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1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
2 ----- Plaintiff, )  
3 )  
4 vs. )  
5 )  
6 WILLIAM L. PICKARD and )  
7 CLYDE APPERSON, )  
8 ----- Defendants. )

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Case No.  
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9 VOLUME VIII TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY  
10 OF GORDON TODD SKINNER  
11 HAD DURING JURY TRIAL  
12 BEFORE  
13 HONORABLE RICHARD D. ROGERS  
14 and a jury of 12  
15 on  
16 February 10, 2003

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1 (THEREUPON, the following  
2 proceedings were held outside of the  
3 presence of the jury).

4 THE COURT: Let the record show that  
5 we're meeting in-- in the courtroom. The jury  
6 is not present. And we're meeting to make some  
7 rulings and-- and take up some matters that the  
8 Defendants and the Government want to look at.  
9 The first matter is, we have a Government  
10 sealed motion to strike attachment to motion in  
11 limine regarding alleged prior work as a  
12 confidential informant by Gordon Todd Skinner.

13 And this matter comes about in this way;  
14 the Government seeks an order striking the  
15 attachment designated as Exhibit 2 to its  
16 recent motion in limine concerning Mr.  
17 Skinner's prior work as a confidential  
18 informant. The Government notes that the DEA  
19 bars dissemination of this type of a report.  
20 Based upon the arguments of the Government, the  
21 Court shall grant this motion. The Court shall  
22 strike Exhibit 2 to the Government's motion in  
23 limine filed on February 6th, 2003. The Court  
24 shall direct the Defendants and their counsel  
25 not to copy, reproduce and/or disseminate this

1 exhibit beyond this trial.

2 All right. Mr. Hough, do you want to say  
3 anything more about that?

4 MR. HOUGH: No, Judge, thank you.

5 THE COURT: All right. That will--  
6 that will take care of-- of that matter. Mr.  
7 Bennett, you were asking for a copy of the  
8 pre-sentence investigation report?

9 MR. BENNETT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: We didn't think there was  
11 one first and we found it. But you understand  
12 a pre-sentence investigation report belongs to  
13 the Court--

14 MR. BENNETT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: -- not-- not to the  
16 Government?

17 MR. BENNETT: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: And the probation  
19 department is-- they're rather reluctant to  
20 turn over any pre-sentence reports. And they  
21 ask the Government not to-- they ask the Court  
22 not to turn those over, except in very, very  
23 rare circumstances. And the Court is-- I'm  
24 reluctant to turn over any pre-sentence report  
25 at any time. And I'm going to-- I'm going to

1 deny your request for the pre-sentence report  
2 in this case, because, as I say, this is the  
3 Court's matter and we have no Brady obligation  
4 or anything like that to turn over any--  
5 anything that is a-- an instrument that's  
6 really owned by the Court.

7 MR. BENNETT: Well, Judge, just for  
8 the record, and I understand what you're  
9 saying. But it's our position that the-- the  
10 information that's contained therein, and I  
11 haven't seen it so I-- I'm flying somewhat on  
12 this, but it would be our position that the  
13 information contained therein would go to Mr.  
14 Skinner's credibility. And without seeing it,  
15 I'm somewhat at a disadvantage, but I would  
16 anticipate that there may be information in  
17 there that's contradictory to what he's  
18 testified to or that was withheld from the  
19 pre-sentence investigators's knowledge.

20 And that-- that those types of-- of  
21 activities by Mr. Skinner would be relevant to  
22 the issue of his credibility or lack thereof.  
23 So we believe that this is an instance where an  
24 exception should be made, and I would like for  
25 the record to reflect that for the purpose of

1           this trial I'm proffering the information that  
2           is contained therein as to Mr. Skinner's  
3           credibility or lack thereof.

4                         MR. RORK: Well, Judge, I would just  
5           add on behalf of Mr. Pickard that-- one, in  
6           joining in the motion for review by counsel  
7           only in camera in the Court's chambers or in  
8           the-- outside the courtroom to review it.  
9           Again, just to look and determine the years  
10          that he indicated for education, the dates and  
11          times he's indicated for employment and other  
12          such matters that he's testified on direct or  
13          cross he can't recall, he's not sure of. And  
14          for those verification purposes is the only  
15          reason I want to look at it on behalf of Mr.  
16          Pickard, as well as other information that may  
17          be in there that would further, as Mr. Bennett  
18          said, contradict testimony given on direct or  
19          cross examination at this point. I would also  
20          move to proffer as part of the record its  
21          contents, have it be sealed as a proffer for  
22          any future purposes.

23                         THE COURT: Mr. Hough?

24                         MR. HOUGH: Yes, Judge. My  
25          recollection is that at some point prior to

1 trial, the Defendants filed a formal motion  
2 requesting this document. The Court ruled  
3 consistent with what you ruled from the bench  
4 today. We would ask that you reaffirm those  
5 prior rulings. And we would also submit that  
6 anything in there would be cumulative and  
7 collateral to the matters that the witness has  
8 already testified about and matters previously  
9 disclosed during the discovery of this case.

10 THE COURT: Well, I'm sitting here  
11 looking at the case of United States of America  
12 versus Trevino of the Fifth Circuit, and it's  
13 exactly on the point with this case. And that  
14 Fifth Circuit case says that it's not proper to  
15 turn over a-- a pre-sentence report and goes  
16 and reaffirms everything that I've said here.  
17 So I'm going to deny the request for the use of  
18 this pre-sentence report. And I will say to--  
19 to the attorneys, I believe you have a great  
20 amount of things we've turned over to you and  
21 there's-- I'm sure that you have ample things  
22 to question the witness about. So I-- I do not  
23 feel it's necessary that I turn over the  
24 Court-- the Court's document.

25 All right. Anything else that you see we

1 need to do?

2 (THEREUPON, Mr. Haley and the Court  
3 confer).

4 THE COURT: We also have one other  
5 matter here that-- the Court has been advised  
6 by Ronald Gocken, G-O-C-K-E-N, one of our  
7 jurors, that his father has died. And he asked  
8 to be released from service, and the Court has  
9 granted that request. The clerk shall move the  
10 first alternate, Ms. Pamela Graham into service  
11 as a regular juror. So we'll move up the first  
12 alternate on this.

13 MR. HOUGH: Judge, will then one of  
14 the two on the floor here move up into that  
15 chair or will they stay on the floor or how  
16 will that work?

17 THE COURT: Mary Beth says yes.

18 MR. HOUGH: Okay. Thank you. Also,  
19 Judge, I'm battling the flu. So if the Court  
20 would indulge me if I hastily ask for a recess  
21 at an unusual time, it is for that reason.

22 THE COURT: That's fine.

23 MR. HOUGH: Thank you.

24 THE COURT: All right. Let's bring  
25 the jury in and we'll proceed.



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(THEREUPON, the following.

proceedings were held in the presence of  
the jury).

THE COURT: All right. You may all  
be seated. And I believe we're ready to  
proceed. Let me-- before we start, Mr. Rork,  
let me also say, I'm sure you jurors know, but  
one of your jurors' father died and I have  
excused him. And I have asked Ms. Pamela  
Graham to step up now and be the regular juror,  
so that will be the situation. So we will  
proceed from there. All right. Mr. Rork, you  
may proceed.

MR. RORK: Thank you, Your Honor.

GORDON TODD SKINNER,  
called as a witness on behalf of the  
Government, having been previously sworn, and  
testified as follows:

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. RORK: (Continued)

Q. Mr. Skinner, I direct your attention to a  
question I was asking you last week about some  
animals that you had out there, and I want to  
direct your attention specifically to the

1 llamas, to the Clydesdales and other horses  
2 that-- or animals that had hooves. Do you  
3 recall how many of those animals you had at  
4 that location from '96 to 2000?

5 MR. HOUGH: Judge, we'll object. The  
6 Court sustained an objection as to irrelevant  
7 last week on this line of questioning. We  
8 would ask the Court reaffirm its ruling. This  
9 is irrelevant.

10 MR. RORK: Well, Judge, a follow-up  
11 question will be relevant, I assure you. And I  
12 don't want to give the Government a chance to  
13 let the witness know what the questions are  
14 going to be, but it is directly relevant.

15 THE COURT: I will overrule the  
16 objection and allow you to go ahead.

17 A. You're asking me to recall the number of hoofed  
18 animals.

19 Q. (BY MR. RORK) Yes. From 1996 to 2000.

20 A. I had two Clydesdales, three miniature horses,  
21 one miniature donkey. And the llama herd  
22 expanded and contracted over time, so I can't  
23 give you an exact number of hoofed, even though  
24 they would not be classified, quote, hoofed  
25 animals, the llamas, but let's say between two

1 and eight.

2 Q. And during the period of time that they were on  
3 this location, did you ever place an order for  
4 iodine for treatment of these hoofed animals in  
5 any nature?

6 A. I never placed an order, nor have I ever heard  
7 this before.

8 Q. Did anybody working for you at any time place  
9 an order and have on the premises a large  
10 amount of iodine?

11 A. Again, I will answer that I have no knowledge  
12 of iodine.

13 Q. And as part of your research and your chemical  
14 capabilities, you are aware that iodine can be  
15 used for the manufacture of methamphetamine?

16 A. No, I didn't know that.

17 Q. With respect to your cooperation with the DEA  
18 in-- that was in 1991 as it would relate to the  
19 state of Florida?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And was it anytime before that dealing with the  
22 Florida case only?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What time periods?

25 A. '89, '90, '91, '92.

1 Q. And what was the nature of your cooperation?

2 A. I was asked to identify communication systems  
3 for a Narco terrorist operation. And it was on  
4 my cooperation voluntarily, and I was not paid.

5 Q. And in that 1989, '90, '91 and '92 period of  
6 time, did you have occasion to wear recording  
7 devices?

8 A. No.

9 Q. During that same period of time, did you have  
10 occasion to record the person's telephone  
11 conversations?

12 MR. HOUGH: Well, Judge, we'll  
13 object. May we approach?

14 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

15 (THEREUPON, the following  
16 proceedings were held at the bench and  
17 outside of the hearing of the jury).

18 MR. HOUGH: Your Honor, we're back in  
19 the time frame of the issues related to State  
20 v. Worthy. We would ask that the Court  
21 reaffirm its order and admonish counsel to stay  
22 away from that. The witness testified that  
23 there were no recordings relative to this case.  
24 That is accurate. Counsel came back and said,  
25 "Well, were there any recordings?" The only

1 other ones out there are the Worthy matter,  
2 Judge. The Court has sustained its order  
3 regarding the matter repeatedly. And I don't  
4 know how much more clear the Court could be on  
5 the issue.

6 MR. RORK: And, Judge, I understand  
7 Mr. Hough may be suffering from the flu, but if  
8 you'll recall my question to him specifically  
9 was Florida and what time periods, and then he  
10 brought up Florida from '89 to '91. Then I  
11 asked him about did he wear a recording, he  
12 said no. Now my question is, during that time  
13 did he do-- record any phone conversations.  
14 And all I want is a yes or no. And it relates  
15 to Florida and the question goes back to  
16 Florida only. And that's the contact-- if he  
17 wants me to say Florida only each time and draw  
18 attention to it, I will. I was trying to be  
19 nonspecific that there was something else out  
20 there.

21 MR. HOUGH: If it's limited to  
22 inquiry on this Florida matter, Judge, that's  
23 fine. But the question, as I heard it, did--  
24 was not limited to the Florida matter.

25 MR. RORK: That particular question

1           wasn't, but it followed all the Florida  
2           questions, so--

3                         THE COURT: Well, let's just remember  
4           what I've said.

5                         MR. RORK: I know. Okay. I will  
6           just keep saying Florida.

7                                 (THEREUPON, the bench  
8                                 conference was concluded and the  
9                                 following proceedings were held within  
10                                the hearing of the jury).

