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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

17 Cr. 548 (JMF)

5 JOSHUA ADAM SCHULTE,

6 Defendant.

Trial

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8 New York, N.Y.  
9 June 27, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. JESSE M. FURMAN,

12 District Judge  
13 -and a Jury-

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1 (Trial resumed; Jury not present)

2 THE COURT: Good morning. I hope everyone had a good  
3 weekend. A couple jury-related issues before we proceed.

4 I don't know if you have already heard this, we had  
5 one unfortunate development over the weekend. Juror No. 14  
6 tested positive for COVID on Saturday. I emailed the rest of  
7 the jury yesterday to let them know and to ask them to show up  
8 early today to get molecular rapid tests at the DE's office.  
9 Last I heard, 13 of 15 had showed up so we are just waiting on  
10 the last two. So far all tests are negative, although I think  
11 only five of the tests have come back. So we will keep our  
12 fingers crossed that there is no spread. My inclination would  
13 be to start -- as long as the other two show up and get tested,  
14 my inclination would be to start on the theory that if I am  
15 notified of any positive tests we can always break and take  
16 appropriate steps at that time. But it is an unfortunate  
17 situation I have. I obviously excused juror No. 14. If she is  
18 the only one who tests positive then I think we will have  
19 gotten off lucky since she was the juror with travel plans in a  
20 couple weeks anyway and likely wouldn't have made it to the end  
21 of this case but we will see what happens.

22 Second thing, Ms. Shroff. I don't know if you want to  
23 put on the record, my understanding you is you were in an  
24 elevator and inadvertently had an interaction although it  
25 sounded relatively innocuous from the description that I got

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1 but do you want to just make a record about that?

2 MS. SHROFF: Sure. Good morning, your Honor.

3 I was transferring the box of documents for this  
4 morning from the SCIF to 15A. I changed elevators on the  
5 eighth floor bank. The gentleman from Fed Cap who knows me was  
6 kind enough to hold the door open so I entered the elevator,  
7 and since I had the box I just leaned the box on the side of  
8 the elevator so my back was to the -- my back was not in the  
9 normal position of being to the back of the elevator. I didn't  
10 see anybody in there and then a voice asked me which floor I  
11 wanted to go to and I just replied I have it, it's 15A, thank  
12 you; or 15A, but I got it. Something like that. I can't  
13 remember the sequence. And then, when the elevator next opened  
14 it was on the 11th floor and a man exited, and when he exited I  
15 realized that it was juror no. 7. I didn't say anything more.  
16 He didn't see anything other than my back as far as I can tell  
17 but I don't know.

18 THE COURT: That sounds relatively innocuous to me.  
19 If the government has any concerns, speak now or hold your  
20 peace but I think we should just leave it as is.

21 All right. Anything that you guys want to discuss?  
22 The last two jurors have now shown up and they are being taken  
23 down for testing. Again, my intention is to begin once they  
24 have actually tested on the theory that we can break if there  
25 is need to but anything that you need to raise, either follow

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1 up on issues that were discussed on Friday or otherwise?

2 MR. LOCKARD: Not from the government, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte?

4 MR. SCHULTE: So the entire transcript of Mr. Leedom I  
5 think has been designated classified and so we were trying to  
6 get a feel for when we could get redacted copy of the  
7 transcripts, when those would be available so I can take it  
8 with me. And then, I just needed a couple minutes to review  
9 some of these files or some of these evidence things that were  
10 just presented to us that I hadn't had a chance to look at yet.

11 THE COURT: OK. What are those things?

12 MR. SCHULTE: I am trying to figure that out.

13 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, those are hard drives that  
14 have already been admitted into evidence pursuant to  
15 stipulation. We expect Mr. Berger will identify them and  
16 describe them and so we provided the physical exhibits to  
17 Mr. Schulte this morning so he could inspect them before that  
18 happened.

19 THE COURT: Gotcha. Well, if they're in evidence  
20 they're in evidence. And, I think you will have a couple  
21 minutes before we start in any event.

22 Government, I could ask the court reporter but do you  
23 know timing on the redaction of the transcript?

24 MR. DENTON: So, your Honor, we got the classified  
25 copy of the transcript this morning. I think the relevant

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1 folks are taking a look at it to see whether the redaction  
2 proposal is necessary at all. Hopefully we can report back  
3 either at the lunch break or certainly at the end of the day  
4 whether we anticipate making such a proposal at all and trying  
5 to move this as expeditiously as we can.

6 THE COURT: I'm confused. Didn't you raise one issue  
7 and we took care of that on Friday?

8 MR. DENTON: Yes, your Honor; that dealt with the  
9 previous testimony. I think this dealt with a discrete issue  
10 that everyone made some notes about on Friday during  
11 Mr. Leedom's cross-examination and so I think just without the  
12 benefit of the transcript it was hard to tell whether we were  
13 over the line or not. And so now that we have it, the relevant  
14 folks are looking at it as quickly as we can.

15 THE COURT: So you think you can let me know during  
16 the lunch break or at the end of the lunch?

17 MR. DENTON: I certainly hope so. If not, we will let  
18 the Court know where things stand and why.

19 THE COURT: OK. So get the word out that I would like  
20 to know at the end of the lunch break and, if not, I expect to  
21 be told when we will know and hopefully by the end of the day  
22 at the absolute latest.

23 Anything else? Otherwise, Mr. Schulte can examine the  
24 hard drive while we are waiting for the jury to come up but we  
25 should get Mr. Berger in here if there is nothing else to

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1 discuss.

2 Let's get Mr. Berger and I will keep you posted about  
3 the jury.

4 (pause)

5 THE COURT: Just a heads up that the jury is heading  
6 up now.

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Jury entering.

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1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

3 Welcome back. I hope you all had pleasant weekends and enjoyed  
4 the nice summer weather.

5 Well, I know you all know the news over the weekend  
6 that one of you, namely juror No. 14, tested positive for COVID  
7 on Saturday. Thankfully she notified us and we were able to  
8 get in touch with you and ask you to all come and get tested  
9 this morning. So she is not here but I will thank her later  
10 for her conscientiousness for doing that. A reminder that we  
11 are not out of the woods and there is a good reason that we are  
12 taking all of the precautions that we are taking. Hopefully,  
13 in light of those precautions, everyone here will be fine and  
14 test negative. I know some of you were awaiting results of the  
15 tests and I will certainly alert you when I hear to let you  
16 know if anyone tests positive, we will take a break and  
17 obviously take necessary steps at that time but I thought we  
18 should get started in the meantime.

19 A few things. First of all, jurors no. 15 and 16, you  
20 are welcome to stay where you are if you have settled into  
21 those seats and you like them but you are also welcome to slide  
22 over if you prefer. I leave that to you.

23 Second, I'm going to ask you, for the next few days --  
24 my understanding from the epidemiologist who advises the Court  
25 is if everyone tests negative this morning is that the odds of

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1 anyone testing positive as a result of any exposure to juror  
2 No. 14 are quite low given the number of days that have passed.  
3 Again, hopefully everyone has complied with the precautions. I  
4 will note, in case you all didn't figure it out, you are all  
5 fully vaccinated, most of you are boosted, so hopefully  
6 everyone will stay safe and healthy. I am, nevertheless, going  
7 to ask you, if you can, show up a couple minutes early for the  
8 next few days to the District Executive's office on the eighth  
9 floor where you went this morning to just get tested each  
10 morning. I think the next few mornings it will just be a  
11 regular rapid test. You are welcome to take one at home if you  
12 prefer to do it that way, but we will make testing available to  
13 you to make sure if anyone does test positive a few days out  
14 that we minimize the consequences of that.

15 Most importantly, I hope everybody obviously stays  
16 safe and healthy. I think juror No. 14 is generally doing fine  
17 so I will check in on her later and keep you posted but she has  
18 been excused from jury service given that she wouldn't be able  
19 to come for some number of days.

20 So with all of that, we will pick up where we left off  
21 on Friday with the direct testimony of Mr. Berger.

22 Mr. Berger, you can remove your mask at this time. I  
23 remind you that you remain under oath.

24 With that, we can proceed. Mr. Lockard?  
25 MICHAEL BERGER, resumed.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. LOCKARD:

3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Berger.

4 A. Good morning.

5 Q. So on Friday you reviewed some evidence that you had  
6 analyzed relating to the defendant's home computers and user  
7 activity. Do you remember that?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. Specifically activity relating to the Tails operating  
10 system and data destruction utilities?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So we will return to the defendant's home computer  
13 equipment in a little bit but first let's turn to another  
14 aspect of your analysis. Did you also review data obtained  
15 from the CIA's DevLAN system?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And, broadly, what topics did that review cover?

18 A. The topics covered included permission changes made by  
19 defendant, as well as the data itself that was exposed by  
20 WikiLeaks.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, if we could please turn to  
22 page 5 of Government Exhibit 1704?

23 Q. Mr. Berger, is this some of the data that you pulled from  
24 the DevLAN system?

25 A. Yes, it is.

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1 Q. Can you just give us a general description of what is  
2 reflected in here?

3 A. So this is a reconstruction from a Stash database backup  
4 file, specifically the Stash backup made on April 16th, 2016.  
5 What we are looking at is the results of a, what is called a  
6 SQL query. SQL is Structured Query Language, it is a  
7 programming language used to interact with the database. What  
8 we are looking at on the screen are the results of a particular  
9 query that was designed to show the activity pertaining to  
10 permission changes; anything relating to the user Schuljo from  
11 the dates April 4th through April 14th, of 2016.

12 Q. So focusing in on the events of April 14th -- if we can  
13 please move to the next slide, page 7, actually? Are these  
14 permission changes on April 14th?

15 A. Yes, they are.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Let's turn to page 8.

17 Q. Can you just describe what permission changes happened  
18 here?

19 A. So on April 14th of 2016 at 4:05 p.m. local time there was  
20 a permission request event which the specific event was to --  
21 the specific event dealt with the project admin status for the  
22 user Schuljo. Specifically, the user account Schuljo requested  
23 admin privileges for the user account Schuljo for the project  
24 OSB Libraries. The request was made and the request was  
25 granted.

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1 Q. Mr. Berger, do you recall during the testimony of  
2 Mr. Leedom that Mr. Leedom had reviewed a log file entry  
3 related to this request?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you recall the format of the timestamp on that log  
6 file entry?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Generally, what was the timestamp format on that log file  
9 entry?

10 A. The timestamp format was what is referred to as Epic Time.

11 Q. And did you convert that into Eastern Daylight Time?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And what time did that convert into?

14 A. 4:05 p.m. on April 14th, 2016.

15 Q. The same time reflected in the data that you pulled?

16 A. Correct.

17 MR. LOCKARD: If we can please turn to page 9?

18 Q. Mr. Berger, can you describe where you obtained this data  
19 and what it reflects?

20 A. So this data, again, was provided by the CIA. What we are  
21 looking at are two different query results. One was made from  
22 the Crowd backup of April 15th, 2016. The next was from the  
23 Crowd backup of April 17th, 2016.

24 Q. And those are both queries with respect to the Schuljo  
25 user?

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1 A. Correct. So these queries were designed to show any groups  
2 relating to the user account Schuljo; essentially, what groups  
3 was the user account Schuljo a member of on each of those  
4 dates.

5 Q. And after April 16th, was Mr. Schulte a member of the  
6 Atlassian administrators group?

7 A. After the 16th he was the not.

8 Q. Was he a member of the OSB group?

9 A. He was not.

10 MR. LOCKARD: If we can look at page 10?

11 Q. Here are some additional results relating to administrator  
12 privileges. Can you just describe what is shown in this slide?

13 A. So, again, using the Crowd backups from April 15th and  
14 April 17th, the queries ran reflect what users are members of  
15 the groups that have the word "administrator" in them. So on  
16 April 15th we are looking at any user that are members of any  
17 administrator group. On April 17th we are looking at the same  
18 query with much fewer results.

19 Q. And again, after April 16th, who were the members of the  
20 administrator groups in the Crowd database?

21 A. So on April 17th there are only two accounts listed as  
22 members of administrator groups.

23 Q. Now, Mr. Berger, did you review the defendant's online  
24 activities after April 14th as well?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, can we please turn to page  
2 51?

3 Q. Mr. Berger, what is reflected here?

4 A. So what we are looking at here are the results under the  
5 defendant's Google searches, specifically a search for  
6 Confluence admin view restricted pages, and then websites that  
7 the defendant visited after retrieving those search results.

8 Q. And what search did the defendant run on April 15th at  
9 2:43 p.m.?

10 A. The search query was for Confluence admin view restricted  
11 pages.

12 Q. If we could look at page 52, please? What date are these  
13 searches from?

14 A. These are from April 18th, 2016.

15 Q. What did the defendant search for on April 18th of 2016 at  
16 2:09 p.m.?

17 A. At 2:09 p.m. he searched for Linux copy file, as well as  
18 Linux copy file over network.

19 THE COURT: Can we just break for a second?

20 I heard a phone go off. Just a reminder, I think it  
21 is better to keep your phones in the jury room but if you have  
22 them here, take a moment to shut them off, please, so that you  
23 are not distracted in any way, shape, or form.

24 Good to go? Thank you.

25 You may proceed.

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1 BY MR. LOCKARD:

2 Q. Thank you, your Honor.

3 Turning to 2:12 p.m. on April 18th, what did the  
4 defendant search for?

5 A. He searched for Linux copy large files hash.

6 Q. And just a couple lines above that one minute earlier, what  
7 did he search for?

8 A. He searched for copying multiple files, Linux large files.

9 Q. What is the relationship between hashing, which you  
10 described on Friday, and large file copying over a network?

11 A. So hashing is a way that you can fingerprint a set of data.  
12 If you have the same input data into the same hashing algorithm  
13 you will always get the same result. What is commonly used in  
14 copying data, is if you copy the data and you hash the source  
15 data and you hash the data that you have now copied, and  
16 they're identical, that indicates that there were no errors in  
17 the copying of that data and you have an identical duplicate  
18 copy of your original data.

19 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, if we could please look at  
20 page 53?

21 Q. And there are a number of entries here. Can you generally  
22 summarize what types of searches were being run on April 19th  
23 of 2016?

24 A. So initially at 11:36 a.m. there was a search for fast  
25 hashing algorithm, and then there were additional hash

1 algorithms searched for and pages visited reflecting different  
2 hashing functions. There is also a search down at 11:36 p.m.,  
3 a search for fast hashing algorithm.

4 Q. Mr. Berger, based on your experience as a forensic analyst,  
5 what significance does fast hashing have in investigations that  
6 you conduct?

7 A. So if you are trying to hash a very large source of data it  
8 can take a considerable amount of time. There is a  
9 relationship between the larger the data size that you are  
10 trying to hash, the longer it takes. In this case it seems  
11 that the defendant was looking for a fast hashing algorithm as  
12 there are many different hashing algorithms out there and some  
13 are faster than others.

14 Q. And then with respect to the searches conducted on April  
15 18th relating to the transfer of files over Linux, what  
16 operating system did the Atlassian products on DevLAN run?

17 A. They ran on Linux.

18 Q. So Mr. Berger, I think you said you also reviewed the data  
19 that was released by WikiLeaks?

20 A. Correct.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, if we can turn to page 14?

22 Q. What was the type of analysis that you conducted sort of  
23 broadly, and then we will focus in on some of particular steps  
24 that you took.

25 A. So I was asked to conduct a timing analysis specifically to

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1 look at the data that was on WikiLeaks, what was the date of  
2 that data, so what point was that data saved onto the DevLAN  
3 system.

4 Q. And how did you go about performing that analysis?

5 A. So in order to do that, utilize the concept of version  
6 control that both Stash and Confluence had some mechanism of  
7 within them I looked for data points, specifically data that  
8 was saved in one of those products that was also present on  
9 WikiLeaks, as well as data that was saved in those systems that  
10 was not present on WikiLeaks. Then we looked to see if we  
11 could find points that were as close together as possible to  
12 have a narrow range of when, exactly, the data was from.

13 Q. And when you were looking at data that was saved on the  
14 DevLAN system, where were you looking?

15 A. I was looking in both Stash and Confluence backups.

16 Q. And why did you focus on the backups in particular?

17 A. Because that's the data that we were provided by the CIA  
18 and we had the kind of idea of where to look and it was also  
19 the most helpful in terms of being able to access the raw data  
20 that was saved in the database.

21 Q. And were you also present during Mr. Leedom's testimony  
22 about his analysis that the source of the data did come from a  
23 backup file?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So let's start with Stash. Can you remind us again just

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1 the basic purpose or function of Stash?

2 A. So Stash was a source code repository. As developers would  
3 write code, they would save changes into a particular project  
4 repository within Stash.

5 Q. And how did you conduct a timing analysis on the Stash  
6 data?

7 A. So I looked for files that were included in the WikiLeaks  
8 release, specifically source code files that I could also  
9 identify within the Stash system.

10 Q. And how did you identify where identical files appeared?

11 A. So I was -- I used a hash algorithm to look for identical  
12 files.

13 Q. Let's look at what is shown here on page 14, focusing on  
14 the file identified as Marble.horig. Is that a file that was  
15 in the Vault 7 release?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And did you compute a hash value for it?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. Is that the long string of letters and numbers that is  
20 reflected on the screen?

21 A. It is.

22 Q. Did you find Marble.horig in the stash backups?

23 A. I did.

24 MR. LOCKARD: If we can turn to the next page, please?

25 Q. Can you show us what is shown in this table?

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1 A. So this is a listing of commits for the file Marble.horig.  
2 A commit is every time that the file was saved into the system.  
3 We can see here by this table that there are several entries  
4 going from February 26 through March 7th where that particular  
5 file was saved and the value or the hash value of that  
6 particular commit is calculated and shown on the right. The  
7 entries on February 26, 2016 at 9:36 a.m., as well as March 1,  
8 2016 at 11:09 a.m., indicate a hash mash for the file that was  
9 found on WikiLeaks.

10 Q. Mr. Berger, what are the reasons why there might be a file  
11 with the same hash value at two different commit times in the  
12 stash log?

13 A. So it is possible that whoever was working on this  
14 particular file made a change on February 26 at 9:37 a.m. and  
15 decided they didn't like that change and maybe wanted to revert  
16 back to the previous version. They would have reverted back to  
17 the February 26 9:36 a.m. version and then re-committed that  
18 version on March 1, 2016, at 11:09 a.m.

19 MR. LOCKARD: If we can turn to page 16, please?

20 Q. And does this show that same analysis in timeline format?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And so what did this indicate about the date range of data  
23 from Stash that was released by WikiLeaks?

24 A. This indicated that the data that WikiLeaks disclosed had  
25 to come from a point in time after February 26, 2016, at

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1 9:36 a.m.

2 Q. And did it indicate anything about the latest date that the  
3 data could have come from?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did that indicate?

6 A. It indicated the data came before March 7, 2016, 9:57 a.m.

7 MR. LOCKARD: If we can advance to the next slide?

8 Q. Now, Mr. Berger, there is about a one-minute window between  
9 the February 26, 9:36 a.m. commit that matched the file release  
10 by WikiLeaks, and then the next commit at 9:37 a.m. Can you  
11 just describe why it is that you chose to extend the window to  
12 the February 26th date instead of the March 1st date?

13 A. So after looking at the data and seeing that there was the  
14 duplicate commit value, I decided to take the more conservative  
15 approach. Instead of saying data had to have come after March  
16 1st, I extended the window back and saying that no, the data  
17 had to come after February 26th in order to, again, have a more  
18 conservative approach to this analysis.

19 MR. LOCKARD: If we can look at the next page, please?

20 Q. Was there another file called solutionevents.CS in the  
21 Vault 7 release?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you perform the same type of analysis that you just  
24 described with the last file?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you calculate a hash value for this file?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. And is that reflected here on this page also?

4 A. It is.

5 THE COURT: May I interrupt for one quick second?

6 Just to let you know that all 15 of you have tested  
7 negative so you can rest easy.

8 You may proceed.

9 MR. LOCKARD: Excellent. Thank you, your Honor.

10 BY MR. LOCKARD:

11 Q. So I don't think there is need to read the long string of  
12 letters and numbers but if we can turn to the next page?

13 What is shown on this page?

14 A. So similarly to the previous file we looked at, this is a  
15 listing of commit date and times as well as the calculated hash  
16 values for the file solutionevents.CS.

17 Q. Was there an entry in that commit history that had the  
18 identical hash value as the file release by WikiLeaks?

19 A. Yes, there was.

20 Q. And when was that?

21 A. That was the entry on February 13, 2016, at 3:13 p.m.

22 MR. LOCKARD: If we can move to the next page?

23 Q. And again, do we have that analysis in timeline format?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So based on solutionevents.CS what did you conclude about

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1 the date range of the data released by WikiLeaks from Stash?

2 A. So since they disclosed the version committed at February  
3 13th, 2016 at 3:13 p.m., that indicated the data came from a  
4 point in time after that commit. It also indicated the data  
5 came from a point in time prior to March 4th, 2016, at  
6 9:45 a.m.

7 MR. LOCKARD: And if we can advance to the next slide.

8 Q. Is that the time period highlighted here?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. LOCKARD: If we can advance to the next slide?

11 Q. What was your overall conclusion combining those two date  
12 ranges?

13 A. So when we combine the date ranges we have a time period of  
14 February 26, 2016, 9:36 a.m. through March 4th, 2016, at  
15 9:45 a.m. of when the data disclosed by WikiLeaks from Stash  
16 came from.

17 Q. And as we saw again with the Marble.horig file, you could  
18 have selected a window between March 1st and March 4th?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Just remind us why you chose the window of February 26.

21 A. Trying to maintain a conservative approach to the analysis.

22  
23 Q. Mr. Berger, did you review just these two files or did you  
24 review additional files?

25 A. I reviewed additional files.

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1 Q. Approximately how many files did you review in conducting  
2 your analysis?

3 A. A few dozen, probably.

4 Q. And why did we focus on these two files in your testimony  
5 today?

6 A. So we focused on these two files because they represent the  
7 files that are closest together on the timeline. There were  
8 other files that indicated a window that was much larger, this  
9 is much more concise.

