1 The Honorable Richard A. Jones 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 10 11 ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, et al., on behalf of CASE NO. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ himself and other similarly situated, 12 DECLARATION OF JESSE L. Plaintiffs, BUSEN IN SUPPORT OF 13 **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE TESTIMONY AND** v. 14 **REPORTS OF PLAINTIFFS'** JOSEPH R. BIDEN, President of the United **EXPERTS ARASTU, GAIRSON** 15 States, et al., AND RAGLAND 16 Defendants. 17 18 19 I, Jesse L. Busen, do declare and say: 1. I am a duly appointed Counsel for National Security for the U.S. Department of Justice, 20 Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation in Washington, D.C., and I am one of the attorneys 21 assigned to represent Defendants in this action. 22 2. Marked as "Exhibit A," and filed separately under seal, is a true and correct copy of the 23 24 July 1, 2020 Expert Declaration of Dr. Nermeen Arastu; 25 3. Marked as "Exhibit B," and filed separately under seal, is a true and correct copy of the July 1, 2020 Expert Report of Jay Gairson; 26 27 28 United States Department of Justice DECLARATION OF JESSE L. BUSEN IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO

EXCLUDE EXPERT TESTIMONY AND REPORTS - 1 (Case No. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ)

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DECLARATION OF JESSE L. BUSEN
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
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Exhibit D

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
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ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, ET AL., On behalf of himself	
and others similarly situated,	
Plaintiffs,	
Index No.:	
2:17-CV-00094-RAJ	
-against-	
DONALD TRUMP, President of the United States,	
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Defendantsx VIDEO-CONFERENCED VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION	
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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	x	
3	CONFIDENTIAL Videotaped	
4	video-conferenced deposition of NERMEEN ARASTU,	
5	taken pursuant to Notice, was held via Webex,	
6	commencing September 9th, 2020, at 9:13 a.m.,	
7	before AMBRIA IANAZZI, a Registered	
8	Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and	
9	for the State of New York.	
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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	Objection, calls for speculation.	15:08
3	A. I can't recall off the	15:08
4	top of my head. I do believe that	15:08
5	some of those names, party names, of	15:09
6	course, I can't confirm it's the	15:09
7	exact two people when they share the	15:09
8	same name, I believe that maybe some	15:09
9	of those cases, those individuals	15:09
10	have maybe done, like later like	15:09
11	I've read an Article, and there	15:09
12	seems there's a similar name for	15:09
13	someone who's done CARRP like	15:09
14	related advocacy maybe appeared in a	15:09
15	Report about CARRP.	15:09
16	But, no, I don't know for	15:09
17	certain that in any of the cases	15:09
18	that appear in that data set are	15:09
19	were individuals who were placed	15:09
20	into CARRP.	15:09
21	Q. Now, I just have a few	15:09
22	questions before or do you want	15:09
23	to break now?	15:09
24	THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah.	15:10
25	Can we take a break?	15:10



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	MS. SLACK: Okay. Fifteen	15:10
3	minutes? Come back 25 after 3:00.	15:10
4	THE COURT REPORTER: Sure.	15:10
5	MR. AHMED: That works for	15:10
6	me. Nermeen, does that work for	15:10
7	you?	15:10
8	MS. SLACK: Okay.	15:10
9	THE WITNESS: Sure.	15:10
10	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're	15:10
11	going off the record. The time is	15:10
12	3:10 p.m.	15:10
13	(Whereupon, a short	15 : 28
14	recess was taken at 3:10	15 : 28
15	p.m. and ended at 3:28	15 : 28
16	p.m.)	15 : 28
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Please	15 : 28
18	standby. We're back on the	15 : 28
19	record. The time is 3:28 p.m.	15:28
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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	BY MS. SLACK	15:28
3	Q. Professor Arastu, while	15 : 29
4	we're still on the subject of the	15:29
5	cases in your study, I had a	15:29
6	question about how you decided which	15:29
7	category to put a particular case	15 : 29
8	in.	15 : 29
9	What date were you going	15:29
10	by in putting the cases into the	15:29
11	different four different	15:29
12	categories?	15:29
13	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:29
14	vague. Objection, compound.	15:29
15	A. In term in terms of,	15:29
16	like when the case was filed versus	15:29
17	when decided; that type of thing?	15:29
18	Q. Versus any other date	15:29
19	that might be associated with	15 : 29
20	A. Oh.	15 : 29
21	Q the matter?	15 : 29
22	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:30
23	vague.	15:30
24	A. I cannot recall off the	15:30
25	top of my head which measure we	15:30



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	used. There was, like something was	15:30
3	chosen, and we used it one way, but	15:30
4	I can't recall right now.	15:30
5	MS. SLACK: Tyler, can you	15:31
6	pull up Document N? And we're	15:31
7	going to mark that Exhibit 29.	15:31
8	-000-	15 : 31
9	(Whereupon, Exhibit 29	15 : 31
10	was marked for	15 : 31
11	identification, as of	15:31
12	September 9th, 2020.)	15 : 31
13	-000-	15 : 31
14	MS. SLACK: Is that where	15:31
15	we were Tyler, 29?	15 : 31
16	THE VIDEOGRAPHER:	15 : 31
17	Twenty-nine is correct; yes.	15:31
18	MS. SLACK: Is there any	15 : 31
19	way to blow this up a little bit?	15 : 31
20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Is there	15 : 31
21	a specific portion that you'd like	15 : 31
22	to have blown up? It's going to	15:31
23	be challenging.	15 : 31
24	MS. SLACK: Maybe to be	15 : 31
25	able to see what's encompassed in	15 : 31



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	it.	15:31
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I can	15 : 31
4	try.	15:31
5	MS. SLACK: Maybe, like be	15 : 31
6	able to see better the whole page?	15 : 31
7	Is there a way to do that?	15 : 32
8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That's	15 : 32
9	just about as good as it's going	15 : 32
10	to get, unless there's a specific	15 : 32
11	portion of it that you want to	15 : 32
12	focus on.	15:32
13	BY MS. SLACK	15:32
14	Q. Is there some place in	15:32
15	your Article, or in your Expert	15:32
16	Report, Professor, that you could	15:32
17	review to help you remember how you	15:32
18	decided what date to use to sort	15:32
19	these 158 cases between the four	15 : 32
20	categories?	15 : 32
21	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:32
22	vague. Objection, compound.	15:32
23	Also, I just wanted to object that	15:32
24	you had asked him to blow it up to	15 : 32
25	see the full exhibit, and the way	15:33



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	it's currently blown up, I can	15:33
3	only see about half of it, and	15 : 33
4	when the full thing is on one	15 : 33
5	screen the words are so tiny	15:33
6	that I cannot see any of it.	15 : 33
7	Q. And it's three pages like	15 : 33
8	this.	15:33
9	A. I can't recall a single	15:33
10	place I could look to get you that	15:33
11	information.	15:33
12	Q. I mean, do you have some	15:33
13	document that actually broke these	15:33
14	cases up by the dates in your four	15:33
15	categories?	15:33
16	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:33
17	vague.	15:33
18	A. (No verbal response.)	15:34
19	Q. I mean, looking at this	15:34
20	Exhibit on your own, perhaps during	15:34
21	the next break, do you think that	15:34
22	would help you refresh your memory?	15:34
23	Is there anything you can	15:34
24	think of that you could look at that	15:34
25	would help refresh your memory?	15:34