11         Q. (BY MR. HOUGH) And again, with respect to the  
12         Florida matter only that we're just talking  
13         about, did you have occasion to record any  
14         telephone conversations as part of your  
15         cooperation?

16         A. Yes.

17         Q. On more than one occasion?

18         A. Yes.

19         Q. And during this same period of time relating to  
20         Florida only, did you have occasion to engage  
21         in activities while law enforcement were  
22         present with you similar to how you've  
23         testified law enforcement were present with you  
24         in Oklahoma when you went down there?

25         A. Yes.

1 Q. On more than one occasion? Like on multiple  
2 occasions?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And I believe you indicated that your  
5 assistance in this Florida matter was then  
6 something on a volunteer basis and not one for  
7 any compensation?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And did it also involve - this Florida  
10 investigation - conspiracy-type offenses?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did it also not involve in this time period  
13 money laundering-type allegations?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And during this period of time in Florida, 1989  
16 to '91 that you've described, did you collect  
17 and gather documents in support of any part of  
18 this investigation?

19 A. Did I produce physical evidence? Yes.

20 Q. And would that have to do with travel records  
21 and hotel receipts and items like that?

22 A. No.

23 Q. During this same period of time, we're talking  
24 about 1989 to 1991, is that a period when you  
25 were in Jamaica doing some of your entheogen

1 research or activities?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you recall a period of time in this 1989 to  
4 1991 time frame where you had chartered this  
5 large vessel?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you recall in February, 1991, the case of B  
8 & G Off-shore, Inc., and William Good versus  
9 you and various aliases, this judgment being  
10 entered against you in the amount of \$85,000?

11 A. I've been notified by my attorneys of such. I  
12 have read the entries into the journal, yes.

13 Q. And did that not involve the charter and use of  
14 a large vessel?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What type of vessel was this?

17 A. Technically it was called an emergency stand-by  
18 off-shore oil vessel. I was using it in the  
19 function of a mini oil tanker.

20 Q. And how large was it, can you tell me?

21 A. Well, the size differed-- measured by how the  
22 Coast Guard ranges it.

23 Q. Well, I mean, like versus a cruise ship versus  
24 tugboat, I guess.

25 A. Depends on if you're measuring by the killer



1 (phonetic) or by the overall length.

2 Q. Did it have like room where people could sleep  
3 in it?

4 A. There were four rooms that could be slept in.

5 Q. And it was one that was like they call ocean  
6 worthy, that could go from America to Europe?

7 A. It was-- it was for oceans, yes.

8 Q. And during that period of time that--

9 A. What period of time?

10 Q. The 1989 to 1991 period of time. This judgment  
11 is February 15, 1991. Do you know when you  
12 used that large vessel in that time period?

13 A. Yes, I do.

14 Q. What time period?

15 A. I didn't use it in that time period, that's why  
16 I keep asking you.

17 Q. What time period are you-- do you indicate you  
18 used it?

19 A. In 1988.

20 Q. For how long?

21 A. Approximately six months.

22 Q. And to go from where to where?

23 A. I went from Freeport, Texas, through the  
24 Yucatan Channel into the Grand Cayman,  
25 Georgetown, then I want to Cayman Brac. From

1 Cayman Brac I went to Montego Bay, Jamaica.  
2 And then from Montego Bay, Jamaica, to Cayman  
3 Brac and then to Little Cayman, then back to  
4 Cayman Brac then to Montego Bay, Jamaica. And  
5 I kept recycling that route.

6 Q. And during that period in 1988, were you also--  
7 did you also use or were known by the alias of  
8 P as in Paul, C as in Charles, Carroll,  
9 C-A-R-R-O-L-L?

10 A. I don't know about the double Ls, but the rest  
11 is correct, yes.

12 Q. And how long did you use that alias P.C.  
13 Carroll?

14 A. Approximately two years.

15 Q. And what time period?

16 A. '87, '88.

17 Q. And also during that time period, did you use  
18 the alias Gerard G-E-R-A-R-D, T as in Tom,  
19 Finegan, F-I-N-E-G-A-N.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And for what time period?

22 A. Approximately two to three years.

23 Q. Again, '87 to '88 period?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. During that same '87 to '88 period, did you

1           also use the alias Moise, M-O-I-S-E, Benjamin  
2           Seligman, S-E-L-I-G-M-A-N? And Moise is  
3           spelled M-O-I-S-E.

4           A. Sorry, I've never used that, that's a retired  
5           major general for the military. I've never  
6           used that name as an alias.

7           Q. Can you tell me what other names you used as an  
8           alias in that time period, '87 to '90?

9           A. I'm going to do the best from my memory.  
10          Charles Fletcher.

11          Q. Fletcher?

12          A. Yes. James Young. There may be another name  
13          I'm missing, I would have to give it some time  
14          to think about it.

15          Q. That's fine. And then from 1990 to 2000, were  
16          there other-- were there aliases in addition to  
17          these or excluding these that you used in that  
18          time period?

19          A. I never used those aliases from '90 to 2000,  
20          other than I was given a nickname of Fletch.  
21          And the only names that I have used since then  
22          have been Gordon Todd Skinner, Gordon Todd Roth  
23          Skinner, Todd Roth, Todd Ragan.

24          Q. How did you spell Ragan?

25          A. R-A-G-A-N. Gordon Todd Ragan Skinner. Someone

1 gave me an alias, but I didn't use it, I just  
2 accepted it as Bob Jones. I'm doing the best I  
3 can. I-- these are all names by marriage. I  
4 don't think I've used any other names.

5 Q. Okay. William Wynn, that's W-Y-N-N; is that  
6 correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. When did you begin to know him?

9 A. This would be the fourth time I've testified to  
10 you, in high school or junior high.

11 Q. And during this time period from 1990 to 2000,  
12 was Mr. Wynn in your employ or the employ of  
13 Gardner Springs?

14 A. He was in the employ of-- define your time  
15 period, sir.

16 Q. 1990 to 2000.

17 A. You're going to have to break the years down.

18 Q. Well, do you know what years during that period  
19 of time he worked for Gardner Springs versus  
20 working for you or someone else?

21 A. 1990 he worked for Gardner Springs, through at  
22 least 1998.

23 Q. And so at that period of time he would have  
24 been paid by Gardner Springs?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. So from 1998 to 2000, was he an employee of you  
2 or the Wamego Land Trust?

3 A. He was never an employee of the Wamego Land  
4 Trust.

5 Q. Who was he an employee of?

6 A. Sequoia Capital, Dawn, Inc., Red Mass  
7 Communication. He did consulting for Great  
8 Plains Air Corporation. He worked for the  
9 Asian Center.

10 Q. And did you have an ownership or interest in  
11 Saygo Capital?

12 A. Sequoia Capital?

13 Q. Sequoia Capital.

14 A. None whatsoever.

15 Q. What about for Dawn, Inc.?

16 A. None whatsoever.

17 Q. What about for Red Mass Communication?

18 A. None whatsoever.

19 Q. So during the period of time he was employed  
20 with those companies, was he also in your  
21 presence on a regular basis?

22 A. No, not on a regular basis.

23 Q. What type of a basis?

24 A. I mean, we were friends since junior high. I  
25 mean, we would talk and say "how do you do" and

1 talk about things.

2 Q. When-- when in the time period 1990 to 2000 did  
3 he obtain the Oklahoma driver's license blanks  
4 that were used to assist you in making multiple  
5 IDs?

6 A. He never obtained blanks of Oklahoma driver's  
7 licenses.

8 Q. What did he obtain?

9 A. Through graphics, both of us were able to  
10 create the-- the form, and we built it from  
11 scratch.

12 Q. And the form was for what?

13 A. It was the internal part of-- under the  
14 laminate of the Oklahoma driver's license, with  
15 all the correct encryption.

16 Q. And do you recall about what year this was that  
17 you both created this from scratch?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Would there be any documents you could review  
20 that would assist you as opposed to like 1995  
21 versus 1998?

22 A. Oh, it would have been-- it would have been  
23 post-'97.

24 Q. And was this something that was created at the  
25 Wamego missile base?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Where was it created at?

3 A. Usually at nighttime at Gardner.

4 Q. At Gardner Springs?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. In Oklahoma?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Was there a certain type of equipment that was  
9 used in that process that was somehow acquired  
10 by you or Mr. Wynn or others?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And what would that have been?

13 A. It would have been a Genesis, you're going to  
14 have to let me go slow here so I make sure I  
15 get this correct. A Genesis MP multiple  
16 processor computer made by Daystar for parallel  
17 processing. A Newgen disublimation printer, a  
18 Ryna type L scanner, high res and simple  
19 equipment for cutting and trimming and  
20 physically cutting things down. And a heat  
21 lamination device to laminate over the graphics  
22 work.

23 Q. And do you know how many Oklahoma IDs were  
24 generated from this activity?

25 A. Do you mean that were laminated, actual

1 finished product?

2 Q. Finished product, yes.

3 A. Six, four. Four to six.

4 Q. And do you know how many were attempted to be  
5 created as to finished product?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And what time period would this have been?

8 A. I can't tell you. Again, post-'97.

9 Q. Was there any other forms of equipment or other  
10 types of activity that you or someone with you  
11 associated were in this time period for other  
12 ID-making items?

13 A. Well, I mean, scissors, you know, little--

14 Q. No, I'm talking about other than driver's  
15 licenses for Oklahoma, were there other types  
16 of IDs attempted to be generated?

17 A. No.

18 Q. There were no badges or other types of items  
19 made--

20 A. No.

21 Q. -- or --

22 A. No.

23 Q. And the purpose of generating these IDs and  
24 Oklahoma driver's licenses, is that one that  
25 was made for you that was found in your



1 possession?

2 A. I-- what do you mean?

3 Q. An Oklahoma driver's license.

4 A. Made for me? What do you mean by made for me?

5 Q. Yes. Did you have one of those identifications  
6 of Oklahoma driver's licenses made and used by  
7 you in any fashion?

8 A. No. The only one I ever had and the only type  
9 of ones that were ever made were on the request  
10 of William Leonard Pickard.

11 Q. So the Oklahoma driver's license that was  
12 seized by you-- after you were arrested leaving  
13 the casino for the charges you pled to, was  
14 that a valid one or a generated one?

15 A. Absolutely valid.

16 Q. And the badge that you had on you from  
17 Interpol, where was that acquired and how?

18 A. From William Leonard Pickard.

19 Q. And when?

20 A. He gave it to me, he gave me a couple of them,  
21 he bought them as novelties.

22 Q. Do you know where he purchased those at?

23 A. I think he told me somewhere in Florida through  
24 the Internet.

25 Q. So you weren't with him when those were

1 purchased--

2 A. No, I'm sorry, I wasn't.

3 Q. -- according to you? The other badge that you  
4 presented, what was the nature of it?

5 A. It was a Lucite-encased Treasury intelligence  
6 badge that was rightfully mine.

7 Q. Belonged to someone that was deceased, a  
8 relative?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. I believe in the Government's examination when  
11 you were asked why you were presenting this  
12 information that was the substance of your  
13 testimony to date to Government officials was  
14 based upon conversations that some ET person or  
15 his associate was going to be killed or had  
16 been killed. Do you recall that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you recall indicating to Agent Nichols on  
19 October 17th and October 18th of 2000 or  
20 anytime shortly thereafter that the purpose for  
21 you coming forward, that you indicated to him  
22 was a disagreement, that-- that the Brotherhood  
23 of Eternal Love promoted free distribution of  
24 LSD and you took offense at Mr. Pickard, quote,  
25 selling LSD. Do you recall any substance or

1 form of that nature?

2 A. There were many things that I spoke to Mr.  
3 Nichols about during that time.

4 Q. Of the many things you spoke to him about  
5 during that time, do you specifically recall  
6 indicating to him the reason you were coming  
7 forward was to-- the difference in philosophy  
8 of the Brotherhood of Internal Love community  
9 promoting free distribution of LSD versus what  
10 you were saying Mr. Pickard was selling LSD.  
11 Do you recall that specifically?