10 Q. Did you identify any files that were inconsistent with this  
11 conclusion?

12 A. I did not.

13 MR. LOCKARD: If we could go to the next page?

14 Q. Can you give us an overview of how you conducted your  
15 timing analysis for the Confluence data?

16 A. So with Confluence I had to take a slightly different  
17 approach. Because of the way Confluence works and data from  
18 the Confluence system is displayed and calculated in real-time,  
19 every time a user goes to the page, there weren't exact copies  
20 of files that I could use to hash and look for identical copies  
21 from the WikiLeaks disclosures. In addition, as Mr. Leedom had  
22 testified based on the flaw in the backup script and the work  
23 that WikiLeaks would have had to have done to modify or  
24 re-render the data to make it displayable on their website,  
25 again, every tiny little change would throw a hash match as

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1 being completely useless.

2 Q. So how did you use version control to conduct your timing  
3 analysis for Confluence?

4 A. So Confluence has, again, a similar version of version  
5 control. It keeps track of every time you update a page, it  
6 saves that particular page, and it has all the previous  
7 versions of that page. In the data that WikiLeaks disclosed  
8 from Confluence, they actually included the most recent version  
9 of a Confluence page as well as all the previous versions of  
10 that page.

11 MR. LOCKARD: So if we can turn to the next page of  
12 Exhibit 1704?

13 Q. Is this an example of what you were just describing?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is this one of the pages that you analyzed in your timing  
16 analysis?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. So were you able to identify a corresponding page in the  
19 Confluence backups?

20 A. Yes, I was.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Let's turn to the next slide.

22 Q. How are you able to identify a corresponding page in  
23 Confluence?

24 A. So we took the number that's indicated there that ends in  
25 129 and I look for that in the Confluence database. The

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1 results were that that was the unique ID for a specific page  
2 that had several different versions of the page in the  
3 database.

4 MR. LOCKARD: And can we turn to the next slide,  
5 please?

6 Q. Can you tell us what is reflected here?

7 A. So this is a listing of modifications to the Confluence  
8 page entitled Michael R.'s home.

9 Q. And if you look at the column that is circled prevver --  
10 P-R-E-V-V-E-R -- was there relevant information in that column?

11 A. Yes, there was.

12 MR. LOCKARD: We can turn to the next slide.

13 Q. What was the relationship between that Confluence data and  
14 the WikiLeaks data?

15 A. So the way that WikiLeaks published the data, they named  
16 the page with the -- and they embedded the prevver number into  
17 the name of the HTML file on their site.

18 Q. So if we can turn to the next slide, please?

19 Can you describe the version history for Michael R.'s  
20 home from Confluence?

21 A. So the query we are looking at here came from a backup of  
22 Confluence from April 25th, 2016, and as shown on the screen at  
23 that time there is 17 previous versions of that page.

24 Q. And if we can turn to the next slide? How many versions of  
25 this page were there in the WikiLeaks release?

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1 A. In the WikiLeaks release they released the primary page  
2 that we are looking at here, and they also had links to 16  
3 previous versions.

4 Q. So which version are we looking at as the main page from  
5 the WikiLeaks release?

6 A. We are looking at the 17th release on WikiLeaks.

7 Q. If we can turn to the next slide? What is the date that  
8 that 17th version was saved to the Confluence backups?

9 A. That was saved on March 2nd, 2016, at 3:58 p.m. local time.

10 Q. So if we can turn to the next slide? Is that that same  
11 information represented in timeline format?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. And what conclusions were you able to draw from that  
14 information?

15 A. That the data that WikiLeaks disclosed came from data saved  
16 after March 2nd, 2016, at 3:58 p.m.

17 Q. And if we can advance to the next slide? As highlighted  
18 here?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Let's look at the next slide, please. What are we looking  
21 at on this page?

22 A. So this is another page that was part of the WikiLeaks  
23 disclosure entitled Build Felix LP.

24 Q. If we can advance to the next slide? Did you find a  
25 corresponding page in the Confluence backups?

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1 A. I did.

2 Q. And advancing again to the next slide, please? Were you  
3 able to confirm that these pages matched?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And how were you able to do that?

6 A. By looking at the page, specifically the content that was  
7 disclosed by WikiLeaks and looking at the actual page data from  
8 the Confluence database backup.

9 Q. So you didn't rely just on the matching page number and  
10 prevver number?

11 A. No.

12 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Berger.

15 A. No, I did not rely just on those values.

16 Q. If we can look at the next slide, please? And what was the  
17 version history of this page Build Felix LP?

18 A. So in the database that I analyzed there were 15 versions  
19 of the page saved.

20 Q. And advancing to the next slide, how many versions of the  
21 Build Felix LP page were there in the WikiLeaks release?

22 A. So on the main page for Build Felix LP there were links to  
23 seven previous versions, indicating this was the eighth version  
24 of the page.

25 MR. LOCKARD: If we could advance to the next slide?

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1 Q. What did that indicate about the relevant dates for your  
2 timing analysis?

3 A. That indicated that the data had to have come after March  
4 2nd at 8:01 a.m. and prior to March 3rd at 6:47 a.m.

5 Q. And advancing to the next slide, so here we are back at the  
6 timeline for Michael R.'s home. If we can build in that new  
7 data on the next slide, please? So combining that information,  
8 were you able to draw conclusions about the date range of the  
9 data from Confluence that was released by WikiLeaks?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what was that conclusion?

12 A. That the data that was disclosed by WikiLeaks came from a  
13 window between March 2nd, 2016 at 3:58 p.m. and March 3rd, 2016  
14 at 6:47 a.m.

15 MR. LOCKARD: And if we can advance to the next slide?

16 Q. The window highlighted here?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Did you combine the timing analysis from your Stash  
19 analysis and your Confluence analysis?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. If we can advance to the next slide, please? And one more?  
22 What was the window that you derived from those two combined  
23 analyses?

24 A. So again, the Confluence window was a smaller window but it  
25 fit within the larger window generated by the Stash analysis.

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1 Q. Mr. Berger, were you able to identify a Confluence backup  
2 that fell within that window?

3 A. I was.

4 Q. If we can advance to the next slide? What is shown in  
5 these two directory listings?

6 A. So this is a listing of the two parts of the Confluence  
7 backup, on the left are the SQL files from the data and on the  
8 right are the compressed archives of the home directory.

9 Q. And if we can advance to the next page? Which backup fell  
10 within the window indicated by your timing analysis?

11 A. That would be the March 3rd backup.

12 MR. LOCKARD: If we can advance to the next slide?

13 Q. In your review of the data information for the Confluence  
14 backups, did you observe anything unique about those two backup  
15 files?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. What was unique about the two backup files?

18 A. The access time was noticeably different.

19 Q. Different in what way?

20 A. The other backup files were created and modified within  
21 minutes of each other, essentially the backup script would  
22 create them, they would be finalized and saved to disk, and  
23 then never looked at again. The March 3rd backup files both  
24 had a date accessed approximately a month and a half after they  
25 were created and the access time on each of those was one

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1 minute within each other.

2 MR. LOCKARD: Next slide, please.

3 Q. Were you able to review data information associated with  
4 the March 2016 Stash backups?

5 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

6 Q. Were you able to review any data information associated  
7 with March of 2016's Stash backups?

8 A. I was not.

9 Q. Why is that?

10 A. They had been deleted.

11 MR. LOCKARD: If we could advance to the next slide?  
12 If we could turn to page 77 of the slide deck?

13 Q. So, Mr. Berger, we looked at the April 20th, 2016 access  
14 date for the March 3rd Confluence backups. Did you review the  
15 defendant's user activity after April 20th, 2016?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. And looking at this e-mail from Government Exhibit 1305-5,  
18 what did you learn from this e-mail?

19 A. I learned that on Sunday, April 24th, 2016, the defendant  
20 ordered a USB to SATA adapter.

21 MR. LOCKARD: If we can look at the next slide?

22 Q. What date is reflected here or what information is  
23 reflected here from Government Exhibit 1306-1?

24 A. These are the details of the defendant's purchase I just  
25 mentioned.

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1 Q. And what is the item description?

2 A. The description is an Inateck USB 3.0 to SATA dual bay USB  
3 3.0 hard drive docking station.

4 MR. LOCKARD: If we can look at page 79?

5 Q. What is the picture that is shown here?

6 A. That is a picture of the item the defendant ordered.

7 Q. Is it the item or an example of the item?

8 A. It is an example of the item, it is not the actual item  
9 that the defendant procured.

10 Q. So what is a SATA drive?

11 A. So a SATA is a common interface used on hard drives in the  
12 computing industry. USB is a much more common interface that  
13 many people are familiar with. In order to take an internal  
14 hard drive, which is designed for being installed inside a  
15 computer that has a SATA interface and connected to your  
16 computer, through a USB port you would need some type of  
17 adapter. The device shown here would serve that purpose.  
18 There would be a USB cable that comes out of the back of the  
19 device and plugs into your computer and then you would take a  
20 SATA internal hard drive and essentially drop it down into the  
21 slots on the top, kind of like a toaster.

22 Q. So you describe SATA drives as being internal drives?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Are there other types of external storage that are more  
25 commonly used?

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1 A. Yes, there are.

2 Q. What is the difference between a SATA drive and a DVD or a  
3 thumb drive, for example?

4 A. So DVD drives are limited at much lower capacity than SATA  
5 again USB drives are also limited, although they have come  
6 quite a way in the last few years, however the cost for the  
7 same amount of storage on a thumb drive is much higher than a  
8 standard internal hard drive.

9 Q. And if we can turn to page 80? What is reflected here from  
10 the defendant's Google search history derived from Government  
11 Exhibit 1305-7?

12 A. So these are additional searches the defendant performed on  
13 April 24th, as well as pages that were visited by the  
14 defendant.

15 MR. LOCKARD: If we could, Ms. Cooper, if we could  
16 please pull up Government Exhibit 1207-41? And if you can  
17 expand the top three or four lines?

18 Q. So Mr. Berger, you testified about the difference in  
19 storage capacities between SATA drives and other types of  
20 external storage?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. What is the approximate size of the Confluence and Stash  
23 backups from early 2016?

24 A. The Stash backups shown here would be approximately 200  
25 gigabytes.

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1 Q. Do you recall the approximate size of the Confluence  
2 backups in March of 2016?

3 A. They were significantly smaller, I believe in the order of  
4 tens of gigabytes.

5 Q. Now, on Friday you testified about your review of digital  
6 data relating to secure deletion techniques?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. LOCKARD: If we could look at page 93 of the 1704?  
9 Thank you, Ms. Cooper.

10 Q. You testified about a utility called Eraser Portable?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Remind us, what is Eraser Portable used for?

13 A. Eraser Portable is a utility to securely erase files.

14 Q. And is this a timeline representation of the activities  
15 with Eraser Portable that you testified about on Friday?

16 A. It is.

17 Q. Beginning with opening the Eraser Portable utility on April  
18 23rd of 2016?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And then can you just briefly summarize what happened  
21 between April 23rd and April 28th?

22 A. So between that time the defendant added two folders and  
23 securely erased those folders, those were named Brutal Kangaroo  
24 and Array List. After that time the defendant added five files  
25 named data2, data3, data4, data5, and data6.bkp to the queue to

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1 be securely deleted, however he terminated the Eraser program  
2 before actually securely deleting those files.

3 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, if we could look at page 95  
4 of the slide deck?

5 Q. You also testified about the downloading of a utility  
6 called DBAN or Darik's Boot and Nuke?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Can you describe the purpose of that utility?

9 A. That is a utility that you can boot up off of so you are  
10 not using your computer's primary operating system and it can  
11 easily wipe, in a secure fashion, all the drivers on your  
12 system.

13 Q. And what is the date that the defendant downloaded that  
14 wiping utility?

15 A. April 30th of 2016.

16 Q. Mr. Berger, are you familiar with hard drives that were  
17 recovered from the defendant's apartment in March of 2017?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And if you can, I think, look behind you on the floor there  
20 should be Government's Exhibits 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612,  
21 1613, and 1614, and 1615.

22 A. There are.

23 Q. Could you pull up some of those hard drives so that we can  
24 see them?

25 A. So this is 1608 and 1609.

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1 Q. And what type of hard drive is 1608?

2 A. 1608?

3 Q. Yes, sir.

4 A. It is an internal SATA hard drive.

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1 MR. LOCKARD: Ms. Cooper, if you could please turn to  
2 page 103 of the slide deck.

3 Q. Does this list the types of external hard drives that are  
4 with you up there on the witness stand?

5 A. It does.

6 Q. Mr. Berger, did you have an opportunity to review those  
7 hard drives for any data that was stored on them?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. And what did you find?

10 A. There was no data.

11 Q. And what, if any, conclusions were you able to draw from  
12 that?

13 A. They had been wiped.

14 Q. How did you know that they weren't reformatted?

15 A. There was no file system present on the drive. When you  
16 wipe a drive, it completely removes all data. In order to  
17 actually utilize the drive again, you would need to reformat it  
18 and create that file system or the table of contents we talked  
19 about on Friday.

20 Q. And about how many of those external hard drives are listed  
21 as additional hard drives?

22 A. Seven of them.

23 MR. LOCKARD: If we could please turn to page 59 of  
24 the slide deck.

25 Q. So, on Friday, Mr. Berger, you described WikiLeaks

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1 instructions to leakers about how to transmit data?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Including the use of the TOR network and the Tails  
4 operating system?

5 A. Correct.

6 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 72.

7 Q. And can you remind us what the defendant did on April 24 of  
8 2016?

9 A. He began downloading the Tails file.

10 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to 74.

11 Q. Again, what's reflected on this screenshot?

12 A. This is a screenshot of a Linux virtual machine that was  
13 found on the defendant's desktop computer and contained within  
14 the virtual machine. On the virtual machine desktop was TOR  
15 browser.

16 Q. And according to WikiLeaks, what are the purposes of Tails  
17 and TOR?

18 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained. I think we've covered that.

20 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 101, please.

21 Q. Looking at the defendant's Google history on May 1, 2016,  
22 Mr. Berger, can you please describe what's being searched for?

23 MR. SCHULTE: Objection. Asked and answered.

24 THE COURT: I don't think this has been, so I'll allow  
25 it.

1           Go ahead.

2       BY MR. LOCKARD:

3       Q.   Again, this is from Government Exhibit 1305-8, the  
4       defendant's Google history from May 1, 2016, at 3:18 a.m.  
5       through 3:21 a.m.

6           Mr. Berger, what did the defendant search for at 3:18 a.m.?

7       A.   So, 3:18 a.m., he searched for "how long does it take to  
8       calculate MD5," and he also searched for "how long does it take  
9       to MD5 a file" approximately nine seconds later.

10      Q.   And what is MD5?

11      A.   MD5 --

12           MR. SCHULTE:  Objection.

13           THE COURT:  Overruled.

14      A.   MD5 is a commonly used hashing algorithm.

15           MR. LOCKARD:  If we could turn to page 105 of the  
16      deck.

17      Q.   Mr. Berger, did you review the defendant's computer  
18      activity on April 30 and May 1?

19      A.   I did.

20      Q.   Can you describe what's shown here on this slide derived  
21      from Government Exhibit 1401-1?

22      A.   This is a portion of what's referred to as the auth.log.  
23      It's a log file under Linux that deals with events relating to  
24      authentication.  This is the auth.log from the Linux virtual  
25      machine that was found on the defendant's desktop.

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1 Q. And did the auth.log contain data relevant to the use of  
2 the computer by the user?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Specifically what type of activity?

5 A. Events that showed the screen saver was unlocked.

6 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to the next slide.

7 Q. We see some unlocking activity at 10:04 and at 11:04 on  
8 April 30?

9 A. Correct.

10 MR. SCHULTE: Objection. Leading.

11 THE COURT: It is, but I'll allow it.

12 Go ahead. Just watch it going forward, Mr. Lockard.

13 MR. LOCKARD: Of course, your Honor.

14 If we could turn to the next slide.

15 Q. At what time does this particular sample of the auth.log  
16 activity pick up?

17 A. The log file portion that we're looking at starts at May 1  
18 at 1:22 in the morning.

19 Q. And did you also review the auth.log entries between the  
20 morning of April 30 and the early morning of May 1?

21 A. I did.

22 MR. LOCKARD: If we could move to the next slide.

23 Q. Was there user activity on the evening of April 30 and the  
24 morning of May 1?

25 A. There was.

1 Q. And at what times was the virtual machine screen saver  
2 unlocked on May 1?

3 A. At 1:57 a.m., 2:34 a.m., 2:56 a.m., and 3:18 a.m.

4 MR. LOCKARD: If we can now please turn to page 111.

5 Q. Mr. Berger, we already talked about the external state of  
6 hard drives that were found in the defendant's apartment. Were  
7 there also internal hard drives in his home computer?

8 A. There were.

9 Q. And did you find evidence relating to data deletion on  
10 those internal hard drives?

11 A. I did.

12 Q. And can you just remind us again what is sort of the  
13 general setup of the defendant's home computer?

14 A. So, the defendant had four internal hard drives on the  
15 primary desktop computer. There was a single drive that served  
16 as the C drive, which is where the operating system was  
17 installed, and there were three additional drives that were  
18 combined to form what's known as a RAID volume or a RAID 5  
19 array. That tick was known as the D drive on the computer.

20 Q. And just so we can understand a little bit better, how do  
21 three hard drives become a single D drive in the defendant's  
22 computer?

23 A. So, the drives connect to what's called a RAID controller.  
24 That essentially does the hard part, and it abstracts away that  
25 one drive is made up of three. It also allows for data

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1 security in that the way a RAID 5 works, if any of the three  
2 drives fails, your data is not lost. You replace it with an  
3 additional drive, and the RAID volume rebuilds. It's commonly  
4 used in environments where data reliability is an issue.

5 Q. And looking at the forensic artifact shown here on page  
6 111, which is derived from Government Exhibit 1402-6, what does  
7 this artifact relate to?

8 A. This relates to the MFT file on the D drive.

9 Q. And what is the MFT file?

10 A. The MFT file is the master file table on the NTFS file  
11 system. It is quite literally a table of contents of the file  
12 system.

13 Q. And what were you able to learn from this information shown  
14 here on page 111?

15 A. That the MFT file was created on May 5 of 2016, at 8:01  
16 p.m.

17 Q. And what does that reflect; what type of user activity does  
18 that reflect?

19 A. That reflects that the D drive was reformatted at that  
20 time.

21 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 112.

22 Q. So this page derived from Government Exhibit 1403-6, can  
23 you describe what this artifact relates to?

24 A. Similar to the prior artifact, this is the forensic details  
25 of the MFT file. This one is from the C drive, or the primary

1 drive of the defendant's computer.

2 Q. And what type of hard drive was the defendant's C drive?

3 A. That was a Samsung SSD.

4 Q. What is an SSD?

5 A. SSD is a solid state drive. It indicates that unlike  
6 traditional hard drives that had moving parts there are no  
7 moving parts. All of the information is stored on internal bit  
8 sets.

9 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn back to page 102.

10 Q. Looking at the defendant's Google search history on May 4  
11 of 2016, what is that search?

12 A. On May 4, 2016, at 8:49 a.m., the defendant searched for  
13 "can you use DBAN on SSD?"

14 Q. Mr. Berger, can you wipe a solid state drive?

15 A. You can.

16 Q. Are there any concerns with wiping a solid state drive?

17 A. There are.

18 Q. What are they?

19 A. If you use a traditional wiping utility on an SSD, it  
20 causes excessive wear and tear based on how an SSD actually  
21 stores data internally. There are, in fact, separate  
22 mechanisms designed to wipe data from an SSD. Usually these  
23 involve some kind of utility from the drive's manufacturer.

24 MR. LOCKARD: If we can turn back to page 112.

25 Q. So here, with the defendant's C drive, the Samsung solid

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1 state drive, what information did you learn about the master  
2 file table?

3 A. That it was created on May 5, 2016, at 11:15 p.m.

4 Q. And what does that indicate?

5 A. That indicates that the C drive was reformatted at that  
6 time.

7 Q. And how long after the D drive was reformatted was it that  
8 the C drive was reformatted?

9 A. I believe it was about three hours.

10 Q. Now, Mr. Berger, on Friday, you described the differences  
11 between reformatting and wiping a drive. What is the  
12 difference to a forensic investigator between reformatting and  
13 wiping?

14 A. So, reformatting, again, just re-creates that table of  
15 contents that we talked about, re-creates the file system. The  
16 underlying data on the drive is all still there. Since there's  
17 nothing actually pointing to it, the new file system would  
18 consider the area where that data is to be unallocated space,  
19 and if at any point in time it needs to utilize that space it  
20 will and it will overwrite the files. In that interim time,  
21 that data is still recoverable to anyone performing digital  
22 forensics on that system.

23 Wiping the drives would overwrite all of the available  
24 areas with zeroes or random data, essentially preventing  
25 forensic recovery of that data.

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1 Q. Mr. Berger, in your review of the defendant's home  
2 computing equipment, did you find evidence of data that existed  
3 prior to the date of this format of May 5, 2016?

4 A. There was data that had downloaded and modified dates prior  
5 to that date, correct.

6 Q. Now, you talked about the use of Eraser Portable and those  
7 five backup files?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Was that prior to the date of this reformatting, May 5,  
10 2016?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you find any artifacts relating to the five backup  
13 files when you reviewed the computer after May 5 of 2016?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. And what, if any, conclusions are you able to draw from  
16 that?

17 A. That the drives had been wiped.

18 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 113, please.

19 Q. Mr. Berger, is this a summary of some of the events that  
20 you've testified about between Friday and today?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is that shown in timeline format?

23 A. It is.

24 Q. Let's just walk quickly through this if we can.

25 What happened on April 20 of 2016, based on your

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1 investigation and your observation of Mr. Leedom's testimony?

2 MR. SCHULTE: Objection. Asked and answered.

3 THE COURT: I'll allow it.

4 A. The defendant copied the March 3 backups from DevLAN and  
5 with the same source of the data that was disclosed by  
6 WikiLeaks.

7 Q. Now, in this timeline there are a number of events in blue  
8 above the timeline and some events in gold below the timeline.  
9 Generally, what type of activity do the events in blue relate  
10 to?

11 A. The events in blue relate to data destruction.

12 Q. And the events in gold, what type of activity do those gold  
13 events relate to?

14 A. They relate to reading data from a drive and transmission  
15 of data.

16 Q. And I don't think we have to walk through each of these  
17 individually, but at the conclusion of those series of events  
18 relating to data destruction and data transmission, what  
19 happened on May 5 of 2016?

20 A. The defendant reformatted both drives on his computer.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, may I have one moment?

22 THE COURT: You may.

23 MR. LOCKARD: No further questions, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 Cross-examination.

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JUROR: Your Honor, can I use the restroom?

THE COURT: Sure. Let's take a pause for juror No. 13 to use the restroom that's here in the jury room.

