would go into another folder, and if it was mail that we were corresponding to, it would go into another folder.

Q Were you able to parse out five letters that the congressman could respond to that day?

A Yeah. There was a significant number of letters. Like I said, most of them were postcards. A couple of them were positive, but there really wasn't much that day of note that he needed to, he needed to hear about.

In fact, it was shortly after -- in the morning we had gone -- he wanted to go take something down to the Speaker's office. So I had escorted him down there with Staffer 2, and when we got back, actually some of the mail was gone, and I had asked Rafael where did the mail go? And
he said, I don't know.

So he texted Gabby, and Gabby had apparently taken the mail home, and she had gone home early that day, so I wasn't able to finish the mail on that particular Tuesday.

Q Did you have any conversations that day, that Tuesday, the 24th; correct, in January? Is what you're -- when you're referencing Tuesday, you're referencing January 24th?

A That's correct.

Q Just want to make it clear. Did you have any conversations regarding your pay or any onboarding that needed to be done that day?

A Yes. Actually it was the night before, that Monday, that I was sent a packet by Staffer 1 who's the chief of staff, and he asked me to fill it out. I filled it out. It was several pages long, I want to say somewhere between 50 and 100 pages long, and it was typical onboarding things: Bank information, past history, job application, I believe, things of that nature. That was on the Monday evening, and I immediately filled that out
and sent that back to him Monday evening.

    He told me in an e-mail that I would be paid $50,000 that Monday evening, and he asked me if I would come into the office that following Tuesday on the 24th to meet the staff, and of course I did.

    Q And just for some quick clarification. So that Monday when you received the packet from Staffer 1, was that the day that you had the interview with the congressman and Staffer 1 or was that before that Monday?

    A So that is correct. It was that Monday morning was the interview. By that evening I had the onboarding paperwork in my e-mail.

    Q And that Monday morning after the interview with the congressman and Staffer 1 did you happen to stay at the office for an extended period of time or did you just go in for the interview?

    A It was just the interview. I left the Hill and went back to my hotel.

    Q What were the circumstances around your
termination? When did that happen?

A So that would have happened -- the official termination didn't happen until Wednesday, February 1st. That's when I was informed that I was being released from the position.

Q How many days from January 23rd to February 1st were you physically in the office?

A So I was physically in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. So it would have been the 23rd, the 24th and the 25th. I was told not to report on the 26th, and then on Monday, January 30th, I was asked to come in for a meeting in the afternoon at about 4 or 4:30 p.m.; I can't recall the exact time. I think it was in the 4:00 hour. I had no idea what the meeting was about, but I know that I didn't work on Friday and that I had not worked on Monday.

Q Did you have any suspicions about what the meeting could be about?

A Actually a lot of things went through my mind. There had been some talk about firing the
director of communications. Obviously that's where my background's at, so I thought perhaps they were offering me a promotion.

I also knew that no one in that office other than Gabby really had any money in their bank accounts, so I -- it also went through my mind that perhaps the congressman and Staffer 1 was going to ask me for some money. For all they knew, you know, I was this guy from Ohio who owned a publication, and I presented myself very well, and they thought that perhaps I might have been financially wealthy, and I thought, things went through my mind perhaps they wanted to ask for some money to get them through or something. I wasn't exactly sure what we were going to discuss.

Q Why did you think that none of the other staffers were in a good financial situation?

A Well, I know that I had -- I had provided Staffer 2 with about $1100 total that month in loans. It was $100 at a time to help him with food and gasoline and whatnot.

I assumed that, you know, if he didn't get
paid, then no one else had gotten paid, and everyone was new to DC. I knew Gabby's parents had money. They had donated to the congressman a significant amount of money, and I can't imagine that anyone else had financial resources. If Staffer 2 was hurting, I imagine the rest of them were as well.

Q So talk to me about you were in the office on that Monday, the 23rd, for your interview. Then you left and came back on the 24th where you spent what sounds like a full day in the office trying to get acclimated with other staff members and your duties. What -- you came back the 25th. What happened in the office on the 25th?

A So that would have been that Wednesday. I came in at 9:00 just -- everyone told me that the day starts at 9 and always to arrive at 9. So I arrived at 9. Rafael was already there. I believe the director of communications might have already been there, but no one else was there, and I was actually a little surprised that Staffer 2 and the congressman and that Gabby wasn't already
in the office because they always started very
early from what I understood. They told me
previously that everyone got there at 9. Well,
you know, it was like 9:10, 9:15, and no one was
there, and I was a little concerned that something
was going on, but they busted in the doorway, the
congressman, Gabby and Staffer 2 came through the
doorway as I was sitting at my desk. I was
actually on the phone with a constituent or
somebody who was complaining, and Rafael was
sitting behind me, and they come through the front
door of the office, and they shut the door and
they immediately burst out into laughter, the
three of them. Apparently there had been
something done in the hallway by a member of the
news media that they thought was funny. I don't
remember what that was, but they were laughing,
and I couldn't make sense of what they were
laughing about, but they came in late. It was
about 9:30.

By that time I had already started
processing the mail. The congressman had received
again a significant amount of hate mail that day, but he had also received a package from a Bible group out of Texas that was a Bible, and there was a note in there with the Bible that said something along the lines of, we know that you have admitted to lying but God forgives, and here's this Bible; we hope that you read it, it's from our Bible group, and we hope it guides you, and several women's names were signed to the bottom of that.

Q When did you -- remind me again of when you were told to come into the office for a meeting with the congressman and Staffer 1.

A For the termination?

Q Yes.

A So Staffer 1 had texted me on, I want to say sometime over the weekend and had said to me can you come in and meet with us on Monday, because I had, was told not to report on Friday, and I wasn't clear on, you know, I guess -- he called it -- Staffer 1 said it was a go-home day which I took as this is the day that everyone flies home, back to their home states I guess. I
don't know. So I assumed that they didn't need me for that day, and I didn't think anything of it at that time, and then over the weekend of course, as I mentioned, when Staffer 1 said can you come into the office, don't -- he said, don't come in Monday morning; can you meet us instead at 4, 4:00, 4:30, something like that, and that's when things started to run through my mind like, you know, what's going on? In fact, as I mentioned, I thought it was going to be a promotion of some type.

Q And you didn't -- so you went in -- the last time you were in the office prior to coming in that Monday was Wednesday, correct, the 25th?

A My last day in the office would have been that Thursday.

Q Thursday, okay. So what happened during the meeting with Staffer 1 and the congressman that Monday morning? Or Monday afternoon, I'm sorry.

A Yeah. So I, I showed up about a half an hour early. I did not feel comfortable sitting at
my desk because I wasn't exactly sure what the
meeting was about. It was very tense. I could
just feel it in the air. The congressman was in
his office, and I'm not exactly sure where Staffer
I was at.

I know at one point the congressman asked
for Gabby to step into the office, and he was
pulling all the staffers in one by one, and it
made me uncomfortable because I wasn't exactly
sure what they were talking about, but I knew that
I was up next.

So I couldn't hear or make out what they
were talking about, but I was called in next and
was told to have a seat, and then, as we now know,
you know, I was very concerned about what this
meeting was going to be about. I wasn't sure, so
I went in with my cell phone recording.

Q Did you have any conversations with anyone
on staff prior to the meeting about your concerns
regarding this meeting?

