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Aimee Marie Bock(1),	)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Salim Ahmed Said(3),	)	Wednesday February 12, 2025
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**IN OPEN COURT****(JURY NOT PRESENT)****8:46 A.M.**

1 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. You may be  
2 seated.

3 We are on the record out of the presence of the  
4 jury. I wanted to note for counsel and the parties that I  
5 have excused Juror Number 4, Number 4, for health reasons.

6 And so I have had -- they will slide in  
7 appropriately.

8 And I think that's all I had. Did anyone else  
9 have anything for the record before we begin?

10 MR. THOMPSON: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

11 MR. COLICH: No, Your Honor.

12 MR. UDOIBOK: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Fair enough. Then we will  
14 get the jury and come back in, and I will step off for a  
15 moment.

16 9:02 a.m.

**IN OPEN COURT****(JURY PRESENT)**

17 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. You may be  
18 seated.

19 We are on the record in the presence of the jury.  
20 The government may call its next witness.

1 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor. The government  
2 calls Special Agent Jared Kary.

3 JARED KARY,  
4 called on behalf of the government, was duly sworn, was  
5 examined and testified as follows:

6 THE WITNESS: I do.

7 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

8 And please state and spell both your first and  
9 last name for the record.

10 THE WITNESS: Jared Kary. J-A-R-E-D, K-A-R-Y.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Ebert, you may inquire.

12 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. EBERT:

15 Q. Good morning.

16 A. Good morning.

17 Q. Where do you work?

18 A. At the FBI, Minneapolis Division.

19 Q. How long have you been with the FBI?

20 A. For 17, almost 17 years now.

21 Q. And before we get to your time at FBI, what did you do  
22 before you were an FBI agent?

23 A. Before I joined the FBI, I had enlisted in the army  
24 after September 11th, and then right before joining the FBI,  
25 I was working for Target Corporation in assets protection.

1 Q. How long were you in the military?

2 A. Just over four years.

3 Q. And then you said you were with Target?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did you do for Target?

6 A. I was in the assets protection department out in eastern  
7 North Carolina.

8 Q. So jumping back to your time with the FBI, has all of  
9 that been here in Minnesota?

10 A. With the -- it has been in Minnesota assigned to the  
11 complex financial crimes squad. However, I did do an  
12 18-month TDY. So I was supervisor in the money laundering  
13 unit at FBI headquarters where I supported the field related  
14 to money laundering investigations.

15 Q. The government loves its acronym and abbreviations.  
16 What is a TDY?

17 A. A temporary duty assignment, so a year and a half out at  
18 FBI headquarters as a supervisor.

19 Q. And what is the squad that you are on?

20 A. I am currently on the complex financial crimes squad.

21 Q. What does that mean?

22 A. It means that we investigate crimes related to  
23 financials, if you think of different investigations from  
24 embezzlements to securities fraud, corporate fraud, fraud  
25 against the government, a number of different things that we

1 investigate related to financial crimes.

2 Q. All right. I want to shift gears a bit. Are you one of  
3 the case agents in this case --

4 A. I am.

5 Q. -- United States versus Aimee Bock and Salim Said?

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 Q. And I'm going to show you a couple photos that are not  
8 in evidence, I do not believe.

9 What's on the screen before you?

10 A. Driver's license photos of Ms. Bock and Mr. Said.

11 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
12 government officers Y1 and Y3.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Y1 and Y3 are admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. Up on the screen we see a photo of defendant Aimee Bock;  
19 is that right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And to her right?

22 A. Mr. Salim Said.

23 Q. Now, you said a moment ago that you're one of the case  
24 agents for this matter; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. What does that mean to be a case agent?

2 A. To be a case agent, it means that I'm responsible for  
3 investigating the case, and that would be planning and  
4 coordinating sort of the investigative plan, figuring out if  
5 we should, what steps we should take, planning -- or  
6 developing probable cause, doing search warrants,  
7 interviewing witnesses, gathering evidence, analyzing that  
8 evidence, presenting a case to the United States Attorney's  
9 Office and supporting any charges that come forward.

10 Q. Are you the only person who is a case agent on this?

11 A. I am not.

12 Q. Can you explain who else is?

13 A. We partner with other agencies. We partner with the  
14 Postal Inspection Service and the IRS Criminal Investigation  
15 Division. So there's four of us that are main, I would say,  
16 core case agents, but we do have a lot of support.

