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INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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The interview in the above matter was held in room 164, Cannon House Office Building, commencing at 10:04 a.m.

A But that is true. One was good for the users, also benefited Google.

Q Okay. During your interaction with U.S. Government officials, did any of these officials ever try to coerce you or anyone else at Google into promoting or removing any content for political purposes?

A We're talking U.S. officials?

Q U.S. Government in this case, yeah.

A I'm not aware of any such request.

Q Okay. Did U.S. Government officials ever threaten you or any other Google employee with adverse actions if Google refused to take any particular action that the government official desired?

A I don't recall any scenario like that.

Q Did any U.S. Government official ever ask Google employees, to your knowledge, to promote or remove any content based on political or ideological viewpoint that was expressed?

A Not that I'm aware.

Q Did anyone working at the White House ever order you to remove a post, an account, or any content from Google's platforms?

A Not that I'm aware of.

Q Are you familiar with the claim made by some of the committee's Republican Members that the Federal Government has both colluded with Google and other private companies in order to censor certain types of far-right political and ideological speech in violation of the First Amendment?

A I'm sorry, what was the beginning of that question?

Q Are you familiar with the claim made by some of the members of this committee that the Federal Government has colluded with Google and other private tech

companies in order to censor certain types of far-right political and ideological speech in violation of the First Amendment?

A Yeah, I am familiar with that.

Q Based on your experience at Google, both during the Trump and Biden administrations, do you recall that such collusion was occurring while you were employed at Google?

A I can speak for Google, I'm aware of no such interaction.

Q Okay. And do you have any reason to believe after you left Google that any type of collusion is occurring today?

A I have no reason to believe so.

Q In your experience, do you think that Google has attempted to operate in a manner that respects the First Amendment rights of its platform users?

A Say that again?

Q I'll say it slower. I'm sorry. In your experience, like as a Google employer, former Google employee, do you think that Google has attempted to operate in a manner that respects the First Amendment rights of its platform users?

A Yes.

Q And do you believe that it is in Google's interest as a company to promote First Amendment freedom of platform users?

A It's just not in my area, so --

Q Okay.

A -- that's sort of a personal --

Q That's fair. That's fair.

A Thank you.

Q I don't have any questions at this point. Okay. We're all set. We can go