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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Washington, D.C.

The interview in the above matter was held in room 164, Cannon House Office  
Building, commencing at 10:02 a.m.

1 Q And was the company meeting regularly with those agencies in 2020, if you  
2 know?

3 A To the best of my knowledge, there were -- those engagements did happen  
4 with the administration, yes.

5 Q Okay.

6 And, if you're aware, did the company have COVID misinformation policies in  
7 place in 2020?

8 A I'm not an expert on those policies. My recollection is that, from the start  
9 of the pandemic, the company considered how to approach COVID from a content policy  
10 perspective.

11 Q And, just for the record, at the start of the pandemic through January 19,  
12 2021, Donald Trump was President, correct?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Meta's work -- you work on the U.S. Policy Team?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you have information about Meta's work with -- well, you know what,  
17 strike that. I'm going to not explore that.

18 You talked about the frustration that certain officials at the White House  
19 expressed over what Meta's policies covered and Meta's enforcement of those policies.  
20 Did anyone in the White House or any government official coerce you or force you to  
21 remove or try to remove a piece of content, an account -- I mean, you -- I'm sorry, Meta,  
22 or the company. I'm going to follow your lead and call it the company since it changed  
23 names -- from the company's platforms?

24 A No.

25 Q And you were asked earlier about consequences that you expected to face

1 if -- or that Meta expected to face, or the company, if it did not align its policies with what  
2 those who were frustrated wanted. Did anyone in the U.S. Government threaten to  
3 retaliate if the company did not broaden its policies or enforce them more aggressively as  
4 you were asked?

5 A No, not to my awareness.

6 Q And, to your knowledge, did the company change its policies in response to  
7 pressure from the U.S. Government?

8 A Not to my knowledge, no.

9 Q And, to your knowledge, did the company enforce its policies, take down any  
10 content, make any decisions because of or at the request of or because of pressure from  
11 the U.S. Government?

12 A No, not to my knowledge.

13 [REDACTED]. If I could just have one minute.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q And I just want to ask you -- I believe this is where we left off earlier. When  
16 you stated in your email to Mr. Flaherty that you expect to be held accountable, is it fair  
17 to say that you meant you expect to be called out if you were not providing accurate  
18 information to him about what the company is doing or if he thinks that you're hiding the  
19 ball?

20 A Yes. Again, I meant that in terms of my personal responsibility to the  
21 company in doing my job.

22 Q And so it was important to you personally to maintain that relationship?

23 A Yes, it was.

24 Q And, when I say "personally," I mean, so that you could --

25 A With respect to my --