Ms. Smallman, you can take him there.

If the rest of you want to stretch while we're waiting, you may do so.

All right. We are ready to proceed.

Mr. Schulte, you may begin when you're ready.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. SCHULTE:

Q. Good morning.

A. Good morning.

Q. You testified on direct that you work for the FBI, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. The government did not hire a third-party expert for this investigation, correct?

A. I'm not aware of.

Q. The government basically asked itself to conduct a forensic examination, correct?

MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained.

BY MR. SCHULTE:

Q. Let's talk a little bit about the multiple hard drives and other electronics found at my home. All right?

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- 1 A. OK.
- 2 Q. You didn't find any CIA hard drives at my home, correct?
- 3 A. I don't know the source of the hard drives that were found  
4 there, correct.
- 5 Q. Well, computers record the model and serial number of each  
6 hard drive, thumb drive or external drive inserted, correct?
- 7 A. They can.
- 8 Q. And you know from the CIA, they keep track of the serial  
9 numbers and purchase orders, correct?
- 10 A. I'm not aware of what the CIA keeps track of.
- 11 Q. So you didn't take the hard drives from my home and compare  
12 to see if any of them originated from the CIA?
- 13 A. I personally did not. I don't know what the other members  
14 of the investigative team did.
- 15 Q. OK. But to your knowledge -- I mean that would be a big  
16 finding if that had been the case, right?
- 17 A. I can't judge one way or the other. I just am not aware of  
18 that information.
- 19 Q. OK. So to your knowledge, you didn't find any CIA hard  
20 drives or thumb drives at my home, correct?
- 21 A. Again, I can't say one way or the other.
- 22 Q. I'm saying, to your knowledge, you didn't find them.
- 23 A. I'm not aware of any, no.
- 24 Q. Similarly, you found no evidence that any of my hard drives  
25 or moveable media what were ever connected to the CIA

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1 computers, correct?

2 A. I'm not aware of that, no.

3 Q. You found no model numbers or serial numbers on my CIA  
4 workstation that matched one of my personal drives, correct?

5 A. I'm not aware of any of that analysis, no.

6 Q. Specifically, you found no evidence that I copied the Vault  
7 7 or Vault 8 data to my home computer, any of my devices,  
8 correct?

9 A. Specific evidence of those files?

10 Q. The question is you found no evidence that I copied the  
11 Vault 7 or Vault 8 data to my home computers, any of my  
12 devices, correct?

13 A. I did not find any specific forensic artifacts that  
14 indicate that, correct.

15 Q. No evidence that I stored Confluence of my home devices,  
16 correct?

17 A. I would not say no evidence. There was reference to a  
18 folder named Brutal Kangaroo.

19 Q. That has nothing to do with Confluence, though, right?

20 A. I believe there was a Confluence page for Brutal Kangaroo.

21 Q. OK. But you didn't find any evidence that I stored  
22 Confluence on my home devices?

23 A. I can't speak to what the contents of that Brutal Kangaroo  
24 folder was, so I can't confirm that, no.

25 Q. There's no -- you don't know what was in that folder,

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- 1 right?
- 2 A. I don't, but it was named Brutal Kangaroo.
- 3 Q. OK. But you don't have any evidence that there was any  
4 Confluence data on my home device from the forensics, right?
- 5 A. Other than that one folder named Brutal Kangaroo, correct.
- 6 Q. Same for Stash, right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. No evidence of any Atlassian products from the CIA,  
9 correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. No evidence of any of the CIA backups on my home devices,  
12 correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. I want to briefly go through your timing analysis. What  
15 did you have access to in order to conduct your timing  
16 analysis?
- 17 A. I was giving -- I was given backup copies from both  
18 Confluence and Stash.
- 19 Q. And your timing analysis can only establish a lower bound,  
20 correct?
- 21 A. Incorrect.
- 22 Q. That's incorrect? A lower bound is essentially the first  
23 backup that contained the data released by WikiLeaks, correct?
- 24 A. Correct, data that was from a, the CIA system and was also  
25 identically present on WikiLeaks. Yes.

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1 Q. OK. And you said that your analysis does not establish a  
2 lower bound?

3 A. I did not say that. It does establish a lower bound.

4 Q. I'm sorry. What did you disagree with then?

5 A. I believe I disagreed with something you mentioned about an  
6 upper bound.

7 Q. I'm sorry. I think then I must have mis-asked the  
8 question. The question should have just been about the lower  
9 bound, so let me --

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MR. SCHULTE: Let me just make sure this is the right  
12 question?

13 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, just keep your thoughts to  
14 yourself. Just ask a question, please.

15 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

16 Q. Just to make sure this is the right question. Your timing  
17 analysis can only establish the lower bound, correct?

18 A. Incorrect.

19 Q. OK. What's incorrect about that?

20 A. It established upper bounds, as I testified about.

21 Q. Oh, you're saying that it can establish an upper bound?

22 A. It can, and it did, establish an upper bound, as I  
23 testified about.

24 THE COURT: Can you just explain what you mean by a  
25 lower bound and upper bound?

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1 THE WITNESS: So, my understanding of what he's asking  
2 is a lower bound and upper bound form a window of when the data  
3 disclosed was taken from. Without the presence of an upper  
4 bound, it could have only come from some point after a lower  
5 bound with no upper bound to cap that window.

6 THE COURT: By lower bound you mean the first date  
7 that it, the earliest time that it could have come from, and  
8 the upper bound is the latest time that it could have come  
9 from? Is that what you mean?

10 THE WITNESS: Correct.

11 BY MR. SCHULTE:

12 Q. OK. But your analysis -- let's take a look at your slide  
13 on No. 44. That's exhibit 1704. I'm having a little bit of  
14 issue pulling it up. OK.

15 OK. Slide 44. So all the data from WikiLeaks can be  
16 found in every single backup from March 3 through -- from March  
17 3, 2016, through March 6, 2017, correct?

18 A. I can't confirm that, no.

19 Q. You didn't do -- that wasn't part of your analysis?

20 A. I did not look at every single piece of data in every  
21 single Confluence backup, no.

22 Q. OK. But you did confirm that -- if we look at slide 37;  
23 you did talk about version history, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. So all these versions, as you note here, it records all the

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- 1 previous version, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Slide 29, you notice the same thing here too, correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And then slide 15, you have commit date/times right here,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So if you have this backup from March 7, 2016, at the end,
- 9 right, you could go back to February 26, 2016? Correct?
- 10 A. Technically possible, yes.
- 11 Q. Well, it's very easy to do that in Git, correct?
- 12 A. Easier than Confluence, correct.
- 13 Q. OK. So you don't actually establish an upper bound; the
- 14 data could come from later backups, correct?
- 15 A. I believe the upper bound is established by the
- 16 disclosed -- the data actually disclosed on WikiLeaks.
- 17 Q. Right. But your analysis cannot determine what data
- 18 WikiLeaks actually obtained, correct?
- 19 A. Based on my analysis and reviewing Mr. Leedom's analysis,
- 20 WikiLeaks disclosed -- they went to great lengths to disclose
- 21 all the data they had, including data that was internally
- 22 marked deleted in the system that they put on their site
- 23 anyway. That would indicate that if there was existing data
- 24 they had, they would have disclosed it thereby setting an upper
- 25 bound.

1 Q. You're just speculating as to what WikiLeaks disclosed,  
2 correct?

3 A. That's not speculation.

4 Q. It's not speculation to say most likely you think that  
5 WikiLeaks disclosed this because they disclosed as much  
6 information as they could from that time period?

7 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

8 THE COURT: Overruled.

9 A. I would not call that speculation. I would call that  
10 offering my expert opinion.

11 Q. OK. But just from a forensic standpoint, it is conceivable  
12 that WikiLeaks could track the March 2, March 3 version from a  
13 much later backup, correct?

14 A. A forensic standpoint would require a forensic artifact, so  
15 I'm not sure what you're asking.

16 Q. Is it conceivable, therefore, that WikiLeaks could track  
17 the March 2, March 3 version from a much later backup?

18 A. In order to only disclose certain data from a later backup?  
19 Is that what you're asking?

20 Q. I'm asking if a later backup, if WikiLeaks could track the  
21 March 2, March 3 version from, say, a March 10 backup?

22 A. It might be possible, but they would need to have a  
23 reference point, from what I understand.

24 THE COURT: Can you just explain what you mean by  
25 that?

1 THE WITNESS: Essentially, they would need to have a  
2 copy of the March 3 backup to know exactly how the data was  
3 stored at that point in time. If something might have been  
4 deleted and actually expunged from the database, they might not  
5 have that in a much later backup.

6 THE COURT: So in other words, WikiLeaks could have  
7 used a later backup but it would also have needed to have the  
8 March 3 backup to see what the data, how the data was on that  
9 date? Is that what you're saying?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, based on my understanding and my  
11 understanding of Mr. Leedom's analysis, correct.

12 BY MR. SCHULTE:

13 Q. But the database would record the dates just like this, the  
14 dates and times for when files are changed, correct?

15 A. It records when, in this case, in Stash, when files are  
16 committed, correct.

17 Q. The same thing exists in Confluence, the database actually  
18 records when the files are changed, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. OK. So the database keeping track of when files are  
21 changed, as long as you have the database, you can select which  
22 files you want, correct?

23 A. Again, there's no guarantee that a later database would  
24 have all of the preexisting data from a previous point in time.

25 Q. But that -- you're basing that simply because there was the

1 analysis that the databases were corrupt, correct?

2 A. No. I'm basing that on my knowledge of how databases work  
3 and how the systems work and that something could have been  
4 removed from the system, and there's no guarantee that that --  
5 it would be in a later version of the backup.

6 Q. Yes, sir. But if a file is deleted, that file is still  
7 preserved in the version history, right?

8 A. In Confluence, yes, deleted files are still in the  
9 database. However, I don't know that there's not a mechanism  
10 to actually expunge a deleted file from the Confluence system.

11 Q. OK. So you've done no analysis to determine whether later  
12 backups actually expunge data from previous backups, correct?

13 A. I did not. I don't recall performing that analysis, no.

14 Q. OK. So, if that analysis turned out that no data was  
15 expunged, then any later backup would contain all the previous  
16 iterations, right?

17 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

18 THE COURT: Overruled.

19 A. If no data was expunged from the system, then yes,  
20 theoretically, a later backup would have all the previous  
21 backup to date or the previous data to date.

22 Q. OK. So why was no analysis of that performed?

23 A. I can't answer that question.

24 THE COURT: Meaning you're not permitted to answer the  
25 question, or you just don't have an answer?

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't have an answer. I just have the  
2 work that I was assigned to look at.

3 THE COURT: So you weren't asked to perform that  
4 analysis.

5 THE WITNESS: Correct.

6 BY MR. SCHULTE:

7 Q. So this slide No. 11 is inaccurate then, is it not?

8 A. I don't believe so, no.

9 Q. If your slide is based solely on your timing analysis that  
10 you performed, it should simply say WikiLeaks disclosed  
11 information from up to March 2, 2016, correct?

12 A. In my opinion, this slide is accurate.

13 Q. The question was if you're basing it solely on the forensic  
14 timing analysis that you performed, your forensic analysis  
15 simply concluded that WikiLeaks disclosed information from up  
16 to March 2, 2016, right?

17 A. The forensic analysis I performed created a -- established  
18 a window of when that data was from. This slide is based on  
19 both my forensic analysis and my overall understanding of other  
20 analysis performed in the investigation.

21 Q. But you don't actually know whether WikiLeaks received an  
22 official backup file or from a file pulled from the Stash and  
23 Confluence virtual machines directly, right?

24 A. It's my understanding based on the, again, the analysis and  
25 testimony of Mr. Leedom, that they would have had to receive a

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1 backup copy in order to re-create and render the data as they  
2 did.

3 Q. So your analysis is based on Leedom's analysis, is that  
4 correct?

5 A. My opinion of what WikiLeaks disclosed is, yes.

6 Q. OK. But forensically, you can't say whether or not  
7 WikiLeaks received a backup from the offsite backup, correct?

8 A. I was not part of any analysis looking at offsite backups.  
9 I'm not aware of how they were stored or access control or  
10 anything like that.

11 Q. OK. But you don't know if WikiLeaks received every single  
12 backup off DevLAN, correct?

13 A. I can't speak to that one way or the other.

14 Q. OK. And you don't know if WikiLeaks received every byte of  
15 the data off DevLAN, correct?

16 A. Again, I can't speak to that one way or the other.

17 Q. OK. So all you can say is WikiLeaks disclosed information  
18 from up to March 2, 2016, right?

19 A. March 3, 2016, correct.

20 Q. Well, I mean there was no data from March 3; it was just  
21 March 2 was the latest in your analysis, right?

22 A. I don't remember if there was anything from the actual  
23 morning of March 3 that we looked at, so I --

24 Q. OK.

25 A. I don't remember.

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1 Q. All right. Let's move on to slide 51.

2 You testified about my Google searches on April 15,  
3 correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. At 2:43 p.m. on April 15, I'm at work, right?

6 A. I would think so.

7 Q. And at this time I'm an Atlassian administrator, correct?

8 A. On April 15, yes, you were.

9 Q. And that includes Confluence, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So it's my job to check on access controls and ensure  
12 Confluence is running smoothly, correct?

13 A. I don't know what your specific job roles entailed.

14 Q. Well, as an administrator for Confluence and applications,  
15 that's what an administrator would do, right?

16 A. Yeah, those are some of the tasks an administrator might be  
17 performing. Yes.

18 Q. OK. Which includes locking down pages, correct?

19 A. In terms of restricting access to others on a particular  
20 page?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. It might be, yes.

23 Q. All right. Slide 52, you note April 18, 2016, I conducted  
24 searches for copying files across Linux servers, correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. And to be clear, this requires you to have access to both  
2 the servers, right?

3 A. You would need access to the source location where you're  
4 copying from as well as a destination where to put the file,  
5 correct.

6 Q. OK. And through your investigation, you learned that I  
7 administered multiple Linux servers at the CIA, correct?

8 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 (Defendant conferred with standby counsel)

11 BY MR. SCHULTE:

12 Q. As part of your investigation, you knew that my job  
13 entailed administering multiple Linux servers at the CIA,  
14 correct?

15 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

16 THE COURT: Overruled.

17 A. I'm aware that your job did involve administrating certain  
18 systems, yes.

19 Q. OK. And I also wrote malware for the CIA, correct?

20 A. From my understanding, yes.

21 Q. Including Linux malware, correct?

22 A. I don't recall the specifics or ever being told the  
23 specifics of the types of malware you worked on.

24 Q. Well, that would be important for your analysis, would it  
25 not?

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1 A. In what way?

2 Q. Well, if I -- if I'm working on Linux tools for copying  
3 data, that would explain the Google searches, correct?

4 MR. LOCKARD: Objection to form.

5 THE COURT: All right. Let's just ask a new question,  
6 please.

7 Mr. Berger, you answer. He asks the questions. You  
8 don't ask him questions.

9 Let's ask a new question, Mr. Schulte.

10 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

11 Q. So knowledge of specifically what type of software I'm  
12 writing would be relevant to what Google searches I would be  
13 running, correct?

14 A. It could be, yes.

15 Q. OK. And as a general rule, you knew through your  
16 investigation that most of the software written was focused on  
17 exfiltrating large quantities of data, correct?

18 A. I was not aware of that, no.

19 Q. OK. But these searches are conducted while I'm at work,  
20 correct?

21 A. I believe April 18, 2016, was a Monday and they were during  
22 what I would consider normal business hours, but I can't  
23 confirm whether you were actually at work at that time.

24 Q. OK. 53, these searches are programming-related searches,  
25 correct?

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1 A. They're related to hashing algorithms, which could be used  
2 in programming, correct.

3 Q. I visit specifically multiple programming websites,  
4 correct?

5 A. It appears that way, yes.

6 Q. Programmers.stackexchange.com, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And I think one of the searches that you didn't identify on  
9 direct here at 11:39 a.m. is specifically searches for  
10 FNV-1ACplusplus, right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. What is C++?

13 A. It's a programming language.

14 Q. OK. And that's the programming language that I used to  
15 write malware at the CIA, correct?

16 A. I can't confirm that, but it wouldn't surprise me.

17 Q. And there's a visit to cplusplus.com, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And again, writing hashing algorithms is obviously part of  
20 my job at the CIA, correct?

21 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 A. It could be.

24 Q. OK. I'm going to pull up what's already in evidence as  
25 Government Exhibit 407.

1           So start and end dates there are from April 2016 to June  
2 2016, correct?

3 A. That's what it says, correct.

4 Q. And this is -- this shows my name at the top, correct?

5 A. It does.

6 Q. OK. And the narrative here for the work that was being  
7 done during this period, it specifically mentioned thumb drive  
8 collection tools, correct?

9 A. It would seem to indicate that, yes.

10 Q. Tools to siphon data from various thumb drives and insert  
11 it into target computers, correct?

12 A. Yes, that's what it says.

13 Q. In which case fast hashing algorithms are critical to  
14 ensure the integrity of the collection, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And it's also critical to ensure that you do not re-collect  
17 the same files and waste time, correct?

18 A. That would be a wise decision, yes.

19 Q. OK. So these searches would reflect those types of issues,  
20 right?

21           MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

22           THE COURT: Sustained.

23           (Defendant conferred with standby counsel)

24 BY MR. SCHULTE:

25 Q. So these searches were related to what I was working on at

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1 the CIA during this time, correct?

2 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 Let's move on, please.

5 BY MR. SCHULTE:

6 Q. All right. As part of your investigation, you familiarized  
7 yourself with the workings of WikiLeaks, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You did that to assist with your work on this case,  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And through that analysis, you discover that WikiLeaks  
13 tries to protect identities of persons leaking information,  
14 correct?

15 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

16 THE COURT: Overruled.

17 A. Yes, based on their instructions.

18 Q. And you know what data WikiLeaks released from the CIA,  
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. But you don't know how much data it actually received,  
22 correct?

23 A. I do not have access to WikiLeaks' servers, no.

24 Q. OK. So starting on slide 54, during your direct, you  
25 describe WikiLeaks transmission instructions, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And I believe you testified that these are WikiLeaks pages  
3 from April 23, 2016, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 MR. SCHULTE: I'd like to pull up what's in evidence  
6 as Government Exhibit 1351.

7 Q. According to my Google searches, between 2006 and July  
8 2016, I only visited the WikiLeaks website once, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And that was in 22 -- I'm sorry -- 2010, correct?

11 A. I don't have the date for that particular search in front  
12 of me.

13 Q. Sorry. Let me scroll.

14 It's from 2010, correct?

15 A. Yes, that's what this indicates.

16 Q. OK. So of course, I would not have seen this page from  
17 1704, correct?

18 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 BY MR. SCHULTE:

21 Q. Well, there's no forensic evidence to support any theory  
22 that I viewed the WikiLeaks website in April or May of 2016,  
23 correct?

24 A. There's no forensic artifact showing that you visited  
25 WikiLeaks, correct.

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1 Q. OK. Let's talk about TOR now.

2 TOR is run by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, correct?

3 A. I'm not sure if they run it or if they just advocate for  
4 its use.

5 Q. Well, the EFF is a well-respected nonprofit organization,  
6 correct?

7 A. From my understanding, yes.

8 Q. And it advocates for privacy and security, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. The U.S. State Department used to fund TOR, correct?

11 A. I'm not aware of that.

12 Q. Well, you are aware that TOR was created by the U.S.  
13 government, correct?

14 A. I am aware it was initially created by a part of the U.S.  
15 government. I'm not aware of what part, though.

16 Q. OK. And Facebook makes itself available over TOR, correct?

17 A. I can't speak specifically to Facebook. However, I do know  
18 certain companies do offer TOR-facing websites.

19 Q. The New York Times uses TOR, correct?

20 A. I can't speak to that.

21 Q. Well, many, many news organizations use TOR, right?

22 A. I believe so, but again, I can't speak to specific  
23 knowledge of that.

24 Q. You didn't do research through this case into TOR?

25 A. I did some research, and I also was familiar with TOR prior

1 to this investigation.

2 Q. OK. And you learned through this investigation that TOR  
3 browser here was installed on this Linux Mint VM, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. But the TOR browser was actually installed in October of  
6 2015, correct?

7 A. I don't recall the date that the browser was installed in  
8 the VM.

9 MR. SCHULTE: OK. Let's pull up -- I'm just going to  
10 show to the witness and the parties what's been marked as  
11 defense exhibit 1409-1.

12 Q. Do you recognize this kind of output?

13 A. It would appear to be text about --

14 THE COURT: Don't state what is there. Just do you  
15 recognize this?

16 THE WITNESS: I don't recognize this, no.

17 MR. SCHULTE: OK. I think at this time I might read  
18 in a stipulation, 3006.

19 THE COURT: Any objection?

20 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

21 THE COURT: You may proceed.

22 MR. SCHULTE: Can the government pull that up? I  
23 don't think I have a copy of it.

24 THE COURT: Why don't you just skip the first  
25 paragraph, since the jury's heard that several times.

1 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

2 THE COURT: You can display it to the jury just so  
3 they can follow along.

4 MR. SCHULTE: "If called as a witness, a  
5 representative of Verizon Communications with knowledge of the  
6 matter would testify that defense exhibits 201 through 208 are  
7 true and correct copies of records from Verizon, which were  
8 made at or near the time by, or from information transmitted  
9 by, a person with knowledge of the matters set forth in the  
10 records; they were kept in the course of a regularly conducted  
11 business activity; and it was the regular practice of that  
12 business activity to maintain the records.

13 "If called as a witness, a representative of  
14 Amazon.Com Inc. with knowledge of the matter would testify that  
15 defense exhibit 209 is a true and correct copy of a document  
16 from Amazon from records associated with Amazon user account  
17 joshschultel@gmail.com, which were made at or near the time by,  
18 or from information transmitted by, a person with knowledge of  
19 the matters set forth in the records; they were kept in the  
20 course of a regularly conducted business activity; and it was  
21 the regular practice of that business activity to maintain the  
22 records.

23 "If called as a witness, a representative of Meta  
24 Platforms Inc. with knowledge of the matter would testify that  
25 DX10 is a true and correct copy of Facebook records associated

1 with Facebook username pedbskball, which were made at or near  
2 the time by, or from information transmitted by, a person with  
3 knowledge of the matter set forth in the records; they were  
4 kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity;  
5 and it was the regular practice of that business activity to  
6 maintain the records.