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15 : 34
3	compound.	15 : 34
4	A. So, you're asking me	15:34
5	where I got the filed date column	15 : 34
6	from; is that the question?	15 : 34
7	Q. No, my question is was	15 : 34
8	you said, "I can't recall what date	15:34
9	we chose," in order to create the	15 : 34
10	categories, whether it was the	15 : 34
11	filing date, whether it was the	15:34
12	publication date, or some other date	15 : 34
13	that related; is that a correct	15 : 34
14	characterization of what you just	15 : 35
15	said a few minutes ago?	15:35
16	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:35
17	misstates testimony. Objection,	15 : 35
18	compound.	15 : 35
19	A. Right. Okay. Yeah. I	15:35
20	can't recall exactly yeah. I	15 : 35
21	cannot recall off the top of my	15 : 35
22	head, which like how that measure	15:35
23	was determined specifically.	15 : 35
24	Q. And I'm asking I'll	15 : 35
25	start by saying, when you say you	15 : 35



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	can't recall, you mean you can't	15 : 35
3	remember?	15 : 35
4	A. Yes. I can't remember.	15 : 35
5	Q. But at one time, you knew	15 : 35
6	how you were doing setting this	15 : 35
7	characterization?	15:35
8	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15 : 35
9	vague.	15 : 35
10	A. Yes.	15 : 35
11	Q. Now, my question is, is	15 : 35
12	there anything that would refresh	15 : 35
13	your memory about how what date	15 : 35
14	you were using to sort these cases?	15 : 35
15	A. There there may be,	15:36
16	but I don't have those that those	15:36
17	documents like readily available	15:36
18	that, you know. You mentioned could	15:36
19	you look at them on the next break.	15:36
20	It's not something I could probably	15:36
21	pull out in the next break easily.	15:36
22	Q. Other than scratch	15:36
23	what I just said.	15:36
24	When you say in the	15:36
25	during the next break, is there	15 : 36



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1	CONFIDENTIAL	
2	anything that you could access today	15:36
3	that you would be able to look at to	15:36
4	refresh your memory about what date	15:36
5	you were relying on when you sorted	15:36
6	these cases?	15:36
7	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:36
8	vague.	15:36
9	A. I'm not sure yeah. I	15:36
10	couldn't tell you without looking,	15:36
11	if it's possible to access today or	15:36
12	not. I don't think so, but I'm that	15 : 37
13	I'm going to be able to get it	15 : 37
14	easily today.	15 : 37
15	Q. I'm going to move on, but	15:37
16	we'll probably come back to this	15:37
17	later.	15 : 37
18	MS. SLACK: Thank you,	15:37
19	Tyler.	15 : 37
20	Q. When did you submit this	15:37
21	Article for publication?	15:37
22	MR. AHMED: Objection,	15:38
23	vague.	15:38
24	A. Submit to who like	15:38
25	submit to UCLA.	15 : 38



Exhibit E

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ

DONALD TRUMP, President of the

United States, et al.,

Defendants.

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Videotaped Deposition Upon Oral Examination of

JAY GAIRSON

Taken via WebEx Videoconference

DATE: Friday, September 25, 2020

REPORTED BY: Ronald L. Cook

CCR, RDR, CRR



- 1 samples and notes that I've taken over the year on the
- 2 topic -- years on the -- sorry -- over the years on
- 3 the topic.
- 4 O. Okay. Thank you.
- 5 You mentioned your existing library of
- 6 information. What does that embody?
- 7 A. It embodies the entire history of cases
- 8 I've done, it embodies the many law review articles
- 9 and other articles I've, you know, made copies of and
- 10 kept for myself over the years, the various books I've
- 11 read on the topic, the notes I've taken when at CLEs
- 12 and other programs for -- as well as whatever else is
- in my head.
- 14 O. You mentioned law review articles you've
- 15 read. Are there any that stand out to you?
- 16 A. In general or for this case?
- 17 Q. Well, let's start in general. Are there
- 18 any law review articles that stand out to you that you
- 19 would see as part of this library of information that
- 20 you access in rendering your expert services?
- 21 A. I -- the one thing you're going to learn
- 22 about me today is I'm bad with names and titles, and
- 23 so without me flipping through the various -- you
- 24 know, my library and going, Yeah, this is the one I
- 25 have marked as a favorite, there -- it just really



Page 54 1 Okay. So thank you. Ο. 2 We're going to come back to much of what 3 you've said and talk more about it individually later. 4 I want to turn to -- you've made some estimates of the 5 clients that you've worked with over the years, and 6 I'd like to turn to that. You estimate that you've had 7 8 approximately a thousand clients; is that correct? 9 Α. That is a conservative estimate, yes. And what would that estimate include? 10 Ο. 11 Would it include the time you spent as a paralegal or just since you've become a practicing attorney? 12 13 Α. That is since I became an attorney. 14 Ο. And how did you come up with this 15 estimate? 16 Α. I went through my list of client files and I had the number totaled up, and that was looking 17 18 at things like family cases and whatnot as a single client instead of breaking out individuals who had 19 20 subcases within that. 21 Ο. What kinds of cases does this include, 22 then? 23 Absolutely everything I've done. So this includes everything from representing individuals who 24



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the Secret Service or the FBI had questions for or

- 1 some other agency within the U.S. Government had
- 2 questions for, to representing individuals within
- 3 their immigration cases, whether for family-based
- 4 benefits, defensive benefits, or employment-based
- 5 benefits. Also includes consulate processing as well
- 6 as cases before USCIS and immigration courts, and CBP,
- 7 and --
- I can keep going.
- 9 Q. Does it include more than just
- 10 immigration cases?
- 11 A. I believe I took the time to make sure
- 12 that cases that did not have a relationship to
- immigration were not counted in that list.
- 14 Q. And in your report you mention that part
- 15 of this client file review was to look at your
- 16 electronic records; is that correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. And what kinds of electronic records do
- 19 you maintain?
- 20 A. I maintain a complete copy of all of my
- 21 client files electronically. I do expire them
- 22 eventually and move them off into storage, but I do
- 23 keep all client files as much as electronic as I can
- 24 because the amount of paperwork involved with
- 25 immigration quickly fills my filing cabinets



- 1 familiar.
- 2 Yeah, my recollection is there's two
- 3 primary classes. There was one involving individuals
- 4 who are delayed as related to their applications for
- 5 naturalization and then there's one for individuals
- 6 whose cases are delayed as related to their adjustment
- 7 of status.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 So I'm particularly interested in what
- 10 portion of your clients have these types of
- 11 applications.
- 12 Let's start with naturalization. Can you
- 13 give me an estimate, of your thousand or so cases, how
- 14 many naturalization applications you've assisted with?
- 15 A. Oh, boy. A lot. I don't know an exact
- 16 number of naturalization cases that I've done over the
- 17 years.
- 18 If I count just cases where I did
- 19 naturalization interviews, which is not all the
- 20 naturalization cases I've done, because sometimes
- 21 clients decide not to have an attorney at their
- 22 interview, I would say at least -- probably at least
- 23 15 to 20 percent, and probably more.
- Q. So roughly 150 to 200 of your thousand
- 25 clients is your estimate of how many of them involve



- 1 naturalization applications. Did I have that correct?
- 2 A. That would be a reasonable estimate.
- 3 Q. And how many would you say involve
- 4 adjustment of status, and that being any type of
- 5 adjustment of status?
- 6 A. Any type of adjustment. So any type of
- 7 acquisition of a lawful permanent resident status?
- 8 Q. No, I mean, there's adjustment for
- 9 refugees, asylees, for nonimmigrant visas of different
- 10 sorts. So in that whole nutshell, about how many
- 11 would you say involved adjustment of status?
- 12 A. Well over half the cases I've done. I
- 13 would say that for individuals where the purpose was
- 14 for them to have a lawful permanent resident status at
- 15 the end of it, whether through adjustment of status or
- 16 some other related means, that's going to be at
- 17 least -- at least two-thirds of my cases.
- 18 Q. So 6- to 700 of your thousand clients
- 19 involve adjustment of status?
- 20 A. They have --
- MR. ADAMS: Object to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: If we're -- that's why I
- 23 keep coming back to are you asking specifically as to
- 24 the adjustment of status application form itself, the
- 25 I-485?