A Not regarding the meeting. I had relayed
to Rafael in text messages earlier that previous
week that I was concerned about the security of
our jobs and the positions that we would have if
the congressman was to be expelled from the House,
and Rafael said that we would be fine and safe
until there was a special election which would not
happen until the fall.

Q Did you have any conversations with
Staffer 2 regarding your concerns about your
communications with Staffer 1 in that meeting that
Monday?

A I had -- I had texted Staffer 2 and said
that they had asked me -- so after the meeting on
Monday I had texted Staffer 2 and I said, you
know, they were asking me about the wiretapping
allegations against me in Ohio and whatnot, and
Staffer 2 said, oh, I had no idea that's what it
was about. He said, I really wouldn't sweat it,
don't worry about it, and that was the extent that
we had. I actually left that meeting that Monday
thinking that I still had a job.

Q Did you ever -- prior to that meeting on
Monday, had you disclosed any information about
the wiretapping allegations to Staffer 1 or the
congressman or anyone on staff?

A Staffer 2 during our dinner at Bombay, I
had relayed to him exactly what I had gone
through. He thought it was very interesting. I
don't believe I actually told Staffer 1 directly,
but it was my understanding Staffer 2 had told me
that he had spoken to Staffer 1 about my résumé,
and Staffer 2 told me that he had spoken with the
congressman about my "background," so I took it
that they both were, the congressman and the chief
of staff were aware.

Q So then what was brought up during the
January 30th meeting with the congressman and
Staffer 1? What was the substance of the
conversation?

A Well, again, it was very, very
nontraditional, unprofessional conversation. As
we know from the audio, you know, they were
laughing, they were talking about everything
except for why I was actually in there to, why I
was actually supposed to be in there and what the
meeting was about.

They did some joking. At one point the congressman received a text message from Don Lemon from CNN, and he started to have a little minor fangirl panic attack over that. He offered me some candy, and they were making a lot of jokes and a lot of laughing, and both were scrolling on their phones, and I was just sitting there staring at them and was talking, and then shortly into the conversation Staffer 1 shows me, he says, well, here, this was brought to my attention -- and I'm paraphrasing -- but Staffer 1 says, you know, this was brought to my attention, and he shows me his cell phone, and on the cell phone was I believe the CPJ article from the protection of journalists talking about how they were condemning the arrest for wiretapping.

Q Why did you record that interaction with the congressman and Staffer 1 that Monday?

A Well, I was concerned for multiple reasons. Obviously, you know, earlier last, the week prior to that the congressman had made an
inappropriate advance towards me. I wasn't exactly sure what was going to happen in that office, who was going to be in that meeting. I knew that this was going to be about my third time in that office since the previous week from the inappropriate advance that I was possibly going to be alone with the congressman, and so I wanted to ensure that if something was inappropriately done or said that it was going to be documented, so I felt the need to record it. I wasn't entirely sure what the meeting was about or what was going to happen.

Q Let's talk about the inappropriate advances. When did that happen? What happened?

A It would have been Wednesday, and forgive me, it would have been the 25th I believe or, you know, whatever the date of that Wednesday was.

Again, I had started the day normal. They had come in late. The congressman was in his office, and behind me at the desk was Rafael, and Rafael said, hey, you know, why don't you tell the congressman about the Bible that he received in
the mail, and I said, oh yeah, that's a great idea.

So I grabbed the Bible and I grabbed a couple other pieces of positive mail, and I went into the congressman's office, and he was at his desk standing, and I said, hey, congressman, I have some information and some mail I want to go over with you. I said, you received a package today from a Bible group, and he said, oh yeah, yeah, thanks, buddy, and I never sat down until the congressman would set down, and it was just out of respect. So if we were in a room, he always sat first, and then he would always tell me to sit down. That's just the way that it was out of respect.

So he sat down. It was actually two leather seats that he has. I call it a sofa but it wasn't -- they're two leather seats that have arms, and they're pushed together to create a sofa, and he sat on the left side and I sat on the -- and he told me to go ahead and have a seat, and I sat on the right side, and I wasn't sitting
completely back in the chair, and I was like kind
of I guess quarter looking at him, and I had the
package and the mail, and some of it was setting
on the table.

And I proceeded to tell him, you received
this package today, and that's when he stopped me,
and that's when things started to get
inappropriate.

Q How did things get inappropriate?

A The congressman placed his right hand on
my knee, which I thought, you know, I wasn't
exactly sure why. He looked at me and he said,
hey, buddy, we're going to go to karaoke later
tonight, would you like to go? And I told the
congressman that I didn't frequent the bar scene,
that I wasn't a drinker, and that I wasn't a very
good singer, and before I could finish that
sentence and while I was saying that his hand was
sliding up my leg and proceeded to, to grab my
groin, and then he said, well, my husband's going
to be not home later, he's going to be out of town
if you want to come over, and he proceeded to tell
me that he lived in Navy Yard, and the building
was -- I don't particularly remember the name of
the building. It was some alphabet building, the
0 building or the -- it's called OR, OR 84, OR 83,
something like that was the building that he said
he resided in, and I pushed his hand away and just
kind of smirked and smiled and grabbed the
remaining mail that was on the table and proceeded
to finish our conversation about the mail.

Q And Witness 1, I know it's probably
difficult to recount the details, but I do want to
walk through some of these details.

So you said that you brought in some mail
to discuss with the congressman. Can you kind of
walk me moment by moment through the conversation
and what happened? So you presented him with the
mail. He is standing at his desk. You're
standing. You stated that you won't sit down
unless the congressman gestures for you to sit
down or sits down first. So at what point does he
come out from behind his desk? Could you walk me
through that?
A Yeah. I mean, as I walked into the office, he was moving away from his desk and walking toward me, and I said, hey, you know, congressman, I have some mail I want to go over with you, and then he sits down and he proceeds to tell me to sit down. So it all happened within seconds of entering the room, and that's when I put some of the mail down on the table. I believe I had some in my lap on the right side, and I was positioned a quarter away facing him. He was positioned a quarter of the way facing me. Again, we were setting side by side. The only thing separating us were these leather armchairs that were pushed together to create a sofa, and that's when he proceeded to place his hand on my knee.

Q Do you remember which knee he placed his hand on?

A Yeah. It was my left knee.

Q And what, what did you say? What was the conversation at this moment?

A Well, I didn't say anything, and that's -- he was -- I was getting ready to start talking
about the mail, and in fact, had -- I believe I had actually started to utter some words about you received this today, and that's when he interjected and said what he said which was, hey, buddy, we're going to karaoke later, would you like to go? And I again responded to him that I didn't drink, I didn't frequent the bar scene, I was a terrible singer.

Q And how did that interaction end with the congressman?

A He said that he wanted to write a thank-you note to the Bible group, and there was another piece of mail in there that was from a woman who had apparently, unbeknownst to me, had been a frequent writer, and he said, oh, I have received mail from her before. He says, I do want to respond to her; she's from the District. And he proceeded to ask me to draft the letters and to get them to him to sign and send out.

Q So what -- I'm sorry. So at some point during this interaction with the congressman you did, in fact, discuss the mail that you brought in
to his office?

A Yeah. I can't remember the woman's name that was the constituent, but he had said that she was a frequent writer, and also he kept the Bible in his office. I kept the correspondence from the package of the Bible so I could address the women and knew where to write the letter to.

Q And then what happened?

A I left the room and went back to my desk, and that's when I proceeded to file the mail. I told Gabby that I wanted to get some stationery from the store down in the basement because I didn't have any.