7 "If called as a witness, a representative of Plex Inc.  
8 with knowledge of the matter would testify that defense exhibit  
9 211 is a true and correct copy of records from Plex associated  
10 with Plex user account joshschultel@gmail.com, which were made  
11 at or near the time by, or from information transmitted by, a  
12 person with knowledge of the matters set forth in the records;  
13 they were kept in the course of a regularly conducted business  
14 activity; and it was the a regular practice of that business  
15 activity to maintain the records.

16 "If called as a witness, a representative of Google  
17 LLC with knowledge of the matter would testify that defense  
18 exhibit 301, 301-1, 303-1, and 303-2 are true and correct  
19 copies of records from Google associated with Google user  
20 account joshschultel@gmail.com, which were made at or near the  
21 time by, or from information transmitted by, a person with  
22 knowledge of the matters set forth in the records; they were  
23 kept in the course of regularly conducted business activity;  
24 and it was the regular course -- practice of that business  
25 activity to maintain the records.

1            "It is further agreed that the stipulation, Government  
2 Exhibit 3006, may be received in evidence as a government  
3 exhibit at trial."

4            OK. I'm going to show just the witness and the  
5 parties what's been marked as defense exhibit 1409.

6 Q. Do you recognize this, sir?

7 A. Not this particular document. It appears to be information  
8 about files.

9 Q. You know what the data represents, right?

10           MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

11           THE COURT: Do you recognize the data? Do you know  
12 what this file is?

13           THE WITNESS: It seems like it's some type of metadata  
14 listing, information about files.

15           THE COURT: But you don't know where it comes from or  
16 what it is?

17           THE WITNESS: Not just looking at this, no.

18 BY MR. SCHULTE:

19 Q. Are you certain that this is not a document that you  
20 created? It may help looking at the top.

21 A. OK. That -- that does help. I don't recall creating this  
22 file. I'm -- I don't remember, but it appears to be a listing  
23 of the decrypted contents of the home directory from that  
24 virtual machine.

25           MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce just a subexhibit of

1 this.

2 THE COURT: I don't know what that means, Mr. Schulte.

3 MR. SCHULTE: Just the small, just one part of that  
4 exhibit I want to introduce.

5 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

6 (Defendant conferred with standby counsel)

7 THE COURT: Sustained. Lack of foundation.

8 MR. SCHULTE: All right. Back to just 1409 then. I  
9 move to introduce this.

10 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Relevance. Foundation.

11 THE COURT: Sustained on foundation.

12 (Defendant conferred with standby counsel)

13 BY MR. SCHULTE:

14 Q. Well, through your forensic examination of the virtual  
15 machine, you conducted directory listings of those drives,  
16 correct?

17 A. I reviewed listings of files in forensic software, yes.

18 Q. So part of forensic investigation entails obtaining  
19 directory listings, correct?

20 A. If you mean generating a report, like a single file that  
21 lists every file, generally it's not something we do all the  
22 time. We would look at files and folders within the confines  
23 of the forensic program itself.

24 Q. Through forensic analysis you wouldn't get a listing of all  
25 the files and review that data?

1 A. We might, but generally, we're not going to look at a  
2 single listing of all the files because it's going to be  
3 exceedingly voluminous and very large. Usually within the  
4 forensic program itself, we could look at either specific  
5 folders, subfolders, or look at the entire file system but  
6 create filters for certain types of files or attributes.

7 Q. OK. So your forensic analysis software basically helps you  
8 interpret this data, right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. OK. But the forensic tools that you would use, such as  
11 FTK, would allow you to export file listings, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And file listings, and there were -- let me rephrase.

14 And you generated file listings for the different  
15 drives from the virtual machine, correct?

16 A. I don't recall if I generated file listings for each of the  
17 drives as a separate export from the forensic program.

18 Q. OK. Does this exhibit refresh your recollection about  
19 generating those listings?

20 A. As I said, it appears to be a listing of files from your  
21 home directory on the virtual machine, but I can't recall if I  
22 was the one who generated the listing.

23 Q. Even if you can't recall generating it, these are the  
24 listings, right?

25 A. It would appear to be a file listing from the -- from the

1 Josh home directory on the virtual machine, correct.

2 MR. SCHULTE: OK. Now I move it into evidence.

3 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Foundation.

4 THE COURT: Overruled. Admitted.

5 (Defendant's Exhibit 1409 received in evidence)

6 MR. SCHULTE: Can I publish it to the jury, defense  
7 exhibit 1409? I just want to highlight row 1844.

8 Q. Do you recognize this listing?

9 A. It appears to be the item for the TOR browser on your  
10 desktop.

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1 BY MR. SCHULTE:

2 Q. And the dates on these, what year do you see on these?

3 A. I see 2015.

4 THE COURT: Can you just explain what those dates  
5 would reflect in the file listing from the home directory?

6 THE WITNESS: So I don't know the details because they  
7 weren't displayed.

8 THE COURT: Speak into the microphone.

9 THE WITNESS: I don't know the details of the date  
10 because it wasn't indicated, but a file listing would usually  
11 have created modified less access dates. So it would appear  
12 that that was one of those dates but, again, from just that  
13 exhibit I couldn't tell which was being indicated.

14 THE COURT: Just a reminder, when you say this came  
15 from the virtual machine from the defendant's computer at his  
16 home, can you just explain, again, what that means?

17 THE WITNESS: Sure. So they're on the defendant's  
18 desktop computer. He ran Windows, and within Windows he had a  
19 virtual machine that was Linux. This is a screenshot of the  
20 desktop of that virtual machine so it is, again, a computer  
21 within a computer. So within the virtual machine he had a home  
22 directory like you might have a home directory on your Windows  
23 computer. So that was a listing of the files -- appeared to be  
24 a listing of the files from the home directory.

25 THE COURT: Just for the record, this was page 74 from

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1 the slide deck 1704, and so just to make it even clearer, if  
2 the date on the file listing was from 2015 it is your opinion  
3 that that means that the TOR browser on the virtual machine was  
4 either created, modified, or accessed in 2015; is that correct?

5 THE WITNESS: Correct.

6 BY MR. SCHULTE:

7 Q. This is nearly a year before the events in April 2016,  
8 correct?

9 A. I believe it was the fall of 2015 so it would have been  
10 maybe about six months; but before, yes.

11 Q. And, in fact, you don't note on your PowerPoint  
12 presentation but when was this Linux Mint VM meant to be  
13 created?

14 A. I don't recall the date.

15 Q. All right. I will just show the witness what's been marked  
16 as Defendant's Exhibit 1404-1. Do you recognize what type of  
17 document this is?

18 A. It appears to be some kind of log file from a Linux system.

19 Q. And you reviewed log files in your forensic examination of  
20 the virtual machine, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And one type of log file that you would have reviewed was  
23 something known as sys log, correct?

24 A. I can't recall specifically but it's a common file that --  
25 it would have been a common file to review for Linux forensic

1 analysis.

2 Q. And what types of information would the sys log file show?

3 A. It would show various events relating to the underlying  
4 system or the kernel of the operating system.

5 Q. And through your analysis you would have exported the --  
6 you exported these log files, correct?

7 A. I can't recall exporting them. If I was conducting  
8 analysis within a forensic program I would, if I came across an  
9 artifact that was interesting, I would generally bookmark it  
10 within the forensic program. It is possible I might take a  
11 screenshot, it's possible I exported it, but I can't recall if  
12 I did export a sys log file.

13 Q. What creates the sys log file?

14 A. It's created by the system.

15 MR. SCHULTE: I move for this 1404-1 into evidence.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Foundation.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MR. SCHULTE:

19 Q. We at least established -- let me rephrase.

20 The TOR browser install in 2015 would suggest that the  
21 VM was created at least at this time, correct?

22 A. It would suggest that, yes.

23 Q. So the Linux Mint VM from 1704, slide 74, is at least from  
24 the fall of 2015 creation time, correct?

25 A. It would appear that way, yes.

1 Q. Through your forensic examination of that virtual machine  
2 you discovered that it was used regularly from October 2015  
3 until May 2016; correct?

4 A. I don't remember the specific analysis in terms of usage  
5 patterns but it was used, I believe, up until early May of  
6 2016.

7 Q. Publish to the jury and move on to slide 71 and Tails.  
8 Through your forensic examinations you discovered that DevLAN  
9 had Tails and many other Linux distributions, correct?

10 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

11 THE COURT: Sustained as to form. It is a compound  
12 question, Mr. Schulte.

13 Q. Through your forensic examination you discovered that  
14 DevLAN had multiple Linux distributions, correct?

15 A. I'm not aware of what Linux distributions they had. Again,  
16 my analysis primarily focused on the evidence recovered from  
17 your apartment.

18 Q. But it would have been important to your analysis to  
19 determine what types of things I worked on at the CIA, right?

20 A. Again, I believe early on in the investigation we were  
21 given some information. Again, sitting here today I don't  
22 remember exactly what types of tools you worked on other than  
23 what has already been looked at here.

24 Q. But you said in general you knew that I did work on  
25 Linux-based tools, right?

1 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 Next question.

4 Q. Well, you learned that it was normal behavior for CIA  
5 malware developers to download and test new Linux  
6 distributions, correct?

7 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

8 THE COURT: Overruled. But before you answer that  
9 question, can you just explain what a Linux distribution is?

10 THE WITNESS: So the way Linux operates, it is an  
11 open-source community that they release what is known as the  
12 Linux kernel, it is the underlying -- the kernel is the  
13 underlying component of an operating system. Different  
14 developers have, over the years, taken the underlying,  
15 basically guts of what Linux is and they create their own Linux  
16 distributions so they will package up a fully operational  
17 operating system that you can download and different  
18 distributions will have different additional software, some  
19 might be only command line based, some might have graphical  
20 interface, there will be different graphical interfaces so  
21 there is many Linux distributions out there that you can  
22 download and use.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, do you want to just ask your  
24 question again now?

25 MR. SCHULTE: Yes.

1 BY MR. SCHULTE:

2 Q. Just to clarify that, Tails is one of many Linux  
3 distributions, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So you learned through your investigation that it was  
6 normal behavior for CIA malware developers to download new  
7 Linux distributions, correct?

8 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 A. I don't recall learning that specific fact, no.

11 Q. So for testing Linux tools you would need Linux to test  
12 against, right?

13 A. Of course.

14 Q. So it would be normal to download Linux distributions if  
15 you are writing tools for those, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And because there are so many different, what they call  
18 flavors of Linux, it is important to download as many of them  
19 as you can, right?

20 A. It would depend on what your goal is, what your purpose, if  
21 you were writing software for specific distributions or if you  
22 were trying to write software for as many distributions as  
23 possible.

24 Q. And if you are writing software for Linux and you want it  
25 to be used by as many people as possible, you would want to

1 test on as many different platforms, right?

2 A. Of course.

3 Q. The same for other operating systems like Windows or Mac,  
4 right?

5 A. It would be fair to say you would want to test against any  
6 possible software that your software would run on, yes.

7 Q. And your forensic analysis didn't stand-alone, correct?

8 A. I'm not sure which particular part of the analysis you are  
9 talking about.

10 Q. I am talking in general now, you relied on Leedom's  
11 analysis too, right?

12 A. For my opinion, correct.

13 Q. And you relied on other data, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And you wanted to know if my searches and behavior were  
16 work-related; right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. OK. Through your investigation -- forensic investigation  
19 you learned that I regularly -- I regularly downloaded updated  
20 Linux distributions, correct?

21 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 A. I don't recall that specific fact now.

24 Q. Through your investigation did you not discover additional  
25 downloads of Tails?

1 A. I believe there was one additional download of Tails that I  
2 can recall, yes.

3 Q. So in your slide 72 you note that Tails 2.2.1 was  
4 downloaded on April 24th, 2016, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. But you didn't include a slide about the download of 2.5  
7 Tails on August 9, 2016; correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. I am going to show the witness what is marked as  
10 Defendant's Exhibit 1405. Do you recognize this type of  
11 document?

12 A. It appears to be a metadata listing for a file.

13 Q. Through your forensic tools, those will give you what is  
14 called forensic artifacts, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And forensic artifacts are just essentially pieces of data  
17 that you discover through the analyses, right?

18 A. Essentially, yes.

19 Q. And specifically this type of analysis will give you  
20 information about files, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce Defendant's Exhibit  
23 1405.

24 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

25 THE COURT: Admitted.

1 (Defendant's Exhibit 1405 received in evidence)

2 BY MR. SCHULTE:

3 Q. And this is a forensic artifact showing Tails version 2.5,  
4 correct?

5 A. It appears that way, yes.

6 Q. And this torrent was created July 31st, 2016; correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And then a week or so later I downloaded it on August 9,  
9 2016; correct?

10 A. It appears that way, yes.

11 Q. And there is no evidence that I ever re-booted my computer  
12 to use Tails, correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. There is no evidence that I created a Tails VM, correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. So there is no evidence that I actually used Tails,  
17 correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. I want to talk about data storage and will pull in what is  
20 admitted as Government Exhibit 1605-3. From your investigation  
21 you reviewed multiple electronic devices from my apartment,  
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Including these servers, right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And these servers ran multiple virtual machines, correct?

2 A. I believe so. I remember looking at the servers early on  
3 so about five years ago now, but that -- I seem to recall there  
4 were additional virtual machines on the servers, yes.

5 Q. And these virtual servers ran multiple different services,  
6 correct?

7 A. I don't recall what specific services they ran.

8 Q. But you recall in your analysis public storage, correct?

9 A. I don't recall that, no.

10 Q. You don't recall the krypton.org website?

11 A. I do recall that website. I don't recall specific features  
12 or services that were made available.

13 Q. You don't recall public shares from that server?

14 A. I do not.

15 Q. I am going to show what's been marked as Defendant's  
16 Exhibit 212. You did, through your analysis, you did learn  
17 about a service called Plex, correct?

18 A. I seem to recall that, yes.

19 Q. And Plex is a service for streaming videos or TV shows;  
20 right?

21 A. That's my understanding, yes.

22 Q. And through the Plex service you can share this data with  
23 other individuals, correct?

24 A. To my understanding, yes.

25 Q. And people can add content, correct?

1 A. I am not aware of the specifics about what users can add  
2 content.

3 Q. But you were aware that there were multiple users that  
4 logged in, accessed the Plex server; right?

5 A. I remember hearing about that, yes.

6 Q. All right. Take that down.

7 I am going to move on to slide 110. So before we  
8 begin discussing too much of the forensics, I think you  
9 testified on direct something about wiping or re-formatting a  
10 computer, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. But there is no forensic evidence that supports your  
13 conclusion that a system was wiped instead of newly installed  
14 or upgrades, correct?

15 A. Incorrect.

16 Q. That's incorrect. OK. What is your evidence?

17 A. Specifically, the artifacts from the Eraser Portable  
18 analysis, the five data.bkp files that indicated they were  
19 present on your D drive. At one point in the analysis I did  
20 try different recovery techniques to look for those files and  
21 nothing was present and found on the D drive that would  
22 indicate that those drives had been wiped prior to the drive  
23 being re-formatted, more than likely.

24 Q. But your analysis can't determine if there wasn't a wipe  
25 but simply an upgrade to new drives, correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Because you testified that I had a RAID 5 system, correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. I'm going to pull up Government Exhibit 1601-16.
- 5 This is a picture of the RAID 5 setup, correct?
- 6 A. It peers to be that way, yes.
- 7 Q. So you testified RAID 5 requires at least three drives,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And it stripes data across all those three drives, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And adds a parity bit for data integrity, correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And the RAID 5 system works in such a way that a single
- 15 drive can fail and there is no data loss, correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. You can simply take out the defective drive and slap in a
- 18 new one, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And you are aware that you cannot increase the capacity of
- 21 a RAID 5 system, right?
- 22 A. Under standard RAID 5, correct.
- 23 Q. And so Government Exhibit 1601-18, this shows the RAID
- 24 controller configuration on the computer, correct?
- 25 A. Yes. It appears that way.

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1 Q. You can only delete the RAID or create a new RAID, correct?

2 A. I believe so, yes.

3 Q. So if you wanted to add hard drives to a RAID 5 you have to  
4 create a new RAID 5 system, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Alternatively, if you want to create a RAID 5 when you  
7 don't already have one that is going to require a whole new  
8 install, right?

9 A. If you are talking about if you wanted to create a new RAID  
10 array, I'm not sure what you mean by install.

11 Q. I'm saying if you have a system with a single drive and now  
12 you want a RAID 5 system, right, you have to create a whole new  
13 RAID system because it doesn't exist, right?

14 A. Well, you would be creating a RAID array from where there  
15 wasn't one before, yes.

16 Q. And that process of creating a RAID system is going to  
17 destroy everything on the drive, right?

18 A. If you are referring to using the existing drive that you  
19 are replacing with a RAID array, if you inserted that drive  
20 into the newly created array it would essentially destroy the  
21 contents of that drive, yes.

22 Q. So it would be important that you copied everything off the  
23 drive before you created the -- before you included that in the  
24 RAID system, right?

25 A. If you wanted to preserve what was on there, sure.

1 Q. As part of your forensic investigation you learned that  
2 during the first week of May every year I performed upgrades on  
3 many of my computers and servers, correct?

4 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Form.

5 THE COURT: I don't think it is a form objection but  
6 the objection is sustained.

7 Q. As part of your investigation you wanted to learn my  
8 pattern of work, correct?

9 A. My initial investigation was more concerned with just the  
10 technical analysis of the evidence.

11 Q. That technical analysis would depend upon normal user  
12 activity, right?

13 A. It could. Yes.

14 Q. So it would be important, through your investigation, to go  
15 back over history of drives and determine timelines, correct?

16 A. I'm not sure what you mean by timeline of drives.

17 Throughout the investigation if we -- anything that we  
18 uncovered or any artifacts we were in constant communication  
19 with the special agents, the investigators, we shared that  
20 information with them and they would have been the ones, if  
21 they needed to go out and, you know, if they wanted to go  
22 interview you or talk to you, they would kind of ascertain that  
23 information, we were just focused on analyzing the data.

24 Q. Well, I mean, through the forensics you can determine when  
25 new drives were added or when new servers are brought online,

1 this type of information, right?

2 A. To some extent, yes.

3 Q. So through that investigation you learned that I yearly  
4 upgraded systems, right?

5 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

6 THE COURT: You may answer. Overruled.

7 A. I was not aware of that, no.

8 Q. But back to the RAID 5. Once again, upgrading a RAID 5  
9 system with new larger drives requires a new install, right?

10 A. If you are replacing an existing RAID 5 volume with a new  
11 drive to increase the capacity, yes, that would require  
12 replacing the drives and recreating the raid array.

13 Q. And so thus creating the RAID 5 system from scratch, right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And neither of these is a wipe or re-format, right?

16 A. Not in the general sense.

17 Q. It's a new install, right?

18 A. When you create the RAID array it initializes the drive and  
19 sets up how the data is going to be striped across the drives  
20 and then presents that to the operating system as a single  
21 logical volume that you could format or do whatever you want  
22 to.

23 Q. And the facts and forensic evidence clearly supports the  
24 notion that the RAID 5 system was newly created in May of 2016,  
25 correct?

1 A. It does not.

2 Q. And why do you think that?

3 A. The forensic evidence shows that the RAID volume was  
4 re-formatted in May of 2016.

5 Q. How can you show that it is re-formatted instead of newly  
6 installed?

7 A. I'm not saying it was installed or it was not a newly  
8 installed. I'm saying the forensic artifact shows that it was  
9 re-formatted.

10 Q. I guess I'm not following. If it is not -- how do you know  
11 it is a re-format instead of doing it the first time?

12 A. The drive was formatted in early May.

13 Q. OK.

14 A. We can tell that by the forensic artifact I already  
15 testified about.

16 Q. OK, but this --

17 THE COURT: Just to clarify, I don't know if this is  
18 what Mr. Schulte is getting at but when you say it is  
19 formatted, can you determine if that is formatted for the first  
20 time, i.e. that the drive was created in early May or it is  
21 formatting or reformatting an earlier existing drive? Can you  
22 determine that from the forensics?

23 THE WITNESS: Not from that artifact, no.

24 BY MR. SCHULTE:

25 Q. Were there any artifacts that you could use to determine

1 whether this was a new RAID 5 system?

2 A. I don't believe so, no.

3 Q. So the question, going back to the question, the forensic  
4 evidence -- so you are testifying the forensic evidence doesn't  
5 support a conclusion one way or the other. Is that what you  
6 are saying?

7 A. One way or the other about -- I'm not sure what you are  
8 asking.

9 Q. Of whether the RAID 5 system was newly created or whether  
10 there was an existing one that was re-formatted.

11 A. Again, the forensic artifact only indicates that the drive  
12 was formatted. At that point it does not indicate whether it  
13 was an existing RAID array or a pre-existing RAID array, or an  
14 existing RAID array or a new RAID array.

15 Q. I wish to show just the witness and parties a sub-exhibit  
16 Defendant's Exhibit 302-1.

17 Do you recognize this type of data displayed here?

18 A. It seems to be in a similar format as a results of Google  
19 searches that were returned.

20 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce this into evidence.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Foundation.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 BY MR. SCHULTE:

24 Q. All right. Let's just pull up the Government Exhibit of  
25 the Google searches, I guess. So if we pull up Government

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- 1 Exhibit 1305-1, I just want to highlight this column 19674.
- 2 Can you see that?
- 3 A. Yes, I can see the row indicated 19674, yes.
- 4 Q. And this search is conducted May 1, 2016; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And the UTC time is 20:36, right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So that would have been 4:30 Eastern Time, right?
- 9 A. Yeah, 4:36 Eastern Daylight Time; correct.
- 10 Q. And what is the search there?
- 11 A. The search was for best way to store user data.
- 12 Q. And then the next search after that?
- 13 A. RAID 5 or data backup.
- 14 Q. We are going to skip these -- and then the visit here -- or
- 15 the search here? I'm sorry.
- 16 A. The search was for RAID performance comparison, Intel RAID
- 17 controller.
- 18 Q. And then the next page that is visited, it is from
- 19 extremetech.com, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. It is looking at RAID performance, correct?
- 22 A. It appears to be the name on the article of that site, yes.
- 23 Q. And the next as well, foxdeploy; right? Foxdeploy.com?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And that's also looking at Intel RAID performance, correct?

1 A. It would appear that way. It is entitled: Windows v.  
2 Intel RAID Performance Smackdown.

3 Q. And just to be clear, we are talking about RAID  
4 performance, we are talking about essentially the performance  
5 of the RAID system in general, right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. So this would be, like, drive speed, right?