Page 61 1 Because that's a number that I don't have 2 a specific direct way to say, well, this X percent. 3 I mean, I know how many of my cases 4 roughly that involve getting to having a green card, 5 which is generally through adjustment of status or 6 acquisition of an immigrant visa. And so those types 7 of cases combined are at least two-thirds. I don't 8 know exactly how many of those would be adjustments. 9 BY MS. SLACK: Of the ones that involve Q. 10 acquisition of lawful permanent residence, do you know 11 about how many -- what percentage of those you would say are straight getting immigrant visas? 12 13 Α. Oh, for immigrant visas? I mean -- it's probably about half of 14 15 that. Probably a little bit more, but about half. 16 Do you think it's fair, then, to say that roughly 300 or 400 of your thousand clients involve 17 18 adjustment of status? 19 At minimum, yes. 20 So between the two, we're talking about Ο. 21 450 to 600 of your thousand clients are involving naturalization or adjustment of status? 22 23 At a minimum, yes. Α. 24 Ο. You mentioned the use of FOIA with your clients. 25 Do you ever work on FOIA review matters for



- 1 based upon the pattern of the case, the types of
- 2 request for evidence or decisions I received, as well
- 3 as the styling of the interviews.
- 4 O. Just to make sure I have this correct,
- 5 you did this based largely on FOIA responses that you
- 6 received, where sometimes you'd actually see the word
- 7 CARRP within the FOIA response?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. That sometimes you would see text codes
- 10 that you associate with CARRP?
- 11 A. Text codes, other similar codes. You
- 12 know, headers that then were followed by large
- 13 redacted portions that were usually placed in the file
- 14 where a letterhead memorandum would be at or similar.
- 15 Q. In addition that you see patterns within
- 16 the case, what are those patterns?
- 17 A. So generally speaking -- if we take away
- 18 the FOIA requests -- let's say I'm looking at a case
- 19 and I've got no FOIA requests to look at, because FOIA
- 20 requests need a lot of information to understand
- 21 what's going on in the case.
- 22 If I'm looking at patterns aside from
- 23 that, what I am generally looking for are extensive
- 24 delays in the case, repeated schedulings of interviews
- 25 and canceling, repeated interviews. I've had clients



- 1 who have been interviewed half a dozen or more times
- 2 with the same benefit over and over again,
- 3 and asked the same questions. Cases where you go into
- 4 the interview and you've got two different officers or
- 5 more. In some of the cases I've had three or four
- 6 officers in the room asking questions. In a few cases
- 7 I've had one of those officers identify themselves as
- 8 being an FBI agent or similar. Recognized a few of
- 9 them as FBI agents.
- 10 And then the patterns of -- the types of
- 11 notices of intent to deny, revoke, request for
- 12 evidence and decisions. A lot of the cases have
- involved searches and requests for information that
- 14 is -- seems -- you know, that is either very
- 15 pretextual in nature, often has very little to do with
- 16 the basis of the case, and as well as looking at the
- individual's background and history and reviewing, you
- 18 know, what's happened in their case beforehand.
- 19 A lot of these individuals I've worked
- 20 with are coming -- most of my clients were coming from
- 21 countries with significant Muslim populations, a lot
- 22 of them are coming from countries and regions that
- 23 have war and other types of major issues and violence
- 24 that have been ongoing, and so when looking at those
- 25 cases and looking at those patterns, I'm able to say,



- 1 Okay, these particular populations are more likely to
- 2 have a case that's going to fall within one or
- 3 two -- you know, a couple of different potential
- 4 buckets for the causes in delays, and then my job is
- 5 to look at it and say, Okay, is this a case that's
- 6 principally to do with CARRP, TRIG, fraud, something
- 7 else, and identify where or what the cause of it is.
- 8 Usually cases that are involved with
- 9 fraud are fairly clear. It's like, Okay, this is what
- 10 you did, this is what you lied about. The vast
- 11 majority of those clients will come out and admit it
- 12 to me, and then we're, you know, looking at it whether
- 13 or not it was material or not.
- But for the CARRP and the TRIG cases,
- oftentimes the clients are just completely confused;
- 16 they don't understand why. Especially when they've
- obtained refugee or asylee status previously, based
- 18 upon their membership in the organization that they're
- 19 now being reviewed for for CARRP.
- I know that was a lot of answer. Sorry.
- Q. What types of applications are you
- including in your estimate of 300 CARRP cases?
- 23 A. Those are adjustment and asylum and
- 24 naturalization cases, primarily. There's a small
- 25 handful of those that also had either H-1B typically



- 1 cases do you think are either adjustment of status or
- 2 naturalization?
- 3 A. I don't know an exact number.
- 4 Probably -- if I had to give an estimate, it would be
- 5 about the same.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 And you said at one point earlier that a
- 8 lot of your TRIG cases are asylum cases. Can you
- 9 explain that?
- 10 A. Yes. So TRIG very often comes up in
- 11 either the refugee or the asylum context when an
- 12 individual -- especially for individuals in the United
- 13 States seeking asylum benefits.
- Q. And why is that?
- 15 A. This comes up because when an individual
- is fleeing from another country to the United States,
- 17 it is often due to either their membership and
- 18 association with a particular group or social group or
- 19 their fear of a particular group or social group. And
- 20 those groups that tend to make people scared enough to
- 21 run away from the life that they've always known are
- 22 often groups that fall within the definition of a
- 23 terrorist organization under the INA.
- Q. When we discussed the methodology that
- 25 you used in order to come up with these figures for



- 1 which proportion of your cases are CARRP, you didn't
- 2 mention the tabular data that is among the list of
- 3 things you reviewed for this case. It would be listed
- 4 as the confidential data. It's a set of -- it's
- 5 datasets in an Excel spreadsheet. Does that ring a
- 6 bell to you?
- 7 MR. ADAMS: Object to form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I -- yes, there is an Excel
- 9 spreadsheet I did review.
- 10 Q. BY MS. SLACK: But you didn't reference
- 11 that in your methodology in coming up with your 300
- 12 cases. Did you use it at all?
- 13 A. I did not use it for coming up with the
- 14 number of cases that I am involved in, no.
- 15 O. Why not?
- 16 A. Because my practice involves more CARRP
- 17 and TRIG cases than most immigration attorneys, since
- 18 that's the area I happen to do most of my work in.
- 19 Q. Did you observe the information in that
- 20 dataset about the proportion of naturalization and
- 21 adjustment of status cases that are processed in
- 22 CARRP?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. And how would you characterize the
- 25 proportions in that tabular data?



