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CAUSE NO. 2018-06745

FREE AND SOVEREIGN STATE OF) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
 VERACRUZ DE IGNANCIO DE LA)
 LLAVE,) 334 JUDICIAL DISTRICT
)
 vs.) HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
)
 18 SHALLOWFORD PL., LLC)
 JAVIER DUARTE DE OCHOA, JOSE)
 A. BANDIN, and MONICA BABAYAN,)
)
 Defendants.)
 _____)
 DEPOSITION OF JOSE BANDIN

Taken on behalf of Plaintiff

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August 7, 2018
 Calle de Moratin, 53
 28014, Madrid, Spain

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1 MADRID, SPAIN, MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018
 2 9:00 a.m.
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 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. This is
 5 the beginning of Media number 1, Volume 1 in the
 6 video deposition of Jose A. Bandin being held at
 7 the officers of Radisson Blu Prado, Plaza
 8 Plateria de Martinez, 53, 28014, Madrid in Spain.
 9 This is being taken on the 7th of August, 2018 at
 10 9:02 a.m. as indicated on the video screen. This
 11 deposition is being taken in the matter of Free
 12 and Sovereign State of Veracruz De Ignacio La
 13 Llave against 18 Shallowford, P.L, dot, comma,
 14 LLC, Javier Duarte De Ochoa, Jose Bandin and
 15 Monica Babayan. Case number 2018-06745 being
 16 heard before the District Court of the 334th
 17 Judicial District, Harris County, Texas.
 18 The court reporter today is Rachel McRoy
 19 of Ross Reporting Services. My name is David
 20 Erdos, and I'm the official videographer here
 21 also on behalf Ross Reporting Performances. The
 22 standby interpreter is Stephen Carlin of
 23 Transatlantic Video Deposition Services.
 24 Would Counsel now please introduce
 25 themselves and who they represent?



1 plaintiff.
 2 MR. BRAR: Jas Brar on behalf of the
 3 defendants.
 4 THE REPORTER: Do you swear or affirm the
 5 testimony you will give will be the truth, the
 6 whole truth and nothing but the truth?
 7 Thereupon,
 8 Deposition taken before Rachel M. Mcroy,
 9 Notary Public, in the above cause.
 10 THE WITNESS: I do.
 11 THE REPORTER: I need to swear in the
 12 Interpreter. Do you swear or affirm to translate from
 13 English to Spanish and from Spanish to English to the
 14 best of your ability?
 15 Thereupon,
 16 The Interpreter, STEPHEN CARLIN, was sworn to translate
 17 from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English.
 18 THE INTERPRETER: I do.
 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION
 20 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 21 Q. Sir, will you tell the Ladies and Gentlemen of
 22 the Jury your name, please.
 23 A. My name is Jose Antonio Bandin.
 24 Q. And, sir, what is your current address?
 25 A. The street name is Jorge Juan No. 15 2A Valencia,

1 don't have to go through that each time, do we?
 2 MR. BRAR: Same as when you ask the
 3 question every time --
 4 MR. LEAVITT: I will stipulate it if you
 5 just want to say I would like to take the Fifth
 6 and you can say I will take my lawyer's advice,
 7 so we don't have to do that read on of the case
 8 law and all that.
 9 MR. BRAR: Yeah. If we can stipulate that
 10 the same running instruction throughout the
 11 deposition every time, yeah, I will shorten it
 12 down, but it will be the same as first one.
 13 MR. LEAVITT: Understood. This is not
 14 trickery. I have a limited number of hours to
 15 get through, and I know we would all like to
 16 hurry through this, especially since we know what
 17 the answers are going to be. If you can shorten
 18 it, I expect him to take the Fifth. If you
 19 agree, I am not going to make any legal -- that
 20 you waive the instruction. That's just a lot of
 21 talking to say I take the Fifth.
 22 THE WITNESS: Correct, yes.
 23 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 24 Q. We're taking this deposition in Spain because if
 25 you return to Mexico you would be arrested, correct?

1 Spain zip code 46004.
 2 Q. Yes, sir. And your wife is Monica Babayan,
 3 right?
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. We're taking this deposition in Spain, sir,
 6 because you have been indicted in Mexico, correct?
 7 MR. BRAR: Objection. I instruct my
 8 witness that any answer by you to this question
 9 could possibly permit someone to use and to
 10 misuse your answer or combined your answer with
 11 something else in a way that would violate your
 12 rights under the Fifth Amendment and the U.S.
 13 Constitution and the Supreme Court's decision in
 14 Ohio v. Reiner under certain laws of your country
 15 or under certain international conventions. I,
 16 therefore, advise and instruct you, as your
 17 lawyer, that you are not to answer this question.
 18 Please confirm to Mr. Leavitt that you've heard
 19 and understand my advice and instruction and that
 20 you will follow my instruction and will not
 21 answer the question.
 22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 23 question under the counsel of my lawyer, and I
 24 take the Fifth Amendment to protect my rights.
 25 MR. LEAVITT: Yes, sir. And I hope we

1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
 2 answer this question because it violates his
 3 rights of the Fifth Amendment certain laws and
 4 international conventions, so I advise you not to
 5 answer his question.
 6 THE WITNESS: So I refuse to answer the
 7 question under the counsel of my lawyer to
 8 protect my rights under the Fifth Amendment.
 9 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 10 Q. We're taking this deposition in Spain because
 11 after negotiating a plea bargain with the government of
 12 Veracruz you fled from Mexico to Spain, correct?
 13 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
 14 answer the question because it would violate his
 15 rights of the Fifth Amendment and other laws of
 16 his country or international conventions; I,
 17 therefore, advise him not to answer this
 18 question.
 19 THE WITNESS: So I refuse to answer this
 20 question under counsel of my lawyer under the
 21 Fifth Amendment.
 22 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 23 Q. You met with Governor Yunes in a hotel room in
 24 Mexico City and agreed return the properties that you had
 25 purchased with stolen money, correct?

1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
2 answer this question because it would violate his
3 rights under the Fifth Amendment and certain laws
4 of his country or international convention,
5 therefore I advise him not to answer this
6 question.

7 THE WITNESS: I will refuse to answer the
8 question under the counsel of my lawyer and to
9 protect my rights under the Fifth Amendment.

10 BY MR. LEAVITT:

11 Q. You agreed to return these properties because
12 they had been stolen -- they had been purchased with
13 stolen money -- stolen from the state of Veracruz,
14 correct?

15 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
16 answer this question because it violates his
17 rights under the Fifth Amendment of U.S.
18 Constitution and certain laws of his country or
19 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
20 him not to answer the question. I think I have
21 been jumping in to quickly because I don't think
22 the question is being translated, so let me wait
23 for you to translate it and then I will jump in.
24 Sorry about that. I have been jumping in.

25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the

1 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my
2 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment.

3 BY MR. LEAVITT:

4 Q. You were a childhood friend of Moises Mansur,
5 correct?

6 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
7 answer this question because it violates his
8 rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain laws of
9 his country or international convention. I,
10 therefore, instruct him not to answer this
11 question.

12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
13 question under the counsel of my lawyer to
14 protect my constitutional rights under the Fifth
15 Amendment.

16 BY MR. LEAVITT:

17 Q. Mr. Mansur was a college friend of Javier Duarte,
18 right?

19 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
20 answer this question because it violates his
21 rights under the Fifth Amendment and
22 international conventions; I, therefore, instruct
23 him not to answer this question.

24 THE WITNESS: So I refuse to answer that
25 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my

1 question under the counsel of my lawyer and under
2 my Fifth Amendment rights.

3 BY MR. LEAVITT:

4 Q. You agreed to return well over \$20 million,
5 correct?

6 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
7 answer this question because it violates his
8 Fifth Amendment rights and certain laws of his
9 country or international conventions; I,
10 therefore, advise, him as his lawyer, not to
11 answer this question.

12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
13 question under the counsel of my lawyer and under
14 my constitutional rights including the Fifth
15 Amendment.

16 BY MR. LEAVITT:

17 Q. After agreeing to return the money you decided
18 not to and then you fled to Spain, correct?

19 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
20 answer this question because it would violate his
21 rights under the Fifth Amendment and certain laws
22 of his country of international convention, so I,
23 therefore, advise him not to answer this
24 question.

25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the

1 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment.

2 BY MR. LEAVITT:

3 Q. And you became a friend of Javier Duarte,
4 correct?

5 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
6 answer this question because it would violate his
7 rights under the Fifth Amendment and
8 international convention; I, therefore, instruct
9 my client not to answer this question.

10 THE WITNESS: So I refuse to answer that
11 question upon counsel of my lawyer to protect my
12 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment.

13 BY MR. LEAVITT:

14 Q. And then you two became business partners,
15 correct?

16 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
17 answer this question because it would violate his
18 rights under the Fifth Amendment of certain laws
19 of his country or international convention. I,
20 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
21 this question.