8 A. It's one aspect of how well your RAID will perform, yes.

9 MR. SCHULTE: And based on that, now I move to  
10 introduce the sub-exhibit 302-1.

11 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

12 THE COURT: Admitted.

13 (Defendant's Exhibit 302-1 received in evidence)

14 BY MR. SCHULTE:

15 Q. So around May 1 it is clear from the searches that there is  
16 research into RAID 5 systems, right?

17 A. There is research about RAID 5 or RAID performance, yes, or  
18 RAID performance. I don't remember if it specifically said  
19 RAID 5.

20 Q. Well, here we can highlight this exhibit here.  
21 Specifically it is RAID 5 or data backup, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So essentially this type of search is trying to determine  
24 whether to use RAID 5 or backup data, right?

25 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 Q. OK. From the technical standpoint, what is your  
3 understanding of this type of search to mean?

4 A. It could mean that you are looking at how to back up a  
5 RAID 5 volume. It could mean that you are looking to look at  
6 some other data backup solution or RAID 5 as a backup solution.  
7 There is several different ways you can interpret that search.

8 Q. Did you not think that search was related to RAID 5 or  
9 backup in general would have been relevant as to this time  
10 frame?

11 A. I believe they were relevant.

12 Q. And as part of your investigation you discovered the  
13 precipitating event to these Google searches about backups and  
14 RAID systems, right?

15 A. I'm not sure what event you are referring to.

16 Q. Well, my NAS failed during attempts to upgrade it during  
17 this time, correct?

18 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Ladies and gentlemen, let me remind you, again, that  
21 the questions that Mr. Schulte asks of any witness are not  
22 evidence, it is just the witness' testimony that is evidence.  
23 A question can be asked by either side in a way that suggests  
24 that there is information behind it but it is not the question  
25 that is the evidence so do not assume anything from any

1 question. You may rely only on the witness' answer for the  
2 evidence.

3 New question, please.

4 BY MR. SCHULTE:

5 Q. Through your forensic examination you determined -- or you  
6 discovered that my NAS failed during this time frame, right?

7 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

8 THE COURT: Overruled.

9 A. I do not recall that, no.

10 THE COURT: What is "NAS" a reference to?

11 THE WITNESS: It stands for Network Attached Storage.  
12 It is a device that can contain several hard drives; you would  
13 plug it into your network and you can access it over the neck  
14 for storing files.

15 BY MR. SCHULTE:

16 Q. Through your forensic examination you discovered that there  
17 was a public NAS for private data storage, correct?

18 A. I do not recall that, no.

19 Q. You saw references to network storage in your forensic  
20 examination though, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And during this time you recovered forensic evidence that  
23 one of my network storage arrays failed, correct?

24 A. I do not recall that, no.

25 Q. Well, if a network storage array fails it would be

1 important to salvage the data from that, correct?

2 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

3 THE COURT: Overruled.

4 A. Yes, if it were possible.

5 Q. And then you would want to set up some new array to store  
6 that data, right?

7 A. If that's what your goal is, if you wanted to re-establish  
8 that data and it's availability, yes.

9 Q. Let's move on, slide 76 in your presentation. You talk a  
10 lot about SATA adapters when you testified in your  
11 presentation, correct?

12 A. It was mentioned, yes.

13 Q. A SATA adapter does not connect to a network, correct?

14 A. I can't say for certain that there aren't SATA adapters  
15 that have network connectivity. In this particular case the  
16 SATA adapter did not have network connectivity.

17 Q. But you a SATA adapter is not used to transfer data across  
18 the Internet, right?

19 A. Not by itself, no.

20 Q. In fact, the item I purchased is not even a SATA adapter,  
21 is it?

22 A. It is a SATA adapter, it translates the SATA interface to a  
23 USB interface. Technically speaking it could be viewed as more  
24 of a docking station than an adapter.

25 Q. So you would agree, from a technical standpoint, the name

1 of this type of device is really a docking station; correct?

2 A. It is a docking station based on just its physical  
3 appearance but I believe it is still technically accurate to  
4 describe it as a SATA adapter.

5 THE COURT: We are going to break there for break.

6 Ladies and gentlemen, you know the drill. Don't  
7 discuss the case, keep an open mind, don't do any research  
8 about the case. With that, it is 11:40, so let's be prepared  
9 to pick up again at 12:20 so please be ready to go at 12:15  
10 when Ms. Smallman will come get you.

11 With that, enjoy your small breaks. Thank you.

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2 THE COURT: Mr. Berger, you are free to step down.  
3 Because you are on cross you may not communicate about the  
4 substance of your testimony with anyone from the government  
5 side so please don't speak with them, certainly about the  
6 subject of your testimony. Please be back in the courtroom or  
7 in the witness room at 12:15 ready to go. Thank you.

8 THE WITNESS: Understood.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, any estimate of how much  
10 longer you have on cross?

11 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. So that was an issue I wanted to  
12 bring up, Judge.

13 I provided to the government a lot of forensic  
14 artifacts that the witness created -- or forensic artifacts  
15 that the government turned over in discovery. So I provided  
16 the government these exhibits and I have been trying the last  
17 week or so to see if the government would agree to stipulations  
18 on these. To the degree that the government is not going to  
19 agree to stipulate to its own discovery as provided to me in  
20 its expert's own artifacts as provided to me, it could take a  
21 substantial time to get through all of those forensics if I am  
22 going to be fought on admitting them at every step of the way.

23 THE COURT: Well, I would certainly urge the  
24 government, if those things are indeed artifacts or analyses or  
25 spread sheets or data that this witness created or would be in

1 a position to know, I certainly think it might speed things  
2 along to either acknowledge that or stipulate orally and  
3 consent to their admission. So, too, if there is an exhibit --  
4 an example 301-1, which I take was an extraction of data of  
5 what is already in evidence as Government Exhibit 1305-1, if it  
6 is apparent that that's the case, I think it would speed things  
7 along if we can just agree to that and admit it. That being  
8 said, I don't know if the government was in a position to  
9 confirm that. And, if not, then it was necessary to go through  
10 the steps as laying proper foundation.

11 So the bottom line is, government, I would certainly  
12 urge you to look at them and if we can speed things along,  
13 great. If not, obviously Mr. Schulte does need to lay a proper  
14 foundation to admit things and we will proceed. So mindful of  
15 that, I guess how much have you gotten through of what you have  
16 for Mr. Berger?

17 MR. SCHULTE: So I'm on page 15 of 29 of my cross, so.

18 THE COURT: Very good. And assuming we get to another  
19 witness, who is up next, Mr. Lockard?

20 MR. LOCKARD: Mr. Weber will be next.

21 THE COURT: One housekeeping note. The stipulation  
22 3006 referenced a bunch of underlying exhibits, none of which  
23 have been admitted. I don't know if, Mr. Schulte, you intended  
24 to offer them, but I just wanted to note that.

25 MR. SCHULTE: Yeah, they're coming in. I mistakenly

1 thought one of the exhibits would be in there but it is coming  
2 in -- they're coming in in this cross anyway.

3 MR. LOCKARD: So that stipulation is an authenticity  
4 and business records stipulation. We maintain relevance and  
5 hearsay objections to some of those so we will just take it as  
6 it comes.

7 THE COURT: OK. I noted that it did not stipulate to  
8 their admission so I figured there might be some issue and I  
9 guess we will take it as it comes but I just wanted to make  
10 sure we were all on the same page.

11 Anything to discuss before you take your breaks?  
12 Mr. Lockard?

13 MR. LOCKARD: Not from us, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte?

15 MR. SCHULTE: No.

16 THE COURT: And reminder, government, I will ask for  
17 an update of the transcript of Friday's proceeding at the close  
18 after lunch hoping that you have resolution on that and, if  
19 not, certainly by the end of the trial day.

20 Thank you. Please be back in the courtroom by 12:15  
21 and enjoy your breaks.

22 (Luncheon recess)

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1 Q. These are all examples of using hashing, right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And with respect to data integrity, if you were copying  
4 data from an old system before an upgrade you would run an ND-5  
5 to ensure data integrity, correct?

6 A. It's possible, yes.

7 Q. And I consistently conducted similar searches for hashing,  
8 correct?

9 A. Could you describe what you mean by consistently?

10 Q. Yes. I'm going to show, just to the parties, Defendant's  
11 Exhibit 302-5.

12 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

13 THE COURT: Are you offering it?

14 MR. SCHULTE: Yes.

15 THE COURT: OK. Admitted.

16 (Defendant's Exhibit 302-5 received in evidence)

17 BY MR. SCHULTE:

18 Q. May 3rd there is search for Linux copy large file has,  
19 correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. May 10th there is a search for fast hashing algorithm,  
22 correct?

23 A. Correct?

24 Q. And a month later, in June, there is a search and Wikipedia  
25 visit for specific types of hashing, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And then a few days later, June 6, there is a search for a  
3 comparison of F&V and CRC 32, right?

4 A. It appears that way, yes.

5 Q. And, specifically, the visited page references hashing  
6 algorithm by uniqueness and speed, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And there are even hashing algorithm searches before May,  
9 correct? Not on this slide, I will take this down. 302-6, I  
10 will show the witness. Do you recognize these kinds of output  
11 here?

12 A. Again, it appears to be search results.

13 MR. SCHULTE: I move to admit this one, too, 302-6.

14 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

15 THE COURT: Admitted.

16 (Defendant's Exhibit 302-6 received in evidence)

17 BY MR. SCHULTE:

18 Q. April 4 there is a search for shalsum, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And Shal is just another hashing algorithm, right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. April 24th there is a search for Shal sum power sha, right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And there is search for file check sum integrity verifier,  
25 correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And then a visit it a Microsoft page to download that,  
3 right?

4 A. It is not clear from the Microsoft URL what is at that  
5 page.

6 Q. It is some kind of downloader. There is a download in the  
7 link, right?

8 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 A. It appears to link something from Microsoft but it is not  
11 clear from the URL again what is being downloaded.

12 Q. Would you agree that data integrity is a crucial component  
13 of any storage server?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you also agree that hashing, and particularly conducting  
16 speedy hashes, is critical in my job of writing malware to copy  
17 data?

18 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Q. I think we saw earlier an exhibit about developing software  
21 that copies data from thumb drives, correct?

22 A. Sounds familiar.

23 Q. I think you just testified about it earlier on the cross  
24 but, again, hashing would be important for that kind of  
25 software, right?

1 A. Again, if there was a specific need to implement hashing  
2 that would be important.

3 Q. Well, for copying data it is important, right?

4 A. If you were concerned about the integrity of copying the  
5 data, yes.

6 Q. And also to ensure that you are not re-collecting the same  
7 data, right?

8 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Is there an objection?

10 MR. LOCKARD: There is an objection.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 A. That could be another reason why you would use hashing,  
13 yes.

14 Q. There is nothing unique about the searches that you picked  
15 out, correct?

16 A. The searches that were picked out indicated searches for  
17 specific items. There are other entries for similar searches,  
18 yes.

19 Q. Next is going to be wiping on slide 102. You identified  
20 Google searches about wiping hard drives, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Searches were conducted May 1, 2016; right?

23 A. These appear to be from April 30th and the two at the  
24 bottom from May 4, not May 1.

25 Q. OK. The searches on May 4th for: Can you use DBAN on SSD,

1 right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And I think on slide 96 you showed DBAN ISO was downloaded  
4 at 11:28 a.m.?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And like, as you said, solid state drives are different  
7 from typical platter mechanical drives, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. So there are different ways you would be wiping solid state  
10 drives, correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And like you said I think on direct, DBAN is not ideal for  
13 solid state drives, correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. And I think you also said you would want to download the  
16 wiping software specifically from the manufacturer, right?

17 A. Generally, yes.

18 Q. So slide 103, I am going to talk about the hard drives  
19 here. I will pull up what's in evidence as Government Exhibit  
20 1636.

21 And these are the devices recovered from my apartment,  
22 correct?

23 A. I believe so, yes.

24 Q. There were many loose hard drives discovered, correct?

25 A. I believe so, yes.

1 Q. And by loose hard drives I simply mean that these drives  
2 are not connected to any computer, right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And all of these drives are zeroed, correct?

5 A. The ones indicated I believe on the slide in the  
6 presentation were zeroed, yes.

7 Q. And it is good security practice to wipe the drives when  
8 you are no longer using them, correct?

9 A. If you are going to be disposing of them, yes.

10 Q. Well, you can't really say whether these are newly  
11 purchased drives or wiped drives, correct?

12 A. Generally newly purchased drives would have something on  
13 them, at minimum some kind of file system. Many times they  
14 also come with some kind of utility software from the  
15 manufacturer.

16 Q. Well, not if they're purchased through a third-party,  
17 right?

18 A. It's possible that the drives come without anything on them  
19 but again, generally there is usually some kind of file system  
20 on them.

21 Q. I'm talking about purchasing them from another individual.

22 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

23 THE COURT: Overruled.

24 A. So if you are buying them from another person it would  
25 depend on if that person wipes them or not.

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1 Q. And so you cannot say when these drives were zeroed,  
2 correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. You can't say how old the drives are, right?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Moving on to slide 104, you testified on direct that I  
7 repeatedly unlocked my home computer, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. The logs you referenced were not logs from my home  
10 computer, correct?

11 A. They were from the virtual machine which was on your home  
12 computer.

13 Q. But there is no -- absolutely no forensic evidence to  
14 support your theory that the virtual machine was ever on my  
15 home computer in April of 2016, correct?

16 A. It was found on your home machine.

17 Q. It was found on my home machine that had been installed on  
18 May 5, right?

19 A. Your home machine was re-formatted on May 5, correct.

20 Q. Newly installed or re-formatted, you don't know what  
21 happened before that, right?

22 A. We have some idea, yes.

23 Q. You don't know where this virtual machine was located  
24 before May 5, right?

25 A. Not with a hundred percent certainty, no.

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Berger - Cross

1 Q. You are not speculating because it was copied to the home  
2 computer on May 5 that it existed before then, correct?

3 A. I wouldn't characterize it as speculation.

4 Q. No?

5 A. No.

6 Q. There is forensic evidence to back it up?

7 A. There is evidence that it was used by you prior to that  
8 date, in fact several days prior to May 5. That would indicate  
9 it was on a computer system that you had accessed it.

10 Q. But you don't know who was actually using it, the VM;  
11 right?

12 A. Who was using the virtual machine, it is indicative by the  
13 layers of security mechanisms that were on there and how they  
14 were unlocked with passwords known to you that indicated that  
15 you were most likely using that machine.

16 Q. You don't know if those were shared passwords, right?

17 A. I don't know that, no.

18 Q. You don't know if this VM was stored on a NAS or a  
19 different computer than my home computer, right?

20 A. I can't say that for sure, no.

21 Q. In fact, the VM was last used on May 1, 2016, right?

22 A. I believe so.

23 Q. It was then copied to the new RAID system on May 5, right?

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. After that copy the VM was never used again, right?

1 A. Sounds about right.

2 Q. In fact, I did not download VirtualBox until August 4,  
3 2016; correct?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. I am going to show what is marked as Defendant's Exhibit  
6 1401 -- or 1402-1, for just the witness and the parties. You  
7 recognize this kind of output, right?

8 A. It appears to be metadata information from some type of --  
9 possibly -- forensic program.

10 Q. And these types of tools would be used to collect forensic  
11 artifacts from hard drives, correct?

12 A. Forensic programs would be, yes.

13 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce Defendant's Exhibit  
14 1401.

15 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Admitted.

17 (Defendant's Exhibit 1401 received in evidence)

18 BY MR. SCHULTE:

19 Q. This shows VirtualBox downloaded on August 4, 2016;  
20 correct?

21 A. So I can't confirm that from this particular artifact.

22 Q. Why is that?

23 A. It's not an artifact that pertains to the file system  
24 information. Based on what I am looking at here, it talks  
25 about a key last updated, date and time. The August 4th date

1 that you mentioned is actually found in a registry key that is  
2 located down at the bottom under current control set 1,  
3 specifically the app compatibility cache, which is a mechanism  
4 within Windows utilized to find resources that programs need to  
5 run but it does not indicate when the actual file was created  
6 in this case on the D drive.

7 Q. VirtualBox is a software used to create or use this type of  
8 VM, correct?

9 A. Yes. VirtualBox can be used to create virtual machines and  
10 run them.

11 Q. I am just talking about specifically the VM that was  
12 located on the home computer.

13 A. Yes. I believe it is a VirtualBox formatted VM, yes.

14 Q. I will take it down for the jury and show 1402-1. Do you  
15 recognize this type of output, too?

16 A. Yes. It appears to be, again, forensic or metadata details  
17 from some forensic program.

18 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce this.

19 THE COURT: No objection. Admitted.

20 (Defendant's Exhibit 1402-1 received in evidence)

21 BY MR. SCHULTE:

22 Q. And this shows download of a VirtualBox version 5.1.14,  
23 correct?

24 A. It appears so, yes.

25 Q. January 23rd, 2017; right?

1 A. It appears that way, yes.

2 Q. I'm going to show what's marked as 1402-3. Do you  
3 recognize this output as well?

4 A. Yes. Again, it appears to be forensic artifacts from a  
5 forensic analysis program.

6 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce 1402-3.

7 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

8 THE COURT: Admitted.

9 (Defendant's Exhibit 1402-3 received in evidence)

10 BY MR. SCHULTE:

11 Q. So this is showing the installation of VirtualBox 5.1.14,  
12 correct?

13 A. It could be installation or could be modification of the  
14 program. Specifically this artifact shows, again, a last  
15 update of a registry key, specifically within Windows, the  
16 current version uninstall. This would be where a program being  
17 installed places reference material so that the program can be  
18 easily uninstalled. It is possible it was created during  
19 installation of the program or possibly an update of the  
20 program when you run the installer and click modify or change  
21 the details of the installation.

22 Q. But this is January 2017, right?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. But after VirtualBox is installed the virtual machine found  
25 on my desktop is still never used, correct?

1 A. I don't recall the exact last date that it was used or  
2 modified. I know it -- I believe it had sat unused for some  
3 time before it was obtained in March of 2017.

4 Q. I am going to show what's marked as Defendant's Exhibit  
5 1404 just to the parties. Do you recognize this kind of data?

6 A. Yes. Again, it seems to be forensic artifacts from some  
7 forensic analysis program.

8 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce this as well.

9 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

10 THE COURT: Admitted.

11 (Defendant's Exhibit 1404 received in evidence)

12 BY MR. SCHULTE:

13 Q. So this shows last modified of May 1st, 2016; correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And the May 6, 2016 fields are an artifact of copying it,  
16 correct?

17 A. Usually, yes.

18 Q. To move on for a moment to what is marked as Defendant's  
19 Exhibit 302-3, showing this just to the witness and the  
20 parties? Do you recognize this type of output?

21 A. It appears to be similar to the Google search results that  
22 I have seen.

23 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce this as a  
24 sub-exhibit through government's Google searches.

25 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

1 THE COURT: Admitted.

2 (Defendant's Exhibit 302-3 received in evidence)

3 BY MR. SCHULTE:

4 Q. So 302-3, and it shows searches for League of Legends  
5 config data, correct? At the bottom?

6 A. It appears so, yes.

7 Q. Do you know what time this is searched for?

8 A. The last entry there looks like it was May 1st at 4:23 in  
9 the morning UTC, so that would be 12:23, or 23 minutes after  
10 midnight, local time.

11 Q. And League of Legends is a video game, correct?

12 A. I believe so, yes.

13 Q. From your forensic examination were you able to determine  
14 that I was -- that I often stayed up very late playing League  
15 of Legends?

16 A. Somewhere along the investigation I remember hearing that  
17 you did play League of Legends. I did not conduct any  
18 particular forensic analysis relating to your game-playing  
19 activities.

20 Q. But that would have been important data for your analysis,  
21 correct?

22 A. I'm not sure what you mean by that.

23 Q. Well, as establishing habits or normal routine it's  
24 relevant, right?

25 A. Not necessarily relevant to just looking for forensic

1 artifacts, no.

2 Q. I mean, if somebody is staying up until 4:00 a.m. playing  
3 video games that is relevant to the investigation, right?

4 A. It might be relevant to the overall investigation, sure.

5 Q. And, in fact, during this time on May 1st there were  
6 several League of Legends files that were modified, correct?

7 A. I can't speak to that.

8 Q. OK. I'm going to show just the parties what is marked as  
9 Defendant's Exhibit 1407-1. Do you recognize this type of  
10 output?

11 A. Appears to be a listing of files and metadata information  
12 about those files.

13 Q. And through forensic investigations you would pull directly  
14 listings of files, correct?

15 A. I might look at file listing information within certain  
16 directories, yes.

17 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce 1407-1.

18 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Admitted.

20 (Defendant's Exhibit 1407-1 received in evidence)

21 BY MR. SCHULTE:

22 Q. So the files lists here have date, time stamps, and their  
23 names; correct?

24 A. It appears so, yes.

25 Q. 2016-04-30, correct?

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1 A. Yes, they all begin with 2016-04-30.

2 Q. That's April 30th, 2016, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. 20:41:31 was the time, right?

5 A. It appears that way, yes.

6 Q. That's 8:40 p.m., correct?

7 A. If that is in local time, so yes, 20:41 would be 8:41 p.m.

8 Q. Finally, I want to show the other, something that's marked  
9 as 1407-2. This is the same kind of output, correct?

10 A. It looks similar. There appears to be a listing of files  
11 and modified time stamps.

12 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce 1407-2.

13 MR. LOCKARD: No objection.

14 THE COURT: Admitted.

15 (Defendant's Exhibit 1407-2 received in evidence)

16 BY MR. SCHULTE:

17 Q. From these file paths this is League of Legends, correct?

18 A. It would appear that way, yes.

19 Q. And the date modified is showing midnight, May 1, 2016;  
20 right?

21 A. Midnight UTC, yes, so subtract four hours so that first one  
22 at midnight and 41 minutes UTC would be about 8:41 p.m. on the  
23 evening of April 30th, I believe.

24 Q. And then the last modification times are showing 3:30 a.m.,  
25 correct?

1 A. Yes. So the last few lines there that shows 3:27 a.m. UTC  
2 would be translated to 11:27 p.m. the evening of April 30th,  
3 2016.

4 Q. So even assuming that the virtual machine existed on my  
5 home computer on April 30th, the forensic examination suggests  
6 that this system was used to download data as opposed to send  
7 data, correct?