- 1 reaching their discretionary decisions for an
- 2 adjustment of status.
- Q. BY MS. SLACK: So just -- we're going to
- 4 walk through what your understanding is, and I
- 5 under -- and I'll start by saying I understand you
- 6 don't have this information in front of you, and I'm
- 7 just trying to get your baseline understanding of how
- 8 a case is processed routinely from start to finish for
- 9 these two applications. And it may vary, depending on
- 10 the basis of adjustment of status, how that routine
- 11 processing takes place, and so with that
- 12 understanding, I want to ask you some questions about
- 13 that.
- 14 For naturalization, if you're handling
- 15 somebody's case from the beginning to the end, where
- 16 do you file a naturalization application?
- 17 A. Depending on the individual's location, I
- 18 file it based upon the -- where to file an N-400 for
- 19 an individual. I look up the address. File it USCIS
- 20 usually to one of the two lockboxes that are relevant
- 21 for naturalization applications.
- Q. And what is your understanding of what
- 23 happens at the lockbox stage?
- 24 A. It is -- the file is taken in by the
- 25 mailroom, where it gets an initial review for



- 1 completeness, whether or not there's any missing
- 2 pages, whether or not the appropriate fees have been
- 3 included or not, and whether or not it appears to be
- 4 meeting the basic form that is -- format of the entire
- 5 packet that is appropriate for that petitioner
- 6 application type, and then is either rejected if it
- 7 isn't basically prima facie eligible or then
- 8 redirected to the appropriate department to further
- 9 review the case, adjudicate it.
- 10 Q. And if it's moving on in the process and
- 11 not being rejected or sent back, what is your
- 12 understanding of where it goes next?
- 13 A. My understanding is that generally it is
- 14 sent to the service center, where the first-level
- 15 review of the case is done, and they identify -- if
- 16 there are any particular issues of concern, they go
- 17 over their check sheets for it, and identify any part
- 18 of the application that needs to go out for additional
- 19 review or analysis or request for initial evidence as
- 20 may be appropriate. And once it's finished that basic
- 21 level review, it's typically scheduled for a
- 22 biographic appointment, although the biographic
- 23 appointment can come simultaneously or in parallel.
- Q. And when you say the service center --
- 25 and I apologize because I think I forgot to put this



- 1 in the key terms. Are you talking about the National
- 2 Benefits Center or are you talking about SCOPs, which
- 3 is the -- the offices that handle the service center
- 4 operations?
- 5 A. I am not specifically familiar with the
- 6 interior distinctions of those various units, so when
- 7 I'm saying service center, I could very well be
- 8 meaning the overlap between the two of them, because
- 9 it's not always clear to those of us who have not
- 10 worked with the agency where one ends and the other
- 11 one necessarily begins.
- 12 Q. Do you have an understanding of why a
- 13 particular application would go to SCOPs or it would
- 14 go to the NBC?
- 15 MR. ADAMS: Object to form. It's a basic
- 16 lack of foundation on the question.
- 17 Q. BY MS. SLACK: Do you know if there's a
- 18 distinction between the two?
- 19 A. Not off -- not that I can recall off the
- 20 top of my head. I would have to look through my past
- 21 notes and materials to do that, because I didn't
- 22 prepare for that line of questioning today.
- Q. And if I understand correctly, it's your
- 24 understanding that pretty much the same thing happens
- 25 at the NBC or a SCOPs office?



- 1 The other thing is that, generally
- 2 speaking, refugees and asylees weren't interviewed,
- 3 although they increasingly are these days.
- 4 You know, some of the internal processing
- 5 differs from there. I don't have the specifics in
- 6 front of me right now.
- 7 Q. Do you have any knowledge of why
- 8 increasingly refugees and asylees are subject to
- 9 interview? When they apply for adjustment of status.
- 10 A. A lot of that comes down to executive
- 11 orders and proclamations seeking to enhance the -- or
- 12 allegedly enhance the security of the immigration
- 13 process.
- 14 Q. Now we're going to shift to when you
- 15 suspect a case is in CARRP.
- 16 What is the first stage of this process
- 17 from filing to decision where you start to see
- 18 something different in the way a case is being
- 19 processed when you believe it's subject to CARRP?
- 20 A. The majority of the time when a case --
- 21 well, there's a couple different things that may
- 22 happen that would alert to it potentially being a
- 23 CARRP case early on. Generally the scheduling of the
- 24 interview for the case is delayed far beyond the
- 25 normal processing dates for that type of case. The



- 1 timelines tend to be substantially extended in these
- 2 cases.
- 3 The -- if and when an interview is
- 4 scheduled, oftentimes more than one officer will be
- 5 present for the review and adjudication of the case.
- 6 Sometimes the individual will be visited by one or
- 7 more law enforcement agencies and asked questions
- 8 related to the country of origin, their immigration
- 9 history, their religion, themselves, the people they
- 10 know, that type of stuff, and many other types of
- 11 conversations within that.
- 12 Q. I have just one follow-up question to
- 13 that point, and I'm sorry to interrupt you.
- When you say "visited by law
- 15 enforcement, " you mean not somebody from USCIS?
- 16 A. Generally not someone identifying as
- 17 being from USCIS. Most often someone from the FBI,
- 18 sometimes someone from HSI or another agency.
- 19 Q. Do you ever have clients that are visited
- 20 by law enforcement who have not applied for
- 21 immigration benefits?
- 22 A. Assuming aside from clients who have
- 23 committed -- or allegedly committed a crime, for which
- 24 they're being investigated at that time, I have had
- 25 immigrant clients who have been visited -- immigrant



- 1 Q. BY MS. SLACK: And I'm just trying to
- 2 clarify. And you -- when you said at times once or
- 3 twice a week and then at other times once or twice a
- 4 month, all being pre-COVID because things are slower
- 5 now, was that estimate for the -- for all of your
- 6 clients or the one for those that have no pending
- 7 immigration benefit application?
- 8 A. That's all of my clients whom have had
- 9 some form of law enforcement or national
- 10 security-related investigation.
- 11 It would be difficult for me to
- 12 specifically break out what percentage or amount of
- 13 those were -- had a pending immigration benefit or
- 14 not. I know some did not, you know, but I know many
- 15 of them did.
- 16 Q. So you were -- you were giving me
- 17 examples of ways that cases are different in this
- 18 process from routine cases when you suspect that
- 19 they're in CARRP. Did you have any others?
- 20 A. I have a lot of others. Those were, you
- 21 know --
- 22 So let's see.
- The top one's extension of time, visits
- 24 from law enforcement, pretextual requests for
- 25 evidence, requests -- notices of intent to deny,



- 1 notices of intent to revoke, and decisions where
- 2 oftentimes they have very little bearing on the
- 3 benefits sought. At least very little obvious bearing
- 4 on it.
- 5 When there are interviews -- extensively
- 6 long interviews, interviews where you show up only to
- 7 have the interview get canceled, for you -- another
- 8 one to get scheduled, for you to show up and have it
- 9 get canceled or to get a call the day ahead of time to
- 10 be told it's canceled. And I have clients who have
- 11 showed up nearly a dozen different times of interviews
- 12 scheduled, only to have it canceled every time with
- 13 excuses or -- Well, we can't pull your file from the
- 14 database to, you know, It looks like another user is
- 15 using the file at the same time. I'm not allowed to
- open it right now, or, Well, your file wasn't sent
- 17 here, which that excuse gets a little bit long in the
- 18 tooth when it's the same person over and over and over
- 19 again, to individuals whom simply just never get an
- 20 interview scheduled no matter how much they ask for
- 21 it.
- 22 Q. Do you ever have occasions where
- 23 interviews get canceled that you don't suspect CARRP?
- A. Sure. When there's a snowstorm, when
- 25 there's -- you know, there are reasons that I have



- 1 seen where cases are canceled for reasons I don't
- 2 suspect to be CARRP. I've had cases that were
- 3 scheduled within a normal processing time and had an
- 4 officer say, you know, We just haven't received the
- 5 file yet. Those usually get quickly rescheduled, and
- 6 the next interview goes right on through within a
- 7 matter of weeks.
- 8 You know, but the CARRP-related cases
- 9 have a much more ongoing rhythm and pattern of
- 10 lengthier timelines and repeated instances of cases
- 11 being rescheduled or canceled. I've had clients show
- 12 up and have their biometrics canceled.
- But, you know, in general -- scheduling
- 14 snafus happen once in a while, but not near the
- 15 frequency that they occur with CARRP cases.
- 16 Q. Do you ever have an instance in which
- 17 there's more than one officer in the interview that
- 18 you don't suspect to be subject to CARRP?
- 19 A. Fraud cases, generally.
- Q. Any others?
- 21 A. Once in a while criminal investigations
- 22 that may not necessarily be CARRP related.
- 23 Q. Any instances in which you suspect it's
- 24 just routine processing that there's more than one
- 25 officer in an interview?