So she and I went down that day and went shopping, for lack of a better word, for stationery and inkpens and whatnot.

Q And just quickly revisiting the incident, you said that at some point the congressman's hand was no longer on your knee and he actually touched your groin; is that correct?

A Yes.

Q How did you feel after that interaction?
A I was uncomfortable, but it was, you know, he was my boss. He's a congressman. It was inappropriate. I knew that it was inappropriate, but at no time -- I didn't know how to process it.

Q Did you tell anyone what happened that day?

A Not that day, no.

Q Did you tell anyone after, after that day about what happened?

A So I went to the FBI field office in Washington on Monday, the 30th, before my meeting that day with the congressman and Staffer 1, and I took an Uber, and I got dropped off there, and I went into the field office and spoke with an intake agent and explained to them that I worked at the congressman's office and that, you know, I wanted to talk with them about, you know, some things that had happened, and also I knew that they were investigating him back home in the District, and I thought perhaps I could be of some use to them.

Q How would you have assisted them in their
investigation?

    A  I had previously had some interactions with the Bureau as a news reporter working as a confidential informant for them, so I was aware that the Bureau had such a program. Not only did I want to tell them about, you know, the inappropriate behavior that had taken place because I was, I was for sure that it was going to happen again, and I wanted it to be documented, and then if it was to escalate, you know, what was it going to escalate into, perhaps something more serious like a Monica Lewinsky situation. I wasn't exactly sure what it would escalate into, but having been familiar with the FBI's confidential informant program, knowing that they were investigating him, I wanted to make myself available to the FBI.

    Q  So from the date of the incident January 25th up until the morning of January 30th you hadn't told anyone about the incident between you and the congressman?

    A  That is correct. Just the FBI.
Q Was there any reason you hadn't shared
with anyone what happened?

A I knew that it was inappropriate, but I
personally did not think too much about it at the
time.

Q Well, you thought about it because then
you went to the FBI that Monday to file a report;
correct?

A I knew -- yes. I knew it was
inappropriate behavior, but I had personally,
hadn't quite processed exactly how inappropriate
that it was. I knew that this behavior was going
to most likely escalate, but at that particular
time I did not feel that the behavior was criminal
or anything more than inappropriate behavior that
took place in the workplace.

Q So I guess my question is: If you didn't
think the behavior was criminal, why go to a
criminal law enforcement agency and not go to
Staffer 1 or resources within the House of
Representatives to disclose the inappropriate
behavior?
A So I don't know what resources are available. I hadn't been given any resources or anything. Again, I knew that the FBI was looking into the congressman. I was familiar, I had worked with the Bureau on many occasions before. So I knew that they had a program for confidential informants, and I was sure that the behavior was going to escalate, and I also knew that there was probably going to be some other things discussed in the office that was of interest to the Bureau, so I wanted to make myself available to them, but I also reported to them that of course this inappropriate touching had occurred and that it was most likely, it could escalate into something more serious, you know. I don't know what it would have escalated into but I was sure that it would have.

Q So at that point you were sure that the behavior was going to escalate once you were speaking with the FBI. Why did you want to stay employed at the congressman's office then?

A There was a lot of reasons. It
obviously -- I knew that I, again, did not have a
traditional résumé, so I couldn't just go apply at
another congressional office and just get another
job.

Also Congressman Santos was very
controversial at the time; he still is. He had a
lot of media spotlight on him. I had a lot of
experience in media. I was for certain that I was
going to be able to move into a communications
role because it had been relayed to me that they
were looking to terminate the communications
director and that perhaps that would be a role
that I could transition into. That was something
that was discussed with me in my initial interview
that was very brief for about 15 minutes with that
initial interview on that Monday before.

So, so yeah, I wanted to keep my job. I
enjoyed it. I enjoyed working for the people.

MS. BENITEZ: I'm sorry. I think my
colleague may have a question.

Annie?
EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR OFFICE OF
CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

BY MS. CHO:

Q Yeah. So Witness 1, you keep mentioning that you had this feeling or you knew that the behavior would escalate. What makes -- what makes you think that? Were there any interactions after the incident that led you to believe that this would continue or get worse?

A No, but I know how -- I know how things like that go. I mean, I'm no stranger to workplace, you know, advances. I think we all have read about them on the news. You know, we all know what -- we've all -- we've all read stories about inappropriate conduct in the office.

So things start out small, and they grow, and that's just the reality of things. So I was for sure that if he did it once, he was probably going to continue to try to pursue me, and he clearly had found me, I'm guessing, attractive, or at least he wanted to assert some sort of, something over me. So I guess I was just sure
that it was going to happen again.

Q After that interaction you said you kind of -- I guess the topic wasn't addressed between you and the congressman immediately after the interaction. Did you guys have any subsequent conversations kind of addressing that incident?

A No, not that incident. Earlier in the day we were in the office. You know, there was a very short window of time from when they walked in late until I had went into his office, very short period of time, and I had told the congressman out in the common area where all of our desks were so it's kind of the main lobby or the common area where everyone is, and Gabby was at her desk, I was at my desk, and Rafael was at his desk, and I had told the congressman that somebody on Grindr had in their biography the words "not George Santo-ish," and I thought that was comical. So I showed that to the congressman, and that's when Rafael jumped up and looked at it, and the congressman looked at it, and the congressman thought it was hilarious, and he asked, he said,
do you have a Grindr profile? And of course I
told him that I did, and he says, oh yeah, well, I
have one, too, and Rafael mentioned something
along the lines of that he didn't have one, that
he didn't partake in that sort of thing.

Q This was after the incident?
A Before. It was prior to. It was that
morning.

FURTHER EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR OFFICE OF
CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

BY MS. BENITEZ:

Q I want to go back to your, your meeting
with the FBI. Was it your intention to serve as a
confidential informant for any ongoing
investigations into the congressman?
A Yes.

Q Was that the reason you wanted to continue
working in the congressman's office?
A No. It was not the sole reason. It was
one of the reasons. I truly enjoyed my job. I
knew that it would have led to something later on
in my career. I'm not entirely sure where it
would have gone, but having worked on the Hill for
two years for a congressman who arguably is very
notorious right now would have led to something
later on in life; I'm not sure what, but I truly
did enjoy answering the phones, and I truly did
enjoy writing the correspondence, and I enjoyed
escorting him around the building.

When you walk around this building that's
very historic where history has been made and is
made every day, you see history makers lawmakers,
it just draws you in. It captivates you. You
want to be present for that history. As a
journalist I was geeking out somewhat to see the
walls of history.

Q And as, as a journalist, Witness 1, and it
seems you have a very diverse résumé and you have
a lot of experience on your résumé, and you've
mentioned that financially you were in a better
position than a lot of the other staffers, did you
ever have any concerns about having to subject
yourself to that kind of inappropriate behavior
with the congressman again? You stated that you
had a feeling it would happen again. So did you have any concerns about that, that you'd have to subject yourself to that inappropriate behavior again?

A Yeah. I was certain that it would happen again and that it would have advanced, and I wasn't sure how I was going to handle it. That was one of the reasons why I wanted the FBI's direction.

Q Would it have been easier to not subject yourself to that and not return to the congressman's office?

A I suppose if it would have happened again and I felt extremely uncomfortable, I would have probably evaluated the situation at that time and made a decision on how to move forward.

Q But after the first incident you didn't feel I guess concerned -- you're saying that you were concerned that you were sure it was going to happen again. You were concerned about how you would react. I guess my question is: At that point why not just call it quits and not return to
the congressman's office?