12 A. Yes. There is forbidden, amongst those that  
13 understand, the selling of sacraments.

14 Q. And, in fact, it was-- you related specifically  
15 to Agent Nichols not anything about this ET  
16 death or killing, but primarily the difference  
17 in philosophy of the selling of these  
18 sacraments. Do you agree?

19 A. I would need to see the reports.

20 Q. Okay. Again, you recall previously testifying  
21 that on-- in February of 2002 and in the summer  
22 of 2002, around the end of June, you met with  
23 Agent Nichols and reviewed 19-- well, you said  
24 all the reports that were generated by him. Do  
25 you recall that?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you went over all of those reports, at  
3 least 19 reports, and looked at those in great  
4 length and made changes in paragraphs or  
5 sentences and then those were modified.  
6 Correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And then prior to trial here, sometime in the  
9 10-day period before you were called to  
10 testify, you've indicated that again you  
11 reviewed those documents and those reports that  
12 we're talking about?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And since the trial has started and you've been  
15 testifying, have you at any breaks, again,  
16 looked at or viewed those reports?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And have you been provided any copies of those  
19 reports to have in your possession?

20 A. Again, I answered that once before. I was  
21 provided them, I was too tired, I never even  
22 opened them up.

23 Q. Were you the same tired and didn't open up  
24 the-- with respect to the transcripts that  
25 you've testified that you've listened to and

1 reviewed?

2 A. I don't know what you mean. Reform the  
3 question.

4 Q. You said you were too tired and didn't open up  
5 these reports that we've been referring to.  
6 And I wanted you to compare your mental state  
7 to when you reviewed these transcripts you've  
8 talked about. Was that the same time period?

9 A. In the daytime I was not too tired. We're  
10 talking about late at night, so you're  
11 confusing time lines.

12 Q. So then when you were reviewing these reports  
13 late at night, it would have been in this  
14 building or some other location?

15 A. Again, I didn't review them late at night  
16 because I was too tired, I never opened the  
17 package up.

18 Q. Where were you at when you didn't open the  
19 package up?

20 A. I don't think I have to answer that.

21 Q. Well, you don't have to tell me the location,  
22 but was it in this building or somewhere else?

23 A. Somewhere else.

24 Q. So it was outside this building?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. So can you tell me now what you recall being  
2 the primary purpose of you bringing forth all  
3 of this information to the agents in late  
4 September, early October, 2000. The purpose of  
5 doing so, other than what you've testified so  
6 far as it was relating to some death or  
7 attempted death?

8 A. Again, within the first hour of talking to Mr.  
9 Nichols, I believe certainly within the first  
10 two hours, the death of the informant of the  
11 associate of the ET man was mentioned. And  
12 also, that there was a philosophical battle  
13 going on within the organization and that I  
14 felt that the organization had just become too  
15 corrupt to its core.

16 Q. And did you indicate also that you were a  
17 member of this Brotherhood of Eternal Love?

18 A. I said very specifically that I was, quote,  
19 given the title, which everyone laughed about,  
20 of being head of worldwide security for the  
21 Brotherhood of Eternal Love, end quote.

22 Q. By who?

23 A. Pickard.

24 Q. And have you reviewed the notes that we've  
25 talked about since the ten days before trial or

1 to this date, to see if there's any reference  
2 in those narratives of your mentioning Pickard  
3 had appointed you to the worldwide security of  
4 Eternal Love?

5 A. I'm sorry, I haven't seen that many reports  
6 lately or in the last 10 days before such and  
7 such.

8 Q. But you're indicating you independently recall  
9 making that type of statement?

10 A. I am for sure I made that statement in front of  
11 DEA agents.

12 Q. And that would have been the initial briefing  
13 October 17th and 18th in Sacramento?

14 A. No, it could have been in the initial first  
15 month.

16 Q. And when did this initial month of contact  
17 begin?

18 A. October 12th.

19 Q. And you indicated that on--

20 A. Year 19-- I mean, year 2000.

21 Q. And October 12th, 2000, what began that day?

22 A. The discussion of even if I was in the real  
23 world with what I was saying.

24 Q. And with who and where?

25 A. It was in Sacramento, it was at a hotel. Do

1           you want me to say who was present?

2           Q.    Yes, please.

3           A.    Nan Carter, special intelligence gathering  
4           person for the Department of Justice, Karl  
5           Nichols, special agent with the DEA, Zack  
6           Zajak, with the DEA.  Bob Dey, D-E-Y, head of  
7           the-- he would be the Zajak of the region,  
8           myself.  And I remember no one else.

9           Q.    And so prior to October 12, 2000 at this  
10          meeting in Sacramento with those people you've  
11          just described, when was it that you purchased  
12          the airline ticket and had your attorney, Mr.  
13          Haney, travel to Washington, D.C.?

14          A.    I don't recall the day I purchased the airline  
15          ticket.

16          Q.    What was the date Mr. Haney flew to Washington,  
17          D.C.?

18          A.    I don't recall that.

19          Q.    Do you recall whether or not it was a week or a  
20          month before this October 12th meeting?

21          A.    A couple of weeks to a month, I don't know.  A  
22          week to three weeks before.

23          Q.    Well, do you recall whether or not it was after  
24          your August 25, 2000 appearance in this court  
25          for sentencing?



1 A. Absolutely.

2 Q. And when Judge Rogers asked Mr. Hough to  
3 identify for the jury who Mr. Haney was early  
4 on in your testimony, that we all knew who he  
5 is, you are aware or were you not aware that  
6 Tom Haney was the chief of the criminal  
7 division, prosecutor here in the U.S.  
8 Attorney's Office some time ago?

9 A. I'm sorry, I have no knowledge of what you're  
10 telling me about him being identified, because  
11 I was not present in this courtroom.

12 Q. You knew Mr. Haney when you hired him?

13 A. That's correct. But you prefaced this with a  
14 modification of Mr. Haney was identified in  
15 this courtroom by Judge Rogers. I was not  
16 here.

17 Q. The question was, do you recall when Judge  
18 Rogers asked Mr. Hough to identify for the jury  
19 in questioning of you who Mr. Haney was?

20 A. Okay. Now I understand.

21 Q. Do you recall that?

22 MR. HOUGH: Judge, we'll object, this  
23 is irrelevant.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 Q. (BY MR. RORK) You were aware that Mr. Haney

1           was the chief prosecutor for the U.S.  
2           Attorney's Office at the time you hired him,  
3           were you not?

4           A.   At the time I hired him, he was not chief  
5           prosecutor.

6           Q.   But previously he had been.   Correct?

7           A.   He had worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

8           Q.   And through your relationship with Mr. Haney,  
9           who was it that made the decision for him to go  
10          to Washington, D.C., to begin these discussions  
11          on your behalf?

12          A.   This was a decision made between a law firm in  
13          Washington, D.C., Mr. Haney and myself.

14          Q.   And was it-- in fact, Mr. Haney was the  
15          individual who suggested to you that he obtain  
16          the services of a well-known Washington  
17          attorney to assist in this endeavor?

18          A.   That's correct.

19                         MR. HOUGH:   Judge, we will object.  
20                         This is totally irrelevant.

21                         THE COURT:   I will sustain the  
22                         objection.

23                         MR. HOUGH:   Judge, we would ask that  
24                         this line of questioning that may involve  
25                         attorney/client matters on totally collateral

1 matters be avoided in this trial.

2 MR. RORK: Judge, and I'm not asking  
3 about attorney/client matters or confidential,  
4 I'm asking about time periods. And if he can't  
5 tell the time period, I'm trying to assist him.

6 THE COURT: Well, you're not asking  
7 about time periods.

8 Q. (BY MR. RORK) Well, the time period that you  
9 went-- had your attorney go to Washington,  
10 D.C., you indicated was one, two, three or so  
11 many weeks before October 12, 2000. Right?

12 A. I believe that's the case.

13 Q. And-- and do you know which came first in this  
14 time period prior, your contacting Mr. Haney or  
15 the contacting Washington, D.C.?

16 A. Again, be more explicit with the question.

17 Q. Do you know, again, which came first, your  
18 contact with Mr. Haney or your contact with the  
19 attorney in Washington, D.C.?

20 A. What attorney in Washington, D.C.?

21 Q. The firm in Washington, D.C., that assisted you  
22 in this, quote, cooperation?

23 A. I first contacted Mr. Haney.

24 Q. And again, in relation then to October 12 and  
25 August 25, 2000, when you were sentenced in

1           this court, do you know which was closer in  
2           time to that contact of Mr. Haney, the  
3           sentencing October-- August 25th or the  
4           appearance in Sacramento, October 12th?

5                       MR. HOUGH: Judge, we'll object.  
6           This is clearly irrelevant.

7                       MR. RORK: Judge, again, I'm going  
8           over the time period of when he began his  
9           cooperation with the Government.

10                      MR. HOUGH: Judge, he's-- that's been  
11           asked and answered repeatedly.

12                      MR. RORK: And he said he didn't  
13           know. I have to help him and I'm trying to  
14           help him, Judge, with frames of mind and  
15           factors to rely upon.

16                      MR. HOUGH: It's October, 2000,  
17           Judge. It's not disputed. The witness has  
18           testified to that, both in direct and cross.

19                      THE COURT: I will sustain the  
20           objection.

21                      MR. HOUGH: It is not in dispute.

22           Q. (BY MR. RORK) You said in your testimony to  
23           the questions of Mr. Hough that there-- on  
24           direct examination that there was a period of  
25           time around June or July, 2000 when you were,

1 quote, gathering your thoughts and trying to  
2 decide whether you had enough to go to the  
3 Government for cooperation or not. Do you  
4 recall that?

5 A. I don't think I said it like that.

6 Q. Well, how did you say it?

7 A. To the best of my recollection, I was weighing  
8 out all the information of the predicament that  
9 I found myself in with effectively betraying my  
10 entire organization and community without  
11 having the grounds to firm and stand upon to do  
12 such.

13 Q. And that was prior to being sentenced in this  
14 case August 25, 2000, was it not?

15 A. That's correct. And on top of that, I could  
16 not come in and cooperate with the Government  
17 with that Indictment hanging over me. This  
18 goes to why I rapidly settled with the  
19 Government at twice the fine.

20 Q. When you sat down on October 12, 2000 in  
21 Sacramento, California, with these people, how  
22 long a time was that on that day, the first  
23 day?

24 A. I think somewhere on the order of four hours.

25 Q. And at that time did you bring with you any

1 documents or what's been referred to as indicia  
2 in this case for them to review to weigh  
3 whether or not you were in the, quote, real  
4 world or not?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do you happen to know if those documents  
7 were given to an "N" number, like "N"  
8 something, or do you recall?

9 A. No, not that I know about.

10 Q. Do you recall what the nature of the documents  
11 were that you brought October 12, 2000?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What would those have consisted of?

14 A. Photographs, books, ID.

15 Q. And would those-- some of those photographs,  
16 books or IDs have been some of the exhibits  
17 that have been marked and entered into evidence  
18 in this case?

19 A. I don't know what's been entered into evidence  
20 in this case.

21 Q. Well, have you been shown any of those books or  
22 photographs or IDs that you've been testifying  
23 in this case that you recall?

24 A. Yes, the pictures of William Leonard Pickard.

25 Q. And in number-wise, do you know whether these

1 documents you took there on October 12, 2000  
2 were like more than 20 or less than 20  
3 documents?

4 A. More than 20.

5 Q. Would they have been more than 100 or less than  
6 100?

7 A. More than 100.

8 Q. After October 12, 2000 in Sacramento,  
9 California, that four-hour visit, when did you  
10 then next meet with any of these individuals  
11 you've identified?

12 A. I do not recall exactly.

13 Q. Was it like the next day?

14 A. Again, I do not recall. It would be like the  
15 next few days.

16 Q. So did you stay there in Sacramento for a  
17 period of time from October 12th when you met  
18 until sometime after you left?