- 1 A. Very rarely. Once in a while there will
- 2 be a new officer who is claiming to be there for
- 3 purposes of training, but the majority of the time
- 4 it's -- when there's more than one officer, it's
- 5 because the other officer is there for a purpose
- 6 associated with some type of additional investigation.
- 7 Q. Is there anything different after the
- 8 interview that makes you suspect the case is subject
- 9 to CARRP?
- 10 A. Decision or request for evidence isn't
- 11 issued within a timely manner.
- 12 Q. And what's a timely manner?
- 13 A. Depends on what the current processing
- 14 times are for that case. The majority of them, after
- 15 the interview the case -- by the time it got to the
- 16 interview the case was ready for adjudication. So for
- 17 the majority of them, you know, you -- your decision
- is made within a matter of weeks, on the long end
- 19 within the statutorily provided timelines, like the
- 20 naturalization case within 120 days, versus CARRP
- 21 cases tend to go far longer than that.
- 22 Q. And earlier I asked if you ever had the
- 23 experience where someone was approved in the interview
- 24 and scheduled for an oath ceremony and got sworn in to
- 25 become a citizen the same day as the interview, and



- 1 I'm trying to interpret that question.
- Q. BY MS. SLACK: If you have 75 percent,
- 3 that's more than a majority.
- 4 MR. ADAMS: That's still a majority.
- 5 MS. SLACK: Yeah. More -- more than a
- 6 simple majority.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Of cases that require
- 8 adjudication or interviews at a district or field
- 9 office, I would say more than a simple majority occur
- 10 within the Seattle region.
- 11 Q. BY MS. SLACK: You discussed earlier and
- 12 you discuss in your report your experience as a
- 13 paralegal, that you started in 2006. When you were
- 14 working as a paralegal, did you encounter cases with
- 15 longer-than-average processing times?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And how would you describe the work that
- 18 you did as a paralegal with regard to longer
- 19 processing time applications?
- 20 A. My role as a paralegal was to research
- 21 and investigate the cause of the delays on behalf of
- 22 the attorney and based upon that advice from the
- 23 attorney, when told me to do so, draft complaints and
- 24 FOIA requests and letters that the attorney then would
- 25 review and approve of.



Exhibit F

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Page 45 academic setting, like in a university peer 1 review? Q. Yes. As opposed to -- I did have 5 colleagues who I either coauthored with or may 6 have reviewed the works, but that's more 7 informal, I think, than what you're asking. Yes. I'm asking about more in the 8 Q. context of a university. 10 Α. No. 11 So let's move to your CARRP-related 12 experience. 13 You indicate that -- in your report 14 that you represented or you have represented 300 or more cases involving adjustment of status and 15 16 200 or more cases involving naturalization; is 17 that correct? 18 Yes. That's probably on the low end. It's an estimate. 19 20 And you state that this is over the course of your career. So how would you measure 21 22 that?



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1	A. Estimating the number of cases each
2	year I've been in private practice in those
3	areas.
4	Q. And how did you reach these
5	estimates?
6	A. Thinking of how many cases I have
7	currently or how many cases I've had in recent
8	years, active cases, either adjustment or
9	naturalization, and then multiplying that by the
10	number of years I've been in private practice.
11	Q. Did you look back in any of your case
12	files to try to reach this estimate?
13	A. No.
14	Q. Do these include cases that you
15	handled personally?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Or do they include cases that were
18	handled by other attorneys in your firm?
19	A. No. This is cases that I would have
20	handled personally.
21	Q. And did you file a G-28 notice of
22	entry of appearance as attorney or accredited



Page 66 who is -- who is evaluating? Is that you? 1 2 that your estimate? Yeah, it would be my estimate. Α. At paragraph 20 of your report you 5 say that for naturalization cases not subject to CARRP the time between filing and interview is 6 7 generally six to nine months, correct? 8 Α. I -- I think that may have been correct. That was probably correct when I wrote the report. Certainly all processing times have 10 been -- are much longer now, including for 11 12 naturalization cases. 13 0. Are you aware of the current filing time for the --14 15 I think it depends on where it's 16 being adjudicated. Depends on the field office. 17 Do you generally work with the Q. Washington, D.C. field office? 18 19 I'd say the majority of my cases are Α. 20 either in the Washington district office or the Baltimore district office, but I've handled cases 21 22 in field offices around the country.



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1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	And what do you base this estimate
3	on?	
4	Α.	So at the time I based that estimate
5	on, again,	a an an estimate of
6	naturalizat	tion cases that I was handling.
7	Q.	Did you consider the processing times
8	on the USCI	IS website?
9	А.	I don't recall.
10	Q.	Did you consider any other facts in
11	reaching th	nis estimate?
12	А.	What I'm I don't know what you
13	mean by wha	at other facts.
14	Q.	Well, did you consider any other
15	data?	
16	А.	Not that I recall.
17	Q.	Aside from okay.
18		What other reasons might an
19	application	n be delayed?
20	Α.	Other than what?
21	Q.	Other than being in CARRP.
22	Α.	An application



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1	MS. CHO: Objection, calls for
2	speculation.
3	To the extent that you can answer it,
4	please go ahead, Mr. Ragland.
5	THE WITNESS: I mean, there's a
6	there's a a lot of different cases
7	why there's a lot of different reasons
8	why a case could get could be delayed.
9	I've had cases be misplaced by the agency,
10	for example. I've also had cases be
11	delayed because they're complicated.
12	I don't know, there's there are a
13	lot of reasons other than CARRP that a case
14	could be delayed.
15	BY MR. BUSEN:
16	Q. Based on your experience, would a
17	fraud investigation cause a delay
18	A. It certainly can, yes.
19	Q between filing and interview?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. And by a case being complicated, are
22	you referring to the reasons that you mentioned



		Page 72
1	earlier?	
2	А. У	es.
3	Q. A.	ll right. Let's move on to the next
4	telltale sign	, an interview scheduled and then
5	descheduled.	
6	A	re you familiar with the National
7	Benefits Cente	er?
8	А. У	es.
9	Q. He	ow do you know about it?
10	Α. Ι	t's one of the it's one of the
11	components of	USCIS that adjudicates applications
12	for immigration	on benefits.
13	Q. De	o you know if the NBC, or the
14	National Bene	fits Center, is involved in the
15	CARRP process	?
16	Α. Ι	don't know.
17	Q. Do	o you know if they refer cases to
18	CARRP?	
19	Α. Ι	don't know.
20	Q. Bo	ased on your understanding, what
21	happens at the	e National Benefits Center when a
22	naturalization	n application is filed there?



