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The interview in the above matter was held in Room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Representative Gaetz.

██████████ And that would sometimes come through CISA to you?

██████████ It -- on occasion, yes.

██████████ Thank you.

BY ██████████:

Q And you were asked about your interactions with the CIS, or the Center for Internet Security?

A Yes.

Q And you're aware from your interactions with both CISA and CIS that they are, in fact, two different entities, correct?

A I am aware of that, yes.

Q And your understanding is that CISA is part of the Department of Homeland Security?

A Correct. When I started to work with them, it was under Chad Wolf's Department of -- Secretary Wolf's Department of Homeland Security.

Q Thank you.

And CIS was a private organization?

A That's my broad understanding, but, again, I'm not familiar broadly. I only worked for them in this one small slice of their work.

Q Fair enough.

And when someone from CISA, whether it was ██████████ or ██████████, would pass on a request from a State or local official about a post that they believed violated Meta's community standards, CISA did not specifically ask for you to remove the content, correct?

A Not that I recall, no.

Q Reports would typically be, Please see the attached report from X person in

X State, something to that effect?

A My recollection is, it was mostly just a forward of the email they received.

Q And they would simply ask you to send it on to the appropriate person?

A Yes.

Q To your knowledge, has any Federal official or agency ordered Meta, or Facebook, when it was known as Facebook, to remove an account, page, or any other content?

A Not to my recollection.

Q And to your recollection, has any official or agency ever tried to coerce or pressure Meta, or then, Facebook, into removing a page, account, or other content?

A Not to my recollection.

Q And to your knowledge, has any Federal official threatened Meta with any adverse consequences, or Facebook -- I'm sorry -- if it did not remove a page, account, or other content?

A Not to my recollection.

Q And have you ever personally felt pressured by any Federal officials or agencies to remove content on Meta or then Facebook's platforms?

A I have not, no.

Q Okay. A couple of clarifying questions from the last hour. You were asked about whether CIS would sometimes forward you duplicative requests --

A Yes.

Q -- correct?

And you said that they would occasionally?

A Yes.

Q And by "duplicative requests," do you mean requests to take the same post