A Well, I knew it was inappropriate, but what's inappropriate in the workplace and what is personally offensive are two different things.

Q So was that incident personally offensive to you?

A Not to a degree that I felt it would require a police report or being, being let go from my position or quitting. I knew it was inappropriate, but I wasn't -- I was a little creeped out by it, but I wasn't personally offended to the point where I felt entirely violated.

Q But you did think it was inappropriate enough to follow up with the FBI?

A I knew that it was going to probably happen again, and I wanted direction on how to handle that. Having been a confidential informant for the FBI before and having worked with them extensively in infiltrating public officials, I knew that oftentimes the Bureau would have you engage in behavior that necessarily was
uncomfortable but they -- was at the guidance of whoever the target was, and so I knew that if the congressman was to make these advances again that we would have the Bureau on our side to have them properly documented, and however they would have advised me to move forward is how I would have moved forward with it.

Q After your January 30th meeting with Staffer 1 and the congressman you said -- well, you just said that you didn't think the behavior was inappropriate enough to go to the police but you felt you needed to alert the FBI for the purposes of being a confidential informant. After that January 30th meeting didn't you, in fact, go to Capitol Police to file a police report about the incident?

A I did, and I was instructed by some friends who had since learned about it, you know, friends in the news media and whatnot, told me perhaps I should file a police report because they thought it was criminal, and I had made a phone call to the Capitol Police on my drive back to
Reagan National to fly -- I was flying somewhere; I can't remember where, and I -- they did take a police report over the phone and they asked that I e-mail them a statement.

Q Do you remember when, when that was that you called the Capitol Police?

A I believe it would have been the following Friday.

Q Was that after or before you were terminated from the office?

A That was after.

Q Who did you tell after January 30th up until that date where you called Capitol Police? Did you discuss with any friends? It sounds like you may have had some other discussions about what happened that day.

A Well, yeah. I had -- I obviously have been in the news for quite some time as a journalist, so I have a lot of friends who are journalists, and I had a few reach out to me because they did not know that I had left news to go work for the congressman, but what they had
seen was the video on all the cable channels of me
next to him or walking him through the hallways or
standing in the elevator with him.

So I had a lot of unanswered messages on
my Twitter and in my text and e-mail about what I
was doing next to the congressman, not just one
day but two days, and I hadn't responded back to
them.

So after that conversation on Monday,
30th, where I was essentially, you know,
interrogated about my background and how they were
concerned with these wiretapping allegations from
Ohio, I had talked with some of my friends who I
had left undelivered and explained to them, you
know, this is where I have been for the last week,
and by the way, this happened today, and I don't
know the direction that it's going to go but I was
told that my onboarding paperwork was going to be
finished, and, but I was very sick to my stomach
because I was hanging in limbo, and I had relayed
to one of them that I had recorded the
conversation, and they wanted -- well, part of the
conversation -- and they wanted to -- they asked if they could hear it, and I said sure, so I sent it to them and they listened to it, and they said that they thought that it would have made a very good news story and that they asked for my permission to run the article pertaining to the audio recording.

I guess the angle was that it was a very unorthodox work environment because of the way the conversation was very unprofessional.

Q Could you remind me again of the date?

When was your last, officially what date you were terminated?

A February 1st is when I was told that I was not going to be employed.

Q You made a series of public statements regarding the congressman and the incident that took place in his office, one of which was on February 3rd, I believe, on your Twitter, on your Twitter when you released a statement kind of explaining or summarizing what we've just spoken about today, the incident that happened in his
office and the details that led to your
termination. Why -- why did you release that
statement?

A As a person who comes from the news, I
believe in transparency of government, and I
wanted the public to be aware that I had filed a
complaint and that this process was hopefully
going to be looked into and the allegations were
going to be looked into.

I thought it was very inappropriate to be
let go. I thought it was -- I had time to reflect
and realized that the behavior inside the office
with the congressman was inappropriate, and I felt
that the matters needed to be addressed.

Q Were you upset that you were terminated?

A I was heartbroken. I was sad. I was -- I
wasn't -- I wouldn't describe it as upset. I was
disappointed.

Q And at that point when you released this
public statement on February 3rd on your Twitter,
did you have any, any desire to return back to the
congressman's office in your former capacity? Did
you want to go back to work for the congressman?

A Yes.

Q Why?

A Again, I enjoyed my job, and I particularly did not feel what -- again, what's inappropriate and what's personally offensive are two different things in the workplace and what I personally find offensive.

So, you know, if the behavior had been put on notice and if the congressman wasn't going to do it anymore, then I wouldn't see the reason why I couldn't continue my employment.

So, yes, I did go back and essentially try to ask for my job back.

Q And what was the substance of those conversations? Who did you speak with?

A It was very brief. I had walked into the office. I think everyone was very sort of shocked to see me. I -- at this point it had not been made public that I had been terminated at that point. The audio recording had not been released. It was the following Tuesday. That would have
been January 31st.

I went in, and I was met by Staffer 2, and the congressman was in his office behind closed doors, and Staffer 2 was shocked that I was there, and he asked what I was doing there, and I said, I came to collect my things from my desk, and -- well, excuse me. I'm getting my dates mixed up.

It would have been the Thursday, not the Tuesday. It was Thursday I went and collected my things, and Staffer 2 asked what I was doing there, and I said, I'm here to collect my things, and the congressman was in his office behind closed doors, and I had brought a mug that I had purchased for the congressman, and I wanted to gift it to him and essentially have a conversation with him and say, hey, you know, this happened back in Ohio with the wiretapping situation, I understand your concerns, but give me an opportunity, and if I mess up, then you can terminate me, because he was going at it from an angle that I was being terminated.

It was quite comical actually. He said
that he was concerned for the institution, meaning Congress. He wasn't concerned about himself he said. He was concerned about me being a liability to this institution, and I thought that was comical because we're talking about a congressman who has admittedly lied his way to get into that institution who is arguably a liability to that institution. So I thought it was very hypocritical of him to say that, but nevertheless, I wanted to have a conversation with him and essentially say, look, you're here, you've messed up, I have this issue back in Ohio I'm dealing with, I messed up back there but I have not messed up here, and until I mess up here please give me another opportunity.

He had mentioned about second chances in our Monday meeting. He had talked about how Staffer 1 had given him second chances. I wanted a second chance.

Q So in that, in that recording of the Monday meeting, the congressman and Staffer 1 were not aware that they were being recorded; is that
correct?

A That is correct.

Q And you didn't disclose that you were recording the congressman or the chief of staff during this meeting?

A That is correct.

Q And prior to that meeting you went to the FBI in an attempt to let them know about the January 25th incident but additionally attempt to let them know that you're interested in possibly becoming a confidential informant for their investigation?

A Yes.

Q At this point we're now, it's January 31st you're saying when you went back to the office to attempt to get your job back. What was your motivation the day after all of this happened on January 31st to try to work for the congressman?

A The circumstances that had unfolded in Ohio was one that had garnered some publicity. I was accused of disseminating an audio recording through our publication, and while that was not in
violation of the law, the local sheriff's office felt that it was.