Page 73 My understanding is that the NBC 1 2 prepares the -- prepares the application and the A-file and forwards, you know, the completed application and A-file to the field office to be placed in a queue and scheduled for interview. What do you mean by prepares the Q. 7 application? You know, reviews the application, 8 Α. confirms that the necessary evidence is -- is included, that the -- the fee is paid, that the 10 11 photos are included, that, you know, the right 12 documents are -- are attached, et cetera. 13 then my understanding is -- although I don't 14 think it always happens -- obtains the A-file 15 and -- and any other files, T-files, you know, 16 multiple other files related to the applicant and 17 then forwards that to the field office for adjudication. 18 19 And is that a similar process to what Ο. 20 happens when an adjustment of status application 21 is filed at the National Benefits Center? 22 Α. I don't know.



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1	Q. Based on your understanding, what
2	happens when an adjustment of status application
3	is filed with the National
4	A. My understanding is that it's
5	Q Benefits Center?
6	A that it's a similar process, that
7	the the application is reviewed. If there are
8	missing items, they might issue an RFE to the
9	applicant to provide missing items and then, once
10	everything is ready, forward it to the field
11	office for scheduling.
12	Q. Did any of the materials you
13	considered in preparing this report relate to the
14	National Benefits Center?
15	A. I don't recall whether they related
16	specifically to the National Benefits Center or
17	not.
18	Q. Did any of the materials you
19	considered relate to the National Benefits Center
20	and any role that they may play in CARRP?
21	A. I don't
22	MS. CHO: Objection, asked and



Page 81 that a case may be scheduled and then 1 descheduled? Yes. If the field office for some Α. reason doesn't have the file or all of the files, a case could be descheduled. I've been told That's one reason. 6 that. 7 Are there any others that you're 8 aware of? Those are the ones that come to mind that -- that I've been told -- when a case has 10 11 been descheduled that I've been told, you know, 12 that we don't have the file or where I -- or 13 where there's an Adam Walsh Act issue or there's 14 no reason given. And often those are CARRP 15 cases. 16 Q. Now, you stated in your report that 17 you have handled approximately 500 or more cases involving adjustment of status and 18 19 naturalization, of which 50 of those you suspect 20 were subject to CARRP, correct? 21 I suspect there are more, but 22 because -- because CARRP doesn't advertise,



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                   BY MR. BUSEN:
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            Q.
                   Are you aware -- I -- I asked if
 3
       you're aware of other bases for this SSSS code
       being on a boarding pass.
 5
                   How often --
 6
            Α.
                   Okay. Go ahead.
                   Are you aware of how often it is that
 7
 8
       this code will show up on a boarding pass because
       the applicant is on the terrorist screening
       database selectee list?
10
11
                   As opposed to for some other reason?
12
                   Yes, as opposed to a reason not
13
       related to the terrorist screening database
14
       selectee list.
15
                   I don't know.
            Α.
16
            Q.
                   Do you know if this code can show up
17
       on a boarding pass if a traveler changes their
       ticket at the last minute?
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19
                   I don't know. I'd be speculating.
            Α.
20
                   Have you done any research into this
            Q.
       SSSS code for purposes of this report?
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22
            Α.
                        Independent research? No, just
                   No.
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Page 216 based on my experience of clients who've had this 1 2 notation on boarding passes. Q. I have some additional questions about your telltale signs in general. You've 5 mentioned five main ones and then mentioned this 6 SSSS code and a couple of others. 7 Would an applicant need all of these telltale signs for you to estimate that they --8 their application is subject to CARRP? 10 Α. No. 11 Would they need all but one of these 12 signs for you to estimate that their application 13 is subject to CARRP? It's not a checklist. 14 No. 15 Would just one sign be sufficient 16 to -- for you to estimate that an applicant is 17 subject to CARRP? Probably not, because, for example, 18 19 if the only issue is a delay, I wouldn't take 20 that to mean automatically that it's a CARRP delay. I would want to see that there are other 21 22 indicators.



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1	Q. If an applicant was asked unusual
2	questions, what you term unusual questions in an
3	interview, would you suspect their application is
4	subject to CARRP barring the presence of any of
5	the other telltale signs you mention in the
6	report?
7	A. I think it depends on the questions
8	that are being asked. For example, I I had a
9	client who was asked a number of questions about
10	a terrorist attack in a foreign country. On the
11	basis of that questioning alone I might suspect
12	that the case was subject to CARRP without any
13	other indicators.
14	MR. BUSEN: Noah, you can take the
15	exhibit down now. Thank you.
16	BY MR. BUSEN:
17	Q. Are there any of these signs that are
18	more significant than others?
19	A. Well, being on the selectee list,
20	having the the four Ss on the boarding pass is
21	more significant than being routinely referred to
22	secondary inspection, for example, because you



Page 218 can being referred to secondary inspection for 1 lots of reasons, CARRP and non-CARRP related. the four Ss are a significant basis. The FBI interview is certainly a 5 significant basis because, again, it's something that is documented. So some are more significant 7 than others. 8 Q. You say you can be subject to secondary inspection for reasons both related to -- was it related to CARRP or the --10 11 Α. Well, not related to CARRP --12 (Crosstalk) 13 MS. REPORTER: I'm sorry. You both 14 were on top of each other. 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry. 16 BY MR. BUSEN: 17 Q. Let me ask again. So you say that you can be referred 18 19 to secondary inspection for reasons having to do 20 with national security and reasons not having to do with national security, correct? 21 22 Α. Yes.



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                   Are you aware of whether you can get
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            Q.
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       the SSSS code for reasons associated with
       national security or reasons not associated with
       national security?
                   I don't know. In my -- in my
            Α.
       experience, SSSS has been -- SSSSs have been, to
       my understanding, being related to a national
7
       security concern.
8
                   And why is that?
                   Because the SSSSs were in conjunction
10
            Α.
       with other indicators of a national security
11
12
       concern, country of nationality, religion,
13
       association with organizations, those -- those
14
      other indicators.
15
                   I don't --
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            Q.
                   Can you explain how you --
17
            Α.
                   To answer your question, I don't --
                   -- use these --
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            Q.
19
            Α.
                   I guess to answer your question, I
20
      don't recall having a client with four Ss where
       it was a nonnational security -- I'm not saying
21
22
       it can't happen. I just haven't had the
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Page 220 experience. 1 2 Q. Can you explain how you use the telltale signs to determine whether an application is subject to CARRP? I'm not sure I understand the Α. question. 6 7 Q. Well, let's take -- you estimated you handled 50 or more cases that were subject to 8 CARRP. 10 Can you estimate how many or what 11 percentage of those had two of the telltale signs 12 you mentioned? I would think all of them had at 13 Α. 14 least two. 15 How many would have just one? Q. 16 As I said before, I don't know that I 17 would -- I don't know that I would conclude that 18 a client is likely subject to CARRP based on a 19 single indicator, with the exception of, for 20 example, very specific questioning on a national 21 security-related issue, whether at a USCIS interview --22



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2	(Thereupon, Exhibit Number 32
3	was marked for identification.)
4	MR. BUSEN: Could you please go to
5	the tab receipt count on the bottom far
6	left. And could you zoom in on the table
7	on the left.
8	VIDEO OPERATOR: This table?
9	MR. BUSEN: Yes.
10	VIDEO OPERATOR: Stand by.
11	MR. BUSEN: It looks like there may
12	be that grand total yeah, there it
13	goes.
14	BY MR. BUSEN:
15	Q. Are you familiar with this document,
16	Mr. Ragland?
17	A. I wouldn't say I'm familiar with it.
18	I may have reviewed it if it was in the discovery
19	materials.
20	Q. This is the tabular data that was
21	provided by the defendants to the plaintiffs and
22	it is on the list of documents that you reviewed



