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DRAFT TRANSCRIPT

RECORDED INTERVIEW BETWEEN

[REDACTED] FBI 48

[REDACTED] FBI 27

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[REDACTED] Per. 29

[REDACTED]

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2 MR. HARBACH: Mm-hm. What about --

3 Per. 29 : That's a lot of tape.

4 MR. HARBACH: What about after you turned the  
5 footage over to the Government? Have you watched it?

6 Per. 29 : To my recollection, I have not  
7 watched it in full.

8 MR. HARBACH: Have you watched any of it?

9 Per. 29 : Yeah. I watched some of it being  
10 outside counsel telling me, you know, hey, can you take a  
11 screenshot of this time period for me and send it to us.  
12 I'll take a screenshot and send it over to them.

13 MR. HARBACH: And so I want to --

14 Per. 29 : And I would just, like --  
15 (indiscernible 01:04:58). Like, the raid day -- I remember  
16 you guys subpoenaed the day of the raid at Mar-a-Lago. I  
17 was watching that live, so --

18 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

19 Per. 29 : -- I knew what the tape was.

20 MR. HARBACH: Your observation a moment ago that  
21 outside counsel might occasionally ask you to take a  
22 screenshot. Do you recall if that is -- if they were  
23 apprised of what was being turned over to the Government  
24 before it was handed over and they made these requests, or  
25 after, or both, or do you recall?

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2 Per. 29 : -- understanding of it -- almost  
3 like it manages it, but it tells the cameras kind of -- the  
4 cameras that are supposed to be on the system, where they're  
5 supposed to be recording to, the rules of the system, who's  
6 supposed to have access to the system. If we have to make a  
7 change to the system, we mostly deal with the management  
8 system. The management server has a management client on  
9 it. That's where we go. The recording server just intakes  
10 a video and archives it.

11 MR. HARBACH: I understand that when the FBI  
12 executed the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on August 8, I  
13 think you said you watched it live. Our understanding --  
14 and I'm asking so I want to help you -- I want to make sure  
15 we have it right.

16 Per. 29 : Sure.

17 MR. HARBACH: Is that, at some point, the cameras  
18 were turned off or the recording was turned off during that  
19 time. I would like you to tell me what your memory is about  
20 that.

21 Per. 29 : Okay. So my recollection of that  
22 is I believe I got a call from Per. 76. I believe Per. 54 was  
23 off that day. P.76 said that there was a raid --

24 MR. HARBACH: Per. 76 ?

25 Per. 29 : P.76 -- sorry, Per. 76. I don't --

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2 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : -- want to say he said it was a  
3 raid. I believe he said the FBI are here, they're going to  
4 look at Mar-a-Lago, they're coming in. Secret Service -- or  
5 however you phrase it, you have to turn the cameras off for  
6 agent safety, and I believe I also spoke to [REDACTED] Per. 75 , who  
7 was in the office with [REDACTED] Per. 76 , or wherever [REDACTED] Per. 76 was, and  
8 spoke to me and said the FBI would like the cameras off for  
9 agent safety. So I kind of took that like you have to do  
10 it, so I did it. I --

11 MR. HARBACH: What exactly --

12 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : -- turned --

13 MR. HARBACH: -- did you do?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I turned the servers off.

15 MR. HARBACH: And where were you when you did  
16 this?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I was at Trump Tower in my office.

18 MR. HARBACH: So you did it remotely.

19 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I did it remotely.

20 MR. HARBACH: What does that mean, turn the  
21 servers off?

22 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : So I would log into the server and  
23 turn the servers off. I would log in as my user name on the  
24 server, through the Windows button, shut off, shut off the  
25 server.

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2 MR. HARBACH: And why did you choose that method?  
3 In other words, would there have been an option short of  
4 shutting the servers down to prevent surveillance or to stop  
5 recording?

6 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Say that again, sir?

7 MR. HARBACH: Was turning the -- why was turning  
8 the servers off the only option?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I mean, you could have had options  
10 of turning off the ports to the switches, which would have  
11 taken a long time to do. You could have turned off the  
12 recording server itself, but lots of times you would get  
13 error logs that way. The safest way would be to turn the  
14 server off itself.