17 We have, as part of the case, we have forensic  
18 accountants as well that analyze all the records. So it's a  
19 team effort.

20 Q. I want to direct your attention then to the beginning of  
21 that effort, specifically to the beginning of the federal  
22 investigation.

23 Approximately, when did federal law enforcement  
24 begin an investigation into Feeding Our Future?

25 A. This case was opened in the spring of 2021, and that

1 investigation began. I was not part of it initially. There  
2 were other agents, but the case was I think officially  
3 opened at the end of April of 2021.

4 Q. And can you summarize for the jury how it began with you  
5 and your colleagues?

6 A. There were a number of factors that came in. We had  
7 individuals in the community that had reported to the FBI,  
8 an individual from a different sponsor that was involved in  
9 the program as well that had reported that Feeding Our  
10 Future, that they believed there were activity that was  
11 unlawful.

12 We also had bank information that reported that  
13 there was suspicious activity occurring.

14 So there was a number of different factors, as  
15 well as the Minnesota Department of Education reaching out  
16 to us.

17 Q. And did that include receiving information from  
18 individuals like Emily Honer, whom we heard from earlier  
19 this week?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. With respect to MDE, what types of information, if  
22 anything, did investigators learn from MDE?

23 A. MDE provided a number of different things related to the  
24 investigation. They had concerns, certainly, that they did  
25 not believe the meal counts and the claims that were coming

1 in. They provided information, communication that they had  
2 between Feeding Our Future and MDE.

3 There was a voluminous amount of records that they  
4 provided to support what they believed was happening at the  
5 time?

6 Q. And so with that, is it correct that a criminal  
7 investigation began?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. So I want to walk through sort of the chronology of that  
10 investigation. Okay?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. What were some of the initial steps that you and your  
13 colleagues took?

14 A. Some of the initial steps, I was not involved at the  
15 beginning phase. However, my understanding from being  
16 eventually assigned to the case and reviewing the case file  
17 was that grand jury subpoenas, a grand jury case was opened  
18 at the United States Attorney's Office.

19 So one of the first steps was gathering financial  
20 records related to Feeding Our Future.

21 Q. You mentioned a grand jury subpoena. Can you explain to  
22 the jury what that is?

23 A. Grand jury subpoena is a subpoena that compels either a  
24 company or an individual, compels them to provide records or  
25 testimony for the grand jury that's impaneled. They get to

1 review the records and information. So they are authorizing  
2 us as the federal government to compel someone to provide  
3 information.

4 Q. And so with respect to the issuance of grand jury  
5 subpoenas, can you provide the jury with a sense of the time  
6 frame in which that happened in the investigation?

7 A. So during the investigation, when a subpoena goes out,  
8 you are talking about time frame? Just to clarify, could  
9 you rephrase or --

10 Q. What's the time frame in which grand jury subpoenas were  
11 being issued in the investigation?

12 A. Very early on grand jury subpoenas went out, and they --  
13 the investigation is still active to this day.

14 Q. And so you mentioned financial institutions were a  
15 recipient of some of these subpoenas; is that right?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. And when a, in other words, a bank?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Generally speaking when a bank receives a subpoena, do  
20 you get those records instantaneously?

21 A. I wish. That is not the case. Sometimes it takes  
22 months. Some institutions, it's taken as long as a year  
23 unfortunately.

24 Q. And so in this instance, is it correct that records were  
25 coming in to the government in response to subpoenas on a

1 rolling basis?

2 A. That's correct. Sometimes we get records in, and they  
3 would be incomplete. They'd only provide partial. They  
4 just provide the statements, and we needed the checks. So  
5 it would be a back and forth with many of the institutions,  
6 trying to gather all the related information to many of the  
7 different accounts.

8 Q. And was that process you are describing happening  
9 throughout much of 2021?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Continuing into 2022?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you said?

14 A. And still coming.

15 Q. Do you know approximately how many grand jury subpoenas  
16 have been issued and served on third parties in your  
17 investigation?