19 A. I only recall spending one night in a hotel  
20 there.

21 Q. Was there another location in that vicinity  
22 that you owned or rented or leased that you  
23 previously testified?

24 A. In the Sacramento area, no.

25 Q. Somewhere close to the Sacramento area?

1 A. What is close?

2 Q. Where did you-- you don't have to tell me the  
3 address or anything, but like the state, did  
4 you stay--

5 A. California.

6 Q. Yes. So there was another location in  
7 California that you owned or leased that you  
8 stayed at then?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And do you recall if you stayed there for a  
11 continuous period of time before you came back  
12 to Kansas while you were talking to these  
13 people or not, starting October 12th?

14 A. Yes, I stayed in California for a number of  
15 days.

16 Q. And during those number of days that you stayed  
17 in California, we know you met on October 12,  
18 2000. Do you recall whether you met one, two  
19 or three more times after that while you were  
20 there?

21 A. No, I don't require-- I don't remember the  
22 number of times I met with people.

23 Q. Do you recall when you then left the California  
24 area to go to another location after October  
25 12th, 2000?



1 A. Not the exact date, no.

2 Q. Do you recall during October-- after October  
3 12, 2000, did you take any other documents to  
4 these agents that you had met with, other than  
5 what you brought that day?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And where did you obtain those from?

8 A. They were just from my files.

9 Q. And were those files that you had brought with  
10 you to California or you had sent to you from  
11 someone else-- somewhere else?

12 A. I believe I brought them with me or my  
13 employees brought them.

14 Q. And who would your employees have been at that  
15 time in October of 2000?

16 A. Michael Hobbs, Gunnar Guinan.

17 Q. And their primary location where they were  
18 employed at was in Wamego, Kansas?

19 A. At what time?

20 Q. October of 2000.

21 A. No, they were employed in California.

22 Q. And what essentially were their duties in your  
23 employment at that time?

24 A. Just to move physical items around and to make  
25 sure that things were orderly around the house

1 and such.

2 Q. Who then remained at the Wamego missile base  
3 that resided there permanently or temporarily  
4 during this period of time?

5 A. Graham Logan Kendall.

6 Q. You were in court here on August 25, 2000.  
7 From August 25, 2000, to October 12 of 2000,  
8 when you were in Sacramento, did you have  
9 occasion to go to the missile base?

10 A. Probably, yes.

11 Q. And do you know if there was a continuous  
12 period of time you were at the missile base in  
13 September of 2000?

14 A. No, I doubt that I was up there for a  
15 continuous period of time.

16 Q. Do you recall previously indicating to this  
17 Court in your case that you entered a plea of a  
18 misdemeanor or to court services during that  
19 period of time in January of 2000 to October of  
20 2000 that your primary residence was the  
21 missile base in Wamego?

22 A. At what time in this court?

23 Q. From January of 2000--

24 A. No, I'm asking what time are you asking that I  
25 said this in this court?

1 Q. What time do you recall ever indicating to this  
2 Court that the Wamego missile base was your  
3 primary residence?

4 A. It was not in this court that I did that.

5 Q. Where was it?

6 A. It was before a magistrate by the name O'Hara.

7 Q. And that would have been in April of-- late  
8 April of 2000?

9 A. Sometime like that.

10 Q. And when you advised Mr.-- Judge O'Hara in late  
11 April of 2000 that the missile base was your  
12 primary residence, what time period were you  
13 referring to it was your primary residence?

14 A. For the year previous to that.

15 Q. So all of 1999?

16 A. No, I'm not going to say that. I said for the  
17 year previous to that.

18 Q. So if you're in court on-- the record shows  
19 you're in court before O'Hara on April 25 of  
20 2000, the year you're referencing now would be  
21 April 25, '99 to April 25, 2000?

22 A. Yes, I-- I don't recall what period of time,  
23 you know, I traveled a lot, you know, my  
24 residence changed.

25 Q. But when you saw Judge O'Hara on April 25 of

1           2000 and indicated that the Wamego missile--  
2           Wamego missile base was your primary residence,  
3           when from April 25, 2000 did-- until October  
4           12th of 2000, when did the missile base not  
5           become your primary residence in that time  
6           period?

7           A. I believe it was immediately in that court when  
8           the trustee asked me to move out of the missile  
9           base.

10          Q. And that would have been about-- about October  
11          what?

12          A. No, that would have been April, whenever the  
13          judge saw me and I was not allowed to go back  
14          to the missile base.

15          Q. But do you recall shortly after the April 25,  
16          2000 hearing, you and your attorney applied for  
17          modification of return to the missile base and  
18          that was authorized?

19          A. No, it was actually not authorized until  
20          certain conditions were met.

21          Q. And what were those conditions?

22          A. I don't recall the entire--

23          Q. Do you recall if there had to be firearms  
24          removed from the location?

25          A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you recall that a U.S. Marshal was to  
2 accompany you there after April 25, 2000 to  
3 look for these firearms?

4 A. There was talk about that, but it never  
5 happened.

6 Q. Do you recall sometime after April 25, 2000  
7 where Mr. Ed Peden, the individual you've  
8 identified you met in-- around 1995 through  
9 20th Century Castles owned and operated by he  
10 and Mr. Schwartz, that at this time period  
11 after April 25, 2000, Mr. Peden filed an  
12 affidavit with the Court attached to a motion  
13 for modification on your behalf indicating that  
14 he had searched all throughout this facility  
15 and could not locate-- and had removed any and  
16 all firearms?

17 A. That is correct.

18 Q. And do you recall in this affidavit of Mr.  
19 Peden that he had signed shortly after April  
20 25, 2000 that he had also looked through the  
21 missile base, exhaustively for these, quote,  
22 black powder gun or guns and could not find  
23 any?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And that was because you had represented to

1 Judge O'Hara that there would be on this  
2 location some black powder guns, but no  
3 firearms. Correct?

4 A. That's not correct.

5 Q. What did you represent to Judge O'Hara then?

6 A. That the only guns that I owned were gifts that  
7 were given to me when I was a teenager, and  
8 that there was a shotgun also on that list, but  
9 there was some black powder guns. Rifles  
10 actually, black powder rifles.

11 Q. And also attached to this motion to modify  
12 conditions of release, besides the affidavit of  
13 Mr. Peden a short time after April 25, 2000,  
14 there was an affidavit by Graham Kendall, the  
15 trustee of the Wamego Land Trust indicating  
16 that he also had exhaustively looked through  
17 the missile base and there was no firearms  
18 presently on the location?

19 A. That's true.

20 Q. So then wasn't it just a short-- didn't you  
21 appear back in this court on or about May 8th  
22 or May 10th of 2000, and I say this court, this  
23 building is what I meant, before Judge O'Hara,  
24 and an order modifying your conditions of  
25 release to allow you to return to the missile

1 base was entered?

2 A. I'm going to assume your dates are right, yes.

3 Q. Okay. And do you recall prior to that order  
4 being modified a representative of the U.S.  
5 probation officer supervising you on release  
6 went to the missile base to look through the  
7 items there?

8 A. No, that's not the case.

9 Q. What was the case?

10 A. He called up a friend that-- or a co-worker out  
11 of Fort Riley, and that's the man that went  
12 through the missile base.

13 Q. And do you recall who that was and about when  
14 that was?

15 A. I do not recall his name.

16 Q. And how do you know that information?

17 A. Well, because I was physically there and  
18 because I know the difference between the looks  
19 of Ted Blankenship and the other man, Shawn.  
20 And that they told me that they did not have  
21 the time to come out to the missile base and  
22 they were going to call an associate of theirs  
23 that worked for the courts that would go and  
24 look through there. And he was based, I  
25 believe, out of Fort Riley, Junction City,

1            somewhere, area like that.

2            Q.    And when you said you recall the difference in  
3            looks between Ted Blankenship and someone else,  
4            don't you mean Jed?

5            A.    Jed, I'm sorry, Jed.    I mean Jed.

6            Q.    And so you were physically present that day  
7            when this looking for firearms came about.

8            Correct?

9            A.    Yes.

10          Q.    And were you accompanied there to the missile  
11          base at that time with anybody?

12          A.    Not that I remember.

13          Q.    So from April 25, 2000 until this period in  
14          May, 2000, when you were now physically present  
15          at the missile base, you hadn't been there?

16          A.    That's true.

17          Q.    And when you were physically present at this  
18          time in May, 2000, do you recall how long that  
19          individual from Fort Riley was there?

20          A.    No.

21          Q.    Would it have been more than an hour?

22          A.    Possibly.

23          Q.    Well, you said you were physically present at  
24          the time?

25          A.    Yes.



1 MR. HOUGH: Judge, we'll object.

2 This is repetitive, redundant and irrelevant.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 MR. RORK: Excuse me, Your Honor, I  
5 would like to comment on this. This deals with  
6 specific testimony on direct - so now the  
7 witness will know - about testimony he had  
8 about where he was and what he did with respect  
9 to, quote, this conspiracy in the year 2000.  
10 And I'm trying to establish the dates and times  
11 and locations and who was there and who looked  
12 at what and where they looked at with respect  
13 to the missile base. That was the reason for  
14 the relevancy of the question. If that's the  
15 Government's position, that it's not relevant,  
16 then I would ask that the Court strike all of  
17 this witness' testimony on direct that dealt  
18 with this time period and this conspiracy.

19 MR. HOUGH: Judge, if the Court will  
20 recall, during the period February to May of  
21 2000, Mr. Skinner was spending large amounts of  
22 time in Las Vegas laundering money for Mr.  
23 Pickard and Mr. Apperson. That was the direct  
24 evidence in this case.

25 MR. RORK: Judge, I'm going to get to

1 that, and that's for the jury to decide what,  
2 if anything, Mr. Skinner was doing.

3 THE COURT: Well, he--

4 MR. RORK: Well -

5 THE COURT: Go ahead. Go ahead.

6 And-- but --

7 Q. (BY MR. RORK) So again, on this day in May,  
8 2000, when you're physically present at the  
9 base and allowed to return there since April  
10 25, 2000, how long did you stay there  
11 physically until the individual from Fort Riley  
12 came there and then left?

13 A. I do not recall.

14 Q. How long did you stay there, I'm asking you?

15 A. I do not recall.

16 Q. If the purpose was for you to be allowed to  
17 return and reside at the missile base, and you  
18 were physically present there to allow the  
19 search, did you then reside at the missile base  
20 from that date through-- a period of time  
21 thereafter?

22 A. I doubt it. I was very busy. And I had-- I  
23 seem to remember that I had been in a bad car  
24 wreck and I needed to get to the West Coast.

25 Q. And would that have been the car wreck you've

1           previously indicated on direct examination  
2           occurred on some date you had to be in court  
3           here?

4           A.   That's correct.

5           Q.   And do you recall that you indicated on direct  
6           examination you recalled the date of that car  
7           wreck specifically because of-- was there some  
8           other event besides having to be in court here  
9           that day?

10          A.   No.   You're getting confused.

11          Q.   I'm sorry, Mr. Skinner, I-- I would ask that  
12          you just answer the question and not comment on  
13          what I'm asking.

14          A.   No.

15          Q.   With respect to the court appearance docket,  
16          and this would have been the accident you  
17          described going around 470 and you were getting  
18          off of some ramp and then there was some  
19          occurrence; is that confusing?

20          A.   No, that's not confusing.   I got off and was  
21          turned around when I got off on the  
22          Fairlawn/29th exit.

23          Q.   So if that hearing was on June 6th, 2000 at  
24          9:30 a.m., would that refresh your memory as to  
25          the date of the accident?

1 A. No, that doesn't help at all, because that car  
2 wreck occurred before the May 13th car wreck in  
3 California.

4 Q. And would that have been the 4-- would the car  
5 wreck you're now referring to be the 470 car  
6 wreck or a different one?