22 BY MR. LEAVITT:

23 Q. When is the last time you saw -- I'm sorry.

24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
25 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my

<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 2 BY MR. LEAVITT: 3 Q. When is the last time you saw Mr. Duarte? 4 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 5 answer this question because it would violate his 6 rights under the Fifth Amendment of certain laws 7 of his country or international conventions; I, 8 therefore, advise him and instruct him not to 9 answer this question. 10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 11 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my 12 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 13 BY MR. LEAVITT: 14 Q. When was the last time you spoke to Mr. Duarte? 15 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 16 answer that question because it would violate his 17 rights under the Fifth Amendment of certain laws 18 of his country or international conventions; I, 19 therefore, advise him and instruct him not to 20 answer this question. 21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 22 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my 23 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 24 BY MR. LEAVITT: 25 Q. What did you and Mr. Duarte talk about last?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 answer this question because it would violate his 2 rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws of 3 his country for international convention, 4 therefore I advise and instruct my client not to 5 answer this question. 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 7 question upon counsel of my lawyer to protect my 8 rights under the Fifth Amendment. 9 BY MR. LEAVITT: 10 Q. Sir, you organized a group of businessman that 11 were implicit in this theft and corruption, correct? 12 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 13 answer this question because it would violate his 14 rights under the Fifth Amendment of certain laws 15 of his country or international conventions; I, 16 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to 17 answer this question. 18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 19 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my 20 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 21 BY MR. LEAVITT: 22 Q. Sir, you organized this group of business people 23 such that they were willing to invoice various agencies of 24 the Veracruz government for fraudulent sums, correct? 25 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. But also I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 2 answer this question because it would violate his 3 rights under the Fifth Amendment of certain laws 4 of his country or international conventions; I, 5 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 6 this question. 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 8 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my 9 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 10 BY MR. LEAVITT: 11 Q. You and Mr. Duarte were part of a conspiracy to 12 steal money from the city of Veracruz, correct? 13 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 14 answer this question because it would violate his 15 rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws in 16 his country or international conventions; I, 17 therefore, instruct my client not to answer this 18 question. 19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 20 question under counsel of my lawyer to protect my 21 institutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 22 BY MR. LEAVITT: 23 Q. This conspiracy to steal money was done by both 24 theft and grand corruption? 25 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 instruct my client not to answer this question 2 because it violates his rights under the Fifth 3 Amendment and of certain laws of his country or 4 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 5 and instruct, him as his lawyer, not to answer 6 this question. 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that 8 question upon counsel of my lawyer to protect my 9 constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment. 10 MR. LEAVITT: What was the form? 11 MR. BRAR: It was vague and ambiguous. I 12 think you said group of individuals, and that's 13 vague and ambiguous. 14 BY MR. LEAVITT: 15 Q. Sir, this group of business people you 16 organized -- let me start over. 17 Sir, this group of business people that you 18 organized for Mr. Duarte sent fraudulent invoices to the 19 state of Veracruz, correct? 20 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. Also 21 instruct my client not to answer this question 22 because it would violate his rights under the 23 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country of 24 international convention; I, therefore, advise 25 him and instruct him not to answer this question.</p>

17	<p>1 THE WITNESS: So I refuse to answer that</p> <p>2 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>3 constitutional rights including under the Fifth</p> <p>4 Amendment.</p> <p>5 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>6 Q. And it's your direction that these group of</p> <p>7 people did send fraudulent invoices to the state of</p> <p>8 Veracruz, correct?</p> <p>9 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>10 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>11 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>12 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or</p> <p>13 international conventions, so I, therefore,</p> <p>14 advice and instruct him not to answer this</p> <p>15 question.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this</p> <p>17 question based on counsel of my lawyer. My</p> <p>18 institutional rights including those under the</p> <p>19 Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>20 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>21 Q. And Mr. Duarte made sure those invoices got paid,</p> <p>22 correct?</p> <p>23 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>24 object and instruct my client not to answer this</p> <p>25 question because it violates his rights under the</p>	19	<p>1 because it would violate the Fifth Amendment,</p> <p>2 certain laws of his country or international</p> <p>3 convention; I, therefore, advise and instruct my</p> <p>4 client not to answer this question.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>6 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>7 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>8 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>9 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>10 Q. But the invoices were paid in full, correct?</p> <p>11 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>12 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>13 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>14 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country</p> <p>15 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>16 and instruct him not to answer the question.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>18 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>19 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>20 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>21 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>22 Q. Like the roads, there were contracts or invoices</p> <p>23 to purchase medicine, correct?</p> <p>24 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>25 instruct my client not to answer this question</p>
18	<p>1 Fifth Amendment and certain laws of his country</p> <p>2 of international conventions; I, therefore,</p> <p>3 advise and instruct him not to answer the</p> <p>4 question.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>6 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>7 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>8 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>9 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>10 Q. Those invoices were for things like road</p> <p>11 construction, right?</p> <p>12 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to</p> <p>13 answer the question because it would violate his</p> <p>14 rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws of</p> <p>15 his country and international conventions; I,</p> <p>16 therefore, advise and instruct you, as your</p> <p>17 lawyer, not to answer this question.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>19 question based on counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>20 constitutional rights including those covered in</p> <p>21 the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>22 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>23 Q. Not all the roads got built, correct?</p> <p>24 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>25 instruct my client not to answer the question</p>	20	<p>1 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>2 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or</p> <p>3 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>4 and instruct my client not to answer this</p> <p>5 question.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>7 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>8 constitutional rights, including those under the</p> <p>9 Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>10 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>11 Q. There were contracts or invoices to pay for</p> <p>12 medicine like chemotherapy and insulin but not all the</p> <p>13 medicines were actually purchased, correct?</p> <p>14 MR. DRAR: I object to this question, the form.</p> <p>15 I also instruct my client not to answer because it</p> <p>16 would violate his rights of the Fifth Amendment,</p> <p>17 certain laws of his country are international</p> <p>18 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct him not</p> <p>19 to answer this question.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>21 question based on the counsel of my lawyer. My</p> <p>22 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>23 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>24 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>25 Q. Instead of actually delivering medicine what was</p>

21	<p>1 actually delivered was saline, correct?</p> <p>2 MR. DRAR: Object to the form. I also instruct</p> <p>3 my client not to answer those question because it</p> <p>4 would violate his rights of the Fifth Amendment,</p> <p>5 certain laws of his country are international</p> <p>6 conventions; I, therefore, advise and</p> <p>7 instruct my client not to answer this question.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>9 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>10 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>11 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>12 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>13 Q. And then you and your co-conspirators, including</p> <p>14 Mr. Duarte, would kept the proceeds of this, correct?</p> <p>15 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>16 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>17 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>18 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or</p> <p>19 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>20 and instruct him not to answer this question.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>22 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>23 constitutional rights including this covered</p> <p>24 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>25 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p>	23	<p>1 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>2 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>3 Q. And these companies set up to receive these</p> <p>4 stolen funds would include Terra Inmobiliaria, Grupo</p> <p>5 Brades, Inmobiliara Cartujano, Boydar, Valkany,</p> <p>6 Controladora Prado Norte and Inmobiliara 135 Prado Norte,</p> <p>7 correct?</p> <p>8 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>9 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>10 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>11 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country are</p> <p>12 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>13 and instruct him not to answer this question.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>15 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>16 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>17 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>18 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>19 Q. And Mr. Duarte would make sure you get some of</p> <p>20 these funds for organizing this fraud, correct?</p> <p>21 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>22 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>23 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>24 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or</p> <p>25 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p>
22	<p>1 Q. And after these invoices were paid these business</p> <p>2 people would keep a commission and give the rest to you</p> <p>3 and Mr. Duarte, correct?</p> <p>4 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>5 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>6 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>7 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or</p> <p>8 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>9 and instruct him not to answer this question.</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>11 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>12 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>13 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>14 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>15 Q. Sir, these payments you made to companies set up</p> <p>16 by you and Mr. Duarte to receive these funds, correct?</p> <p>17 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>18 instruct my client not to answer this question</p> <p>19 because it would violates his rights under the</p> <p>20 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country are</p> <p>21 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>22 and instruct you not to answer this question.</p> <p>23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>24 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>25 constitutional rights including those covered</p>	24	<p>1 and instruct him not to answer this question.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>3 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>4 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>5 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>6 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>7 Q. Your wife would also get a share of some of these</p> <p>8 funds, correct?</p> <p>9 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>10 instruct my client not to answer the question</p> <p>11 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>12 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or</p> <p>13 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>14 and instruct him not to answer this question.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>16 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my</p> <p>17 constitutional rights including those covered</p> <p>18 under the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>19 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>20 Q. Mr. Mansur hid some of this money, correct?</p> <p>21 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>22 instruct my client not to answer the question</p> <p>23 because it would violate his rights under the</p> <p>24 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or</p> <p>25 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p>

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1 and instruct my client not to answer this
 2 question.
 3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 4 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 5 constitutional rights including those covered
 6 under the Fifth Amendment.
 7 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 8 Q. And Mr. Duarte would also get some of this money,
 9 correct?
 10 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 11 instruct my client not to answer this question
 12 because it would violate his rights under the
 13 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 14 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 15 and instruct my client not to answer this
 16 question.
 17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 18 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 19 constitutional rights including those covered
 20 under the Fifth Amendment.
 21 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 22 Q. And then you and your wife would send this money
 23 to Texas where it was invested in real estate, correct?
 24 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 25 instruct my client not to answer this question

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1 because it would violate his rights under the
 2 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 3 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 4 and instruct my client not to answer this
 5 question.
 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 7 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 8 constitutional rights including those covered
 9 under the Fifth Amendment.
 10 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 11 Q. Mr. Jaime Roberte also participated in this
 12 conspiracy with you, correct?
 13 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 14 instruct my client not to answer this question
 15 because it would violate his rights under the
 16 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 17 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 18 and instruct my client not to answer this
 19 question.
 20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 21 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 22 constitutional rights including those covered
 23 under the Fifth Amendment.
 24 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 25 Q. You created Reban Construction, correct?