8 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 A. I'm not sure where you are getting that indication from.  
11 It appears the computer was used for many different purposes  
12 including playing video games.

13 Q. No. I'm sorry. I am talking about your forensic  
14 examination of the virtual machine.

15 A. Can you repeat the question?

16 Q. Yes. The forensic examination of that virtual machine  
17 strongly suggests it was used to download data as opposed to  
18 transmit data, correct?

19 A. There was more evidence within the virtual machine of data  
20 being downloaded than uploaded, correct.

21 Q. You did not find forensic evidence that suggests data was  
22 transmitted or -- I'm sorry. Let me rephrase.

23 You did not find forensic evidence that suggests large  
24 data was transmitted from the VM, correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. You did not find any evidence that CIA data was stored or  
2 transmitted from the VM, correct?

3 A. I did not find any forensic artifacts like that, no.

4 Q. You did not find any evidence that any CIA backups were  
5 stored or transmitted from that virtual machine, right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. In fact, you did not find any browser history or forensic  
8 artifacts that showed visits to WikiLeaks, correct?

9 A. I don't believe so, no.

10 Q. So there is no evidence anything was ever transmitted to  
11 WikiLeaks, correct?

12 A. Incorrect.

13 Q. Incorrect.

14 You found evidence that information was transmitted to  
15 WikiLeaks from the VM?

16 A. I believe your previous question didn't specify VM and only  
17 asked about evidence that data was transmitted to WikiLeaks.  
18 The evidence that data transmitted to WikiLeaks is that the  
19 data showed up on WikiLeaks.

20 Q. OK. So that's evidence that WikiLeaks received the data,  
21 correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. That's not evidence that I transmitted anything to  
24 WikiLeaks, correct?

25 A. It is evidence the data was transmitted to WikiLeaks.

1 Q. The question was did you find any evidence from the  
2 forensic examination that anything was transmitted to  
3 WikiLeaks.

4 A. Forensic artifacts on virtual machine, no.

5 Q. Any forensic artifacts?

6 A. The entirety of my analysis was forensic artifacts, so yes.

7 Q. Yes what?

8 A. Yes, there was evidence that data was transmitted to  
9 WikiLeaks, as I mentioned.

10 Q. What are those forensic evidence?

11 A. That would include the timing analysis I conducted, as well  
12 as the analysis and testimony of Mr. Leedom. That's the  
13 evidence that data was transmitted to WikiLeaks, specifically  
14 the March 3rd backups.

15 Q. I'm asking about forensic evidence, specifically from my  
16 home.

17 A. Again, if we are talking about forensic artifacts within  
18 the virtual machine, no.

19 Q. No, not just the virtual machine, my entire home. All the  
20 electronic devices you analyzed from my home, is there any  
21 forensic evidence that suggests any data was transmitted to  
22 WikiLeaks from any of the frenzy artifacts.

23 A. No.

24 Q. OK. So let's end by talking about the alleged transfer of  
25 data to WikiLeaks. You were present during Mr. Leedom's

1 testimony, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Mr. Leedom testified that his forensic findings were that  
4 the March 3rd, 2016 backup file was accessed on April 20th,  
5 2016; correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Mr. Leedom found no forensic evidence that the March 3rd,  
8 2016 Confluence backup was copied but he speculated that I  
9 copied it on April 20th, 2016; correct?

10 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q. Well, based on Mr. Leedom's theory, you were tasked with  
13 essentially working backwards from the April 20th, 2016 date,  
14 correct?

15 A. That's incorrect.

16 Q. You were not told data was stolen April 20th so look for  
17 data transfers after this date?

18 A. That is not correct.

19 Q. What were you told?

20 A. When I was tasked for performing the timing analysis I was  
21 tasked with simply identifying the data from which the data on  
22 WikiLeaks was disclosed came from. At the time that I  
23 performed that analysis it had not yet been discovered about  
24 the modified access time on the March 3rd backups. That was  
25 discovered several months later, I believe.

1 Q. OK. I'm not talking about the timing analysis, I am just  
2 focused on your forensic examinations of the home electronics.

3 When you were examining the home electronics were you  
4 told to search for data transfers after April 20th?

5 A. I was not. When I first started analyzing the evidence  
6 recovered from your apartment the activity that occurred on  
7 April 20th had not been detected yet.

8 Q. But at some point you were tasked with collecting data to  
9 support the conclusion that the backups were transmitted to  
10 WikiLeaks after April 20th, right?

11 A. I don't believe so, no.

12 Q. Well, all forensic artifacts from my home computer prior to  
13 the latest installation on May 5 were lost, correct?

14 A. If you are referring to activity on files that were  
15 modified prior to that date then, no, there is evidence of  
16 files being modified and being moved back to the system after  
17 you re-formatted them and those files have last modified dates  
18 prior to the reformatting.

19 Q. OK, but specifically about system logs or jump lists or any  
20 information that Windows would keep track of, that information  
21 was no longer available, correct?

22 A. No, that would not be preserved after the re-format.

23 Q. So an examination of the system after May 5 shows that  
24 there were no CIA hard drives connected, correct?

25 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

1 THE COURT: Do you want to reformulate the question,  
2 Mr. Schulte?

3 MR. SCHULTE: Yes.

4 Q. So what I am trying to get at here, your window -- based on  
5 the forensics that you analyzed, your window was between April  
6 20th and May 5th because the home computer was installed on May  
7 5th, right?

8 A. I'm not sure what you mean by window. What -- can you  
9 clarify what time -- what window you are referring to?

10 Q. A window of transmission of data to WikiLeaks.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So if there is forensic evidence to show that it was  
13 impossible to transmit the Stash and Confluence backups between  
14 this window, the government's theory is forensically and  
15 technically impossible, correct?

16 A. I don't know what evidence you are referring to.

17 Q. I'm about to get to it, but I'm asking if that's  
18 established then the government's case is not possible, right?

19 A. I can't speak to the entirety of the government's case. I  
20 can only speak to what I have testified about.

21 Q. OK. Well, the minimum size of data sent to WikiLeaks, you  
22 testified on direct, was about 200 gigabytes, right?

23 A. Somewhere around there, yes.

24 Q. So 200 gigabytes had to be transferred between that time  
25 frame April 20th to May 5, correct?

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1 A. It didn't necessarily have to have been completed by May 5  
2 but it makes sense that it would have been completed by May 5,  
3 yes.

4 Q. Well, if it wasn't completed by May 5 then there would be  
5 forensic artifacts or evidence of that that you would have  
6 discovered after May 5, correct?

7 A. Only if there was continued transmission on that particular  
8 system, yes.

9 Q. So is your theory that the data was transmitted using the  
10 virtual machine between midnight and 3:00 a.m. on May 1st?

11 A. I'm not sure if the virtual machine was used to transmit  
12 the data, no.

13 Q. So you don't have a time frame about when the data was  
14 transmitted; is that right?

15 A. My opinion is it was transmitted during that time period  
16 prior to reformatting because of all the other evidence,  
17 including the drive wiping and reformatting, yes.

18 Q. I'm sorry. So what time period is that, just to be clear?

19 A. Between April 20th and May 5th.

20 Q. OK. But you are aware that using TOR is a substantial  
21 bottleneck, correct?

22 A. Yes, it does reduce your connection speed.

23 Q. The highest average TOR bandwidth is about five megabytes  
24 per second, correct?

25 A. I don't know the exact specifics of the bandwidth.

1 Q. All right. I am going to show what's marked Defendant's  
2 Exhibit 1411-1.

3 Are you aware that TOR monitors, keeps track of  
4 bandwidth?

5 A. I don't know exactly what specific metrics they monitor.

6 Q. You know generally though, right?

7 A. The artifact that I am very familiar with is that they keep  
8 track of a list of what are referred to as TOR exit notes that  
9 is useful in FBI investigations if an investigation resolves to  
10 an IP address and we want to determine if at a particular date  
11 and time that IP address was actually running as a TOR exit  
12 mode. Other types of metrics and statistics they keep track  
13 of. I can't speak to any real familiarity with those.

14 Q. I mean, through your investigation you investigated TOR,  
15 right?

16 A. I was familiar with TOR prior to this investigation. I  
17 believe I might have looked up a few things over the course of  
18 this investigation.

19 Q. Well, analyzing the feasibility of data transfer would have  
20 been very important to your investigation, correct?

21 A. Could you clarify what you mean by feasibility of the data  
22 transfer?

23 Q. Yes. If you selected a time frame that you believe the  
24 data was transferred but it wasn't feasible to transfer that  
25 data in that amount of time, that would have been important,

1 right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. OK. You made slides about TOR in your presentation, right?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So the amount of bandwidth that can be sent across TOR is a  
6 very important factor to your investigation, correct?

7 A. If the data was definitely transmitted over TOR, yes.

8 Q. Is your theory -- isn't your theory that this data was  
9 transmitted over TOR?

10 A. My theory is that the data was transmitted to WikiLeaks.

11 Q. So do you believe TOR was involved in that transfer? Or  
12 not.

13 A. I believe TOR was involved possibly at the beginning,  
14 however one of the things WikiLeaks indicates on their site --  
15 I believe it was in one of the slides in my presentation -- was  
16 that where you say how you connect to them and use TOR and go  
17 to their .onion URL they have a specific note and say please  
18 contact us if you have very large files you want to send us.  
19 It is reasonable to infer to that if you reached out to them  
20 and someone said I have very large files that I wish to  
21 transfer, they might provide an alternative upload connection  
22 that did not involve TOR because of the reduced speeds of TOR.

23 Q. Well, the whole point of using TOR is to be secure and  
24 private about the transfer, right?

25 A. That's one use of TOR, yes.

1 Q. So it wouldn't really make sense to tell someone to use  
2 something else when the whole point is to use TOR to transmit  
3 it securely, right?

4 A. There are other methods of transmitting data securely.

5 Q. Your slide presentation does not make any indication of  
6 that though, does it?

7 A. Again, I believe it's in one of these screenshots that I  
8 took from the WikiLeaks archival copy from the Wayback Machine.  
9 I believe it describes that there.

10 Q. OK. You would agree, though, that the throughput of TOR is  
11 a relevant factor to the investigation though, right?

12 A. Again, it could be.

13 Q. OK.

14 MR. SCHULTE: I move to introduce Defendant's Exhibit  
15 1411-1.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. Showing just to the witness and parties exhibit marked  
19 Defendant's Exhibit 1411-2.

20 Through your investigation into TOR, were you able to  
21 determine the statistics that they provide?

22 A. Again, my part of the investigation did not really focus in  
23 on TOR other than possibly researching one or two aspects and I  
24 don't recall ever looking into statistics other than, as I  
25 mentioned, just in general FBI investigations when we consult

1 the list of TOR exit modes.

2 Q. All right. I will take that down.

3 You have heard of Internet Service Providers, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What are ISPs?

6 A. From a residential perspective they provide Internet  
7 connections to people's residences. They can also provide  
8 commercial Internet connections to places of business.

9 Q. ISPs keep data of their customers, correct?

10 A. To some extent, yes.

11 Q. You have heard of NetFlow logs, right?

12 A. I have.

13 Q. Mr. Leedom testified about NetFlow logs, right?

14 A. I believe he testified that there were no NetFlow logs when  
15 he first arrived for the investigation.

16 Q. Correct.

17 But NetFlow logs show the amount of data available,  
18 both transmitted and received; correct?

19 A. Generally speaking, yes.

20 Q. And Verizon was my ISP in 2016, correct?

21 A. That sounds familiar, yes.

22 Q. And Verizon kept NetFlow logs during that time, correct?

23 A. I'm not aware of that, no.

24 Q. You are not aware of whether or not Verizon kept NetFlow  
25 logs?

1 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Sustained. Asked and answered.

3 BY MR. SCHULTE:

4 Q. OK. Well, NetFlow logs would establish definitively  
5 whether or not data was transmitted or received during this  
6 time period, correct?

7 A. If, depending on the records, they would establish what  
8 data was transferred or received over the connection from  
9 Verizon, yes.

10 Q. Verizon was my ISP, right?

11 A. Again, I believe so.

12 Q. So Verizon would actually have the logs of what data I sent  
13 between April 20th and May 5th, 2016, right?

14 A. If they retained those records, yes, they would have the  
15 logs of what data was sent or received over your connection  
16 with them.

17 Q. I want to show to the parties what is marked as Defendant's  
18 Exhibit 208. It is a very large file so I think it's having  
19 some problems.

20 Pursuant to the stipulation 3006, the Verizon NetFlow  
21 logs are provided as Defendant's Exhibit 208.

22 MR. LOCKARD: Objection to the characterization but no  
23 objection to the document.

24 THE COURT: Well, I don't know if we can display it  
25 but Defendant's Exhibit 208 is admitted, without objection.

1 (Defendant's Exhibit 208 received in evidence)

2 BY MR. SCHULTE:

3 Q. It is taking a minute to display. There are sub-exhibits  
4 208-1 through 8. This might be easier if the government has  
5 reviewed those and agrees to admit those now or we can just go  
6 through the big data.

7 THE COURT: Is there any disagreement that they're  
8 just extractions from 208?

9 MR. LOCKARD: I am not aware, but if we can hold them  
10 up we can take a look at them one by one.

11 THE COURT: Can you pull them up one by one, please?

12 MR. SCHULTE: Do you want to pull up the sub-exhibits  
13 first or the big one first?

14 THE COURT: Since the big one is not coming up let's  
15 do the sub first and then hopefully that will take care of it.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, I think we do have an issue  
17 with this.

18 THE COURT: This being which?

19 MR. LOCKARD: I don't think we were previously  
20 provided 208-1, etc.

21 MR. SCHULTE: Yes, it was --

22 THE COURT: So let's just stick with 208 which is in  
23 evidence. Mr. Schulte, if you can't pull it up, move on to the  
24 next line of questioning.

25 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

1 THE COURT: Do you have another line of questioning?  
2 Maybe standby counsel can try to pull this up while you move  
3 on.

4 MR. SCHULTE: This is the final exhibits, 208-1  
5 through 8 -- there it goes. This is the final line of  
6 questioning.

7 BY MR. SCHULTE:

8 Q. So 208 is in evidence so I will publish that. And the  
9 government does not agree to --

10 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, ask your next question,  
11 please.

12 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

13 BY MR. SCHULTE:

14 Q. So these show the NetFlow logs from Verizon, correct?

15 A. It looks like it is some type of NetFlow data. I can't  
16 speak to where it's from.

17 THE COURT: Just to help the jury here, just a  
18 reminder that the stipulation that was admitted as Government  
19 Exhibit 3006, which Mr. Schulte read earlier, did verify that  
20 Defendant's Exhibit 208 -- this document -- is a true and  
21 correct copy of records from Verizon and doesn't characterize  
22 what they are but it is a Verizon record.

23 Go ahead.

24 BY MR. SCHULTE:

25 Q. So do you recall Mr. Leedom's testimony, his final thing in

1 his slide that I locked up the vault at 7:07 p.m. on April  
2 20th?

3 A. Yes. That sounds familiar.

4 Q. 1907.

5 So if we use this as a starting point, you would agree  
6 that from a conservative standpoint this is the earliest that  
7 the data could be transferred to WikiLeaks, correct?

8 A. Through Verizon, yes.

9 THE COURT: Can you just make a record of what row you  
10 are on or some other record, please?

11 MR. SCHULTE: So it is row 1,613,641 and I am just  
12 going to mark that and then we are going to clear out the  
13 beginning ones.

14 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Sustained. Let's leave the exhibit as it  
16 is, please.

17 MR. SCHULTE: This is to establish the sub-exhibits.  
18 If the government doesn't acknowledge them then --

19 THE COURT: Tell you what. I just think it is better  
20 that we have a single exhibit and that we are not changing it,  
21 so let's leave it as is but you have made a record of what that  
22 row is. Proceed.

23 MR. SCHULTE: I think the problem is going to be that  
24 this file is too big to be opened in Excel so we have to cut it  
25 down in order to open it.

1 THE COURT: That really should have been done earlier.  
2 I will allow you to delete the prior lines and then we will  
3 re-save it as 208, let's say A, and essentially treat it as a  
4 modified version.

5 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

6 THE COURT: So just to be clear, am I correct you have  
7 deleted all the rows before that 1,613,000 row that corresponds  
8 to April 20th at 7:07? Is that correct?

9 MR. SCHULTE: That's correct.

10 THE COURT: OK.

11 BY MR. SCHULTE:

12 Q. So like you said, from the most conservative approach,  
13 7:07 p.m. on April 20th is when the vault is locked up,  
14 correct?

15 A. I believe so.

16 Q. And so then the end date for your calculation would be May  
17 6th, 2016, correct?

18 A. I believe so, yes.

19 Q. And that time on May 6 would be -- let's just pull up -- I  
20 will pull up your slide and establish the computer is showing a  
21 May 5, 2016 re-format, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. So again, a conservative range would be May 6, 2016 because  
24 that would encompass all of the data, right?

25 A. For the data to be transmitted using that computer, yes.

1 Q. You would agree that this line, 356061, would represent  
2 that; correct?

3 A. It seems so, yes.

4 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, we object to any further  
5 questions about this exhibit.

6 THE COURT: Overruled.

7 BY MR. SCHULTE:

8 Q. So this data after it, we can remove this data too, right,  
9 starting at 356062?

10 A. You can remove whatever you want from it.

11 Q. What I am trying to do is narrow down your range so we can  
12 look at it properly.

13 THE COURT: He testified that assuming this machine  
14 was used it had to be before that date, so go ahead and delete  
15 it if you want to delete it and ask your next question.

16 MR. SCHULTE: All right.

17 So according to the NetFlow logs -- once we are able  
18 to pull that up in Excel we can -- there is two sets of data  
19 that the NetFlow will provide us, correct?

20 MR. LOCKARD: Object to the form.

21 MR. SCHULTE: Let me rephrase.

22 Q. The NetFlow logs show data that you received and data that  
23 you transmitted, correct?

24 A. I believe so, yes.

25 Q. So the extra data after this has been removed as to save

1 this as 208-B?

2 THE COURT: I don't think we need to complicate things  
3 further. Isn't still 208-A just an excerpt version of 208?

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1 MR. SCHULTE: OK. Yes. That's fine.

2 THE COURT: OK. I'll deem that admitted as well.

3 MR. SCHULTE: OK. So, let me take this down.

4 Now I'm going to show the data in Excel. Can the  
5 parties see the exhibit?

6 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte.

7 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. The computer just died.

8 THE COURT: Maybe we should proceed with redirect, and  
9 then I'll give you permission to return to this on recross. In  
10 the meantime, you can try and fix the technical issues.

11 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. It's -- no. It's back.

12 THE COURT: OK.

13 MR. SCHULTE: It's back, so I don't know what we  
14 should do.

15 Q. So this data represents the data transferred, correct?

16 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Foundation.

17 THE COURT: I think that is a foundation question.  
18 You can answer, if you know.

19 A. In my understanding, it would appear to represent, at  
20 minimum, a subset of data transferred over the Verizon  
21 connection during that time period. Having never actually been  
22 presented this or been able to conduct my own analysis on it, I  
23 don't know really what I can answer about it.

24 Q. I mean we just opened it up and cut down to the relevant  
25 data, right?

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1 A. You reduced it down to the period from April 20 through May  
2 6, I believe, yes.

3 Q. OK. But this data is showing data that was both  
4 transmitted and received, correct?

5 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. Foundation.

6 THE COURT: Again, the witness can answer yes or no,  
7 or you don't know.

8 A. It does not appear to indicate that. There's a -- does not  
9 appear to indicate data both sent and received.

10 Q. You see a consistent IP address through all the source and  
11 destination address, correct?

12 A. I see IP addresses under the source address and destination  
13 address columns, yes.

14 Q. I'm saying this specific IP address, 71.178.235.3, you see  
15 that through all source and destination, all through it, right?

16 MR. LOCKARD: Objection. It's a 350,000-line  
17 spreadsheet.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 BY MR. SCHULTE:

20 Q. When Verizon, Verizon -- this is an exhibit provided by  
21 Verizon, as we've established, and it shows data from a  
22 specific IP address, correct?

23 A. It shows data that would be on the connection. However,  
24 you asked if it shows data sent and received, and from what I  
25 can see here, data is measured in the volume of data which

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1 would be normally indicated in bytes or some variation of.  
2 There's a singular column that says bytes. Normally, with a  
3 session of data, you are -- have a session that's open between  
4 two hosts and there's data sent, there's data received. In  
5 this case, just the total volume transferred between those two  
6 addresses, I don't know if that's an indication of from source  
7 to destination or if it's the total amount of data that was  
8 exchanged between both of those over that particular  
9 connection.

10 Q. OK. But acknowledging that this record is provided by  
11 Verizon, it accounts for both data transmitted and received,  
12 right?

13 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Berger, have you seen these Verizon  
15 records before?

16 THE WITNESS: I have not.

17 THE COURT: Are you familiar with what is included or  
18 not included in Verizon records?

19 THE WITNESS: I am not. I'm familiar with the general  
20 concept of NetFlow data, which can vary depending on the  
21 provider or device manufacturer.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 And we're going to be done with this line of  
24 questioning. If that's the last one, then we'll proceed with  
25 redirect. Anything else, Mr. Schulte?

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1 MR. SCHULTE: I just --

2 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, anything else?

3 MR. SCHULTE: Yes.

4 Q. I just want to establish that through your understanding of  
5 NetFlow logs in general, it's going to list all the data.

6 NetFlow log lists all the data, correct?

7 A. NetFlow logs generally list metadata. However, NetFlow  
8 logs can be -- the data that's within a NetFlow can be  
9 determined by who created it, specifically if there were a  
10 certain type of protocol included or excluded or certain types  
11 of activity. Without knowing exactly how they generated their  
12 NetFlow or what the parameters were, I can't speak to that.

13 Q. Well, without any specifics about what the provider, how  
14 the provider provides the data, you understand from NetFlow  
15 logs the type of data NetFlow logs represent, right?

16 A. Yes, NetFlow is the metadata about network connections.

17 Q. OK. So based on your knowledge of NetFlow logs, if we sum  
18 up all the bytes here, that would tell us the total amount of  
19 data transmitted and received, correct?

20 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Mr. Schulte, we're well beyond the scope here. All  
23 right? If you have one more question, I'll allow you to ask  
24 it. Otherwise, we'll proceed with redirect.

25 (Defendant conferred with standby counsel)

1 MR. SCHULTE: I just note for the Court this was one  
2 of the witnesses I wanted to go beyond the cross. If not, I  
3 can re-call him in the defense case.