15 MR. HARBACH: Okay. What do you mean the safest  
16 way?

17 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : So if you turn a server off -- if  
18 you turn a recording service off, sometimes on the old  
19 server, when you start it back up, you may get a few errors,  
20 cache file needs to be rebuilt or something like that. For  
21 something like it being agent safety, I believe I thought  
22 the best way to be let's just turn the server off itself  
23 rather than just turning off the services, because, I mean,  
24 unless somebody knew the IP address of a camera and they can  
25 view it from the network side itself, turning off the --

1 (02:12:38)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : -- server most likely was the  
3 safest bet for us.

4 [REDACTED] FBI 27 : Does turning off the server just stop  
5 the camera from recording or does that mean, like, you can't  
6 see them remotely either?

7 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : It means that it's just not -- it's  
8 not being stored, it's not going to -- it's not --  
9 Milestone's offline.

10 [REDACTED] FBI 27 : Okay.

11 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : The cameras are still live on the  
12 network, but Milestone itself is offline.

13 MR. HARBACH: So you could continue watching even  
14 after you shut the servers down.

15 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : If you had access to the security  
16 network, you could.

17 MR. HARBACH: I meant you personally.

18 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : If I wanted to.

19 MR. HARBACH: But I thought you said you watched  
20 it live.

21 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Well, I went upstairs to  
22 Eric Trump's office and two lawyers -- can I speak about --

23 [REDACTED] : Well, don't talk about what you  
24 talked about, but you can talk about what you did after you  
25 left.

1 (02:13:30)

2 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I turned the servers back on.

3 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

4 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I called [REDACTED] Per. 76 and told [REDACTED] P. 76 turn  
5 the servers back on right now. [REDACTED] P. 76 understood. I believe [REDACTED] P. 76  
6 sent me a G chat message when the servers were back online.

7 MR. HARBACH: Why did [REDACTED] P. 76 have to do that? Why  
8 couldn't you do it?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Because the servers were offline.  
10 That would actually be a power button or it would take  
11 longer for me to find out with the IPMI, the outer band is  
12 to turn it off if the outer band was on. I don't remember  
13 on the old servers, but I couldn't physically turn the  
14 server on.

15 MR. HARBACH: I see. So you can turn them off  
16 remotely, but not on.

17 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : At that time period --

18 MR. HARBACH: Yeah.

19 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : -- I believe that was -- today, a  
20 little bit different.

21 MR. HARBACH: Okay. And so [REDACTED] Per. 76 turned them back  
22 on?

23 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Correct.

24 MR. HARBACH: Did you have any other conversations  
25 with either [REDACTED] Per. 75 or any of the other law enforcement --



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2 MR. HARBACH: -- personnel that day -- there that  
3 day about this issue, about the cameras?

4 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : About the camera issue? I don't  
5 believe so.

6 MR. HARBACH: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] FBI 48 : How much time between turning the  
8 servers off and turning them back on?

9 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : I don't know. I would have to --  
10 it was a pretty short timeframe, I would say.

11 [REDACTED] FBI 48 : Okay.

12 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Yeah.

13 [REDACTED] FBI 48 : The search was still occurring, right?

14 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Correct. Yes, the search was still  
15 occurring.

16 MR. HARBACH: So you mentioned a moment ago that  
17 if you had just turned the recording service off that one  
18 disadvantage of that was that it would -- might produce  
19 error messages when you turned the recording service back  
20 on, right?

21 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : Correct.

22 MR. HARBACH: And that just turning the servers  
23 off would not present that problem?

24 [REDACTED] Per. 29 : It could, but I thought it was the  
25 safest way to go.

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2 MR. HARBACH: Okay. In fact, did that gap of when  
3 the servers were off produce any error messages in the logs?

4 Per. 29: I don't -- I would have to check to  
5 be honest with you.

6 MR. HARBACH: You don't know?

7 Per. 29: No.

8 MR. HARBACH: Do you know whether, in general,  
9 turning the servers off would produce error messages or  
10 other artifacts on the log?

11 Per. 29: It would -- I mean, the Windows log  
12 would say the server was off and the server was turned back  
13 on. It would say that for sure. Milestone services would  
14 stop and come back online. When you shut a server off, it  
15 goes through the steps of shutting off the Milestone  
16 services before the box itself goes offline.

17 MR. HARBACH: I see. And what about individual  
18 cameras? Is it possible to disable individual cameras  
19 remotely?

20 Per. 29: It is possible to disable them.  
21 I'm trying to think of the best way to explain.

22 MR. HARBACH: Well, and let me be precise about  
23 what I mean by disable, stop a camera from recording or stop  
24 recording a feed from a particular camera.

25 Per. 29: So one way you could do it, and --