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1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to
 2 answer this question because it would violate his
 3 rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain laws of
 4 his country or international conventions; I,
 5 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 6 answer this question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 8 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 9 constitutional rights including those covered
 10 under the Fifth Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. Reban Construction was a limited liability
 13 company created in the United States, correct?
 14 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client not
 15 to answer this question because it would violate
 16 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
 17 laws of his country or international conventions;
 18 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
 19 answer this question.
 20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 21 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 22 constitutional rights including those protected
 23 under the Fifth Amendment.
 24 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 25 Q. You and he also created Reban Safety, LLC, in the

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1 United States, correct?
 2 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client not
 3 to answer this question because it would violate
 4 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
 5 of his country or international conventions; I,
 6 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 7 answer this question.
 8 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 9 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 10 constitutional rights including those protected
 11 under the Fifth Amendment.
 12 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 13 Q. You created these with the intention of receiving
 14 and investing in stolen funds from the state of Veracruz,
 15 correct?
 16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 17 instruct my client not to answer this question
 18 because it would violate his rights under the
 19 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 20 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 21 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 23 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 24 constitutional rights including those protected
 25 under the Fifth Amendment.

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1 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 2 Q. And these entities did, in fact, receive and then
 3 invest stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 4 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also advise my
 5 client not to answer this question because it would
 6 violate his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain
 7 laws of his country or international conventions; I,
 8 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer this
 9 question.
 10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 11 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 12 constitutional rights including those protected
 13 under the Fifth Amendment.
 14 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 15 Q. Someone else who participated in this conspiracy
 16 with you was Alejandro Ortiz Carpintero, correct?
 17 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 18 instruct my client not to answer this question
 19 because it would violate his rights under the
 20 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 21 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 22 and instruct my client not to answer this
 23 question.
 24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 25 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my

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1 constitutional rights including those covered
 2 under the Fifth Amendment.
 3 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 4 Q. You and he created TwoOffice Suites, LLC,
 5 together, correct?
 6 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client not
 7 to answer this question because it would violate
 8 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
 9 of his country or international conventions; I,
 10 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
 11 this question.
 12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 13 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 14 constitutional rights and including those
 15 protected under the Fifth Amendment.
 16 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 17 Q. You and he created this entity with the intention
 18 of receiving and investing stolen funds from the state of
 19 Veracruz, correct?
 20 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 21 instruct my client not to answer this question
 22 because it would violate his rights under the
 23 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or
 24 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 25 and instruct him not to answer this question.

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1 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 2 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 3 constitutional rights including those protected
 4 under the Fifth Amendment.
 5 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 6 Q. And this entity did, in fact, receive and invest
 7 stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 8 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 9 instruct my client not to answer this question
 10 because it would violate his rights under the
 11 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 12 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 13 and instruct my client not to answer this
 14 question.
 15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 16 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 17 constitutional rights including those protected
 18 under the Fifth Amendment.
 19 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 20 Q. Jorge Ramirez was also somebody who participated
 21 in this conspiracy with you and Mr. Duarte, correct?
 22 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 23 instruct my client not to answer this question
 24 based on it would violate his rights under the
 25 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or

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1 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 2 and instruct my client not to answer this
 3 question.
 4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 5 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 6 constitutional rights including those protected
 7 under the Fifth Amendment.
 8 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 9 Q. Mr. Ramirez send fraudulent invoices to the state
 10 of Veracruz, correct?
 11 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 12 instruct my client not to answer this question
 13 because it would violate his rights under the
 14 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 15 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 16 and instruct my client not to answer this
 17 question.
 18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
 19 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 20 constitutional rights including those protected
 21 under the Fifth Amendment.
 22 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 23 Q. Mr. Ramirez received money from the state of
 24 Veracruz for the invoices, correct?
 25 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

1 instruct my client not to answer this question
2 because it would violate his rights under the
3 Fifth Amendment certain international laws of his
4 country or international conventions; I,
5 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
6 this question.

7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
8 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
9 constitutional rights, including those protected
10 under the Fifth Amendment.

11 BY MR. LEAVITT:

12 Q. Mr. Ramirez then gave some of that money to both
13 you and Mr. Duarte, correct?

14 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
15 instruct my client not to answer this question
16 because it would violate his rights under the
17 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
18 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
19 and instruct my client not to answer this
20 question.

21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
22 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
23 constitutional rights including those protected
24 under the Fifth Amendment.

25 BY MR. LEAVITT:

1 each.

2 MR. LEAVITT: That's fine. That's fine.
3 I'm certainly not trying to put him in a legal
4 box or have him waive any rights, but we can fast
5 track this a little bit, but it is what it is.

6 THE WITNESS: I did not respond yet to
7 your last question.

8 MR. LEAVITT: Feel free, sir.

9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
10 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
11 constitutional rights including those protected
12 under the Fifth Amendment.

13 BY MR. LEAVITT:

14 Q. Moises Mansur also send fraudulent invoices to
15 the state of Veracruz under your direction, correct?

16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
17 instruct my client not to answer this question
18 because it would violate his rights under the
19 Fifth Amendment, certain international
20 conventions, laws of his country, I, therefore,
21 advise and instruct him not to answer this
22 question.

23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
24 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
25 constitutional rights including those protected

1 Q. Mr. Ramirez profited from participating in this
2 conspiracy as well as you, correct?

3 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
4 instruct my client not to answer this question
5 because it would violate his rights under the
6 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
7 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
8 and instruct my client not to answer this
9 question.

10 MR. BRAR: We have been going almost an
11 hour, so whenever you get to a stopping point.

12 MR. LEAVITT: You pick.

13 MR. BRAR: Yeah, I don't want to interrupt
14 you if you're --

15 MR. LEAVITT: We can probably go
16 another --

17 MR. BRAR: Yeah.

18 MR. LEAVITT: -- 10 minutes or so and I
19 can get through this next section and then --

20 MR. BRAR: Yeah. Sure. I understand.

21 MR. LEAVITT: Let me ask you this: Do you
22 need to give him your -- if he's willing to just
23 plead the Fifth, does he need to follow your
24 counsel each time or can you just --

25 MR. BRAR: I think we have to go through

1 under the Fifth Amendment.

2 BY MR. LEAVITT:

3 Q. Mr. Mansur received funds from the state of
4 Veracruz in exchange for these invoices, correct?

5 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
6 instruct my client not to answer this question
7 because it would violate his rights under the
8 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
9 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
10 and instruct him not to answer this question.

11 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
12 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
13 constitutional rights including those protected
14 under the Fifth Amendment.

15 BY MR. LEAVITT:

16 Q. Mr. Mansur shared some of this money with you and
17 Mr. Duarte as part of this conspiracy, correct?

18 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
19 instruct my client not to answer this question
20 because it violates his rights under the Fifth
21 Amendment, certain laws of his country or
22 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
23 and instruct him not to answer this question.

24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
25 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my

1 constitutional rights including those protected
2 under the Fifth Amendment.

3 BY MR. LEAVITT:

4 Q. Negretti Inake also sent fraudulent invoices to
5 Veracruz at your direction, correct?

6 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
7 instruct my client not to answer this question
8 because it would violate his rights under the
9 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
10 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
11 and instruct him not to answer this question.

12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
13 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
14 constitutional rights, including those protected
15 under the Fifth Amendment.

16 BY MR. LEAVITT:

17 Q. Mr. Inake received money from the state of
18 Veracruz for these invoices, correct?

19 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
20 instruct my client not to answer this question
21 because it would violate his rights under the
22 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
23 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
24 and instruct him not to answer this question.

25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that

1 and instruct my client not to answer this
2 question.

3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
4 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
5 constitutional rights including those protected
6 under the Fifth Amendment.

7 BY MR. LEAVITT:

8 Q. And that's Javier Duarte's wife, correct?

9 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client not
10 to answer this question because it would violate
11 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
12 of his country or international conventions; I,
13 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
14 answer this question.

15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
16 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
17 constitutional rights including those protected
18 under the Fifth Amendment.

19 BY MR. LEAVITT:

20 Q. She received money from the state of Veracruz for
21 these fraudulent invoices, correct?

22 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
23 instruct my client not to answer this question
24 because it would violate his rights under the
25 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or

1 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
2 constitutional rights including those protected
3 under the Fifth Amendment.

4 BY MR. LEAVITT:

5 Q. Mr. Inake then shared some of this money from the
6 state of Veracruz with you and Mr. Duarte, correct?

7 MR. BRAR: Objection to form. I also
8 instruct my client not to answer this question
9 because it would violate his rights under the
10 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
11 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
12 and instruct my client not to answer this
13 question.