4 THE COURT: All right. Well, we'll discuss that and  
5 proceed with redirect now.

6 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, if I may, do we expect to  
7 end at 2:45?

8 THE COURT: Well, I very much hope so. I'd like to  
9 stick to the schedule. How long do you expect the redirect to  
10 be?

11 MR. LOCKARD: I'm just looking for what time we expect  
12 to end. That's all.

13 THE COURT: 2:45.

14 MR. LOCKARD: Thank you.

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. LOCKARD:

17 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Berger.

18 A. Good afternoon.

19 Q. During your cross-examination, you were asked a number of  
20 questions about what forensic artifacts you did and did not  
21 find on the defendant's home computing computer equipment. Do  
22 you recall that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did you find forensic artifacts of CIA data on the  
25 defendant's home computers?

1 A. Not -- nothing other than the one reference to Brutal  
2 Kangaroo.

3 Q. OK. We'll come back to that.

4 Did you find forensic artifacts of the defendant's  
5 communications with WikiLeaks on his home computers?

6 A. I did not.

7 Q. Did you find forensic artifacts of the defendant's  
8 transmission of data to WikiLeaks on the defendant's home  
9 computers?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. What types of forensic artifacts would be relevant to those  
12 kinds of issues?

13 A. What types of artifacts would indicate that type of  
14 activity? Is that what you're asking?

15 MR. SCHULTE: Objection to form.

16 MR. LOCKARD: Let me rephrase.

17 If we could pull up Government Exhibit 1704, and if we  
18 could go to page 72.

19 Q. Did you find forensic artifacts of the defendant's  
20 downloading of the Tails live operating system?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. What is the effect of using the Tails live operating  
23 system?

24 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 A. It prevents anything from being retained as forensic  
2 artifacts on your hard drive.

3 MR. LOCKARD: If we can go to page 64, please.

4 Q. And is that, in fact, how Tails describes its own system?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Sustained as to form.

8 BY MR. LOCKARD:

9 Q. How does Tails describe the effect of using Tails on  
10 leaving traces on the computer you're using?

11 A. It specifically lists that it leaves no trace on the  
12 computers you are using unless you ask it implicitly.

13 Q. Can Tails be used on a desktop?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can Tails be used on a virtual machine?

16 A. I believe so.

17 Q. Would what effect would there be of using Tails on a  
18 virtual machine?

19 A. If you use Tails as a virtual machine, the operating system  
20 would boot again completely in memory. There would be some  
21 artifacts left on the host computer, the desktop, that you did,  
22 in fact, create a virtual machine from the Tails ISO files  
23 downloaded.

24 Q. What would be the effect of using Tails on the desktop  
25 itself?

1 A. There would be no artifacts left if you booted up off of  
2 Tails on the desktop.

3 MR. LOCKARD: If we can go to page 62 of Government  
4 Exhibit 1704.

5 Q. What does WikiLeaks recommend about Tails?

6 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

7 THE COURT: All right. It speaks for itself.

8 Next question.

9 BY MR. LOCKARD:

10 Q. You were asked some questions about TOR and whether there  
11 are legitimate uses of TOR and legitimate users of TOR?

12 A. Correct.

13 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 60.

14 Q. Is WikiLeaks one of those advocates of TOR?

15 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

16 THE COURT: Overruled.

17 A. Yes, WikiLeaks advises that in order to use their public  
18 submission system, that you need to download TOR and connect to  
19 their TOR hidden service URL.

20 Q. What is the effect of using a TOR browser of an  
21 investigator's ability to recover forensic artifacts of  
22 activity using TOR?

23 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Overruled.

25 A. Makes it very difficult.

1 Q. You were also asked some questions about the defendant's  
2 Google search history. Do you recall those questions?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And specifically, questions about whether the defendant had  
5 searched for or visited the WikiLeaks site using his Google  
6 account?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What, if any, forensic artifacts would be left using TOR to  
9 visit the WikiLeaks site?

10 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 A. The TOR browser is designed to leave as few forensic  
13 artifacts as possible.

14 THE COURT: Just to flesh that out, if someone used  
15 TOR to access WikiLeaks, would there be forensic artifacts of  
16 that, or no?

17 THE WITNESS: It's possible, but most likely no.

18 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 56 of  
19 Government Exhibit 1704.

20 Q. So here, on this page from WikiLeaks, there's a large URL  
21 there in the center. What is the significance of the dot-onion  
22 URL?

23 A. Again, the dot-onion URL indicates a TOR hidden service;  
24 that is, a website that is only accessible through the TOR  
25 network, and its actual location or server location is hidden

1 from the public internet.

2 Q. Can that website be accessed from Google Chrome?

3 A. It cannot, unless you are using Google Chrome over a TOR  
4 network.

5 MR. LOCKARD: If we can turn to page, I think, 112 of  
6 Government Exhibit 1704.

7 Q. Can you remind us which hard drive this is of the  
8 defendant's home computer equipment?

9 A. So, the forensic artifact is showing the MFT being  
10 re-created on a fifth, on the C drive, and the hard drive  
11 depicted there is the Samsung SSD that was the defendant's C  
12 drive.

13 Q. And there are some questions about the use of a RAID 5  
14 array. Is this hard drive part of the RAID 5 array?

15 A. It is not.

16 Q. And what is your conclusion about what happened on this  
17 drive on May 5 of 2016?

18 A. It was reformatted.

19 Q. And from your review of the defendant's user activity and  
20 other forensic artifacts, do you have an opinion about what  
21 happened before it was formatted?

22 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

23 THE COURT: Overruled.

24 A. I do.

25 Q. And what is that conclusion?

1 A. In my opinion, it was wiped before it was reformatted.

2 Q. The defendant asked you a number of questions about RAID 5  
3 arrays. That's the D drive of the defendant's computer, is  
4 that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What effect would it have if a RAID 5 array were newly  
7 installed or -- let's start with newly installed. What would  
8 happen with the data on the old RAID 5 array?

9 A. If you removed the -- if you removed drives from the RAID 5  
10 array and took the drives out, if you looked at any one of the  
11 individual drives, the drive -- the data would be completely  
12 recoverable because it's only a part of the data, since RAID 5  
13 strikes data across multiple drives.

14 Q. And what is your ability as a forensic investigator to  
15 recover data from that type of drive?

16 A. From a single drive, it would be impossible.

17 Q. Now, we looked at some -- you were asked a number of  
18 questions about the defendant's Google search history and  
19 whether there were consistent searches in other time periods?

20 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Overruled.

22 A. I believe so, yes.

23 MR. LOCKARD: If we could turn to page 102 of  
24 Government Exhibit 1704.

25 Q. You testified earlier about a number of searches the

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1 defendant conducted for Western Digital disk-wipe utility?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Are you familiar with any similar type of searches in time  
4 periods prior to April and May of 2016?

5 A. I am not.

6 MR. LOCKARD: If we could go to defense exhibit 1409  
7 and if we could go down to line -- I believe it's approximately  
8 1846 or '47 and scan the date field.

9 Q. OK. So the defendant asked you some questions about the  
10 dates on his TOR browser install folder. Do you recall those  
11 questions?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. I believe you were specifically directed to dates in  
14 October of 2015?

15 A. I was.

16 Q. What is the date on line 1847?

17 A. April 18, 2016.

18 Q. And what is the name of that folder?

19 A. That is the folder named .TOR-browser-en\install.

20 Q. Mr. Berger, you were asked some questions about the  
21 defendant's use of his home server. Do you recall those  
22 questions?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And questions about whether that was a shared server and  
25 whether there are various forms of media that are stored and

1 shared on that server. Do you recall those?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What type of internet throughput is required to share video  
4 and audio files?

5 A. Very high-speed connection.

6 MR. LOCKARD: Your Honor, if I could have just one  
7 moment, please?

8 Ms. Cooper, if we could please look at page 113 of  
9 Government Exhibit 1704.

10 Q. So, Mr. Berger, are there various events that happened  
11 between April 20, 2016, and May 5, 2016, that would impair your  
12 ability to recover forensic artifacts of the defendant's  
13 activities on his home computer?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is there evidence that the defendant used the portable  
16 eraser program Eraser Portable?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did the defendant use that program to securely delete a  
19 Brutal Kangaroo file?

20 A. Yes, he did.

21 Q. Were there other files that were queued for deletion but  
22 not erased through this Eraser Portable?

23 A. There were.

24 Q. Were you able to recover those files at all?

25 A. I was not.

1 Q. Did the defendant download Executioner?

2 A. He did.

3 Q. Did the defendant search for other disk-wiping utilities?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Including utilities for wiping solid state Samsung hard  
6 drives?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And on May 5, 2016, what is your conclusion about what the  
9 defendant did to his home computer?

10 A. He wiped and reformatted it.

11 Q. And we also looked at over a half-dozen other large  
12 internal hard drives that were --

13 MR. SCHULTE: Objection to form.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 BY MR. LOCKARD:

16 Q. Do you recall looking at Government Exhibits 1608 through  
17 1615?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What types of hard drives were those?

20 A. Those were internal SATA hard drives.

21 Q. Based on your review of those drives, was there any data  
22 stored on them?

23 A. There was not.

24 Q. Mr. Berger, who conducted the activity that led to your  
25 inability to recover forensic artifacts from that time period?

1 MR. SCHULTE: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 MR. LOCKARD: No further questions.

4 THE COURT: Briefly, any recross?

5 RECROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. SCHULTE:

7 Q. With respect to Tails, you said that there would be  
8 artifacts left on the virtual machine if it was ever booted  
9 into Tails, or if there were -- correct?

10 A. I testified that there would be artifacts left on the host  
11 machine if you created a virtual machine of Tails.

12 Q. And you found no such artifacts, correct?

13 A. No, because the system was reformatted.

14 Q. No, but you retained all the logs. All the logs were  
15 retained from that virtual machine, right?

16 A. If there was a Tails virtual machine, it would not have  
17 been retained if it wasn't preserved specifically.

18 Q. Well, about the virtual machine on the desktop, there was  
19 no artifacts that that machine was used to boot into Tails,  
20 correct?

21 A. You wouldn't be able to do that. You would set up a  
22 separate virtual machine to boot off the Tails ISO.

23 Q. Or you could boot from that virtual machine to boot to the  
24 ISO too, right?

25 A. You could theoretically do that, yes.

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1 Q. There were no artifacts of that, right?

2 A. Not that I recall, no.

3 Q. With respect to the WikiLeaks URL --

4 MR. SCHULTE: If we can pull up slide 56, I believe,  
5 from Government Exhibit 1704. Can you do it? Thank you.

6 Sorry.

7 Q. You testified that the WikiLeaks URL was needed to go to  
8 the TOR hidden service, correct?

9 A. Yes, WikiLeaks asked submitters to go to the dot-onion TOR  
10 hidden service.

11 Q. Which is represented here, right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And the way you would see that here is by visiting the  
14 WikiLeaks website from the regular internet, right?

15 A. I'm not sure if WikiLeaks had a dot-onion that showed their  
16 main website as well.

17 Q. Well, I mean to see this page, you have to use the regular  
18 internet to see this, right?

19 A. You might be able to see this page over TOR as well.

20 Q. If you don't know the dot-onion address, how would you do  
21 that?

22 A. I mean you would need to determine what it is first, yes.

23 Q. How do you guess this without knowing what it is?

24 A. You wouldn't guess it. You would have to be told either  
25 visiting and finding it out on the regular internet or someone

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1 telling you what it is.

2 Q. OK. And there were no searches or visits to WikiLeaks  
3 during April and May 2016, right?

4 A. I don't believe so.

5 Q. OK. Next, the solid state drive on slide 112, you said  
6 that your testimony is that this was -- this solid state drive  
7 was wiped, correct?

8 A. I believe I said it was my opinion that it was wiped and  
9 reformatted, yes.

10 MR. SCHULTE: Can you pull up slide 112.

11 Q. But your forensic, through your forensic analysis, you  
12 can't determine whether this was a brand-new hard drive being  
13 used for the first time, right?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. OK. So it may not have been wiped or reformatted at all;  
16 it may just be completely new, correct?

17 A. It's possible.

18 Q. OK. Next, slide 102, you said in April and May that there  
19 was wiping Google searches and not before, right?

20 A. I believe there were no searches specific to wiping drives  
21 prior to this time period.

22 Q. OK. But at this time solid state drives are relatively  
23 new, correct, 2016?

24 A. I honestly don't recall how much market share things like  
25 that had back in 2016.

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1 Q. OK. But once the devices became cheap enough for consumers  
2 to purchase, then searching for knowledge about those drives  
3 would be normal, right?

4 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 BY MR. SCHULTE:

7 Q. Once solid state drive technology became cheap enough,  
8 people would purchase those drives, right?

9 A. Yes, like any technology, the cheaper it gets, the more  
10 it's adapted.

11 Q. And you testified that the utilities needed to wipe those  
12 drives are different, right?

13 A. The recommended utilities are different, yes.

14 Q. OK. So it would be normal for a consumer to research that  
15 technology, right?

16 MR. LOCKARD: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MR. SCHULTE:

19 Q. You notice -- you noted in defense exhibit 1407 on line  
20 1847 the time of April 18, 2016, correct?

21 A. I'm not sure what you're referring to or what slide.

22 Q. I'm sorry. What you just talked about on your redirect.

23 THE COURT: I think it's 1409.

24 BY MR. SCHULTE:

25 Q. He showed you the spreadsheet of the TOR install, right?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. OK. And you saw the April 18, 2016, date, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So if TOR was accessed and used on April 18, 2016, then  
5 that field would be updated, right?

6 A. I believe that date and time was specific to the install  
7 folder, so once it was installed and you were using it after  
8 the fact, it wouldn't necessarily be updated.

9 Q. So those folders preceding it showed the 2015 dates,  
10 though, correct?

11 A. I'm -- I believe there were 2015 dates that you asked me  
12 about earlier. I don't remember exactly what the paths were of  
13 those.

14 Q. OK. We may come back to that.

15 As far as the Brutal Kangaroo folder goes, you don't know  
16 if there were actually any files in that directory, correct?

17 A. I do not.

18 Q. OK. So that could have been an empty directory, right?

19 A. Possible.

20 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Schulte, I'm going to ask  
21 you just to limit yourself to new questions since you covered  
22 all that on your main cross. I do want to finish this witness  
23 before the end of the day. We're on borrowed time now.

24 MR. SCHULTE: Just one or two questions, and that's  
25 it.

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1 Q. I believe the final question is with respect to the  
2 testimony about the wipe and reformat, just a clarification.  
3 Again, you can't tell whether or not the RAID was a new install  
4 or if the device was a new device, right?

5 A. Correct.

6 MR. SCHULTE: No further questions.

7 THE COURT: All right. Any re-redirect?

8 MR. LOCKARD: No, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Berger, you may step down.  
10 Please put your mask on.

11 (Witness excused)

12 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you  
13 for giving me four extra minutes. Obviously, it makes things a  
14 lot easier just to finish with Mr. Berger, and then we can  
15 start tomorrow with a new witness. We'll call it quits there  
16 for the day. Don't discuss the case with anyone, with each  
17 other. Don't communicate about the case. Don't do any  
18 research about the case. Continue to keep an open mind.

19 I'm sure you can almost recite it with me at this  
20 point, but that doesn't mean that it is not absolutely  
21 important to follow all those instructions. Obviously if  
22 anyone develops Covid symptoms or you test positive, please,  
23 please, please let us know, as your colleague did the other  
24 day, but I sincerely hope, in light of everybody's negative  
25 tests this morning, that that won't happen, and we'll continue

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1 same time tomorrow.

2           Reminder, if you could, would, repair to the District  
3 Executive's office on the eighth floor when you come in,  
4 they'll administer a rapid test. If you would prefer to do a  
5 rapid test at home, you're welcome to do that. I just think  
6 for the next few days better to err on the side of caution and  
7 make sure we're testing on a regular basis.

8           With that, I wish you a very pleasant afternoon and  
9 evening.

10           You are excused.

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1 (Jury not present)

2 THE COURT: You may be seated.

3 All right. I'm just going to surmise that there might  
4 be a need to redact some of the colloquy at one of the  
5 sidebars, so I would just direct the government to review the  
6 transcript expeditiously and propose any redactions that are  
7 necessary so that we can make it public and also allow  
8 Mr. Schulte to take it with him.

9 Anything to discuss?

10 MR. DENTON: Your Honor, I think just logistically in  
11 terms of where we are and what's happening with witnesses, I  
12 think the first question we had was whether the Court had any  
13 more inclination about pressing onward and sitting on July 5 or  
14 not.

15 THE COURT: Well, my thought was that I would raise it  
16 with you tomorrow or Wednesday, but you're preempting that.

17 MR. DENTON: So, your Honor, I think just to put it in  
18 context, we assume that, as the Court ordered on Friday, we  
19 would get a sort of set of tranches of the defense witnesses to  
20 start working on moving them up here. I expect that at the  
21 rate we're going, the government will probably -- we had very  
22 much hoped to rest this week. Given that we did not even start  
23 another witness today, I think we're probably looking at  
24 resting on the first day of next week at this point.

25 We're also starting to run into issues with witness

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1 availability on our side, so they're -- depending on how  
2 quickly we go, we have one witness, he's not available at all  
3 next week, we may have to ask to take out of order this week  
4 just to be able to get him in. I think that if we are going to  
5 continue at a pace where the cross-examination of every witness  
6 exceeds the length of the direct, we're going to start running  
7 into more and more of those problems. And so it's just  
8 starting to exceed what we had prepared witnesses to expect.

9 THE COURT: All right. How does that translate with  
10 respect to July 5? The situation is, I think, obvious. Right?  
11 We have three alternates at this point. We've lost one. If we  
12 sit on July 5, I think I probably do need to excuse juror No.  
13 8, in which case we'd be left with two alternates. I'm  
14 semiconfident that we would be OK, but we have seen in the last  
15 couple days that we may lose others as well.

16 MR. DENTON: I think, your Honor, we're honestly a  
17 little bit torn as between them. On the one hand, we don't  
18 want to lose an alternate. On the other hand, losing days at  
19 this point is almost as bad, and the longer this goes, the more  
20 likely we are to lose more jurors. And so I think we sort of  
21 commend the specific decision on the 5th to the Court's  
22 judgment in light of where the jury is and what the jurors are.  
23 But we just wanted to flag that, given the pace here, these  
24 concerns start to interact in not entirely helpful ways.

25 THE COURT: All right. Believe me, it's my desire to

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1 move things along as expeditiously as possible. I think that  
2 leaves me where I began, which is that I'm going to defer  
3 deciding that until tomorrow or the next day.

4 I should tell you it turns out that juror No. 13 -- I  
5 think I may have mentioned -- actually changed his plans when I  
6 asked them to but in doing so incurred some expenses, which he  
7 asked us to reimburse. I assumed that he was out of luck and  
8 would have to bear those himself, but it turns out that that  
9 might not be true; we might actually be able to reimburse him.  
10 Depending on what the scope of that authority is, maybe I can  
11 offer that to juror No. 8 as well and this problem, or at least  
12 one portion of it, goes away. Let me look into that and  
13 revisit it tomorrow or the next day, when we'll have a better  
14 sense of the pace.

15 I take it, am I correct, the next two witnesses are  
16 both subject to the courtroom closure protocols? Is that  
17 correct?

18 MR. DENTON: Yes, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. Tomorrow morning we'll begin  
20 with those protocols in place. I assume that the CISO and the  
21 marshals will implement them. Obviously overflow will be  
22 available with the restrictions on video that I previously  
23 authorized. Anything else to raise?

24 From the government's perspective.

25 MR. DENTON: No, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte.

2 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. I had four or five things I think  
3 it's important to establish before we go into the next witness.

4 I think starting with this witness, the government's  
5 going to start to introduce the MCC conduct, so I wanted to  
6 raise that the government provided a late exhibit, 820-224,  
7 which is a 70-second video recorded by the government's  
8 confidential source. And he records another inmate using a  
9 cell phone, and I'm kind of in the background there. I wanted  
10 to note that this -- there's no reason, this video's very  
11 prejudicial because there's no reason for the government to  
12 show it. I don't know why the government provided it late or  
13 what the reason is for that.

14 THE COURT: When did you receive it?

15 MR. SCHULTE: I received it June 14. I don't think --  
16 the lateness is kind of a minor issue, but I think the point is  
17 it wasn't provided before, so there was no litigation of it  
18 before until now.

19 MR. LOCKARD: I think there's a little record  
20 clarification, your Honor.

21 224 is not a new exhibit. It is a replacement of the  
22 prior version, which was lower data size and lower quality.  
23 224 is the higher quality version of the video. But that video  
24 was introduced at the prior trial.

25 THE COURT: So it's the same video as what -- was it

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1 differently numbered before?

2 MR. LOCKARD: It's the same number. It's just the  
3 higher quality of video instead of the lower quality.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 That sounds like a nonissue, Mr. Schulte. Do you  
6 dispute that?

7 MR. SCHULTE: It may be. I just, I never received  
8 820-224 from the initial exhibits. I don't know what it was in  
9 the previous one. But I think the issue is more the contents  
10 of the video. It's prejudicial. It doesn't show me doing  
11 anything. It just shows me in prison, so I don't think there's  
12 any legitimate reason for the government to show it.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 Mr. Lockard.

15 MR. LOCKARD: I have to confess I don't recall the  
16 particulars of that video, but it's certainly something that we  
17 can review, and if it's something we can avoid an issue about,  
18 maybe we'll decline to introduce it. But let's take a look at  
19 it first.

20 THE COURT: All right. You know better than I where  
21 and how you were planning to use it. If there's a reason for  
22 it, I'm open to hearing it, but if all it does is show that  
23 Mr. Schulte's in prison, I don't think there's much point to  
24 it. Why doesn't the government alert Mr. Schulte and me before  
25 it uses it, and then we can hash it out further.

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1           Next.

2           MR. SCHULTE: The next thing I wanted to raise is the  
3 next witness, Weber, was one of the witnesses that I notified  
4 the Court about going beyond the cross, so I'm not sure how  
5 long the government intends to have him testify on direct, but  
6 if I'm able to get in all of the evidence that I'd like to  
7 through this witness, it would substantially cut down any  
8 witnesses that I would call. So it would make the defense case  
9 much shorter. So I don't know -- and after this witness, I  
10 expect the others to be much shorter as to cross and stuff like  
11 that. So I don't know -- I just want to notify the Court. I  
12 don't know if the Court would rather me re-call the witness,  
13 or --

14           THE COURT: No. In general, I would rather you go  
15 beyond the scope and deal with whatever testimony you wish to  
16 elicit when he's on the stand, particularly as to the next  
17 witness, who is subject to the courtroom-closure protocols. So  
18 I appreciate your giving me a heads-up on that and certainly  
19 hope that after this witness the crosses do become shorter.