There was no criminal wrongdoing on my part, but it had caused a lot of controversy, and I wanted the congressman to know that what had happened in Ohio and what had happened with the sheriff's office who was incompetent and did not know the federal protections that were afforded to me was, should not affect my job abilities with the congressman, and until I was to do something in the congressional office that would be of concern, if that would have ever happened, if I would have showed up late, tardy to work, you know, lost my cool or temper or something or anything, then that issue would be addressed at that moment, and if they felt termination was appropriate for whatever action would have occurred at that time in the office, then that could be addressed at that moment in time if it ever came about, but I should not have and I felt I should not have been terminated for this particular wiretapping issue that had occurred
back in Ohio where I had done no criminal wrongdoing.

Q  But wasn't a concern of the congressman and his chief of staff that you would record conversations or proceedings or matters without the consent of everyone in the room while you were working for him?

A  The congressman did not come out and directly say that it was a concern of his. In fact, he said quite the opposite. He said he was more concerned about the liability that it would be for his office. He said they were waiting on an answer; I don't know from who. He said they were getting guidance; I don't know from who. On -- his concerns was if I was in the cafeteria or if I was in the hallway and I recorded something there and released it.

In fact, he told me that he didn't care if I recorded him, that he proceeded to tell me that it was a felony to record in that office, and he mentioned some sort of time in prison, several years, and he told me to do it at my own peril but
that he was not personally concerned about being recorded.

Q Based on your interaction with him during that conversation did you think that he was aware he was being recorded?

A I'm not sure. I didn't really think about it at the time. Um --

Q Did you think that if he found out he was being recorded and the audio was released that that would help or hurt your case to maintain a position with his office?

A It would have hurt, and in fact that's why I asked the journalist, you know, if I got my job back the following day, you don't have permission to run the audio, you don't have permission to proceed with my story because this, this never happened, you know, this never happened, I'm going back to work, and I will continue to feed you information as it develops, you know. If the congressman's getting ready to introduce a big gun bill or something or something scandalous happens, you'll be the first to know, but don't run this
story if I get my job back; I think it would be
more beneficial to you as a news organization to
have an insider than to have a former employee,
and they agreed to those terms.

Q How do you feel about the congressman now?
Would you still want to work for his office?

A I'm conflicted on that. My career now
is -- I've gone back to work into the news. It is
very fortunate to be in the courtroom on Tuesday
with former President Trump. There were only 60
seats available. There was 5,000 members of the
media outside that wanted in, and I was one of the
60.

My career is, is starting to take back off
slowly, unfortunately, due to the issues that are
occurring still here with the wiretapping
situation, but nationally not too many people are
aware of that until you Google my name. So I
don't know if I would go back today, but I can
tell you since my termination there were several
times that I wanted to go back.

Q Do you remember the most recent or do you
remember if you relayed that to anyone, your
desires to go back?

A Yes. I had texted Staffer 2 several weeks
ago. I was having a very bad emotional night.
Somebody had said some very awful things to me
back home, one of them which was, you know,
talking about the issue with the congressman,
among other things, and I was having a very tough
emotional night that night, and so I had texted
Staffer 2 and I had asked him, you know, what can
I do to have my job back? What can we do to fix
and repair this because I want to come back to
work? And I never received a response.

Q In one of your tweets or I guess public
statements on your Twitter regarding this incident
I believe it was on March 2nd, you stated that you
have hard evidence regarding the incident that
occurred with the congressman. What evidence do
you have regarding that incident?

A I believe the corroborating evidence here
would be the visit with the FBI. I believe that's
the strongest piece of evidence that we have here.
As I've told some folks who are, I have confided in, it looks as if one is a disgruntled employee. The allegations of inappropriate work conduct by, workplace conduct by the congressman was not made public until after my termination so it makes it look as if it was perhaps questionably fabricated, and being in the news and having covered stories like this we're often skeptical of situations like this. So I'm well aware of how these issues unfold in people's minds, and obviously the timeline did not look the best. Why come out with this only after you were terminated? You look like a disgruntled employee.

The hard evidence I think that supports and corroborates my series of events is the fact that I made the visit to the field office prior to me knowing that I was going to be terminated, prior to me even having the conversation with the congressman and Staffer 1 that Monday afternoon about my background or anything.

So I met with the FBI, and then Staffer 1 and the congressman then proceeds to interrogate
me on that taped audio recording that I taped. So that was the timeline of events, and so the hard evidence I was speaking of was this visit to the FBI that would corroborate the fact that it wasn't just a disgruntled employee, that I did make an attempt to report this prior to being terminated.

Q Did the FBI take a report of your allegations?

A They took some notes. I don't know what it would be classified as: A report, note-taking or what it would be.

Q Was the purpose of your recording the January 30th meeting with the Congressman Santos in any way related to your meeting with the FBI that morning?

A No. I was not asked to record the congressman. I recorded him because I was concerned what the meeting was about and perhaps there might have been another escalation of the advance. Perhaps they were going to illegally ask me for a loan. I wasn't entirely sure if I was getting promoted. I didn't know what was
happening, but I knew that this was a congressman who was under the spotlight and had allegations lodged against him of being financially broke and Staffer 2 knew that I had given Staffer 2 about $1100 in a very short period of time, ten days or so, to help him with food. A few times he asked. The other times I volunteered it.

I figured it had been relayed to the congressman that perhaps, oh, this guy has money. The congressman was very impressed with my background of owning my own publication, and he thought -- in fact, his words was that I was retired at the age of 30, and he thought that was impressive he said.

So it would appear as if I was financially wealthy, and I didn't know if they were going to ask me for an illegal loan, if they were going to promote me, if they were -- what it was, but I knew that this was a man who was accused of committing crimes, who was a liar and had previously touched my leg and my crotch, and I knew that it was going to -- something was going
to be discussed in this room, and I didn't know
what it was, and I wanted it to -- I wanted it to
be documented.

Q Okay. Has anyone reached out to you about
our investigation, anyone aside from Emmett, your
attorney?

A Well, I've had some members of the news
media, folks at the New York Times have reached
out and asked if your particular organization was
investigating, and of course I told them that I
couldn't talk about it. So outside of that I had
not been personally reached out to.

I have relayed to some other friends of
mine who work in the news. I've confided in some
of them about it, and unfortunately they broke my
trust and had, had leaked it to other people, but
they didn't come to me. I had gone to my friends
and told them that I had received some
correspondence and that we were looking at the
possibility of setting them, and I don't think it
was actually with your particular body that that
had occurred with. I think it was the
correspondence that we had received from the actual committee I believe they're called. It was that correspondence that I had shared with a friend of mine who had shared it with apparently somebody else, and they published it.

Q Is there anything else that we haven't covered here today that you think would be helpful in our review?

A I was unaware that -- I just -- obviously we have the sexual harassment situation, but I think there's two situations here that I think should be appropriately investigated. It's the inappropriate conduct.

I don't have a predetermined sentence that I want to see the congressman receive. I just want to see him held accountable for his actions, and I'm not the jury to decide that.

What I would also like to see is the matter of compensation, or lack thereof, being addressed because I now know from reading the ethics rules that it's not appropriate to have a volunteer in the workplace with the promise of
future employment. At the time I didn't know that existed. It was only after I had been terminated when I started reading through the ethics manual that I found that, and so it wasn't just me who had been working in the office uncompensated.

Staffer 2 had been there for about a week or so with employment, too, until he was actually officially onboarded and brought on as a paid employee, and also I don't know if this is of any significance or what, but the day that I had been brought in on Monday, the 30th, and was told that, or I was interrogated essentially the day that I recorded, that was supposedly pay day on the Hill, and no one in the staff had gotten paid except for senior staff members.