Page 228 for your expert report on the first page of 1 2 Exhibit B. 3 If you would like your recollection refreshed, we could look at that exhibit list 5 again if you'd like. 6 I don't need to look at the exhibit list. If it's on the list, I would have reviewed 7 it, but I wouldn't tell you that I've committed 8 it to memory. Now, would you -- this -- would you 10 0. 11 agree that this table shows data from fiscal year 12 2013 to 2019 from U -- USCIS? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Would you agree that the table shows 15 how many I-485 and N-400 applications were 16 received by USCIS from fiscal year 2013 to fiscal 17 year 2019? 18 You're saying the grand total as the number received, 10 million cases. 19 20 The grand -- the grand total in the bottom right corner is the total number of I-485 21 22 and N-400 applications received between fiscal



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                   MS. CHO: Objection, asked and
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 2
            answered.
                   THE WITNESS: Some -- some portion
            of the 50. Again, I believe the -- I
            believe the 50 number to be --
                   (Remote transmission interference)
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                   MS. REPORTER: I'm sorry, sir.
8
            can't hear you.
                   THE WITNESS: So I -- I -- I
            suspect the 50 number that I gave --
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            which, again, is -- should not be carved
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12
            in stone because it's an estimate for a
13
            program the agency does not disclose,
            so -- but I believe the 50 is on the low
14
15
            end. Probably the majority -- if the
16
            question you're asking of those 50 are the
            majority adjustment or naturalization
17
            applications, then I would say yes.
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                   BY MR. BUSEN:
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                   So could you estimate more than 25 of
            Q.
       those would have been adjustment of status and
21
22
       naturalization?
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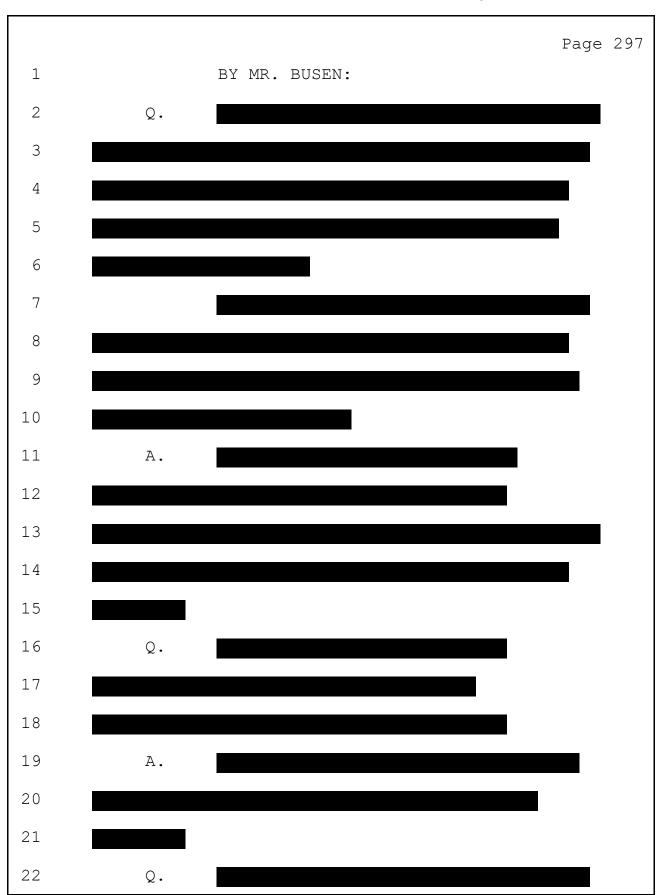
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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. So that would be 25 cases out of the
3	500 naturalization and adjustment of status
4	applications are cases that you've handled,
5	correct?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. So that would be approximately
8	5 percent of the cases of the adjustment of
9	status and naturalization cases you've handled
10	you suspect were processed under CARRP?
11	A. Yes. Again, I feel like that's
12	probably on the low end.
13	Q. How do you square that estimate with
14	the data
15	A. Well
16	Q provided by USCIS?
17	A because I handle a lot more cases
18	involving national security matters than most of
19	the other immigration lawyers I know. I get
20	referred cases because they have national
21	security issues. Clients come to me for that
22	reason. And so it's a the statistics of my



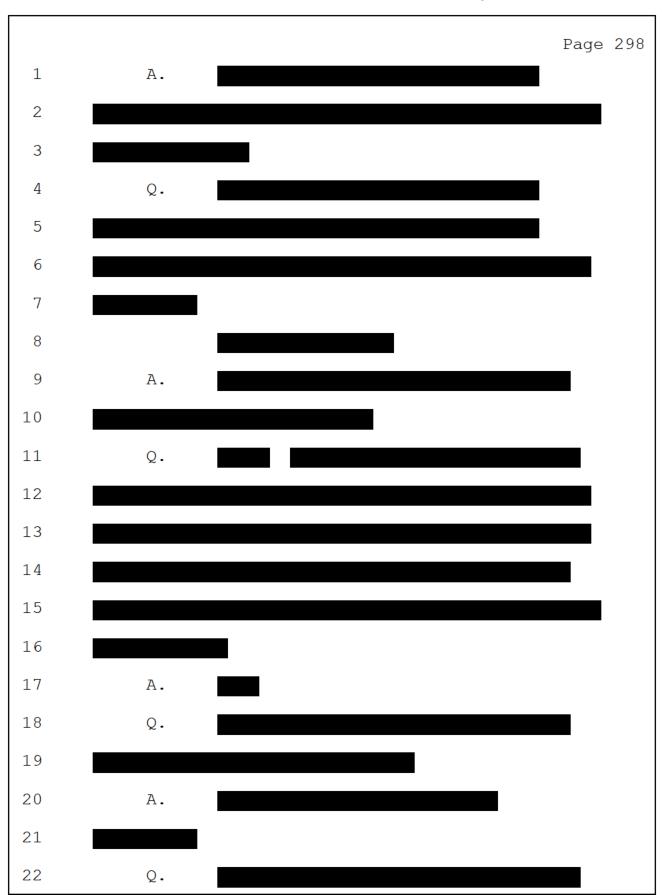
	Do 224
1	Page 234 cases where there's a percentage of CARRP issues
2	or TRIG issues or national security issues is
2	or into issues of national security issues is
3	going to be higher than I wouldn't say than
4	any other lawyer in the country, but higher
5	than than most.
6	Q. So are you choosing cases because
7	they have national security problems or are
8	people coming to you because they have cases that
9	have national security problems?
10	A. The latter.
11	Q. So is your experience typical of an
12	immigration attorney nationwide?
13	MS. CHO: Objection, asked and
14	answered.
15	THE WITNESS: I'm not I'm not
16	clear what the I'm not clear about the
17	question.
18	BY MR. BUSEN:
19	Q. Do you think most immigration
20	attorneys typically handle as many cases
21	involving national security and TRIG issues as
22	VO11?