20           Go ahead.

21           MR. SCHULTE: OK. The next issue is the MCC notebooks  
22 that the government provided. I think there's Federal Rule of  
23 Evidence 106, which requires introduction of the remaining  
24 pages. So the government selected a couple pages from several  
25 of the exhibits, and I would like to introduce more of the

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1 notebooks to be able to show it in context and also colored  
2 versions of the cover. So I don't know if the Court's  
3 inclination is to have me have defense exhibits named the same  
4 thing or if the government and defense should just have a  
5 combined exhibit of those.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Lockard.

7 MR. LOCKARD: Well, those notebooks are the  
8 defendant's statements, so I don't think they're admissible by  
9 him as a defense exhibit in any event. They're also heavily  
10 redacted principally due to the assertion of attorney-client  
11 privilege, which was not litigated; it was just accepted. So  
12 it's not likely that he can even introduce the entire notebook  
13 unless he's going to waive privilege at this point. And he has  
14 not identified what particular portions of these documents are  
15 required for completeness, so I think our position is we  
16 object.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 Mr. Schulte, I think I'm inclined to agree with  
19 Mr. Lockard, at least the last point, which is that I don't  
20 think Rule 106 provides an avenue to introduce the notebooks in  
21 their entirety unless you can demonstrate that that is  
22 necessary to understand the portions that the government is  
23 admitting and that it's required out of fairness, etc., which I  
24 find hard to believe that you would be able to sustain as to  
25 the notebooks as a whole. Whether there are particular

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1 portions of it to put the excerpts that are coming into  
2 evidence in context is a different question, but I think the  
3 onus is on you to identify those and show them to the  
4 government and, if there's any dispute, to present it to me to  
5 decide whether it is actually admissible under Rule 106.

6 MR. SCHULTE: Yeah, so I provided the government  
7 copies of the entire notebooks, and then recently, I cut down  
8 and selected the specific portions that I think are relevant.  
9 Specifically, for example, "Malware of the Mind" document, a  
10 lot of it is talking about the criminal justice system, and  
11 they picked out, like, one or two points which don't establish  
12 anything at all the about what the point of the document is.

13 THE COURT: Can I ask a question. When are these  
14 documents, the excerpts coming into evidence? I assume it's  
15 not through the next witness. Or it is?

16 MR. LOCKARD: The next witness is going to talk about  
17 some particular aspects of what's in the notebooks.

18 THE COURT: OK.

19 Mr. Schulte, you're saying that you did identify for  
20 the government excerpts that you believe are admissible under  
21 Rule 106?

22 MR. SCHULTE: I initially provided them the entire  
23 exhibits, but today, I provided them -- I cut down the specific  
24 portions that I thought were relevant to show.

25 THE COURT: OK.

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1           Mr. Lockard, have you seen those?

2           MR. LOCKARD: I think we've seen the disk. I don't  
3 think we've seen the documents.

4           THE COURT: All right. I think we need to take it one  
5 step at a time. Obviously, the government should review those.  
6 If there's no objection, then it's one thing. If there is an  
7 objection, then we'll have to hash it out, but I do think that  
8 this is something that should've been done pretrial, likely  
9 through motions *in limine*. Given that the admissibility of  
10 these documents, in whole, in part, the privileged nature of  
11 them or lack thereof, so on and so forth, have been litigated  
12 over and over and over, it should not have come as a surprise  
13 that the government was introducing portions of it, and if you  
14 thought other portions should have been admitted out of  
15 fairness, I really think it was incumbent upon you to identify  
16 those earlier in the process. Be that as it may, the  
17 government will review it and we'll discuss it tomorrow.

18           Next.

19           MR. SCHULTE: And then one other thing about the  
20 redactions is I wanted to note for the Court, specifically,  
21 Government Exhibit 806 page 2, that the government redacted a  
22 portion of the notebook that shows that this was intended for  
23 Judge Crotty, but this wasn't redacted pursuant to privilege  
24 and it wasn't redacted pursuant to classification. It was  
25 redacted after the fact, so I think that that redaction should

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1 be taken out of the document. I don't know if the government's  
2 been able to review that yet, but I noticed it to the  
3 government.

4 The production provided to me in unclassified  
5 discovery shows the specific statement, which is something --  
6 something to your Honor, some statement about that. So that  
7 was never redacted for privilege. It wasn't classified. And  
8 then, and the government didn't redact it for its exhibits.

9 THE COURT: This is in Government Exhibit 806, you  
10 said?

11 MR. SCHULTE: 806, page 2, yes.

12 THE COURT: Page 2 in the PDF? It seems to be page 40  
13 of 95 in the PDF.

14 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. Page 2 in the exhibit but page  
15 whatever it is in the overall.

16 THE COURT: OK. I am not seeing it as redacted here.  
17 I don't know what Mr. Schulte's talking about, but Mr. Lockard,  
18 can you enlighten me?

19 MR. DENTON: Your Honor, there were a number of  
20 redactions that were taken at the request of the defendant's  
21 prior counsel, including references like that and references to  
22 child pornography and other references that were not for  
23 privilege or classification. So I can't say I remember that  
24 one in particular, but we got a long list of previously active  
25 counsel of things to redact there, so I imagine that's what

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1 that is.

2 THE COURT: To the extent Mr. Schulte is asking you to  
3 revisit this particular one, do you have a position on it, or  
4 do you want to review it?

5 MR. DENTON: I'd certainly like to review it, your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. Why don't you take a look at  
8 that, and if you have no objection to unredacting whatever he's  
9 referring to, then I suppose let's prepare a new version.

10 Mr. Schulte, do you want to make clear precisely what  
11 you're talking about, or did you present that to the  
12 government?

13 MR. SCHULTE: I can quote the sentence if that's  
14 helpful.

15 THE COURT: Where does it appear on the page? There  
16 are three redaction blocks here?

17 MR. SCHULTE: I believe it's at the top, says  
18 something to the effect of there's been no reason over the past  
19 year that we should not have access, something like -- that's  
20 how it starts.

21 THE COURT: All right. The government should review  
22 that. And again if there's no dispute, great. If there is, I  
23 will resolve it.

24 Anything else, Mr. Schulte?

25 MR. DENTON: I'm sorry, your Honor. I can say having

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1 looked at it we will object to that. It's the defendant's own  
2 statement that prosecutors have lied and that evidence was  
3 withheld from him. Even putting aside the privilege issue  
4 about whether it was addressed to the Court, we think it's  
5 obviously inadmissible.

6 MR. SCHULTE: The relevance is that the statement  
7 that's made right after that line is being included into the  
8 letter to the judge. So to the fact that the government wants  
9 to show that, they should show the entire letter or they should  
10 redact that whole page.

11 THE COURT: All right. Maybe my law clerk can  
12 enlighten me, but does anyone know where I can find the  
13 unredacted version of this page so that I can review the  
14 entirety of it in context?

15 MR. LOCKARD: We can provide it if you don't already  
16 have a copy of it.

17 THE COURT: All right. I think we have a paper copy.  
18 I suppose if you have it in electronic form and it can be  
19 transmitted electronically, then it might facilitate things.  
20 But if not, we'll recover the paper copy.

21 MR. LOCKARD: Yes, your Honor. Ms. Cooper can make  
22 that happen.

23 THE COURT: Great.

24 Thank you, Ms. Cooper.

25 Anything else, Mr. Schulte?

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1 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. A couple of other things.

2 With this next witness, I may need to reference  
3 classified exhibit 1, so I'm not sure how the Court wants to  
4 handle that. I wanted to bring it to your attention.

5 THE COURT: Well, I think the devil is in the details  
6 of what reference means.

7 MR. SCHULTE: Yes.

8 THE COURT: To the extent that the request is to  
9 display any portions of it, I think we've litigated that  
10 question.

11 MR. SCHULTE: I'm sorry?

12 THE COURT: I said to the extent that the request is  
13 to display portions of it, I think that we have litigated that  
14 question and it's not necessary. But what do you intend to do  
15 with it?

16 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. The pages about the Bartender that  
17 were never declassified, I would like to go through those  
18 issues. So I -- I think that the Court denied the application  
19 pursuant to CIPA to declassify the information. So it's still  
20 classified, so I wanted to be able to reference that with the  
21 witness.

22 MR. DENTON: Obviously, your Honor, he can't elicit  
23 classified information that was not noticed and approved by the  
24 Court. The fact that some portion of it is in evidence as a  
25 classified exhibit does not give him license to just simply

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1 declare it in court.

2 MR. SCHULTE: My understanding was that it was  
3 admitted as classified exhibit and we would use the silent  
4 witness rule to go through that information in some manner.  
5 That was my understanding. Is that not the case?

6 THE COURT: I think if you intended to elicit it and  
7 elicit testimony about it, that was definitely something that  
8 you had to notice prior to trial, because it does raise  
9 obviously significant issues, and the silent witness rule with  
10 respect to actual testimony is very different than admitting  
11 the exhibit, which I've approved, for reasons that I've laid  
12 out in an opinion already. But excluding the public from a  
13 courtroom altogether for testimony of a witness is a very, very  
14 different matter and raises entirely different things, and to  
15 the extent that you wanted to do that, it was incumbent upon  
16 you to notice it before trial and for us to litigate the  
17 permissibility and extent of which you were allowed to do that,  
18 and you didn't. And I certainly didn't approve doing it. So I  
19 think that ship has sailed, and you may not.

20 MR. SCHULTE: No. We did litigate it, but you denied  
21 it.

22 THE COURT: OK. That sort of makes it a worse  
23 situation for you rather than a better, so I think that --

24 MR. SCHULTE: You denied the declassification of it,  
25 but my understanding was I could still, because it's in

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1 evidence and I could still reference that. Is that not the  
2 case?

3 THE COURT: That is not the case. I think that was  
4 quite clear from all of the litigation over the admission of  
5 Government Exhibit 1 -- that being admitted as a classified  
6 exhibit meant it was not being discussed in the courtroom, and  
7 if you had any intention of eliciting testimony about any  
8 portions of it, we did litigate that. I would have to go back  
9 to my ruling to see exactly what you're referring to and  
10 whether you noticed it or not, but I certainly didn't approve  
11 any request, so either you didn't notice it or I denied it.  
12 And in either case you're not doing it.

13 So what's next?

14 MR. SCHULTE: OK. The next thing I wanted to raise is  
15 I think we discussed it a little bit with the IRC chats that  
16 are admitted, were not admitted with year and so it's very  
17 misleading to the jury. And also, as I said before, that  
18 there's massive, like, 1,200 pages and a thousand pages on  
19 several exhibits and I sent a letter to the government about  
20 it, but I don't think that's been resolved so to the degree  
21 that these are going to be coming in, I just think we should  
22 resolve that now, unless the government intends to not object.

23 THE COURT: Can somebody tell me what exhibit we're  
24 talking about?

25 MR. LOCKARD: These are the 1405-1, etc., series of

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1 exhibits. Mr. Schulte did raise this by letter in sort of work  
2 flow management of issues. We had not yet resolved it, because  
3 it was not coming up over the last couple weeks of trial, but  
4 we expect to be able to resolve it. No. 1, I think we will  
5 probably withdraw a couple of those exhibits, and No. 2, with  
6 respect to dates, we think we will resolve that issue through  
7 future witness testimony.

8 THE COURT: All right. Great. Doesn't sound like  
9 there's anything for me to weigh in on just yet, but obviously,  
10 please let Mr. Schulte know as soon as you know which of these  
11 you're withdrawing. And otherwise, with respect to the year  
12 issue, I'll wait and see what sort of foundation is laid. With  
13 respect to any particular ones being either irrelevant or  
14 prejudicial, we'll take that up after the government reports to  
15 Mr. Schulte which it's withdrawing.

16 So, Mr. Schulte, the burden's on the government first  
17 to clarify what they intend to do and then, Mr. Schulte, on you  
18 to raise any objections with respect to whatever remains.

19 What's next?

20 MR. SCHULTE: Yes. Does the Court want to go through  
21 the issue with the last exhibit I had and Mr. Berger, any of  
22 that now, or you want to defer to that some other time?

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1           THE COURT: I'm happy to do it now. I mean, obviously  
2 if you have any application to recall Mr. Berger you can make  
3 that application but I think there were two issues, one of  
4 which was scope but, as you pointed out, to the extent that he  
5 was one of the witnesses you had previously identified that he  
6 wished to go beyond the scope of that is a fair point and I  
7 appreciate your reminding me of that.

8           The other issue is that I don't think he was a  
9 competent witness to testify about that exhibit. He indicated  
10 that he was not familiar with that particular exhibit, he was  
11 not familiar with that, with how Verizon reported or maintained  
12 its NetFlow log. He was very clear that different providers do  
13 it differently so I think attempting to use him to explain an  
14 exhibit that he was very clear that he was not familiar with  
15 was not proper and I don't see how you can recall him to do  
16 that given that, again, he said he wasn't familiar with it.

17           MR. SCHULTE: Yes. So I think he was playing games a  
18 little bit about it because the NetFlow logs were very clear  
19 but I can call a Verizon witness to --

20           THE COURT: I mean, the exhibit is in evidence. To  
21 the extent that it doesn't require an expert to opine or  
22 explain it then you can argue from it. To the extent that it  
23 does require someone to interpret the records, Mr. Berger  
24 wasn't the proper witness to do it because he said he wasn't  
25 familiar with it. Now, you may argue that that was incredible

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1 testimony. You can argue that to the jury, if you wish, that's  
2 the jury's prerogative to decide but given that that was his  
3 testimony, it was improper to try and use him to try and  
4 elucidate what was in the logs.

5 MR. SCHULTE: I think Mr. Berger is in the room right  
6 now so we may just have to address it later.

7 THE COURT: Why don't I ask Mr. Berger to step out and  
8 then we can continue to address it.

9 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

10 THE COURT: He has stepped out.

11 MR. SCHULTE: OK, so I think what I would intend to do  
12 is introduce evidence about what a NetFlow log is, the  
13 information he should already know, especially if he is working  
14 on the investigation. As Mr. Leedom testified, it is the  
15 primary document that you would review so the fact that he  
16 doesn't know what this is is just not realistic, so showing him  
17 technical definition of NetFlow or even recalling Mr. Leedom  
18 because Mr. Leedom seemed to talk about it and understand the  
19 technical details of it, but the point was to call one of the  
20 government witnesses to go through this document.

21 THE COURT: OK, but he testified that he did know what  
22 NetFlow was, he answered that question, and he explained that  
23 different providers record it differently, and without knowing  
24 more he wouldn't be able to interpret that document. So it  
25 seems to me that you have gotten out of Mr. Berger what you

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1 could get out of him on that subject. And, again, maybe there  
2 is a witness that you can call as part of your case to elicit  
3 more for or make more of those records, but I don't think that  
4 recalling Mr. Berger is the proper course.

5 You had ample opportunity to ask those questions of  
6 Mr. Leedom. The fact that you didn't, that ship has sailed.

7 MR. SCHULTE: So I think the problem may be then we  
8 discussed a little bit about my testimony and how I would  
9 testify as an expert, or if the document requires expert  
10 testimony so that may be an issue. When I am testifying I  
11 could testify to what the document is and what it would show,  
12 but if that --

13 THE COURT: That sure sounds like expert testimony to  
14 me and I don't think you noticed any expert testimony of your  
15 own before trial.

16 MR. SCHULTE: I don't think as a defendant that I am  
17 required to show expert testimony until I am about to make the  
18 decision to testify, it was my understanding, unless there is  
19 some other case precedent or something.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Denton, you are standing which  
21 suggests that you have something to say.

22 MR. DENTON: I just wanted to note, your Honor, that I  
23 think there is a little bit of gamesmanship happening here. We  
24 informed the defendant when we agreed to stipulate to the  
25 authenticity of the records that we did believe that these were

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1 records that required expert testimony to interpret them and  
2 that no notice of any kind had been given to that effect so I  
3 think that's largely why we are playing this game here. Also,  
4 there is no exception to the expert notice rule for the  
5 defendant. He can make the decision whether or not to testify  
6 but if he intends to offer expert conclusions he is subject to  
7 the same notice rules as anybody else.

8 THE COURT: All right. I confess I have never  
9 researched that particular legal question but it would surprise  
10 me if that were not the law. Mr. Schulte, if you think it is  
11 otherwise I am certainly glad for you to point me to authority,  
12 but otherwise I would think you are subject to the same  
13 requirements as any expert. Obviously noticing an expert  
14 doesn't mean that you are committing to call the expert, it  
15 just means that you are putting the government on notice of  
16 your intent and if there are any issues to litigate about the  
17 expertise or scope of testimony, then it permits the government  
18 to do it but it doesn't bind you to testify, it just requires  
19 that you provide notice.

20 MR. SCHULTE: So I think the issue is basically  
21 surrounding this document is the defense never believed that  
22 there is any expert testimony required. If you saw in the  
23 field there is a bytes field, it shows the amount of data  
24 that's been transferred or received. If you add all of that up  
25 it is significantly smaller than 200 gigabytes so the

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1 government's case is not possible. All it takes is adding  
2 up -- I noticed this to the Court in an *ex parte* letter but if  
3 you just add up those fields in Excel through a sum add, then  
4 that gives you the number. It was never something that we  
5 believed required expert testimony to add numbers together.

6 THE COURT: I think it does require expert testimony  
7 to explain that that's what that column means and I don't think  
8 that that's within a layperson's understanding. And you tried  
9 to do that with Mr. Berger but his answer was that he is not  
10 familiar with these particular documents or how Verizon does  
11 it.

12 I also would point out -- the government can correct  
13 me if I am wrong -- I don't think the government has --  
14 granted, the government doesn't have any smoking gun evidence  
15 of how the data was transmitted if you transmitted it to  
16 WikiLeaks but I don't think the government has actually taken a  
17 definitive view on how you transmitted it. I think their view  
18 is that, for instance, you explored, I would imagine, the use  
19 of Tails and TOR but it may well be that, as Mr. Berger  
20 testified, that you didn't finish the job that way because it  
21 was a large file and it wouldn't have been feasible to do it  
22 for precisely the way you are describing, and that you availed  
23 yourself of some other transmission that wouldn't be  
24 inconsistent with that. So in that sense, I'm not sure it,  
25 quote unquote, proves the impossibility of the government's

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1 theory.

2 MR. SCHULTE: I think it goes to the indictment and  
3 specifically the time frame that the government has alleged.  
4 You can't just say, well, at some random time this data was  
5 transmitted. So specifically showing that this time and data  
6 wasn't transmitted it there or even expanding it to other times  
7 it just goes to the defense's case. How the government chooses  
8 to respond to that is up to the government, but I still think  
9 it is a very strong point to the defense and -- to the degree  
10 of interpreting the documents I think the problem is Verizon  
11 never provided any data and the way that that flow log worked,  
12 this is how it should be -- there is only one way it should be  
13 interpreted. So I'm not sure -- I don't know what can be done  
14 with that, but. I mean, if Verizon is not providing any notice  
15 or any information about how to interpret it then the point is  
16 you should use standard measurements for how NetFlow works, in  
17 general.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Schulte, I think this is a problem of  
19 your own making. You didn't notice your own expert and it  
20 doesn't sound like right now you have an intention to call a  
21 Verizon expert. What you did, you tried to use the  
22 government's expert to basically do that work for you and it  
23 turns out that Mr. Berger, whether credibly or not -- I don't  
24 know, it is up to you and the jury -- you to argue and for the  
25 jury to decide -- said he is not familiar with these and wasn't

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1 in a position to opine about them.

2 So I'm not saying you can't make use of this. I'm not  
3 saying you can't make this argument. But, it is incumbent upon  
4 you to do what you need to do to make it so if that means  
5 calling an expert, whether it is too late for not is a  
6 different question. Whether it means calling a witness from  
7 Verizon who may simply be able to say what the data means then  
8 you can make the argument, or whether it means that you can  
9 simply argue from a document separate questions. But, to the  
10 extent that the question is whether you can recall Mr. Berger  
11 to try and elicit it from him, I think you have extracted from  
12 him what there was to extract and there is nothing further to  
13 do.

14 MR. SCHULTE: OK.

15 I think a Verizon witness who interprets records is  
16 not considered an expert though, right?

17 THE COURT: I think if you call a Verizon witness who  
18 says these are Verizon records and who says this is what each  
19 of these fields means, that would not be expert testimony. To  
20 the extent that that allows you to make an argument to the jury  
21 that adding that up would reveal the maximum amount of data  
22 that was transmitted over your network in that period of time,  
23 it doesn't -- isn't big enough to correspond to this, I suppose  
24 you can make that argument. It does sound to me like there are  
25 steps in that argument that would probably require some sort of

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1 expertise but I don't know, we are not there yet. Certainly --  
2 government, you can tell me if you disagree -- I think having a  
3 Verizon witness testify just as a matter of factually what each  
4 of those columns means would not be expert testimony. How that  
5 translates is a different story and may or may not require  
6 another level of expertise.

7 Any disagreement with that?

8 MR. DENTON: No, your Honor, although again I would  
9 note the defendant has been the one who has been asking for  
10 stipulations and all of that. We thought we were making life  
11 easier this way. If he now wants to start calling records  
12 custodians we are going to be in a whole different ball game.

13 THE COURT: Understood. Maybe there is a stipulation  
14 to be had here since Mr. Schulte wasn't able to get from  
15 Mr. Berger what he wanted. If his plan would be to call a  
16 Verizon witness and there is no dispute about what that witness  
17 would say, then maybe the parties would stipulate to that. But  
18 I think that is sort of where we are on this issue.

19 Anything further on that, Mr. Schulte?

20 MR. SCHULTE: No. I think that's it.

21 THE COURT: Anything further at all?

22 MR. LOCKARD: Not from the government, your Honor.

23 MR. SCHULTE: No. Nothing further.

24 THE COURT: All right. So a few issues to revisit  
25 tomorrow. Again, just reminder for the government to review

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1 the transcript today as quickly as possible, and if you have  
2 stakeholders you need to do that, make sure they do it.

3 I will see you tomorrow at the same time, same place.

4 Thank you.

5 (Adjourned to June 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.)

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