18 A. I know at this point it's over 1200.

19 Q. And so how many, how many pages or how many documents  
20 roughly are we talking about?

21 A. Just related to the financials, I'm not exactly sure,  
22 just the financials. But in all over this case, we have  
23 over 830,000 documents, which accounts for about 4.4 million  
24 pages.

25 Q. Throughout the investigation, did you and others have

1 occasion to do search warrants?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What types of search warrants?

4 A. We did email search warrants, as well as physical search  
5 warrants of residence and business and food site locations.

6 Q. What about interviews with witnesses?

7 A. Many, many interviews with many witnesses.

8 Q. Same time frame we just spoke about a moment ago?

9 A. Yes. From, from the beginning until even now.

10 Q. Was there any surveillance done as part of the  
11 investigation?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. When did that happen?

14 A. So there was surveillance ongoing from 2021 all the way  
15 through, and less of that now, though.

16 Q. Okay. Now I want to direct your attention to January of  
17 2022. Can you explain to the jury what significance there  
18 was to that month in your investigation?

19 A. That was the month our investigation became overt, and  
20 we conducted search warrants on January 20th of 2022.

21 Q. So when you say "overt," can you explain a little bit  
22 more what you mean by that? What was not overt prior to  
23 that point?

24 A. Prior to January 20th of 2022, we had conducted  
25 interviews, and we were still gathering information from the

1 financial records, and the investigation was ongoing. But  
2 the subject to the investigation didn't, did not know, we  
3 had not confronted anyone or said that there was allegations  
4 at that point.

5 But then on January 20th of 2022 is when we  
6 conducted surveillance -- excuse me -- we conducted the  
7 search warrants in the Twin Cities at 27 different  
8 locations.

9 Q. And can you describe a bit more about those operations  
10 on January 20th, 2022?

11 A. It's my understanding that it was the largest resources  
12 used for a law enforcement operation in the history of  
13 Minnesota. We had resources from outside the state come in  
14 for that operation because we were searching so many  
15 locations, a lot of them simultaneously.

16 So it was a big effort. We had agents from all  
17 over the country as part of the corporate fraud response  
18 team that they would come in and assist us. Agents from as  
19 far as Miami, they came up. It was the coldest day of year,  
20 so they weren't very happy, so it was quite an, quite an  
21 effort that day.

22 Q. And how many locations were searched on that day?

23 A. 27, I believe, was the number.

24 Q. And what types of facilities were searched by federal  
25 agents?

1 A. We searched the corporate office of Feeding Our Future,  
2 as well as Safari Restaurant, Ms. Bock's residence,  
3 Mr. Said's residence, as well as Safari Restaurant and other  
4 locations not directly tied with these individuals, but also  
5 involved in the Federal Child Nutrition Program  
6 investigation.

7 Q. And in fact, our first witness in this trial or one of  
8 our first witnesses was an agent who was involved in one of  
9 those search warrants; is that right?

10 A. Correct. Postal Inspector Matt Hoffman.

11 Q. And did he indicate there were at least 260 boxes, not  
12 to mention dozens of electronic devices, that were seized  
13 from Feeding Our Future?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. What was the purpose, what was the purpose of doing  
16 those operations to search and to seize evidence on  
17 January 20th, 2022?

18 A. To gather evidence to further understand what was  
19 occurring and determine if there would be probable cause to  
20 bring charges.

21 Q. In addition to those warrants, are you familiar with the  
22 concept of a different type of warrant known as a seizure  
23 warrant?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what is a seizure warrant as opposed to a warrant

1 where agents are authorized to go get evidence?

2 A. Seizure warrant implies kind of what it says, we are  
3 seizing something. So whether it would be a vehicle, bank  
4 account or a residence, those are all done in a little bit  
5 different manner.

6 But effectively the United States Government is  
7 seizing the property.

8 Q. Okay. And did that also happen as part of this large  
9 operation in January of 2022?

10 A. Yes, it did.

11 Q. And can you describe what happened with respect to the  
12 seizure of items?

13 A. We seized, that day we executed over 100 seizure  
14 warrants. A lot of them were bank accounts, many of them  
15 vehicles as well, as well as residences.

16 Now the actual residence themselves or commercial  
17 properties, it's not as if we take custody of them  
18 immediately then and there, but we have some type of  
19 control. The U.S. marshals deal with the seizure of the  
20 property going forward.