7 A. Different one.

8 Q. So just so the record is clear, there's the May  
9 13, 2000 occurrence in California that you  
10 recall because of a specific event?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Then there's one before that?

13 A. Approximately two weeks before that is what my  
14 memory recalls on that.

15 Q. And then there's the one--

16 A. That would be able to be proven by an  
17 appearance date here.

18 Q. And that one is different from the 470 wreck,  
19 it's not--

20 A. There were two wrecks only.

21 Q. Okay. And one would be the 470 wreck and one  
22 would be the May 13th in California?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. So if the record shows you appeared May 2nd,  
25 2000 with Mr. Haney after you had initially

1 appeared April 25, 2000 by yourself, would that  
2 help you?

3 A. May 2nd would make better sense for the date of  
4 the wreck.

5 Q. So from May 2nd, 2000 until you then appeared  
6 in court the next time on June 6th, 2000, did  
7 you not travel to Las Vegas in that period of  
8 time?

9 A. June 6th?

10 Q. May 2nd, 2000, through June 6th, 2000.

11 A. Yes, I would think that I had traveled to Vegas  
12 during that time.

13 Q. And do you recall how?

14 A. Yes, I'm specifically for sure I flew to Vegas  
15 on May the 14th.

16 Q. And how long did you then stay there?

17 A. Ten days or something approximately like that.  
18 I was trying to recuperate from a very bad  
19 accident.

20 Q. And that ten-day time period from May 14th  
21 until the end of the-- about the ten-day time  
22 period, would it be your testimony that you  
23 were there laundering money for Mr. Pickard and  
24 others as you have said on direct examination?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Isn't it a fact, Mr. Skinner, that from around  
2 February, 2000 until early June, 2000, you were  
3 more in Las Vegas at various casinos than you  
4 were in Kansas?

5 A. That's correct, because I had been banned by  
6 Mr. Pickard and Mr. Apperson, because I had had  
7 the incident with the Secret Service. And I  
8 was then becoming the decoy of where the eye  
9 would be kept on me and not in Kansas.

10 Q. And let's go to that being banned. The  
11 incident at the casino with the Secret Service  
12 happened, I believe, on January 25, 2000 or  
13 January 24, 2000, do you recall?

14 A. I don't think those are the correct dates.

15 Q. Give me your date as to when.

16 A. I mean, let me see a document. But your dates  
17 are off.

18 Q. Tell me what date you believe you were at the  
19 casino.

20 A. Somewhere between January 6th and January 9th  
21 is what I recall, but I could be off on this.  
22 I mean, you know, your dates don't seem to jibe  
23 at all.

24 Q. From January 6th, then, is it your testimony  
25 that you were then banned by Pickard--

1 A. No. When I notified them of this situation,  
2 then I was banned.

3 Q. When did you notify them of the situation?

4 A. I do not recall.

5 Q. Do you recall whether or not you notified them  
6 of the situation by telephone or in person?

7 A. It would not have been by telephone, it would  
8 have been in person. And I don't recall the  
9 circumstances.

10 Q. So do you recall when from the time you were at  
11 the casino representing yourself as a Secret  
12 Service individual until you next saw Mr.  
13 Pickard in person and where?

14 A. That's a nonsensical question, so--

15 MR. RORK: Well, Judge, I would ask  
16 that the witness either answer the question  
17 or-- you know--

18 MR. HOUGH: Judge, the question is  
19 unclear, counsel is argumentative.

20 MR. RORK: Again, Judge, I'm making a  
21 comment directly in response to the witness  
22 statement, quote, that is nonsensical. I can't  
23 be argumentative when I ask you to ask the  
24 witness to answer the question.

25 THE COURT: Well, ask the question

1 again, see if he can answer it.

2 Q. (BY MR. RORK) When do you recall - from  
3 whenever it was in January of 2000 that you  
4 were at the casino alleged to have been  
5 portraying a Secret Service individual - that  
6 you next saw Mr. Pickard in person and when?

7 A. I do not recall.

8 Q. But would it have been the very first time that  
9 you saw him in person thereafter that this,  
10 quote, ban, from Kansas came about?

11 A. I don't recall.

12 Q. Would it have been-- when in relation to this  
13 quote, ban, that you weren't supposed to be in  
14 Kansas, then, do you recall you arrived in Las  
15 Vegas?

16 A. I used to go to Vegas on a regular basis. I do  
17 not recall.

18 Q. So you don't recall whether or not you went to  
19 Vegas before the ban or after the ban?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. When you first went to Vegas in the time period  
22 you've identified to the Government on direct  
23 examination, that was sometime in February of  
24 2000, who was with you when you arrived there?

25 A. Arrived where?



1 Q. At Vegas.

2 A. The first time I remember would have been Emily  
3 Ragan.

4 Q. And then who else arrived thereafter while you  
5 stayed there during this time period, February  
6 of 2000 until whenever you've got done  
7 laundering money in 2000?

8 A. I don't remember. I don't remember anyone  
9 showing up.

10 Q. Okay. Do you recall telling this jury that  
11 there were individuals working for you going  
12 out there and taking money and changing it?

13 A. I don't recall when Emily Ragan and I went  
14 immediately after the problem with the Secret  
15 Service that we-- when we went to the casinos,  
16 to Vegas. I don't recall anyone but the two of  
17 us being there during the entire trip.

18 Q. Did you have other employees come there and do  
19 something for you that you related to this jury  
20 on direct examination, cashing in chips on your  
21 behalf?

22 A. On this particular trip, I-- I do not recall  
23 this.

24 Q. When was the next trip, then, after you and  
25 Emily went?

1 A. I-- I don't know, I would have to look at time  
2 lines and start putting things together, I  
3 mean--

4 Q. I'm just asking in your mind. You know you're  
5 there with Emily and that. Do you know then  
6 when you next went? I don't care about the  
7 date, I just want to know then when you next  
8 went with Emily, who was with you? Or just  
9 tell me anybody that was out there during the  
10 time period of February of 2000 until June of  
11 2000 when you, quote--

12 A. Okay. That's an easier question.

13 Q. That's what I started with.

14 A. Okay. It would be Gunnar Guinan, Mike Hobbs,  
15 Roxanne Barbat, Emily Ragan, Krystal Cole,  
16 William Leonard Pickard, Natasha Vorobee or  
17 Natasha Kruglova, Andrea Gardinier (phonetic),  
18 Sita Kaylin, I believe Thomas D. Haney, Arnold  
19 Scheck, Arlene Scheck, Katherine McGreeney  
20 (phonetic), William Wynn, Moise, Benjamin  
21 Seligman, Jr., Joyce and Curtis Nicholson.  
22 That's the best I can remember of that list.

23 Q. And with respect to this time period, do you  
24 recall on how many occasions William Leonard  
25 Pickard was there and for what duration? Not

1 date to date, just like times.

2 A. You know, twice, three times, I don't know.

3 Q. And of those twice or three times that he was  
4 there, did you pay for any of his trips to come  
5 out there in any means by credit card or cash?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Which would it have been, do you recall?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. And would those occasions that you've indicated  
10 are twice or three times of Mr. Pickard, do you  
11 recall how long a time he stayed there on one  
12 or more of those occasions?

13 A. A minimum of two days, a maximum of four days,  
14 maybe five days once.

15 Q. Do you recall if any of the documents you gave  
16 to the Government anytime from when you met  
17 October 12, 2000 until the middle of November,  
18 2000 dealt with anything with Mr. Pickard being  
19 in Vegas in this time period?

20 A. Yes. Checks made out to his name, checks  
21 endorsed to him that he signed on the back of,  
22 markers that were drawn, verified winnings.

23 Q. And that would help assist in-- in  
24 determining--

25 A. Airline tickets.

1 Q. And those would help assist in determining the  
2 time periods in the case, would they not?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And when you were asked by the Government on  
5 direct examination to provide the list of names  
6 of individuals that you've just now gone over  
7 with respect to testimony today, Captain  
8 McGreeney, that's your mother, is it not?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And was there any particular reason on direct  
11 examination you did not indicate her name as  
12 one of the individuals there in gambling funds  
13 that you were laundering as you stated?

14 A. My mother came out to visit me for Mother's  
15 Day, it was my Mother's Day gift to her.

16 Q. And so in the period of time then on direct  
17 examination when you left her off, that would  
18 only have been during the Mother's Day occasion  
19 that she would have been there?

20 A. That's the best of my memory. Correct.

21 Q. And the records from the casino, if they  
22 reflect different dates and times and amounts  
23 of funds, would that help refresh your  
24 recollection?

25 A. Yes, certainly.

1 Q. And Mother's Day always falls sometime in May,  
2 does it not?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. So--

5 A. And she was supposed to meet me on May the  
6 14th, but she delayed because she was concerned  
7 about what the hospital said that I may have a  
8 collapsed lung, so she really didn't want me  
9 going on an airline-- on an airplane.

10 Q. And do you recall how much of these funds that  
11 you indicated you were laundering you would  
12 have given to her for presentation to these  
13 casinos in that time period?

14 A. A maximum of \$20,000.

15 Q. And what was the nature of the funds that you  
16 explained to her was the purpose for giving  
17 those to her?

18 A. Just so I could have more chips to play at the  
19 roulette, the French roulette wheel. And the  
20 funds, the nature of them were either Guilder  
21 or Canadian dollars, I can't remember.

22 Q. Do you recall during the period of time you  
23 indicated that you had \$750,000, is what you  
24 testified to, that was cash used to launder in  
25 this period of time we're referring to?

1 A. The broad period of time, yes.

2 Q. To-- February, 2000 through June of 2000?

3 A. Yes, yes. It's an approximate amount.

4 Q. And again, it's an approximate amount. Do you  
5 have any records indicating, besides these  
6 records that have been introduced here into  
7 trial so far, do you have any evidence of how  
8 much of that 750,000 that you approximately  
9 started with, how much of these funds you  
10 approximately had when you left there in June  
11 of 2000?

12 A. I have no records like that.

13 Q. Well, do you have any recollection of whether  
14 or not you lost all the money or made money?

15 A. I remember that I was up with-- against the--  
16 the book, as it was kept in my mind. I was up  
17 substantially against the casinos.

18 Q. And when you say up substantially against the  
19 casinos, then if you gambled approximately  
20 750,000, the proceeds they paid you should be  
21 more than 750,000?

22 A. Again, the form of the question, you're mixing  
23 two different laundering operations. It's too  
24 complicated. You have to reform the question,  
25 because you're intermingling two different

1           laundrying operations.

2           Q.   When the Government asked you the questions  
3           concerning this period of time, laundrying  
4           these funds, you specifically indicated you  
5           laundered \$750,000; is that not correct?

6           A.   That's not correct.  We smurfed-- we had a  
7           smurfing operation and we had an electronic  
8           laundering operation.  Two different operations  
9           were going on.

10          Q.   I understand that, Mr. Skinner.  But those two  
11          different operations going on still involved  
12          the amount you've referred to as approximately  
13          \$750,000.  Correct?

14          A.   Correct.

15          Q.   And the question was; of that \$750,000  
16          involving either of these operations, how much  
17          money did you leave there with in June?

18          A.   Well, what I left in June with has nothing to  
19          do with it because I was purging the money out  
20          the whole way through.

21          Q.   And I understand that, but--

22          A.   So I mean-- I mean, you know, if I left with a  
23          dollar or if I left with 50,000 in June, I  
24          don't know.

25          Q.   I'm talking about the total amount of proceeds

1 from February through June.

2 A. I would have to do an accounting for it, I  
3 can't tell you.

4 Q.. So you haven't had or been asked by the  
5 Government to account for where these funds  
6 you've indicated were generated went to?

7 A. I don't know if the Government asked me yes or  
8 no on that one, probably no.

9 Q. Well, did you give \$750,000 to Mr. Pickard by  
10 way of electronic checks--

11 A. No, no.

12 Q. -- during this time period? Did you give  
13 anybody else checks in this time period of  
14 funds for these monies?