14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
15 question based on the counsel of my lawyer my
16 constitutional rights including those protected
17 under the Fifth Amendment.

18 BY MR. LEAVITT:

19 Q. Monica Babayan also sent fraudulent invoices to
20 the state of Veracruz at your direction, correct?

21 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
22 instruct my client not to answer this question
23 because it would violate his rights under the
24 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or
25 international conventions; I, therefore, advise

1 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
2 and instruct my client not to answer this
3 question.

4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
5 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
6 constitutional rights including those protected
7 under the Fifth Amendment.

8 BY MR. LEAVITT:

9 Q. She shared -- strike that.

10 She then shared some of this money with both you
11 and her husband, Mr. Duarte, correct?

12 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
13 instruct my client not to answer this question
14 because it would violate his rights under the
15 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
16 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
17 and instruct my client not to answer this
18 question.

19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
20 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
21 constitutional rights including those protected
22 under the Fifth Amendment.

23 BY MR. LEAVITT:

24 Q. Arturo Zurita also sent fraudulent invoices to
25 the state of Veracruz under your direction; correct?

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1 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 2 instruct my client not to answer this question
 3 because it violates his rights under the Fifth
 4 Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 5 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 6 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 8 question based upon counsel of my lawyer my
 9 constitutional rights including those protected
 10 under the Fifth Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. Mr. Zurita received money from the state of
 13 Veracruz for these invoices, correct?
 14 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 15 instruct my client not to answer this question
 16 because it would violate his rights under the
 17 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 18 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 19 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 21 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 22 constitutional rights including those protected
 23 under the Fifth Amendment.
 24 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 25 Q. He then shared that money with both you and

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1 Mr. Duarte, correct?
 2 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 3 instruct my client not to answer this question
 4 because it would violate his rights under the
 5 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or
 6 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 7 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 8 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 9 question based on counsel of my lawyer, my
 10 constitutional rights including those protected
 11 under the Fifth Amendment.
 12 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 13 Q. Sergio Ortiz also sent fraudulent invoices to the
 14 state of Veracruz under your direction, correct?
 15 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 16 instruct my client not to answer this question
 17 because it would violate his rights under the
 18 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 19 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 20 and instruct my client not to answer this
 21 question.
 22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 23 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 24 constitutional rights including those protected
 25 under the Fifth Amendment.

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1 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 2 Q. You received money from the state of Veracruz
 3 after submitting these fraudulent invoices, correct?
 4 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 5 instruct my client not to answer this question
 6 because it would violate his rights under the
 7 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or
 8 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 9 and instruct my client not to answer this
 10 question.
 11 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 12 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 13 constitutional rights including those protected
 14 under the Fifth Amendment.
 15 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 16 Q. You then shared some of his money with both you
 17 and Mr. Duarte, correct?
 18 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 19 instruct my client not to answer this question
 20 because it would violate his rights under the
 21 Fifth Amendment certain laws of his country or
 22 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 23 and instruct my client not to answer this
 24 question.
 25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that

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1 question based on the counsel of my lawyer, my
 2 constitutional rights including those protected
 3 under the Fifth Amendment.
 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of
 5 Media 1, Volume 1 in the video deposition of Jose
 6 Antonio Bandin. Going off the record at
 7 10:40 a.m. as indicated on the video screen.
 8 (Recess taken at 10:40 a.m.)
 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning
 10 of Media 2, Volume 1 in the video deposition of
 11 Jose Antonio Bandin, going back on the record at
 12 10:22 a.m. as indicated on the video screen.
 13 Thank you, Counsel.
 14 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 15 Q. Sir, we're back after a short break. Are you
 16 prepared to continue?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. Sir, you would agree with me, would you not, that
 19 you were not sued because you filed property deeds or any
 20 other public document, right?
 21 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 22 instruct -- sorry. I interrupted you, sorry.
 23 Object to the form. I also instruct my client
 24 not to answer this question because it would
 25 violate his rights under the Fifth Amendment,

1 certain laws of his country or international
2 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct my
3 client not to answer.

4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
5 question based on the counsel for my lawyer, my
6 constitutional rights including those protected
7 under the Fifth Amendment.

8 BY MR. LEAVITT:

9 Q. You agree with me, sir, don't you that were not
10 sued because you invested in real estate, correct?

11 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
12 instruct my client not to answer this question
13 because it would violate his rights under the
14 Fifth Amendment, certain laws of his country or
15 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
16 and instruct my client not to answer this
17 question.

18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
19 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
20 constitutional rights including those protected
21 under the Fifth Amendment.

22 BY MR. LEAVITT:

23 Q. Sir, you agree with me that you were not sued
24 because any of your first amendment rights were not
25 infringed, correct?

1 Q. You agree with me, sir, that you were not sued
2 because you exercised any constitutional right, correct?

3 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
4 instruct my client that this question violates
5 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
6 of his country or international conventions; I,
7 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
8 answer this question.

9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
10 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
11 constitutional rights including those protected
12 under the Fifth Amendment.

13 BY MR. LEAVITT:

14 Q. You agree with me, sir, that the lawsuits filed
15 against you have nothing to do with your right to free
16 speech in the United States, correct?

17 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
18 instruct my client not to answer this question
19 because it violates his rights under the Fifth
20 Amendment, certain laws of his country or
21 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
22 and instruct him not to answer this question.

23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
24 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
25 constitutional rights including those protected

1 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
2 instruct my client that this question violates
3 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
4 of his country or international conventions,
5 therefore I instruct him not to answer this
6 question.

7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
8 question based on the counsel for my lawyer, my
9 constitutional rights including those protected
10 under the Fifth Amendment.

11 BY MR. LEAVITT:

12 Q. You agree with me, sir, that none of your first
13 amendment rights were ever infringed by the lawsuits filed
14 against you, correct?

15 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
16 instruct my client that this question violates
17 his rights under the Fifth Amendment certain laws
18 of his country or international conventions; I,
19 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
20 this question.

21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
22 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
23 constitutional rights including those protected
24 under the Fifth Amendment.

25 BY MR. LEAVITT:

1 under the Fifth Amendment.
2 BY MR. LEAVITT:

3 Q. You agree with me, sir, that lawsuit -- strike
4 that.

5 You agree with me, sir, that these lawsuits filed
6 against you do not implicate or infringe your right or
7 association, correct?

8 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
9 instruct my client that this question violates
10 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
11 laws of his country or international conventions;
12 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
13 answer this question.

14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
15 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
16 constitutional rights including those protected
17 under the Fifth Amendment.

18 BY MR. LEAVITT:

19 Q. You agree with me, sir, that you're not getting
20 sued because you filed land deeds, land records or
21 taxation and appraisal information, correct?

22 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
23 instruct my client that this question violates
24 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
25 laws of his country or international conventions;

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1 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
 2 answer this question.
 3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
 4 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
 5 constitutional rights including those protected
 6 under the Fifth Amendment.
 7 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 8 Q. Sir, you agree with me, don't you, that you are
 9 getting sued because you took money that belonged to the
 10 state of Veracruz and then used that money to purchase the
 11 properties in the lawsuit, correct?
 12 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 13 instruct my client that this question violates
 14 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
 15 laws of his country or international conventions;
 16 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
 17 answer this question.
 18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 19 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
 20 constitutional rights including those protected
 21 under the Fifth Amendment.
 22 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 23 Q. You agree with me that taking something that does
 24 not belong to you has nothing to do with any
 25 constitutional right you may or may not have, correct?

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1 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 2 instruct my client that this question violates
 3 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
 4 laws of his country or international conventions;
 5 I, therefore, instruct him not to answer this
 6 question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 8 question based on the counsel from my lawyer, my
 9 constitutional rights including those protected
 10 under the Fifth Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. Let me try that again. You agree with me, sir,
 13 that taking something that is not yours has nothing to do
 14 with the infringement of any First Amendment rights you
 15 may or may not have under the Constitution of the United
 16 States, correct?
 17 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 18 instruct my client that this question violates
 19 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
 20 laws of his country or international conventions;
 21 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
 22 answer this question.
 23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 24 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 25 constitutional rights including those protected

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1 under the Fifth Amendment.
 2 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 3 Q. Sir, I am going to hand you a sworn declaration
 4 provided by a government official in the state of
 5 Veracruz, Armando Cedas. Take a second if you like to
 6 refer it. It's in English, so I don't know if you can
 7 read that or not. We obviously have a translator here if
 8 you would like him to read it aloud in Spanish.
 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Is that an exhibit?
 10 MR. LEAVITT: It's already been marked as
 11 Exhibit 1.
 12 (Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
 13 identification.)
 14 THE WITNESS: Please.
 15 THE INTERPRETER: (Interpreter translates
 16 document from English to Spanish.)
 17 THE WITNESS: Is this for me?
 18 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 19 Q. It's for the record. I was going to ask you a
 20 couple of questions about that if it's okay. In that
 21 sworn declaration, sir, Mr. Cedas provides evidence of
 22 your conspiracy with Mr. Duarte and others to steal money
 23 from the state of Veracruz. Mr. Cedas sworn statement is
 24 true; isn't it?
 25 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

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1 instruct my client that in answering this
 2 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 3 Amendment, certain laws of his country or
 4 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 5 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 7 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 8 constitutional rights including those protected
 9 under the Fifth Amendment.
 10 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 11 Q. You have no reason to disagree with Mr. Cedas
 12 sworn testimony, correct?
 13 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 14 instruct my client that this question violates
 15 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain
 16 laws of his country or international conventions;
 17 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
 18 answer this question.
 19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 20 the counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 21 rights including those protected under the Fifth
 22 Amendment.
 23 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 24 Q. Mr. Cedas sworn you conspired with Mr. Duarte and
 25 others to divert money away from social programs and

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1 groups, that is true, correct?