So the chief of staff, the congressman had gotten paid. The congressman was quite elated that he had gotten paid, and Staffer 1 had told me that none of the other staff members had been paid, and he told me that he had one piece of paper that he had to finish for my onboarding and that once he got the matter addressed with the
other people's lack of pay that day that he would
finish my paperwork and he would let me know.

And so I left there Monday thinking that I
still had employment. I was very concerned,
though, so I had texted Staffer 1 later that
evening, and I asked him, are you for sure -- I'm
paraphrasing here -- but are you for sure that I
have a job still because I'm getting ready to sign
a lease or I signed a lease and I can get out of
it? I'm just not sure what the direction is here
because it was kind of left hanging in the air.
He was going to finish the onboarding paperwork he
had said, but when? And I had also had some other
conversations with the office who handles that
onboarding, and I don't remember the lady's name
without looking it up in the e-mail, but she had
also told me that there was one piece of paper
that Staffer 1 had to sign off on; she was waiting
to hear back from him on that, because I had asked
her when I could pick up my badge and access my
computer. She said she was waiting on a piece of
paper from Staffer 1.
It was also brought to my attention after
the fact that perhaps the congressman may have
been living with a staff member. I don't know if
that's appropriate or inappropriate, but it's my
understanding that he was living with Rafael.

Rafael had actually told me at one point
when we were talking about places, because I was
still in the hotel for the first few days, Rafael
was telling me about places that I could rent, and
I said, well, does anyone around here ever have
roommates? And he says, well, I've got somebody
staying with me right now, he says that they're
new to the Hill, but it's just until they get on
their feet. I have now since been told that it
was the congressman, but I have not personally
witnessed that.

Q And I'm sorry. How -- who told you about
this living arrangement?

A Rafael had told me he had somebody living
with him that was new on the Hill and that they
were trying to get on their feet, but he did not
identify who that person was. I had learned from
some friends of mine who work in the news business
who had asked me off the record if I was aware, if
I knew if the congressman was living with Rafael,
and I told them of course that I did not know
that, and they had shared with me that they had
been told and had seen photos apparently of that,
and that they wanted to know if I knew anything.
Of course I told them I didn't, but I did share
with them what Rafael had said which was that he
said he had somebody living with him temporarily
that was new to the Hill and just until they got
on their feet.

Q And a couple of last questions. After the
January 30th meeting with the congressman and
Staffer 1 did you have any other conversations
with the congressman?

A No, no.

Q Were there any other conversations with
Staffer 1 after you were formally terminated?

A I believe I had sent Staffer 1 a text
message or two along the lines of, I gave my
everything to this office; he gave you -- you gave
the congressman a second chance after he lied to
you; I'd like a second chance as well. Staffer 1
did not respond to those text messages.

Q And circling back to your meeting with the
FBI. You mentioned that you had served as a
confidential informant in the past for the FBI.
Were you compensated when you served as a
confidential informant, whenever that was?

A Yes.

Q Were you seeking to be a confidential
informant for the purposes of being compensated
this time around during the FBI's investigation?

A Not for the sole purpose, but yes.

Q Okay. Well, Witness 1, I don't have any
more questions for you, and if none of my
colleagues turn on their cameras, I'm going to
assume neither of them have any more questions for
you either.

Thank you so much again for taking time
out to meet with us, give us some more information
about these allegations and this review. We
really appreciate your cooperation, and with that
we can go off the record.

(Off the record at 11:20 a.m.)
CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Janet A. Hamilton, the officer before whom the foregoing proceedings were taken, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and correct record of the proceedings; that said proceedings were taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my supervision; and that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to this case and have no interest, financial or otherwise, in its outcome.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 6th day of April, 2023.

My commission expires February 4, 2024.

______________________________
Janet A. Hamilton

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
STATE OF MARYLAND
Gonna try to get you in here to meet him. He’s busy at the moment.

No worries. I’m getting the gossip out here. Donuts were a hit. Some may run it. Need more. Chic fil a for lunch.

Lmao

We should keep the table and put flowers or pamphlets on it, with a mic under it. No expectation or privacy in the hallway. We will know what’s coming.

Not the worst idea

They’re all wondering what his schedule is for the day and if he’s done for the day, and if he’s going to be invited to the White House with the other freshmen. Daily mail said he’s
They’re all wondering what his schedule is for the day and if he’s done for the day, and if he’s going to be invited to the White House with the other freshmen. Daily mail said he’s not going.

Edited

I don’t think he’s going. But don’t tell those freaks outside that

Never. But he should go. What will they do? Turn him away?

I guess it was a party invite.

I don’t think he received an invite tbh

Daily Mail said it was a party invite. We should check with speakers office

I will
5:20 PM THE PRESIDENT hosts a reception for new members of Congress; THE VICE PRESIDENT and THE SECOND GENTLEMAN attend East Room Closed Room Press

Your resume has been sent to

You’re the best!

Tue, Jan 24 at 5:10 PM

emailed at like 11:45 asking about salary. I told him “we can start entry level and go from there as we advance.” — nothing back, yet.

Based
Ask for 40-50k
That’s the usual rate
Okay. I emailed him again

If you got the ask about salary you’re in good position

40-50 should be good. Hope to meet you again this week. I can come in Tuesday to fill out papers and then, “volunteer” until it's approved.

Yes!

You’re on the right track

George really likes you

Awe. Well, I like you guys a lot too

The only thing left is, like, George to push or to wake up. It took

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The only thing left is, like, George to push or to wake up. It took them days for you. I don’t suspect to wake up tomorrow to an email. It’ll be end of week, unless the Congressman rides his ass. Idk. We should all do dinner. What does he — George — do for dinner?

Chill. One step at a time. George wants you hired. It’s up to _____ to get it done and George wants you (from what I can tell so far) ASAP.

You’re right

OFFER

just arrived

Told you

Get the steps done
Wife of Navy officer jailed in Japan slams DoD for 'unimaginable' treatment: 'Th...
foxnews.com

Wed, Jan 25 at 10:18 AM

Be there in 15. asked I come in to meet

Everyone

Okay cool

Wed, Jan 25 at 11:59 AM

Can I go with you to escort him today to the floor at 1? Also, my mail is gone. He gave me a stack of letters he wanted me to read and reply to, but I came back from coffee and they’re gone.
Just fill out the paperwork, get it to [redacted] and let’s get you to work asap.

Congratulations
Welcome to the team.
You are too kind
We will celebrate

Nah, you’re too kind. Yes, yes we will.

Get your paperwork done

Tue, Jan 24 at 8:46 PM
$6

Amazing

When do they open tomorrow

8a. I'll have some in a concealed bag and he can give them later in the day

Please get enough for 20
Please get enough for 20 journalists

Wed, Jan 25 at 10:03 PM
This treasurer thing.

District office has a hand written note on the door; no weapons, no videos, no photos. I don’t care what it says, it needs typed.

The marker is trashy

I bet they don’t have a printer

I’ll send it to CVS or whatever tomorrow

This company is starting to sell bobble heads with his name, one is a regular bobble head, and the other has a Pinocchio nose. We should file an
This company is starting to sell bobble heads with his name, one is a regular bobble head, and the other has a Pinocchio nose. We should file an emergency trademark with the name to protect it.

George Santos
Bobbleheads (Presale)
store.bobbleheadhall.com

Thu, Jan 26 at 12:34 AM
I've seen those lol

Men rise from one ambition to another:
First, they seek to secure themselves against attack,
And then they attack others.