15 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, under the  
16 same circumstances of Mr. Hough--

17 MR. HOUGH: Judge, may we--

18 MR. RORK: Maybe it would be time for  
19 a morning break, he must need a consultation.

20 THE WITNESS: No, I don't need  
21 consultation. I'm in the same situation he is.

22 MR. RORK: Judge, I'm not the one  
23 making the remarks from the witness stand, and  
24 I had asked you if this was time to take a  
25 morning break. He's asking to consult with Mr.



1 Hough. I can continue, I have no problem with  
2 that.

3 MR. HOUGH: Judge, could we take the  
4 morning break for ten minutes?

5 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen  
6 let's take about a 15-minute break and we'll  
7 come back for further questions. Mr. Bailiff.

8 (THEREUPON, a recess was had).

9 MR. RORK: Your Honor, if we may  
10 approach.

11 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

12 (THEREUPON, the following  
13 proceedings were held at the bench and  
14 outside of the hearing of the jury).

15 MR. RORK: Judge, with all respect,  
16 Mr. Pickard is concerned-- (reporter  
17 interruption). Mr. Pickard is concerned that  
18 at times when there's some questions that run  
19 into long a method or the Government objects, I  
20 comment on the witness' question (sic) in a  
21 calm nature and the Court exhibits some type of  
22 dissatisfaction, that it appears that it's  
23 always directed at me, and he can't discern  
24 whether it's-- he feels that in some way I may  
25 be prejudicing him by having the Court's

1 attention directed to me when the witness  
2 doesn't respond and then there's an objection  
3 by Mr. Hough or a comment by me. That at times  
4 when the Court-- I guess it's because of  
5 something that was in the paper last week, that  
6 the judge directs anger towards me.

7 And I would just ask that the Court, you  
8 know, look at everybody. I mean, you may be  
9 upset, but I don't think you're directing any  
10 anger at me. I'm just pointing out that it's  
11 concerned like I did something wrong and I'd  
12 just indicate you will instruct them that your  
13 comments don't mean anything. And I just  
14 wanted to bring that up to the Court's  
15 attention because he was worried that I was  
16 doing something to make you mad.

17 THE COURT: Well, you didn't make me  
18 mad, but I would like to-- I just-- this is a  
19 frustrating case. It doesn't move, it  
20 doesn't--

21 MR. RORK: All right, Judge, I will  
22 do my best, I just wanted to point that out. I  
23 understand.

24 THE COURT: You're spending an awful  
25 lot of time and don't seem to be getting

1 anywhere.

2 (THEREUPON, the following  
3 proceedings were held in the presence of  
4 the jury).

5 THE COURT: Go ahead, be seated and  
6 we are ready to proceed.

7 MR. RORK: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: You may proceed.

9 Q. (BY MR. RORK) At the break, did you have an  
10 opportunity to refresh your recollection any  
11 with respect to funds that were generated in  
12 the period of February, 2000 until about June,  
13 2000?

14 A. No, I apologize. The break was because I  
15 needed to use the restroom.

16 Q. And with respect to the time period of  
17 February, 2000 until the end of June, 2000 that  
18 we'll call the Vegas time period, and the  
19 \$750,000 that was generated, do you have  
20 records of where those funds went?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And I believe you indicated that during that  
23 time period, you did not give any electronic  
24 checks or other checks to Mr. Pickard?

25 A. That's not true. I did not-- I did not say

1           what you're saying. In other words, that's a  
2           double negative. Your question is incorrect.  
3           No to your question.

4           Q. With respect to this period of time, did you  
5           generate these funds that you were talking  
6           about, 750,000, of any of the electronic checks  
7           that were generated, were any of those given to  
8           Mr. Pickard?

9           A. Yes.

10          Q. And what were those?

11          A. We've shown them as evidence. You know,  
12          they've-- there's more, so I don't know.

13          Q. What do you mean they were shown in evidence?  
14          Did it have William Leonard Pickard on it?

15          A. It had his signature on the back or it had  
16          where I gave the check and it was ran through  
17          UC Berkeley on the account of Natasha  
18          Kruglova/Vorobee to pay her tuition for  
19          multiple years in advance.

20          Q. And let's go to that. That's one.

21          A. Yes.

22          Q. And that was the check for \$20,000; is that  
23          right?

24          A. It was some approximate amount.

25          Q. And when you talk about a check for \$20,000,

1 that was introduced into evidence and then  
2 signed, that was to replace the \$20,000 in  
3 crisp \$100 bills that you indicated you had  
4 earlier given to Natasha for tuition?

5 A. No, that's not correct.

6 Q. That was the check that you gave, this  
7 electronic check that was signed in the back,  
8 was to replace fresh \$100 bills in some amount  
9 that were given and ultimately to be used by  
10 Natasha for tuition; is that correct?

11 A. Incorrect. Once again no to the question.

12 Q. Again, with respect to this question, I will  
13 refer and deter to your direct examination  
14 where you indicated that the crisp \$100 bills  
15 in an amount close to around \$20,000 carried by  
16 Natasha and that was seized at the airport were  
17 funds generated from your, quote, winnings at  
18 Las Vegas. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And so from your winnings at Las Vegas and  
21 those funds that were used and then Natasha had  
22 taken from her, this check was then to replace  
23 those funds; is that right?

24 A. Incorrect.

25 Q. What was it for?

1 A. The check-- the funds that I gave to Leonard  
2 who gave them to Natasha who then got them  
3 seized at the Kansas City airport was squaring  
4 up for a deposit that Leonard had given me to  
5 get a condo for Natasha and Leonard in the Bay  
6 area. The check that was given to pay for her  
7 tuition - when they realized that it would look  
8 funny after her getting this money seized from  
9 her, that she then needed good, clean  
10 electronic money - was bought in the Paris in a  
11 given suite from Mr. Pickard in U.S. dollars to  
12 me directly. He bought the check off of me.

13 Q. So then the only one that would be able to  
14 verify this information that you've indicated,  
15 as opposed to a document or some record, would  
16 be your testimony?

17 A. No. Mr. Pickard, Natasha could verify it and  
18 there may have been another witness that could  
19 verify it.

20 Q. And who might that have been?

21 A. It's possible Emily Ragan could verify that.  
22 There may be other people that were standing  
23 there, but there's also the physical check  
24 itself of how a check that had Gordon Todd  
25 Skinner's name on the front of it ended up

1 being signed over to UC Berkeley or to an  
2 account of Natasha's that was then transferred  
3 over to UC Berkeley. But according to Leonard,  
4 that wasn't the case, because she gave the  
5 entire check which turned out, because she  
6 ended up being a resident of the state, to be  
7 multiple-year tuition or much greater than the  
8 amount of the tuition she needed.

9 Q. But the only witness to you saying that Mr.  
10 Pickard bought that from you, as you state,  
11 would be you and maybe Emily Ragan?

12 A. No. William Leonard Pickard, Natasha was  
13 present.

14 Q. And if your testimony on direct examination  
15 reflects that you were given Mr. Pickard-- or  
16 this check that we're talking about that was  
17 signed was to replace the funds seized from  
18 Natasha for tuition, you disagree with that  
19 then?

20 A. No, you're misrepresenting the question.

21 Q. Well, again, I would ask that-- you can give  
22 your answer. The answer was no?

23 A. Nonsensical.

24 Q. Let me-- well, you've indicated, Mr. Skinner,  
25 that in your collection as the document keeper

1 and then your life in general that you keep a  
2 lot of records. Do you recall that testimony?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And with respect to the funds that were either  
5 generated electronically or laundered as you've  
6 indicated, what records do you have or have you  
7 presented that would reflect where those  
8 \$750,000 approximately went to?

9 A. One of the problems that you have to understand  
10 is that the smurfs were very concerned with  
11 their signature or their picture being  
12 associated with these little slips of the  
13 thousand Guilder notes, so they would show me  
14 some sort of accounting because the rate  
15 fluctuated so much, and then they would tear  
16 them up and destroy them because they wanted no  
17 part of a paper trail for themselves.

18 Q. But I don't believe that anybody was-- at the  
19 organization would then tear up their records  
20 and destroy them like at the Paris or Bellagio,  
21 would they?

22 A. One more time. Ask the question.

23 Q. I don't believe that anybody that would be an  
24 employee or at the Paris or Bellagio would then  
25 tear up their records of the same transaction



1           you're talking about, would they?

2           A. Well, this was done at every casino that would  
3           take foreign currency, and there's no record of  
4           a human's name on these things. These are two  
5           different operations. Again, you're failing to  
6           understand two distinct money operations were  
7           going on. One--

8           Q. I understand, Mr. Skinner.

9           A. I-- I don't think you really do.

10          Q. And that's fine, that's your opinion. In the  
11          documents that you went through on direct  
12          examination, and I don't want to have to go  
13          through each of them individually, you  
14          identified certain documents and said, for  
15          instance, this is a document, Exhibit No. X,  
16          which reflects X amount of Guilders were  
17          deposited. And then as you went back through  
18          the documents, you would then say, this is  
19          document Y, which reflects the Guilders in  
20          document X were then returned to us. Do you  
21          recall that kind of testimony?

22          A. Yes. And none of that evidence shows where the  
23          smurfs were unloading the Guilder for U.S.  
24          dollars.

25          Q. Well, I understand that. But with respect to

1 the transactions, when there were Guilders  
2 taken and then Guilders given, that's reflected  
3 in these documents of the casinos?

4 A. Two different operations.

5 Q. I understand. And when there is U.S. currency  
6 generated, that's reflected in these documents  
7 or it isn't?

8 A. It's not reflected, unless the U.S. currencies  
9 were in the form of electronic checks.

10 Q. And that's what I want to get to. Then with  
11 respect to the currency that's not in the form  
12 of, quote, electronic checks, what would be the  
13 nature of the withdrawal of that currency in  
14 the manner you did during this time period?

15 A. It would not be withdrawn. The money would be  
16 then accumulated and put in a safe and would be  
17 distributed to myself, William Leonard Pickard  
18 and what other overhead that we had to deal  
19 with at that time.

20 Q. And then would there not be some documents from  
21 these locations that would indicate what amount  
22 of cash was given to you or any of these number  
23 of named individuals you've said?

24 A. Other than a rare occurrence of where I  
25 actually pulled some chips down that were

1 large, like \$5,000 chips from the Paris, I  
2 don't think there's cases of-- there will be  
3 some cases of where I took winnings where I  
4 would go play in the Bellagio for five or ten  
5 minutes and make 4 or 5,000 and would spend the  
6 cash immediately afterwards. Other than those  
7 rare occasions, there would be no-- there would  
8 be no casino records that I have access to that  
9 I have seen anyone that has access to, but I  
10 don't know what the Government has to prove  
11 these, because these were unusual transactions.  
12 They may have every single transaction nailed  
13 down, I have never seen this evidence.

14 Q. And I was asking you what you have with respect  
15 to documents. And, for example--

16 A. I've none anymore personally. Whatever  
17 documents I had have been turned over to the  
18 Government.

19 Q. So what you had or have had you've given to the  
20 Government. You go to the Bellagio and you--

21 A. Let's pick a different casino that's unique.  
22 Mandalay Bay.

23 Q. Did you go to the Bellagio?

24 A. Yes, but it's a complicated thing because I was  
25 both electronically laundering money and

1 smurfing there.

2 Q. So whether you were both electronically  
3 laundering money and then smurfing there at the  
4 Bellagio, the question is; if you took a check  
5 and gave them cash, for instance, an amount of  
6 cash at-- to gamble with-- you had to buy  
7 chips; is that right?

8 A. If-- if--

9 Q. When you went to the Bellagio.

10 A. I put up front money.

11 Q. Front money.

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And for the front money that was put up, there  
14 would be a corresponding paper trail, would  
15 there not?

16 A. There would be a marker and a ledger sheet that  
17 we saw, we had an exhibit of an unusual ledger  
18 sheet, yes.

