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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION
of DONALD J. TRUMP FOUNDATION, INC.,

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CONFIDENTIAL EXAMINATION of
DEBORAH TARASOFF, taken on behalf of
the New York State Office of the
Attorney General, before Kathleen
Piazza Luongo, a Notary Public of the
State of New York.
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A. That this is -- was the list that Mr. Trump wanted to give out money to.

Q. Were those the words that he used as best as you can recall?

A. Yeah, the best.

Q. Okay.

Do you recall that he said anything specifically about Mr. Trump authorizing the specific payments to these grantees?

A. Not that I remember.

Q. Do you recall if he told you anything about whether anybody else from the Trump Foundation had approved the grants to these organizations?

A. No.

Q. Do you know if anybody else from the Trump Foundation had approved the grants to these organizations?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen a resolution --

MR. SHIFFMAN: Strike that.
Q. Have you ever seen a resolution from the Trump Foundation, period, have you ever seen a resolution from the Trump Foundation?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen any minutes from the Board of Directors of the Trump Foundation?

A. No.

Q. Did anybody ever tell you that the Trump Foundation's Board had authorized any grant that you issued?

A. No.

MR. SITARCHUK: We need to take a break.

MR. SHIFFMAN: Okay.

(Whereupon, at 10:05 a.m. a brief recess was taken.)

MR. SHIFFMAN: Back on the record.

MR. SITARCHUK: So we are here voluntarily, we are not here subject to process, number one.

Number two is that she did not
Foundation checks go to in order to be mailed? You have to speak.

A. They get mailed.

Q. Um hum.

A. That's all I know.

Q. You don't play any process in the mailing of those --

A. No.

Q. You have to let me finish.

I'm sorry.

A. Okay, yeah.

Q. You don't play any role in the process of mailing the checks; correct?

A. No.

Q. Are there any checks other than Mr. Trump's personal checks that come back to you?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

What checks come back to you?

A. The other entities.

Q. All the other entities other than the Foundation's come back to you in order to be mailed out?
four, five, six, it's a seven-page document that was produced to us by counsel on August 10th.

(Whereupon, the above-mentioned seven-page document produced by counsel on August 10th was marked DT Exhibit 2 for identification.)

MR. SHIFFMAN: Ms. Tarasoff, take a moment to look through this exhibit.

(Witness peruses DT Exhibit 2.)

CONTINUED EXAMINATION BY MR. SHIFFMAN:

Q. Okay. Do you recognize this exhibit as the accounts payable department's file relating to this $25,000 payment to And Justice For All?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay, and this was a document it that would have been maintained in the accounts payable files in your office?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

Take a look at the second and third pages of this document, is this the
request that you received to make the
payment to and?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you recall how you
received this document?

A. No.

Q. This is a hard copy of an
e-mail that was sent to Ms. Graff.
Does that indicate to you or
refresh your recollection at all -- which
means like spark a memory -- as to how
you may have received this document?

A. Ms. Graff may have given it to
me.

Q. Okay.

A. Or it was in my files, or
folder.

Q. Could it have been in the
folder that she maintained in her office
that you would check?

A. Yes.

MR. SITARCHUK: Is that what
you meant by your folder?

THE WITNESS: Yes.
Q. Okay, so when you say your folder are you talking about the folder --
A. Yes.
Q. -- that Ms. Graff keeps in her office for you to check?
A. Correct.
Q. Okay.

Now, do you recognize the handwriting on this document at the top of the page?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay.

Who's handwriting is that?
A. Mr. Trump's.
Q. Do you know what the reference to Allen W is?
A. No.
Q. Okay.

Is there anybody named Allen W that you know in the Trump Organization?
A. Yes.
Q. Or Allen with the last initial W?
A. Yes.
Q. Who is that?
A. Allen Weisselberg.
Q. Do you have any understanding as to what the reference to his name is on this page?
A. No.
Q. Okay.
Below where his name is written there is another set of handwriting; do you recognize what that says?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay.
What does that say?
A. Okay.
Q. Is there an initial there?
A. Yes.
Q. What initial is that?
A. Mr. Trump's.
Q. Okay.
Right above that there is an underscore under the word 25K; correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And did you understand Mr. Trump to be approving a $25,000 payment to And
Justice For All?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

What did you do with this document after you received it?

A. After I received this I presume I started to look up in my book to see if it was a charity.

Q. And why were you looking up in your book to see if And Justice For All was a charity?

A. Because I knew -- because he wanted to make a contribution so I thought it was for a charity.

Q. Okay.

Is there anything about the e-mail or the request that made you think it was a charity, and, if so, what was it?

A. I don't know.

Q. All right.

Now, this check request does not specify which entity is to make the donation; correct?
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After you got this document what did you do next?

A. After I get this and I assume it's a charity, I look in the charitable contribution book that's from the IRS, and there it is in the book.

Q. All right.

A. I circled it and I highlighted it. It was in the book. So now I assumed it's a 501(c)(3) and I cut the check from the Foundation.

Q. Okay.

Did you do anything to confirm that the organization that you found was the organization that Mr. Trump wanted to make the donation to?

A. It's the same name, no.

Q. Okay, so the answer is no?

A. No.

Q. Okay.

You said you circled it and you highlighted it; did you do both on the same document?

MR. SITARCHUK: Can we go off