Scrapbook. I'm late to the game. I come home and spend 4 hours scouring tweets and articles and YouTube and
Scrapbook. I'm late to the game. I come home and spend 4 hours scouring tweets and articles and YouTube and TikTok

Edited

Thu, Jan 26 at 2:40 PM

We can we do cupcakes

I want to sneak them outside and have him walk them up the hallway

Like the food before. The walk shot is it.

Yes but wait for my call on it

Okay. Expected time? I'll place table outside ahead

Then meet somewhere downstairs

Not sure yet
This is our walk; it’s right out the main entrance to the tree.

I’ll get the flowers.

Perfect

To: Derek Myers

Re: Intro

Couple edits on paperwork.
Re: Intro

Couple edits on paperwork.

Page 19 is not filled out and neither is page 21. Also need proof of identification for him.

- [Redacted]

On Jan 25, 2023, at 9:18 AM, [Redacted] wrote:

See More

I’ll get this to him in an hour

Yes please

That paperwork is not easy to understand.

Tell me about it

Do you think Gaetz would want to join us for the tree? It should
Do you think Gaetz would want to join us for the tree? It should show solidarity.

Let's just invite MTG and LB too.

Where did you buy the cupcakes from?

Thu, Jan 26 at 7:10 PM

tiktok.com

Cray Daily on TikTok
The cupcakes were for the speaker’s birthday
Vish, he doesn’t want me coming in for tree! Check your email.

Odd.
I’ll talk to [redacted] but if he told you that there has to be a reason.

Listen to him for now and I’ll find out what’s going on.
I’ll deal with tree and flowers.

House people just messaged. They’re working on my intake and needed passport or something else; I sent that, just now.

Maybe he was just being nice. I did kind of just sit there today and answer phone.
Let’s do something space-y

Vish, he doesn’t want me coming in for tree! Check your email

Odd.

I’ll talk to [redacted] but if he told you that there has to be a
Just spoke with house people. I’m in the system. She said 31st is the earliest I can start due to processing (Tuesday)

Then that’s the deal

RE: Intro

Awesome thank you so much! I think these will work. I will attach both letters to be on the safe side, but I think they will work. As far as starting, I checked with someone and you can’t start on the 31st because of the 30-day cycle, it has to be the 30th or the 1st. I will let you know if they can process the 30th but if not, it would be for the 1st of February.

Thank you!

Nariman Hawatmeh
Financial Administrator
U.S. House of Representatives
202.365.1318
If he does this, we need to have him primed on this Facebook comment garbage re: Hitler. I know you can do that.

I will make sure.

What if we got a doctor's prescription for a Segway for George to have for accessibility reasons around the Capitol? He could zoom everywhere.
I’m serious.
They’re $1k. I looked them up
Also, any word on tree?

Fri, Jan 27 at 1:59 PM

Not yet
He may do today
He’s a little busy

Fri, Jan 27 at 6:15 PM

FEC wants answers on Rep. Santos’ chaotic treasurer switch
seattletimes.com
Fri, Jan 27 at 6:15 PM

Do we need to find someone to be treasurer or do you have it covered? I'm here

Sat, Jan 28 at 12:26 AM

My thoughts are with Tyre Nichols and his family, but let this serve as a reminder that our police officers need proper training to do their jobs effectively. Many departments are cash-strapped and the people who call for service suffer. The video of Tyre's attack is heartbreaking. However, we must provide our law enforcement with the proper skills to ensure this never happens again. Law enforcement as a profession is not bias. These actions of few do not represent an entire profession. The bad guys involved here are charged and rightfully so.
Involved here are charged and rightfully so.

Between 2015-2018, 948 black people and 1,880 white people were killed by police (WaPo).

In an analysis of USA Today front-page stories during the same years, they had 82 stories of police shootings. They mentioned 57 black people and 1 white person.

Which profession is biased?

Edited

Sat, Jan 28 at 1:21 PM
Lol at George Santos’s face lighting up when someone asked him about Drag Race.
asked him about Drag Race.

Sawyer Hackett
twitter.com

He needs to own being gay. He needs to be a gay icon.

He’s getting comfortable in his skin you gotta let him grow

Sat, Jan 28 at 5:04 PM

A Santos staff member familiar with the hiring process said that the LegiStorm site is not up to date and that the congressman’s D.C. and N.Y. offices are “fully staffed.” Each member of Congress is provided with 18 full-time staff positions to spread across their offices as they see fit.

[I felt like we were in “Goodfellas”: How George Santos wooed investors for alleged Ponzi scheme]
Someone is talking to media. This is the third article this week I’ve read that cites a “source inside his office.”

It’s not Gabby, it’s not me. So who

Don’t worry about that

I’m loyal to death and I hate those who aren’t

Not every leak is unintentional

True

I made the mistake and read into a news article and now my stomach hurts. The one about DOJ asking FEC to hold off; along with donors being straw donors, or none at all. Tell me he was smart.
I never told you thank you for giving me this opportunity.

This means so much to me.

You did that for me.

Sat, Jan 28 at 11:56 PM

Vish, what if George took Ridge Alkonis' wife to the state of the union? It would be headlines. And for a good cause. It will garner strong support from the base and many others. FOX has been all over the Alkonis case.

I have her info.

He has someone he wants to bring.

Like his husband or something that's part of your ninja skills.

I have no idea who it is yet.
I hate roommates
Do we want to split a place

I’ll have to think about that. Was planning to room with another buddy of mine in April

Don’t worry about it. I was just trying to help you out. We have jobs until the fall, at least. I worry about a year’s lease LOL

Yea I get that. Have you found anything you liked yet

Yes I have but they’re outrageous

$3,080 for one bedroom

I can afford it but I have to bring myself to actually doing it. I spend money but even that’s a lot for me to accept. It’s just downright terrible management
That's a lot

I love George. He has given me a gift via you that I can never repay besides working hard and being loyal to him. But this recent DOJ stuff scares me for him.

I don't want to see anything bad happen to him. If people could just get to know him.

Sun, Jan 29 at 3:17 PM

The video you I told you about with the graphics. What if we took him on part time and Gaetz did, too; making him a full time person but shared.

I'm having him send me a video reel tonight.

Gaetz has a full time editor

Did you get payroll yet
You didn’t have to do that man

We gotta take care of each other

I’m gonna pay you back for sure

Nah. You’ve done more than enough. This gig is once in a lifetime and it wouldn’t be possible without you. Besides I would’ve gave you food money anyway

You got your job man. You showed up and did the interview.

Only bc of you. [redacted] didn’t mention anything about tomorrow. HR said Monday or Wednesday. [redacted] just said stay home Friday so I’m going to not message him and come
Only bc of you didn’t mention anything about tomorrow. HR said Monday or Wednesday just said stay home Friday so I’m going to not message him and come in tomorrow on time but I do have to dip out for a few since I’m not being paid to get errands in order

Just don’t come in till it’s cleared by HR

Ok

No need to get either side jammed up

Mon, Jan 30 at 9:36 AM

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9:08 AM

Re: Monday
Can you come in later today, probably in the afternoon to meet with us?

Idk. HR said I could start Wednesday. “Two day processing.”

Emailed me that 😈

No idea what’s going on then
Im sure everything is fine. No reason to be worried or anything.

So I guess I'll see you around in the afternoon I?