2 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

3 instruct my client that answering this question

4 would violate his rights under the Fifth

5 Amendment, certain laws of his country or

6 international conventions; I, therefore, advise

7 and instruct my client not to answer this

8 question.

9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that

10 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my

11 constitutional rights including those protected

12 under the Fifth Amendment.

13 BY MR. LEAVITT:

14 Q. Mr. Cedas swore that you set up shell companies

15 to receive these stolen funds, that is true, correct?

16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

17 instruct my client that answering this question

18 violates his rights under the Fifth Amendment,

19 certain laws of his country or international

20 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct

21 him not to answer this question.

22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that

23 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my

24 constitutional rights including those protected

25 under the Fifth Amendment.

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1 BY MR. LEAVITT:

2 Q. Mr. Cedas swore that you took that stolen money

3 and used it to purchase real estate in the United States,

4 correct?

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6 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

7 instruct my client that answering this question

8 violates his rights under the Fifth Amendment,

9 certain laws of his country or international

10 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct

11 him not to answer this question.

12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that

13 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my

14 constitutional rights including those protected

15 under the Fifth Amendment.

16 BY MR. LEAVITT:

17 Q. Mr. Cedas sworn testimony is accurate, isn't it?

18 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

19 instruct my client that answering this question

20 violates his rights under the Fifth Amendment,

21 certain laws of his country or international

22 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct

23 him not to answer this question.

24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on

25 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights

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1 including those protected under the Fifth

2 Amendment.

3 BY MR. LEAVITT:

4 Q. Mr. Cedas provided sworn testimony that you and

5 Mr. Duarte were involved in corruption for government

6 contracts, Mr. Cedas sworn testimony is correct; isn't it?

7 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

8 instruct my client that this question violates

9 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain

10 laws of his country or international conventions;

11 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to

12 answer this question.

13 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

14 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my

15 constitutional rights including those protected

16 under the Fifth Amendment.

17 BY MR. LEAVITT:

18 Q. Mr. Cedas provided sworn testimony that you were

19 involved in the theft of more than of \$100 millions from

20 the state of Veracruz, Mr. Cedas' sworn testimony is

21 correct; isn't it?

22 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

23 instruct my client that this question violates

24 his rights under the Fifth Amendment, certain

25 laws of his country or international conventions;

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1 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to

2 answer this question.

3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on

4 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights

5 including those protected under the Fifth

6 Amendment.

7 BY MR. LEAVITT:

8 Q. Mr. Duarte, with signed government contracts, to

9 entities that you controlled or had conspired with to

10 steal money, correct?

11 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

12 instruct my client that this question violates

13 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain

14 laws of his country or international conventions;

15 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to

16 answer this question.

17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based

18 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional

19 rights including those protected under the Fifth

20 Amendment.

21 BY MR. LEAVITT:

22 Q. These entities would either overcharge the

23 government or not do the work at all, correct?

24 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also

25 instruct my client that this question violates

57	<p>1 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>2 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>3 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to</p> <p>4 answer this question.</p> <p>5 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>6 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights</p> <p>7 including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>8 Amendment.</p> <p>9 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>10 Q. And you would eventually get the money that these</p> <p>11 entities made from these contracts, correct?</p> <p>12 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>13 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>14 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>15 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>16 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to</p> <p>17 answer this question.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>19 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights</p> <p>20 including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>21 Amendment.</p> <p>22 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>23 Q. You agree with me that you had no legal right to</p> <p>24 that money, correct?</p> <p>25 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p>	59	<p>1 invoices to the government of Veracruz you made</p> <p>2 representations that were not true, correct?</p> <p>3 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>4 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>5 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>6 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>7 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not</p> <p>8 to answer this question.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>10 counsel from my lawyer and my constitutional</p> <p>11 rights including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>12 Amendment.</p> <p>13 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>14 Q. And you knew those representations were not true</p> <p>15 when you made them, correct?</p> <p>16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>17 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>18 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>19 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>20 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not</p> <p>21 to answer this question.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: (No answer.)</p> <p>23 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>24 Q. You agree with me that some of this money from</p> <p>25 the state of Veracruz was transferred by you to the United</p>
58	<p>1 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>2 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>3 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>4 therefore advise and instruct him not to answer</p> <p>5 this question.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>7 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights</p> <p>8 including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>9 Amendment.</p> <p>10 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>11 Q. Sir, and you agree with me that the submission of</p> <p>12 these fraudulent invoices was not an accident or a</p> <p>13 mission, correct?</p> <p>14 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>15 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>16 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>17 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>18 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not</p> <p>19 to answer this question.</p> <p>20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>21 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights</p> <p>22 including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>23 Amendment.</p> <p>24 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>25 Q. Sir, you agree with me in submitting these</p>	60	<p>1 States and used to purchase the real estate in these</p> <p>2 lawsuits, correct?</p> <p>3 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>4 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>5 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>6 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>7 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to</p> <p>8 answer this question.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on</p> <p>10 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights</p> <p>11 including those protected under the Fifth</p> <p>12 Amendment.</p> <p>13 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>14 Q. Sir, you agree with me you and Mr. Duarte had an</p> <p>15 agreement to participate in this scheme, correct?</p> <p>16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>17 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>18 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>19 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>20 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to</p> <p>21 answer this question.</p> <p>22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>23 question based upon counsel with my lawyer, my</p> <p>24 constitutional rights including those protected</p> <p>25 under the Fifth Amendment.</p>

1 BY MR. LEAVITT:

2 Q. You and Mr. Duarte agreed that the object was to
3 take money from the state of Veracruz, correct?

4 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
5 instruct my client that this question violates
6 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
7 laws of his country or international conventions;
8 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
9 to answer this question.

10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
11 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my
12 constitutional rights including those protected
13 under the Fifth Amendment.

14 BY MR. LEAVITT:

15 Q. And you agree with me the way in which this
16 conspiracy was accomplished was by submitting fraudulent
17 invoices to various agencies of the government of
18 Veracruz, correct?

19 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
20 instruct my client that this question violates
21 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
22 laws of his country or international conventions;
23 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
24 to answer this question.

25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

1 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
2 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
3 constitutional rights including those protected
4 under the Fifth Amendment.

5 BY MR. LEAVITT:

6 Q. And this money was taken from the state of
7 Veracruz in conjunction with the conspiracy -- strike
8 that.

9 38 Shallowford Place, Tomball, Texas, is a
10 property that you own, correct?

11 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
12 instruct my client that this question violates
13 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
14 laws of his country or international conventions;
15 I, therefore, advise and instruct him not to
16 answer this question.

17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
18 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
19 including those protected under the Fifth
20 Amendment.

21 BY MR. LEAVITT:

22 Q. This is a property that you purchased with funds
23 stolen from the state of Veracruz, right?

24 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
25 instruct my client that this question violates

1 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
2 constitutional rights including those protected
3 under the Fifth Amendment.

4 BY MR. LEAVITT:

5 Q. 8976 Chatsworth Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 is a
6 property that you own, correct?

7 MR. BRAR: Object to the -- I also
8 instruct my client that this question violates
9 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
10 laws of his country or international conventions;
11 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
12 to answer this question.

13 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
14 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
15 including those protected under the Fifth
16 Amendment.

17 BY MR. LEAVITT:

18 Q. This was a property that was purchased by you
19 with funds stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?

20 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
21 instruct my client that this question violates
22 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
23 laws of his country or international conventions;
24 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
25 to answer this question.

1 his Fifth Amendment rights or certain laws of his
2 country or international conventions; I,
3 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
4 this question.

5 THE WITNESS: I refuse to respond based on
6 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
7 including those protected under the Fifth
8 Amendment.

9 BY MR. LEAVITT:

10 Q. These funds were stolen in a conspiracy with
11 Javier Duarte, correct?

12 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
13 instruct my client that this question violates
14 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
15 laws of his country or international conventions;
16 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
17 to answer this question.

18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
19 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
20 rights including those protected by the Fifth
21 Amendment.