19 Q. And so let's take one of those examples and you  
20 have a marker and you're given \$5,000 in front  
21 money, okay?

22 A. No, that I put up \$5,000 in front money would  
23 be the example.

24 Q. That you put up to use, and then you would be  
25 given \$5,000 of something to gamble with?

1 A. I would go to a table and ask for a marker.

2 Q. And when you got a marker, would you receive  
3 the \$5,000 amount or a lessor?

4 A. No, I would receive the \$5,000 in chips at the  
5 table.

6 Q. And so would there be a transaction of the  
7 receipt of the \$5,000 in chips?

8 A. Yes, a marker would be generated that looks  
9 like a check. I signed the bottom of the  
10 check, the check then sits with the pit boss.

11 Q. I understand.

12 A. And then if-- when I buy it back, meaning I  
13 either broke even or made money, every one of  
14 those markers either means I made money or  
15 broke even, and most of them mean I made money.  
16 I would then take the check and I would tear--  
17 make a little tear to show this marker has been  
18 redeemed by me.

19 Q. And before we get to that point in time, so  
20 you're at that table and you're given a marker  
21 of \$5,000, for example, and then you're given  
22 \$5,000 in chips. Okay?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And let's say you win \$10,000 while you're at  
25 that table for however many minutes you were

1           there. That's possible, isn't it?

2           A. That's correct.

3           Q. And if you win money while you're at that  
4           table, is there not a record kept of what your  
5           winnings are?

6           A. It's called verified winnings. The marker is  
7           bought back and then you go up to the cage and  
8           you give the chips on your account and they  
9           call that verified winnings. And then if you  
10          want to take verified winnings in the form of  
11          checks, which most people do not want to  
12          because they're trying not to pay income tax,  
13          in my case I was trying to electrify money, I  
14          made a request for a check withdrawal.  
15          Sometimes I would just go up and pull some of  
16          it out in cash with the chips, if I had some  
17          expense money I needed to pull out.

18          Q. And so back to my initial question. Then there  
19          would be a way for you to compute from the  
20          records what amount of this \$750,000 was then  
21          turned into electronic monies, correct, at any  
22          of the places?

23          A. Yes.

24          Q. And have you had occasion to go through the  
25          checks and the documents, the records you

1 provided or that the Government had or any  
2 records you've seen in these time periods, to  
3 ascertain and to calculate the total amount of  
4 electronic money generated from February of  
5 2000 to when it ended sometime in June?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Well, would you agree that one of the ways to  
8 verify your testimony that you, in fact, did go  
9 through approximately \$750,000 would be to  
10 compute all of the records and then determine  
11 how much electric money was generated?

12 A. No, I don't agree.

13 Q. And would you agree that if you did not have  
14 verified winnings or checks that reflected  
15 verified winnings, is it your testimony, then,  
16 that the funds would then either, one, be in  
17 the form of chips or, two, in the form of cash?  
18 Anything that wasn't electronically put down as  
19 verified winnings.

20 A. Would be returned in the actual species that it  
21 was given to initially, in sealed envelopes  
22 like this.

23 Q. And does-- in order for it to be returned, do  
24 you or somebody under your authority have to  
25 then provide something to get it returned, like

1 the chips or cash?

2 A. No. This is your front money is being  
3 returned, it's a deposit. You have to go up  
4 and sign a receipt saying I would like my  
5 22,000 Guilder back or my 22 1,000 Guilder  
6 notes back.

7 Q. And then if you wanted to withdraw cash from  
8 these winnings and not turn it in at the  
9 location for the marker, could you have taken,  
10 or anybody there with you, \$5,000 in chips and  
11 go into any window and cash them in and just  
12 ask for cash?

13 A. Yes, you could do that.

14 Q. And in doing that, in turning in the chips and  
15 asking for cash, did you have to present any  
16 identity or make a transactional record of  
17 that?

18 A. Depends on the amount that you triggered. If  
19 you stayed under the 3,000, you didn't have to.  
20 If you went above the 3,000, you had to show  
21 some form of ID. If you went above 10,000, you  
22 then got into where you had to fill out an IRS  
23 form, a Treasury Department form for cash  
24 transactions in excess of \$10,000. But in the  
25 case of myself, at the casinos that knew me, I



1           wasn't under these regulations because all of  
2           my transactions were constantly being recorded.  
3           So I could go up and cash \$5,000 out because  
4           they already had total ID of who I was. So it  
5           would be redundant. I didn't have to go  
6           through the formalities that other people had  
7           to go through.

8           Q. Well, when you're saying you, is that you--

9           A. Me only.

10          Q. You personally?

11          A. That's it.

12          Q. So anything that Mr. Guinan would have cashed  
13          in would have been kept as a record of--

14          A. If he went above that 3,000, there would be a  
15          record.

16          Q. But, for instance, if the chips were cashed in  
17          under an amount of \$3,000 and the person--

18          A. Which chips?

19          Q. Any chips during this period of time.

20          A. Well, again-- go for your question. Whatever  
21          you want to ask, I will answer it, so--

22          Q. You're at the table and you have picked up your  
23          marker of \$5,000.

24          A. Right.

25          Q. And you've received let's say, for example,

1           \$10,000 in winnings.

2           A. Yes.

3           Q. You could take 5,000 of those chips and turn  
4           them in at that table and get your marker and  
5           make that little tear you're talking about.

6           Correct?

7           A. That's correct.

8           Q. And with the other \$5,000 in chips, there's  
9           nothing that stops you from leaving that table  
10          and going to another location and playing them  
11          elsewhere, is there?

12          A. That's correct.

13          Q. And so following that example, if you or  
14          someone at your direction then, one of these  
15          numbers of individuals, would take 2,000 of  
16          those chips, for instance, of the 5,000 not  
17          paid in for the marker to be returned, that  
18          would not be a recorded transaction, as long as  
19          they kept it under 3,000?

20          A. Yes, you could theoretically do that.

21          Q. And then in that regard, wouldn't there be a  
22          way, then, if one computed the amount of  
23          markers or front money put up, and then one  
24          computed the amount of electronic funds  
25          generated by looking at the exhibits, and then

1           one determined the amount of those, it would be  
2           a way to ascertain by verified winnings if they  
3           equaled each other or you lost or you made  
4           money, would there not?

5           A. No, that wouldn't balance out.

6           Q. When you left the Treasury-- the casino in  
7           January, early January, you believe January 6th  
8           or 9th, 2000, and arrived back at the missile  
9           base in Wamego, you were stopped by law  
10          enforcement, were you not?

11          A. After arriving at my residence, I then noticed  
12          through the surveillance cameras that there was  
13          some flashing lights. And I then left my  
14          residence and went back down after going-- you  
15          know, after getting out of my vehicle, and went  
16          down there and encountered an individual who  
17          had been handcuffed. And the sheriff's-- some  
18          undersheriff making some sort of statement and  
19          claiming that I was under arrest or I was being  
20          detained.

21          Q. And when you went down there to that location--

22          A. It was on the property, it was on the Land  
23          Trust property.

24          Q. I'm going to put up what's been marked as  
25          Government's Exhibit 6, but for some reason

1           it's kind of foggy or maybe that's just my  
2           camera. Is yours clear?

3           A. Mine is clear. But I'm without pen, marker.

4           Q. And will you make a circle on that location,  
5           Exhibit No. 6, the area of the living quarters  
6           where you observed the-- the room where you  
7           observed the flashing lights from?

8           A. Well, this is a different pen, so I'm doing the  
9           best I can here. Somewhere-- I mean, open--  
10          expand it a little bit and you'll get the idea.

11          Q. And then so you exited from the ramp that's to  
12          the left of that circle and walked physically  
13          out of that door?

14          A. I was parked down here (indicating).

15          Q. You parked down there?

16          A. Yes.

17          Q. And then you drove in a path away from there,  
18          would you make that path to where you went?

19          A. (Complied with counsel's request). There you  
20          go.

21          Q. And then somewhere outside the picture is the  
22          gate?

23          A. Well, yeah, some-- some distance. There's  
24          quite a distance to the gate.

25          Q. Is it about like a quarter mile away?

1 A. I don't know what the exact, but a quarter mile  
2 approximately, yes, sounds all right.

3 Q. Some distance away?

4 A. Yes, right.

5 Q. And what vehicle were you in at that time?

6 A. A C4 year 2000 Porsche Cabriolet.

7 Q. And was that the one that was rented or  
8 purchased?

9 A. Purchased.

10 Q. And that was the one that was purchased to  
11 replace the other one where you had the  
12 increase in values?

13 A. No, that's a Boxfter you're talking about.  
14 This is a different vehicle.

15 Q. Did this vehicle you described, the 2000  
16 Carera?

17 A. No, it would be considered a C4, meaning  
18 four-wheel drive. They changed the numbering  
19 system. One is like 996. They are generically  
20 known as 911s. Even though Porsche has quit  
21 making 911s, they're generically known as 911s  
22 Cabriolet four-wheel drives.

23 Q. Cabriolet?

24 A. Yes. That means convertible in German.

25 Q. Was this the-- the vehicle that an \$80,000

1 cashier's check from either Ganga White or the  
2 White Lotus Foundation was remitted for  
3 payment?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Which vehicle was the one that this \$80,000  
6 check generated by Savinelli-- or I mean Ganga  
7 White or the Lotus Foundation involved?

8 A. Now you've got the question right. You finally  
9 said a check that was generated.

10 MR. HOUGH: Judge, I'm going to  
11 object. This is repetitive and redundant.  
12 These questions regarding the vehicles were  
13 asked last week.

14 MR. RORK: Judge--

15 MR. HOUGH: It's cumulative.

16 MR. RORK: The question of the  
17 vehicles may have been asked last week, now I'm  
18 going into testimony he gave about how the  
19 vehicle was purchased and the funds and where  
20 they were derived thereof. I don't care about  
21 the description of the vehicle anymore, I'm  
22 trying to distinguish for the record the  
23 difference.

24 MR. HOUGH: He asked these on cross  
25 last week, Judge. It's repetitive and

1           redundant.

2                           THE COURT: Well, go ahead.

3           Overruled.

4           Q. (BY MR. RORK) Which was the vehicle that the  
5           \$80,000 check that you testified that was given  
6           from either Ganga or the Lotus Foundation  
7           purchased?

8           A. Now you've got the question correct. Before  
9           you said it was a cashier's check, it was just  
10          a regular check off of a mutual fund in New  
11          York. It was the C4 2000 Cabriolet.

12          Q. The one that you drove down to the gate?

13          A. That's correct.

14          Q. So then the Boxster that you indicated, just so  
15          the record is clear, last week that was traded  
16          for the newer one did not involve this \$80,000  
17          transaction?

18          A. That's correct.

19          Q. And as you arrived down at that location to  
20          where you were at, you have conversations-- did  
21          you know the sheriff's deputy that was there  
22          and had somebody in handcuffs?

23          A. No, I-- I couldn't recognize him. I was not  
24          well to begin with. And second of all, I did--  
25          it turned out I didn't know him, he was new to

1 the job or something. I just didn't recognize  
2 him. But within a short time, someone showed  
3 up who knew me well and said, "Quit treating  
4 him like that, we know this guy, there's  
5 something strange about this story."

6 Q. And who was that one that showed up that you  
7 knew well, was it Kerry Dick?

8 A. No, it was-- Kerry Dick worked for the Wamego  
9 Police Department. This is the sheriff's  
10 department. Bill Gronner (sic) was the one.  
11 Prior to this, they were throwing people on the  
12 ground and had wild stories, okay? And then  
13 when he showed up, he said, "Quit treating  
14 these people this way, I know this man. There  
15 is something unusual about this story." For  
16 example, they said all sorts of weapons were  
17 located on us, which they found no weapons.  
18 There was a great deal of total fiction coming  
19 out of that.

20 Q. And at that time, were you confronted with the  
21 allegations that you had been at a location  
22 representing yourself as being in a federal  
23 agency and accompanied by federal bodyguards?