I guess 😞
George said on Thursday “that's the quickest hire we've ever made.” Sounds like it's about to be the quickest firing too😢

Don't say that lol

The only thing I can think is Gabby didn't like me or something and she complained to George. But I didn't get any inkling of that. She was really nice. Other than that, there hasn't been a chance or even time to fuck up

I wouldn't jump to conclusions yet it's too soon for anything
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Please try to find out. I’m sick to my stomach. I don’t know, I love you and I love this little job that I haven’t even really started yet. And I fucking love George. I don’t wanna go anywhere.

I’ll find out

Please do. Just walk in there and ask G

It had to be that Gabby didn’t like me, I don’t know what else. She didn’t give any sign of anything. Anyway, I’ll let you work. I’ll see you later.

He wrote back. 4 PM. Still no word.
The company got a background request for a security clearance. So hasn’t told HR to halt the brakes. That’s good I hope

Edited

What company

Assistance

Good afternoon, my name is Jim Wafe, I’m a contract background investigator retained by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency. I’m emailing today as I am trying to get in contact with you since the Subject has the Guardian down for employment and we need to conduct an employment verification. This individual is voluntarily going through this process in an attempt to obtain a National Security Clearance for employment. What is the process to obtain this verification? Pending your answer.

Thanks!
Jim

JAMES WAIFE
Contract Investigator

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Got it

That looks like a good sign

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Did [redacted] or George say anything? The only thing it can be is: they aren’t aware of what you know about my old life, or Gabby didn’t like me. Idk what else it could be.

No we have a flurry of shit to deal with this morning.

And I wish I was there.

Always take your orders from the highest offered.

Do what [redacted] says.

Mon, Jan 30 at 1:49 PM

Is he doing a press conf today?

No.

Please be there at 4.

I should be there.
They were concerned about the wiretap thing from last year. George is concerned about “what if I did this in the cafe or hallway. What is the office and George’s liability?” — he’s afraid I’ll break the law and he get in trouble for it. I was honest. He claims he’s going to finish my onboarding; but said he would be in touch.

I told him I made a poor judgement call but I am loyal, and I’ve chosen my side. And that I would never do anything to jeopardize this opportunity. And that you trusted me.

Oh wow

I didn’t realize that meeting is about all this.

Did they tell you anything else besides that they will finish.
I didn’t realize that meeting is about all this.

Did they tell you anything else besides that they will finish onboarding you?

He said he would be in touch after he spoke with onboarding people and he had three employees not being paid; and that he would finish my financial paperwork after he handled that. George said he was leaving my fate to
Lmao

She looks like she ready to tackle a quarterback.

I have to show loyalty to Coach, especially now.
I have to show loyalty to George and _____ to seal this.

Also, did you get paid

Not get

Yet*

Also

Don’t text _____ so much

It doesn’t make the impression you think it does

Being cool is better than anything

I texted him twice and he didn’t reply so I got the hint

Just chill

One step at a time
I suffer from extreme anxiety
I literally take pills for it

I get that

But you need to do your best to control it

George is a “feel” guy
And [redacted] rolls with how George “feels”
Make people feel cool and comfortable
That’s what they need the most of rn

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You have one till you don’t

Last real thing you have is an offer letter

Roll with that

Till you’re told otherwise

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Because I want purpose. I don't find George attractive at all, but Santos is me, just on a higher level. I identify with him, I understand him, and frankly, I love him in a non-sexual way and I barely know him.

You’re gonna have to figure it out

For now, play cool and tell the truth

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I won't do anything to lose that. I'll never be fake to George. I can't stand Nessa or whoever she is but everyone else, I adore it. I just want to work and have fun. It's a war zone and I live for that shit

And I'm thankful for you. Also, I might be a little high rn
And until you’re told otherwise, proceed as planned

Well you and me are friends and if nothing else, I gained that and it was worth it

I am here for you. I am here for you and I always will be here for you. I am loyal, Vish. You got me this far and I’ll never forget that. Ever. Loyal

Goodnight

Goodnight man. I’ll speak to you tomorrow

Tue, Jan 31 at 4:12 AM
Rep. George Santos faces new allegations of lies and distortions
yout.be

This pisses me off. The reporter says “local officials must turn to other places for help, like fema.”

That’s not true. We are here to serve. We are ready to assist local officials and as LC, I’m ready to write letters to these officials. I rebuke what this reporter said and it’s a lie. I say we issue a tweet addressing her lies and telling the people we ARE here to serve, and that includes help with FEMA
him if I have to.

You need to chill

You wanna play politics, learn patience.

This is where your persistence is gonna kill you if you don’t play cool.

I love George. I saw his heart. The people need to know he is doing what is right now that he’s sworn in. HE needs to know I’m loyal.

said come back in the future. There is nothing that changes in the future. This was over months ago.

for god sake, you have drug charges, no offense.

Mine was dismissed AND all the major media orgs supported me.
said it was because of the wiretap thing last year. That's closed out. He told me to apply in the future. That's just what people say to be nice.

People must know George is good. George must know I'm loyal.

Be Vish. Walk in there. Tell them what I just said. Tell them I’m loyal. Tell them to bring me back. Please.

I’m going to war on my own for him if I have to.

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Can you set me up with producers?

This man is a statesman. He cares and I want the people to know.

I have a meeting already tonight, but I’ll definitely call you soon.

I’ll be on plane 7-8.

I want to go on a media tour of pro-George. What I saw in my two weeks inside.

1 Reply

Absolutely not. Don’t kill your future.

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Tell them I'm melting down. Tell them I'm going to go on my own and defend him to prove my loyalty. That's what I'm doing. Thank you for your help and time.

Go fix this please

You need to chill out. I'm happy to sit down and talk with you and talk you through this and work on fixing this but it will not be overnight.

No one is doubting you are loyal and George likes you. You have to accept that right now there's something out of your control.

You available tomorrow at 5pm?

I'll be in town until Friday
is worried about media. Media supports me in this. Read all the media articles. All top media orgs came out and supported me. There won’t be any issue with media on this.

Let’s meet tomorrow and talk about this. I know you’re loyal.

I’m devastated

I don’t need fucking money. I wanted purpose

So let me volunteer and then no one can say I’m a staffer.

I’ll pay for myself to live in DC

I’m really sorry this happened but I need you to be cool

Let’s meet tomorrow
I’m having a meltdown over this.

I lost friends over taking this gig. I am so loyal and I didn’t do anything. This is from my past and I wasn’t even convicted.

This was never about money. This was about purpose and that’s why I’m hurt.

I was so loyal to George. I defended him everywhere I went and then, he just throws me away like I’m replaceable because I am.

I didn’t even do anything to deserve it.

I’m at a really important meeting right now, I’ll call you later.
I'm at a really important meeting we will definitely talk.

Thu, Feb 2 at 8:25 AM

Let's meet today at 5pm if possible.

Thu, Feb 2 at 12:23 PM
I’ll pay that dinner back too

Don’t worry about it

It’s a memory.
Love you. I only recorded the meeting where they fired me. That was it. I never recorded anything else and I'll never be disloyal to you. Not ever. It's okay if you hate me but everything I said to you was the truth. I recorded my firing for my protection and I defended you to TPM and in my statement on Twitter.

I read it.

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I did.

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Love you. If he brought me back, what can we do about the complaint? I don’t care, Vish. I just want my job back. I don’t care what he did. Mistakes happen. But I want my job back. I miss the people and I miss you. He asked for a second chance. Give me one. D