22 BY MR. LEAVITT:

23 Q. 18 Shallowford Place in Spring, Texas is a
24 property owned by you, correct?

25 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client that

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1 this question violates his rights under the Fifth
 2 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 3 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 4 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 5 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 6 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my
 7 constitutional rights including those protected
 8 under the Fifth Amendment.
 9 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 10 Q. This property is owned by an entity named 18
 11 Shallowford Place, LLC, correct?
 12 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client not
 13 to answer this question it violates his rights
 14 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 15 country or international conventions; I,
 16 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 17 answer this question.
 18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 19 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 20 including those protected under the Fifth
 21 Amendment.
 22 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 23 Q. This is an entity that you and your wife created
 24 and still control, correct?
 25 MR. BRAR: Object to this question. I

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1 instruct my client that this question violates
 2 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
 3 laws of his country or international conventions,
 4 therefore, I instruct him not to answer this
 5 question.
 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 7 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 8 including those protected under the Fifth
 9 Amendment.
 10 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 11 Q. This entity was created in order to receive
 12 stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 13 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 14 instruct my client that this question violates
 15 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
 16 laws of his country or international conventions,
 17 therefore, I advise my client not to answer this
 18 question.
 19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 20 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 21 including those protected by the Fifth Amendment.
 22 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 23 Q. And you agree with me this property was in fact
 24 purchased with funds stolen from the state of Veracruz,
 25 correct?

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1 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 2 instruct my client that an answer to this
 3 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 4 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 5 international conventions, therefore, I instruct
 6 him not to answer this question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 8 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 9 rights including those protected under the Fifth
 10 Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. 8350 Ashlane Way, Suite 8 in The Woodlands, Texas
 13 is a property owned by you, correct?
 14 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that this
 15 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 16 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 17 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 18 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 20 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 21 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 22 Amendment.
 23 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 24 Q. This property is held by a company named 18
 25 Shallowford Place, LLC, right?

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1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an
 2 answer to this question would violate his rights
 3 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 4 country or international conventions; I,
 5 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
 6 this question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 8 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 9 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 10 Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. This is an entity -- strike that.
 13 This is an entity that you and your wife created
 14 in order to receive stolen funds from the state of
 15 Veracruz, correct?
 16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 17 instruct my client that an answer to this
 18 question would violate his rights to the Fifth
 19 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 20 international conventions, and therefore I advise
 21 my client not to answer this question.
 22 THE WITNESS: I refuse to respond based on
 23 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 24 including those protected by the Fifth Amendment.
 25 BY MR. LEAVITT:

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1 Q. This property was, in fact, purchased with stolen
 2 funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 3 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 4 instruct my client that an answer to this
 5 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 6 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 7 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 8 and instruct my client not to answer this
 9 question.
 10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 11 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 12 rights including those protected under the Fifth
 13 Amendment.
 14 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 15 Q. 8350 Ashlane Way, Suite 4, in The Woodlands,
 16 Texas is another property that you own, correct?
 17 MR. BRAR: I also instruct my client that
 18 any answer to this question would violate his
 19 rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws
 20 of his country or international conventions; I,
 21 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 22 answer this question.
 23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 24 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 25 constitutional rights including those protected

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1 under the Fifth Amendment.
 2 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 3 Q. This property is held by an entity named Bamba
 4 Offices, LLC, correct?
 5 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an
 6 answer to this question violates his rights under
 7 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 8 country or international conventions; I,
 9 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 10 answer this question.
 11 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 12 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my
 13 constitutional rights including those protected
 14 under the Fifth Amendment.
 15 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 16 Q. This is an entity that you and your wife created
 17 in order to receive stolen funds from the state of
 18 Veracruz, right?
 19 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 20 instruct my client that an answer to this
 21 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 22 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 23 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 24 and instruct my client not to answer this
 25 question.

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1 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 2 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 3 including those protected under the Fifth
 4 Amendment.
 5 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 6 Q. This property was, in fact, purchased with funds
 7 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 8 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 9 instruct my client that this question violates
 10 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain
 11 laws of his country or international conventions;
 12 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not
 13 to answer this question.
 14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that
 15 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my
 16 constitutional rights including those protected
 17 under the Fifth Amendment.
 18 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 19 Q. 8350 Ashlane Way, Suite 3 in The Woodlands, Texas
 20 is also owned by you, correct?
 21 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any
 22 answer to this question violates his rights under
 23 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 24 country or international conventions; I,
 25 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to

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1 answer this question.
 2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 3 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 4 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 5 Amendment.
 6 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 7 Q. This office is also held by Bamba Offices, LLC,
 8 correct?
 9 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an
 10 answer to this question violates his rights under
 11 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 12 country or international conventions; I,
 13 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer
 14 this question.
 15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 16 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 17 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 18 Amendment.
 19 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 20 Q. Sir, and this property was also purchased with
 21 funds stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 22 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 23 instruct my client that an answer to this
 24 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 25 Amendment or certain laws of his country or

73	<p>1 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 2 and instruct my client not to answer this 3 question. 4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on 5 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights 6 including those protected by the Fifth Amendment. 7 BY MR. LEAVITT: 8 Q. Sir, 43 North Spinning Wheel Circle in the 9 Woodland Circle is also owned by you, correct? 10 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an 11 answer to this question violates his rights under 12 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his 13 country or international conventions; I, 14 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 15 this question. 16 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 17 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 18 constitutional rights including those protected 19 under the Fifth Amendment. 20 BY MR. LEAVITT: 21 Q. This property is owned by 43 Spinning Wheel, LLC, 22 correct? 23 MR. BRAR: I will instruct my client not 24 to answer this question. It violates his rights 25 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p>	75	<p>1 instruct my client not to answer this question 2 violates his rights under the Fifth Amendment or 3 certain laws of his country or international 4 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct my 5 client not to answer this question. 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 7 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 8 rights including those protected under the Fifth 9 Amendment. 10 BY MR. LEAVITT: 11 Q. Sir, 138 Bryce Branch Circle in The Woodlands, 12 Texas is another property owned by you, correct? 13 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an 14 answer to this question violates his rights under 15 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his 16 country or international conventions; I, 17 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 18 this question. 19 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 20 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 21 constitutional rights including those protected 22 by the Fifth Amendment. 23 BY MR. LEAVITT: 24 Q. This property is held by a company named 138 25 Bryce Branch, LLC, correct?</p>
74	<p>1 country or international conventions; I, 2 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 3 this question. 4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 5 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 6 rights including those protected under the Fifth 7 Amendment. 8 BY MR. LEAVITT: 9 Q. And that is an entity you and your wife created 10 in order to receive stolen funds from the state of 11 Veracruz, correct? 12 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also 13 instruct my client not to answer this question 14 because it violates his rights under the Fifth 15 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 16 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 17 and instruct him not to answer this question. 18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 19 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 20 rights including those protected by the Fifth 21 Amendment. 22 BY MR. LEAVITT: 23 Q. This property was in fact purchased with funds 24 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct? 25 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p>	76	<p>1 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 2 answer that this question violates his rights 3 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his 4 country or international conventions; I, 5 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 6 this question. 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 8 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 9 rights including those protected by the Fifth 10 Amendment. 11 BY MR. LEAVITT: 12 Q. This property is held by a company named 138 Bay 13 Branch, LLC, correct? 14 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that the 15 answer to this question violates his rights under 16 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his 17 country or international conventions; I, 18 therefore, advise and instruct him not to answer 19 this question. 20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 21 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 22 rights including those protected under the Fifth 23 Amendment. 24 BY MR. LEAVITT: 25 Q. Both of these entities were created to receive</p>

1 stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 2 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 3 instruct my client not to answer this question
 4 violates his rights under the Fifth Amendment or
 5 certain laws of his country or international
 6 conventions; I, therefore, advise and instruct my
 7 client not to answer this question.
 8 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer the
 9 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 10 constitutional rights including those protected
 11 under the Fifth Amendment.
 12 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 13 Q. And 138 Bryce Branch Circle in The Woodlands,
 14 Texas was, in fact, purchased with funds stolen money from
 15 state of Veracruz, correct?
 16 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 17 instruct my client that an answer to this
 18 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 19 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 20 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 21 and instruct my client not to answer this
 22 question.
 23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 24 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 25 rights including those protected by the Fifth

1 rights including those protected under the Fifth
 2 Amendment.
 3 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 4 Q. This is an entity created by you and your wife in
 5 order to receive stolen funds from the state of Veracruz,
 6 right?
 7 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 8 instruct my client that an answer to this
 9 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 10 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 11 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 12 and instruct him not to answer this question.
 13 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 14 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 15 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 16 Amendment.
 17 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 18 Q. This property was, in fact, purchased with funds
 19 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 20 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also
 21 instruct my client that an answer to this
 22 question violates his rights under the Fifth
 23 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 24 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 25 and instruct my client not to answer this

1 Amendment.
 2 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 3 Q. 18 Griffin Hill Court in the Woodland Hills,
 4 Texas is also a property owned by you, correct?
 5 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an
 6 answer to this question violates his rights under
 7 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 8 country or international conventions; I,
 9 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 10 answer this question.
 11 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 12 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 13 rights including those protected under the Fifth
 14 Amendment.
 15 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 16 Q. This property is held by an entity named 18
 17 Griffin Hill, LLC, correct?
 18 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that an
 19 answer to this question violates his rights under
 20 the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 21 country or international conventions; I,
 22 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to
 23 answer this question.
 24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 25 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional

1 question.
 2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 3 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 4 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 5 Amendment.
 6 MR. LEAVITT: Let's switch, and take a break.
 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of Media 2,
 8 Volume 1, in the video deposition of Jose Antonio Bandin.
 9 Going off the record at 11:22 a.m. as indicated on the
 10 video screen.
 11 (Recess taken at 11:22 a.m.)
 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning
 13 of Media 3, Volume 1 in the video deposition of
 14 Jose Antonio Bandin. Going back on the record at
 15 11:39 as indicated on the video screen.
 16 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 17 Q. Sir, you own a property at 175 West New Harmony
 18 Trail in Spring, Texas, correct?
 19 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any
 20 answer to this question would violate his rights
 21 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his
 22 country or international conventions; I,
 23 therefore, instruct and advise my client not to
 24 answer this question.
 25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

81	<p>1 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my</p> <p>2 constitutional rights including those protected</p> <p>3 by the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>4 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>5 Q. This entity is -- I'm sorry -- strike that.</p> <p>6 This property is held by an entity named 175 West</p> <p>7 New Harmony, LLC, correct?</p> <p>8 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any</p> <p>9 answer to this question would violate his rights</p> <p>10 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p> <p>11 country or international conventions; I,</p> <p>12 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to</p> <p>13 answer this question.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that</p> <p>15 question based on counsel from my lawyer, my</p> <p>16 constitutional rights including those protected</p> <p>17 by the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>18 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>19 Q. This property was, in fact, purchased with funds</p> <p>20 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?</p> <p>21 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>22 instruct my client that this question violates</p> <p>23 his rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain</p> <p>24 laws of his country or international conventions;</p> <p>25 I, therefore, advise and instruct my client not</p>	83	<p>1 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to</p> <p>2 answer this question.</p> <p>3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>4 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>5 rights including those protected by the Fifth</p> <p>6 Amendment.</p> <p>7 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>8 Q. This property was, in fact, purchased with funds</p> <p>9 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?</p> <p>10 MR. BRAR: Object to the form. I also</p> <p>11 instruct my client that any answer to this</p> <p>12 question would violate his rights under the Fifth</p> <p>13 Amendment or certain laws of his country or</p> <p>14 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p> <p>15 and instruct my client not to answer.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>17 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>18 rights including those protected by the Fifth</p> <p>19 Amendment.</p> <p>20 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>21 Q. You also own property at 87 West Jagged Ridge</p> <p>22 Circle in The Woodlands, Texas, correct?</p> <p>23 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any</p> <p>24 answer to this question would violate his rights</p> <p>25 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p>
82	<p>1 to answer this question.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>3 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>4 rights including those protected by the Fifth</p> <p>5 Amendment.</p> <p>6 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>7 Q. You also own a property at the address 83 West</p> <p>8 Jagged Ridge Circle in Woodlands, Texas, correct?</p> <p>9 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to</p> <p>10 answer this question because violates his rights</p> <p>11 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p> <p>12 country or international conventions; I,</p> <p>13 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to</p> <p>14 answer this question.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>16 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>17 rights including those protected by the Fifth</p> <p>18 Amendment.</p> <p>19 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>20 Q. This property is held by an entity named 83 West</p> <p>21 Jagged Ridge, LLC, correct?</p> <p>22 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any</p> <p>23 answer to this question would violates his rights</p> <p>24 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p> <p>25 country or international conventions; I,</p>	84	<p>1 country or international conventions; I,</p> <p>2 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to</p> <p>3 answer this question.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>5 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>6 rights including those protected by the Fifth</p> <p>7 Amendment.</p> <p>8 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>9 Q. Sir, this property is held by an entity 38 West</p> <p>10 Jagged Ridge, LLC, correct?</p> <p>11 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client that any</p> <p>12 answer to this question would violate his rights</p> <p>13 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his</p> <p>14 country or international conventions; I,</p> <p>15 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to</p> <p>16 answer this question.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based</p> <p>18 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional</p> <p>19 rights including -- and including those protected</p> <p>20 by the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>21 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p> <p>22 Q. Excuse me -- strike that.</p> <p>23 This is an entity you and your wife created to</p> <p>24 receive stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?</p> <p>25 MR. BRAR: Objection to the form. I also</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">85</p> <p>1 instruct my client not to answer this question 2 because it would violate his rights under the 3 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or 4 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 5 and instruct my client not to answer this 6 question. 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 8 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 9 rights including those protected by the Fifth 10 Amendment. 11 BY MR. LEAVITT: 12 Q. And this property was, in fact, purchased with 13 the funds stolen from the state of Veracruz? 14 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 15 instruct my client that any answer to this 16 question would violate his rights under the Fifth 17 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 18 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 19 and instruct my client not to answer this 20 question. 21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 22 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 23 rights including those protected by the Fifth 24 Amendment. 25 BY MR. LEAVITT:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">87</p> <p>1 by the Fifth Amendment. 2 BY MR. LEAVITT: 3 Q. And you were responsible for stealing this money 4 from the state of Veracruz, correct? 5 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 6 instruct my client that any answer to this 7 question violates his rights under the Fifth 8 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 9 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 10 and instruct my client not to answer this 11 question. 12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 13 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 14 constitutional rights including those protected 15 by the Fifth Amendment. 16 BY MR. LEAVITT: 17 Q. You were, in fact, responsible for stealing all 18 of the money from the state of Veracruz that you used to 19 purchase all the properties that we talked about today, 20 correct? 21 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 22 instruct my client that any answer to this 23 question violates his rights under the Fifth 24 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 25 international conventions; I, therefore, advise</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">86</p> <p>1 Q. You also own a property at 7940 East Clinton 2 Street in Scottsdale, Arizona, correct? 3 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 4 instruct my client not to answer this question 5 because it violates his rights under the Fifth 6 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 7 international conventions; I, therefore, instruct 8 my client not to answer this question. 9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 10 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 11 constitutional rights including those protected 12 by the Fifth Amendment. 13 BY MR. LEAVITT: 14 Q. And this property was in fact purchased with 15 stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, right? 16 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 17 instruct my client that any answer to this 18 question violates his rights under the Fifth 19 Amendment or certain laws of his country or 20 international conventions; I, therefore, advise 21 and instruct my client not to answer this 22 question. 23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 24 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 25 constitutional rights including those protected</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">88</p> <p>1 and instruct my client not to answer this 2 question. 3 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based 4 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional 5 rights including those protected by the Fifth 6 Amendment. 7 BY MR. LEAVITT: 8 Q. You also own a property located at 307 Bloom Hill 9 Place, Magnolia, Texas, correct? 10 MR. BRAR: I instruct my client not to 11 answer this question as it violates his rights 12 under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his 13 country or international conventions; I, 14 therefore, advise and instruct my client not to 15 answer. 16 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this 17 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my 18 constitutional rights including those protected 19 by the Fifth Amendment. 20 BY MR. LEAVITT: 21 Q. This property was purchased with funds stolen 22 from the state of Veracruz, correct? 23 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also 24 instruct my client not to answer to this question 25 because violates his rights under the Fifth</p>

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1 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 2 Amendment.
 3 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 4 Q. This entity is still in the possession of fund
 5 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 6 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 7 instruct my client that any answer to this
 8 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 9 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 10 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 11 and instruct my client not to answer this
 12 question.
 13 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 14 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 15 constitutional rights including those protected
 16 by the Fifth Amendment.
 17 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 18 Q. Bamba Construction, LLC, is an entity that was
 19 created by you and your wife, correct?
 20 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 21 instruct my client that any answer to this
 22 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 23 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 24 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 25 and instruct my client not to answer this

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1 question.
 2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 3 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 4 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 5 Amendment.
 6 BY MR. LEAVITT: Q. And this entity was created to
 7 receive funds stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 8 MR. BRAR: Objection to the form. I also
 9 instruct my client that any answer to this
 10 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 11 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 12 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 13 and instruct my client not to answer this
 14 question.
 15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 16 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 17 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 18 Amendment.
 19 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 20 Q. This entity did, in fact, receive funds stolen
 21 from the state of Veracruz, right?
 22 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 23 instruct my client not to answer this question.
 24 It would violate his rights under the Fifth
 25 Amendment or certain laws of his country or

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 2 and instruct my client not to answer this
 3 question.
 4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based on
 5 counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional rights
 6 including those protected by the Fifth Amendment.
 7 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 8 Q. This entity is still in possession of funds
 9 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 10 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 11 instruct my client that any answer to this
 12 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 13 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 14 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 15 and instruct my client not to answer this
 16 question.
 17 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 18 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 19 constitutional rights and those protected by the
 20 Fifth Amendment.
 21 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 22 Q. Bamba -- excuse me -- strike that.
 23 Bamba Land and Development, LLC, is an entity
 24 created by you and your wife, correct?
 25 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also

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1 instruct my client that any answer to this
 2 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 3 Amendment or certain international conventions or
 4 laws in his country, I, therefore, advise and
 5 instruct my client not to answer this question.
 6 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 7 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 8 constitutional rights and those protected by the
 9 Fifth Amendment.
 10 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 11 Q. This entity was created to receive funds stolen
 12 from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 13 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 14 instruct my client not to answer this question.
 15 It would violate his rights under the Fifth
 16 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 17 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 18 and instruct my client not to answer this
 19 question.
 20 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer based
 21 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 22 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 23 Amendment.
 24 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 25 Q. This entity did, in fact, receive funds stolen

1 from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 2 MR. BRAR: Object to the Form. I also
 3 instruct my client that any answer to this
 4 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 5 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 6 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 7 and instruct my client not to answer this
 8 question.