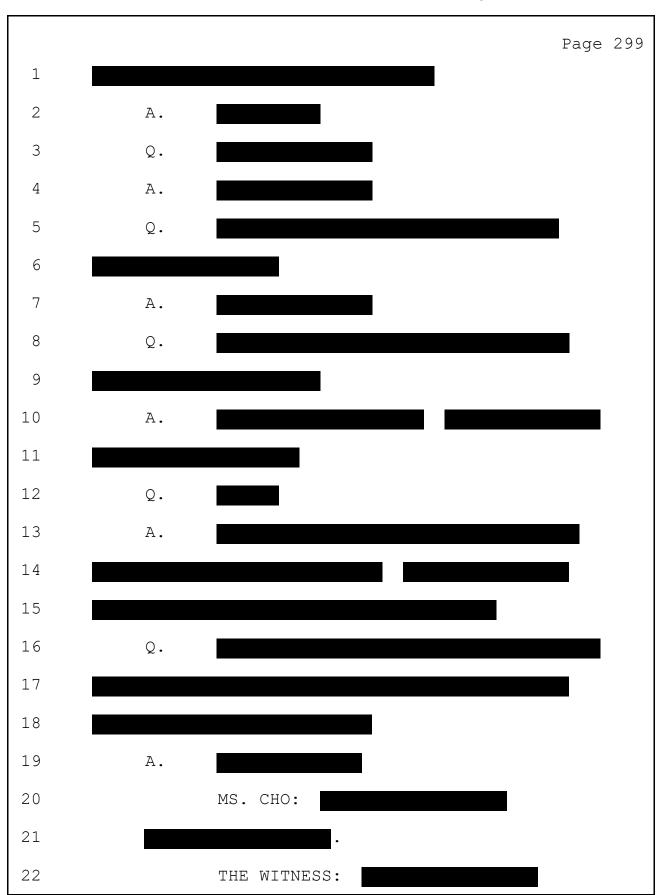
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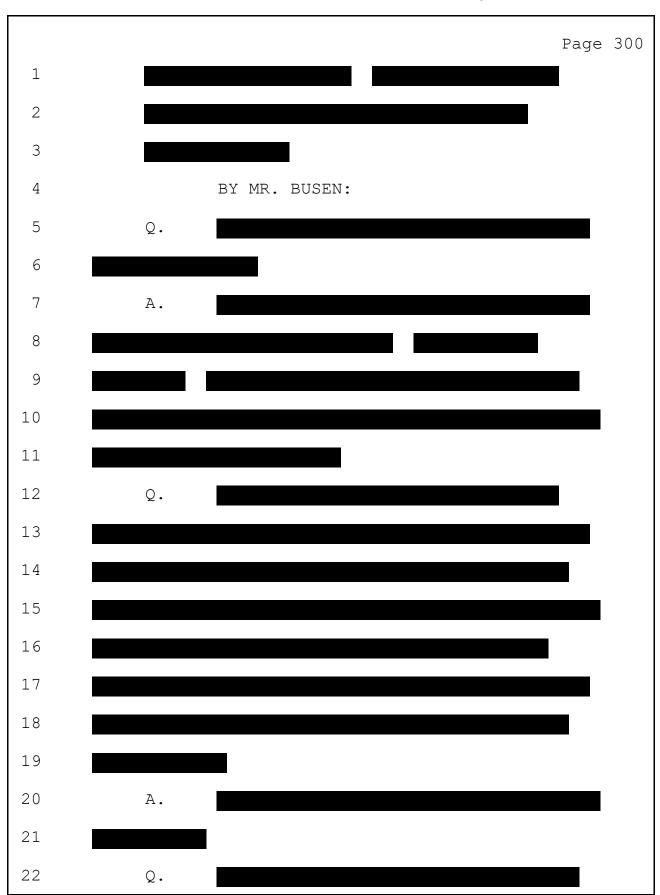




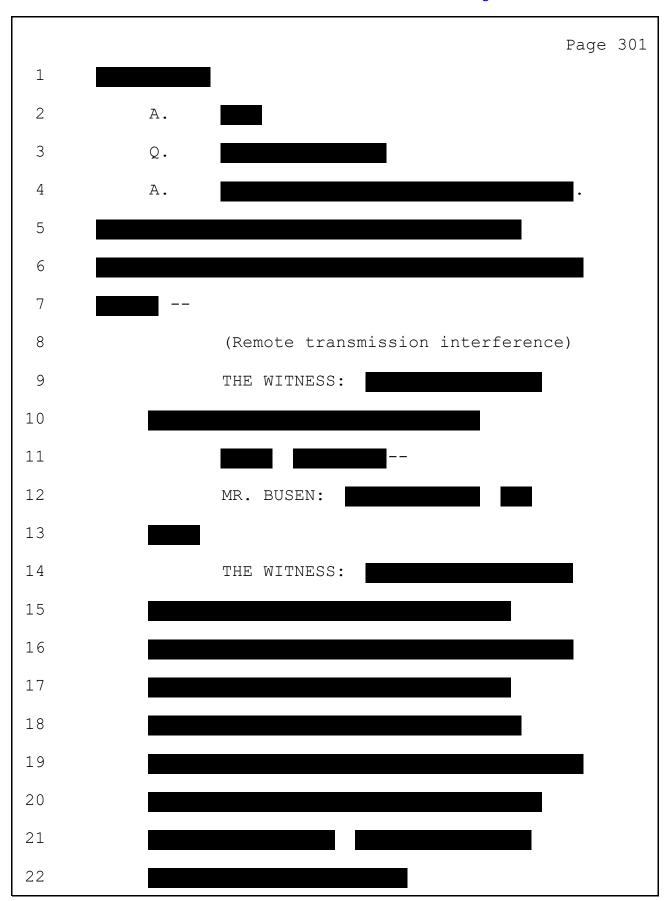














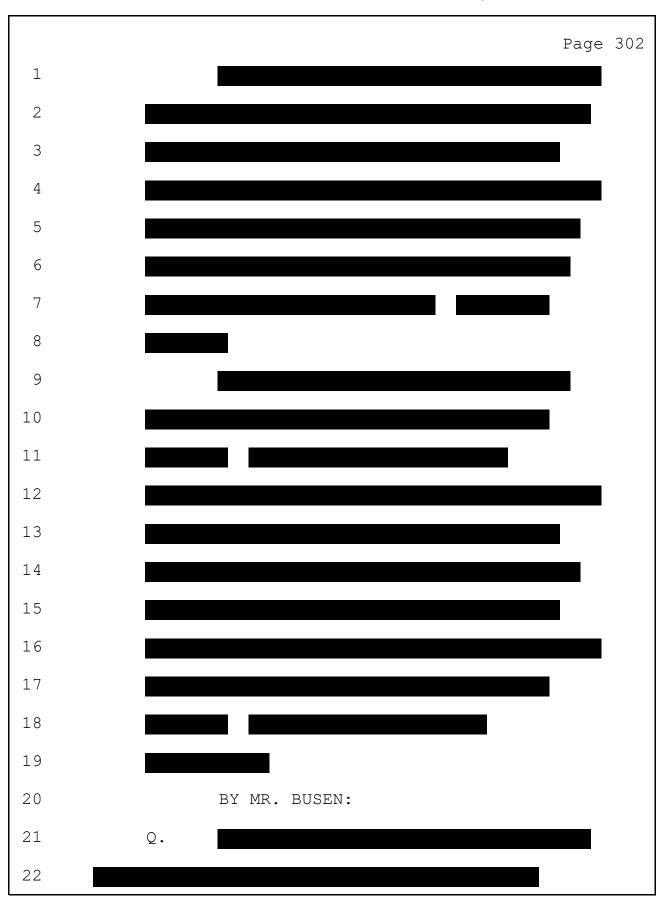




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