24 A. No.

25 Q. What did the officer accuse you about for



1 stopping your vehicle?

2 A. For trying to plant a bomb in Harrah's casino.  
3 Number two, for being federal marshals carrying  
4 weapons and numerous other strange things.

5 Q. For instance?

6 A. I mean, you know, they just said that none--  
7 they said the story, the tell-exes, the whole  
8 thing over the radio didn't make any sense to  
9 them, either.

10 Q. At that particular time, were you ever informed  
11 at any time during this occurrence at that  
12 location--

13 A. Give me a time of what occurrence.

14 Q. If you let me finish, I will. At any time at  
15 that location from the time you first observed  
16 the flashing lights and then went there to this  
17 location you described, until you left that  
18 location, were you advised that you had been  
19 charged with impersonating someone?

20 A. No. In fact, I was advised that I wasn't even  
21 arrested while I was being detained, which my  
22 lawyer later said that I was arrested, which  
23 became a point of interest.

24 Q. Did you then-- were you then transported from  
25 that location to either the Wamego Police

1 Department or the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's  
2 Department?

3 A. Both.

4 Q. Which one first?

5 A. The Wamego Police Department.

6 Q. And while you were there, were you then  
7 informed that you had been accused of  
8 impersonating a federal official?

9 A. All I did was use the restroom and spoke to no  
10 one while I was there.

11 Q. Did they unhandcuff you when you went to the  
12 restroom?

13 A. Yes, they did.

14 Q. Allowed you to go by yourself?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. That's where the officer knew you at the Wamego  
17 Police Department, Kerry Dick, and said, "Go  
18 ahead and let him go on in"?

19 A. I don't think it was Kerry Dick, I think it was  
20 another policemen that said, "He's safe, you  
21 can unhandcuff him."

22 Q. When you left from there and went to the  
23 Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department, did  
24 they ever tell you there that you were accused  
25 of earlier impersonating a federal official?

1 A. No, other than saying that we were involved  
2 with this federal marshals carrying a whole  
3 bunch of weapons with us, we weren't told much  
4 except for that someone from the Secret  
5 Service, which was another interesting twist to  
6 this story, was going to show up and interview  
7 me.

8 Q. And how long were you held there at that  
9 location, the second location, being the  
10 Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office until the  
11 Secret Service guy showed up to interview you?

12 A. A number of hours. And the determination was  
13 made by the sheriff that if the Secret Service  
14 didn't show up by X time, they were going to  
15 release me because they couldn't hold me, they  
16 had no authority to hold me. And there was a  
17 lot of calls back and forth between the  
18 sheriff's and the Secret Service. And  
19 eventually the Secret Service agent said,  
20 "Well, if you're going to release him, I'm  
21 going to go ahead and come in and drive all of  
22 this distance and interview him."

23 Q. And did he come down there and interview you?

24 A. Yes, at four in the morning approximately.

25 Q. And was that an in-person interview?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you recall his name?

3 A. If you showed it to me, I've seen it, I would  
4 remember his name. Sorry, I don't recall it.

5 Q. How long did you talk to him at that time, do  
6 you remember?

7 A. An hour.

8 Q. And again, you-- did he inquire of you at that  
9 point in time if you had represented yourself  
10 as a federal official while at the casino?

11 A. He asked me a lot of unusual questions. He got  
12 out some sort of a yellow form and it had  
13 nothing to do with any events that I've ever  
14 heard of in my life.

15 Q. For instance?

16 A. Do you track the President? Do you follow the  
17 President? Do you go to areas where the  
18 President goes to? Are you interested in  
19 killing the President? Those kind of  
20 questions. Do you follow where the  
21 Vice-president goes? That was the bulk of what  
22 those questions were about.

23 Q. Did it ever then get around to, "Mr. Skinner,  
24 we have information that while you were at this  
25 casino, you represented yourself as a federal

1 official"?

2 A. I was never read my rights nor did I talk to  
3 them about anything. I closed down  
4 conversation with them.

5 Q. At any time during that conversation with the  
6 officer there, did you inform him that you had  
7 previously been an informer for the DEA in  
8 Miami for the time periods we've talked about?

9 A. No, I said that I was an informant for the DEA.  
10 Whether I said in Miami or not, I cannot  
11 remember sitting here today.

12 Q. That's fine. And then he left?

13 A. Yes-- no, no, then he said, "I can't detain  
14 him. Based upon all the information given, he  
15 has done nothing that I could detain him on,  
16 you have to let him go."

17 Q. And after he left, when was the next occasion  
18 you recall before you talked to either--

19 A. Chuck Grinstead is his name.

20 Q. And after that Chuck Grinstead left, when is  
21 the next occasion that you had to talk to him  
22 or somebody else at the Secret Service by phone  
23 and to be interviewed about what happened?

24 A. I called him on a regular basis, because I  
25 said, "If you guys are going to indict me or

1           accuse me of something, I want you to move on  
2           it fast." And I made numerous phone calls. In  
3           fact, Chuck Grinstead made a comment, "I have  
4           never seen anyone that's pushing so hard for me  
5           to get this paperwork finished." And it took  
6           him months to complete it.

7           Q. Do you recall a period of time in the  
8           conversation with Chuck Grinstead where you  
9           talked at length regarding the research you had  
10          done on the criminal statutes that may be  
11          applicable to this offense?

12          A. I don't remember-- no, I don't remember such a  
13          thing like that. It may have been his boss,  
14          but not him.

15          Q. All right. Well--

16          A. One of them maybe, yes.

17          Q. Well, let's go to one of them. Do you recall  
18          at one time talking to one of those for a real  
19          lengthy period of time?

20          A. Do you mean the time when the Secret Service  
21          just happened to have recorded a phone call and  
22          20 minutes are missing? Is that the thing  
23          you're talking about?

24          Q. Maybe. Have you listened to that recording?

25          A. No, but I've been told about it, and my lawyer

1           said that it-- admissibility was questionable.  
2           But beyond that, they said that the-- the  
3           statements made by the Secret Service did not  
4           coincide with their own tape.

5           Q. Well, let's go to that conversation then. Do  
6           you recall in a lengthy conversation advising  
7           Grinstead or his superior, whatever you've  
8           identified him as, indicating that you had been  
9           on the Internet and had looked at all of the 18  
10          U.S.C. statutes to see which one of them might  
11          fit the allegations they were making against  
12          you?

13          A. Oh, I got your question.

14                         MR. HOUGH: Judge, we'll object.  
15                         This line of questioning is irrelevant.

16                         MR. RORK: Judge, again, I'm going to  
17                         his knowledge and his actions, what he does  
18                         when he's confronted. It's not going to be at  
19                         length.

20                         MR. HOUGH: Judge, this is regarding  
21                         a collateral matter, and it's irrelevant.

22                         MR. RORK: Judge, it has to do with  
23                         the--

24                         THE COURT: Well--

25                         MR. BENNETT: Well, Judge if I

1 might--

2 THE COURT: Overruled.

3 MR. BENNETT: -- interject, I think  
4 it goes directly to his credibility, what he  
5 told them, what he didn't tell them, whether or  
6 not it was true or it wasn't true. And so we  
7 think it's appropriate.

8 MR. HOUGH: It's collateral and  
9 irrelevant, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Well, I just overruled,  
11 go ahead.

12 A. Yes, I now remember the situation. I actually  
13 asked them to help me to go look up on the  
14 Internet, and they told me specifically the  
15 code and title and such to go look up to see,  
16 and I studied it very carefully.

17 Q. (BY MR. RORK) But the question was, do you  
18 recall telling them that during the course of  
19 this conversation you had spent a lengthy  
20 period of time prior to this conversation  
21 looking at the 18 U.S.C. statutes, all of them,  
22 and couldn't find any that fit?

23 A. Sorry. Again, I'm going to answer it real  
24 specific to you. Initially, the Secret Service  
25 is the one that told me where to go, I didn't



1 tell them. And when I went there, I realized  
2 it didn't fit, okay?

3 Q. Well--

4 A. Do you understand my answers?

5 Q. Well, I understand your answers--

6 A. Good.

7 Q. -- but put it in the context of this question.  
8 So are you saying the Secret Service told you  
9 before this phone conversation or after?

10 A. Absolutely they told me, because how would I  
11 have known what I was going to be charged with  
12 or what they were contemplating charging me  
13 with?

14 Q. So then what amount of time did you look at  
15 these statutes at length for then?

16 A. Quite a bit of time.

17 MR. HOUGH: Objection, this is  
18 irrelevant. How long a witness looked at the  
19 statute book on a collateral matter is totally  
20 irrelevant.

21 THE COURT: I will sustain the  
22 objection.

23 Q. (BY MR. RORK) After you had done that, you  
24 were inquiring of this officer as to the nature  
25 of the penalties and whether you would get

1           prison or probation, did you not?

2           A. No, I said, "What is the nature of the problem?  
3           What are the penalties?" Because the area that  
4           they sent me to to find this on did not agree  
5           with the current statutes. And I had been sent  
6           to a website that had inconsistencies with the  
7           violation, and that there had been updates to  
8           it.

9           Q. In regard to these conversations, do you recall  
10          if they took place closer to the January time  
11          period or in April when you came in?

12          A. I can't tell you at all, okay? So I mean,  
13          there was so many of these conversations. I  
14          called them every week.

15          Q. Do you recall if the conversations were close  
16          in time to the date where you appeared here  
17          April 25, 2000 to appear in court?

18          A. No, I quit talking to them based upon the  
19          federal marshals had tried to find me and they  
20          called. And when they called me, they actually  
21          called and left a message, his name was Rand  
22          Rock, or Rock Rand, sorry. Again, I believe  
23          he's still here, he's the head federal marshal  
24          here. And he left a message at the base. I  
25          retrieved the messages or one of the employees

1 told me, I immediately called him and he said--  
2 at 7 o'clock at night he said, "I haven't been  
3 able to serve the summons because the Secret  
4 Service said because you were so consistently  
5 keeping in touch with them, they did not issue  
6 a warrant for your arrest, they gave you a  
7 break and issued a summons for you to come in."  
8 And they said, "But they didn't process the  
9 summons themselves, they put it off on our  
10 office. We could not find you," and he said,  
11 "therefore, the summons that I have before me I  
12 cannot deliver to you because you're in Tulsa,  
13 therefore, you do not have to go to court  
14 before--" and it's the female judge instead of  
15 O'Hara, Catherine, I'll pull her name out in a  
16 second. I believe it was her that-- she was  
17 supposed to hear me. He said, "I will go  
18 before the Court and say that I could not  
19 effect service on you." And I said, "Instead  
20 of doing that, I will make it up there on your  
21 good word that this is a real document you're  
22 having, I've been expecting it; therefore, I  
23 will show up." And I showed up to court with  
24 no summons or a warrant for my arrest,  
25 voluntarily. And it turns out there was a

1 judge change.

2 Q. And would that date have been April 25, 2000?

3 A. I had-- it sounds right to me, you know.

4 Q. And is that the point in time where then you  
5 were released on conditions of release that  
6 were to be specifically followed?

7 A. Actually, there-- the conditions were not that  
8 tight. I was allowed to keep my passport, I  
9 was allowed to travel. I just had to call in  
10 and tell them where I was going if I was  
11 leaving the U.S.

12 Q. Do you recall a condition imposed on you April  
13 25, 2000--

14 A. Of not returning to the base?

15 Q. Excuse me, let me finish the question, Mr.  
16 Skinner. Do you recall a condition based on  
17 April-- assessed on you April 25, 2000 not to  
18 leave Kansas unless you gave 48 hours notice  
19 and itinerary of where you were going?

20 A. I don't believe that condition was put on me.  
21 If it was, it's a surprise. I believe it was  
22 not to leave the United States for 48 hours--  
23 until-- unless I gave 48 hours notice. There  
24 was an argument between Mr. Hough and myself,  
25 because I had no representation, and I argued