9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 10 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 11 constitutional rights including those protected
 12 by the Fifth Amendment.

13 BY MR. LEAVITT:

14 Q. This entity is still in possession of funds
 15 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?

16 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 17 instruct my client that any answer to this
 18 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 19 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 20 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 21 and instruct my client not to answer this
 22 question.

23 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer on the
 24 basis of counsel from my lawyer, my
 25 constitutional rights including those protected

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 2 based of counsel from my lawyer, my
 3 constitutional rights including those protected
 4 by the Fifth Amendment.

5 BY MR. LEAVITT:

6 Q. This entity did, in fact, receive funds stolen
 7 from the state of Veracruz, correct?

8 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 9 instruct my client not to answer to this question
 10 because it would violate his rights under the
 11 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 12 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 13 and instruct my client not to answer this
 14 question.

15 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer on the
 16 based of counsel from my lawyer, my
 17 constitutional rights including those protected
 18 by the Fifth Amendment.

19 BY MR. LEAVITT:

20 Q. This entity is still in possession of funds
 21 stolen from the state of Veracruz, correct?

22 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 23 instruct my client that any answer to this
 24 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 25 Amendment or certain laws of his country or

1 by the Fifth Amendment.
 2 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 3 Q. Bandin Real Estate, LLC, is an entity created by
 4 you and your wife, correct?

5 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 6 instruct my client that any answer to this
 7 question would violate his rights under the Fifth
 8 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 9 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 10 and instruct my client not to answer this
 11 question.

12 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 13 question on the basis upon counsel from my
 14 lawyer, my constitutional rights including those
 15 protected by the Fifth Amendment.

16 BY MR. LEAVITT:

17 Q. This entity was created to receive stolen funds
 18 from the state of Veracruz, correct?

19 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 20 instruct my client not to answer this question.
 21 It would violate his rights under the Fifth
 22 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 23 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 24 and instruct my client not to answer this
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 2 and instruct my client not to answer this
 3 question.
 4 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 5 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 6 constitutional rights including those protected
 7 by the Fifth Amendment.

8 BY MR. LEAVITT:

9 Q. Bull Business and Storage, LLC, is an entity
 10 created by you and your wife, correct?

11 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 12 instruct my client not to answer to this
 13 question. It would violate his rights under the
 14 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 15 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 16 and instruct my client not to answer this
 17 question.

18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 19 question upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 20 constitutional rights including those protected
 21 by the Fifth Amendment.

22 BY MR. LEAVITT:

23 Q. This entity was created in order to receive
 24 stolen funds from the state of Veracruz, correct?

25 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also

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1 instruct my client not to answer to this
 2 question. It would violate his rights under the
 3 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 4 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 5 and instruct my client not to answer this
 6 question.
 7 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 8 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 9 constitutional rights including those protected
 10 by the Fifth Amendment.
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. It created to receive funds stolen from the state
 13 of Veracruz, correct?
 14 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 15 instruct my client not to answer to this
 16 question. It would violate his rights under the
 17 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 18 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 19 and instruct my client not to answer this
 20 question.
 21 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer it on the
 22 basis upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 23 constitutional rights including those protected
 24 by the Fifth Amendment.
 25 BY MR. LEAVITT:

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1 Q. This entity did, in fact, receive funds stolen
 2 from the state of Veracruz, correct?
 3 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 4 instruct my client not to answer to this
 5 question. It would violate his rights under the
 6 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 7 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 8 and instruct my client not to answer this
 9 question.
 10 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 11 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my
 12 constitutional rights including those protected
 13 by the Fifth Amendment.
 14 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 15 Q. This entity is still in possession of funds
 16 stolen from the state of Veracruz, right?
 17 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 18 instruct my client not to answer to this question
 19 as it would violate his rights under the Fifth
 20 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 21 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 22 and instruct my client not to answer this
 23 question.
 24 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this
 25 question on the basis of counsel from my lawyer,

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1 my constitutional rights including those
 2 protected by the Fifth Amendment.
 3 MR. LEAVITT: Counsel, can I have the one back so
 4 I can relabel it?
 5 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 6 Q. Sir, I'm going to hand you what I marked as
 7 Exhibit No. 2, and is a number of the -- a number of
 8 documents demonstrating your ownership or formation of the
 9 entities and properties we have discussed today.
 10 (Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)
 11 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 12 Q. Take as much time as you need to review those,
 13 sir, but my ultimate question is going to be these
 14 documents demonstrate and prove your ownership in the
 15 properties we've discussed today and the entities we
 16 discussed today, correct?
 17 MR. BRAR: Objection. Go ahead.
 18 Objection. Form. I also advise and instruct my
 19 client that any answer to this question as it
 20 would violate his rights under the Fifth
 21 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 22 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 23 and instruct my client not to answer this
 24 question.
 25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

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1 question on the basis of counsel from my lawyer,
 2 my constitutional rights including those
 3 protected by the Fifth Amendment.
 4 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 5 Q. And these forms also demonstrate the formation of
 6 the entities that we discussed today, correct?
 7 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 8 instruct my client not to answer to this question
 9 because it violates his rights under the Fifth
 10 Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 11 international conventions; I, therefore, advise
 12 and instruct my client not to answer this
 13 question.
 14 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer on the
 15 basis of counsel of my lawyer this question based
 16 upon counsel from my lawyer, my constitutional
 17 rights including those protected by the Fifth
 18 Amendment.
 19 BY MR. LEAVITT:
 20 Q. Sir, what properties do you currently own?
 21 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also
 22 instruct my client not to answer to this question
 23 because it would violate his rights under the
 24 Fifth Amendment or certain laws of his country or
 25 international conventions; I, therefore, advise

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1 question.

2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

3 question based upon counsel received from my

4 lawyer, my constitutional rights including those

5 protected by the Fifth Amendment.

6 MR. LEAVITT: Let's take a quick break.

7 (Off-the-record discussion.)

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of

9 Media 3, Volume 1 in the video deposition of Jose

10 Antonio Bandin. Going off the video record at

11 12:22 p.m. as indicated on the video screen.

12 (Recess taken at 12:22 p.m.)

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the

14 record to continue Media 3, Volume 1 in the video

15 deposition of Jose Antonio Bandin at 12:23 p.m.

16 as indicated on the video screen.

17 BY MR. LEAVITT:

18 Q. Sir, have you understood all my questions today?

19 MR. BRAR: I instructed my client not to

20 answer his question because it would violate his

21 rights under the Fifth Amendment or certain laws

22 of his country or international conventions; I,

23 therefore, instruct my client not to answer this

24 question.

25 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

1 against you in that document, correct?

2 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also

3 instruct my client that any answer to this

4 question would violate his rights under the Fifth

5 Amendment or certain laws of his country or

6 international conventions; I, therefore, advise

7 and instruct my client not to answer this

8 question.

9 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

10 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my

11 constitutional rights including those protected

12 by the Fifth Amendment.

13 MR. LEAVITT: It's nice to meet you, sir.

14 MR. BRAR: We reserve our right to read.

15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the end

16 of Media ~~unit~~ 3, Volume 1 and the end of the

17 video deposition of Jose Antonio Bandin. Going

18 off the record of this continuous file at

19 12:26 p.m. as indicated on the video screen.

20 (Deposition concluded at 12:26 p.m.)

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1 question on the basis of counsel from my lawyer,

2 my constitutional rights and those protected

3 under the Fifth Amendment.

4 BY MR. LEAVITT:

5 Q. Sir, this has been marked as Exhibit 3.

6 (Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.)

7 BY MR. LEAVITT:

8 Q. This is a document that demonstrates that you're

9 under investigation in Mexico for the theft of funds from

10 the state of Veracruz, correct?

11 MR. BRAR: Objection. Form. I also

12 instruct my client that any answer to this

13 question would violate his rights under the Fifth

14 Amendment or certain laws of his country or

15 international conventions; I, therefore, advise

16 and instruct my client not to answer this

17 question.

18 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer this

19 question based upon counsel from my lawyer, my

20 constitutional rights including those protected

21 by the Fifth Amendment.

22 BY MR. LEAVITT:

23 Q. You have no ability to dispute that you were

24 under investigation in the state of Veracruz as reflected

25 in Exhibit 3 or the substance of the allegations made

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 3 I, Rachel McRoy, do hereby certify that I
 4 reported all proceedings adduced in the foregoing matter
 5 and that the foregoing transcript pages constitutes a
 6 full, true and accurate record of said proceedings to the
 7 best of my ability.
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 9 I further certify that I am neither related to
 10 counsel or any party to the proceedings nor have any
 11 interest in the outcome of the proceedings.
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 13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
 14 hand this 9th day of August, 2018.
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 24 Notary Public No: 962493
 25 My Commission Expires: May 16, 2021

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