21 Q. And you were saying seizing a bank account; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. So perhaps a common understanding of freezing a bank  
25 account; is that right?

1 A. Yes. We would notify the bank with our proper legal,  
2 legal documents that we obtain from a magistrate judge that  
3 gave us the authority to seize the account. We serve it on  
4 the bank.

5 The bank then freezes the account and then  
6 subsequently provides a check or a wire to the United States  
7 Government, and the account is seized.

8 Q. What's the approximate value of these assets and money  
9 that were seized during this operation in January of 2022  
10 and thereafter?

11 A. So in thereafter around over \$50 million has been seized  
12 related to this investigation, and that would be the value  
13 of vehicles as well as property.

14 Q. And to be clear, seized based on allegations or  
15 information that those items are derived from proceeds of  
16 fraud; is that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Specifically fraud involving the Federal Child Nutrition  
19 Program?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And is it correct that after that time frame in January  
22 of 2022, at a later point a series of criminal charges were  
23 filed against various individuals?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Including Aimee Bock?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. As well as Salim Said?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. We spoke a few minutes ago about the Minnesota  
5 Department of Education or MDE. Can you describe what type  
6 of information or records investigators received or accessed  
7 from MDE?

8 A. We received information, and I know it's already been  
9 discussed in this trial, from their CLiCS data, meaning, you  
10 know, sort of what was submitted as claims in order for  
11 payment to go out.

12 That was one of the main sources of information we  
13 had to understand, you know, what claims were made  
14 associated with what address or site. That was one of the  
15 main things that we received.

16 Q. And what observations, if any, did investigators have  
17 upon first seeing this incoming series of data from MDE?

18 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Vague.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 Can you rephrase?

21 BY MR. EBERT:

22 Q. You said you received CLiCS data; is that correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And what type of parties are referenced in the CLiCS  
25 data?

1 A. Could you rephrase?

2 Q. What type of individuals or entities are reflected  
3 throughout the CLiCS data?

4 A. A number of individuals, restaurants, for-profit  
5 locations, and various sites from all across the state.

6 Q. Now, you mentioned restaurants. What significance, if  
7 any, was it to investigators to see restaurants in the data?

8 A. It was surprising because these were not like the YMCA  
9 or a New Horizon daycare or a school. It was just something  
10 completely what you would not expect when you are looking at  
11 data related to providing nutrition to children.

12 Q. And you and your colleagues have reviewed that data?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And have you and your colleagues taken some of that data  
15 and put it into a summary chart?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. All right. I'm showing you what has not yet been  
18 admitted as Exhibit X1. Do you recognize this?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. And is this an example of a summary chart that you  
21 helped create with other investigators?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How did investigators create the chart?

24 A. Took the information from Exhibit V43, which would be  
25 the Excel documents related to the CLiCS data that the

1 Minnesota Department of Education provided to us.

2 Q. And does it fairly and accurately summarize the  
3 information from MDE concerning Feeding Our Future claims  
4 and meal counts?

5 A. Yes, it does.

6 Q. Would it be helpful to the jury in understanding that  
7 evidence?

8 A. I believe so.

9 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
10 government offers Exhibit X1.

11 THE COURT: Any objection?

12 MR. UDOIBOK: Foundation.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 Any objection?

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: X1 is admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. All right. Special Agent Kary, let's first zoom in  
19 here. We have a lot of small numbers and letters, so let's  
20 zoom in and look at the top.

21 Okay. So at the very top, can you describe what  
22 information is contained?

23 A. At the top it's titled Feeding Our Future Claims By  
24 Site, Dollar Amounts.

25 Q. Okay. And on the very right, do you see a dollar

1 amount, and maybe you could even -- I don't know if the  
2 screen will let you circle it with your hand.

3 A. Maybe I will just point.

4 Q. Yes. And that is pointing to a dollar amount of what,  
5 about \$246 million?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. What is that dollar amount?

8 A. That is the total dollar amount combined for the years  
9 of 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

10 Q. Or rather is it the, the total amount of the years 2020  
11 and 2021, you said?

12 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Leading.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 MR. EBERT: Can you just repeat again what years  
15 are contained in 246 million?

16 THE WITNESS: All the way from 2018 to 2021.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. Now, there are a series of site names. Do we see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What are those?

21 A. Those are the sites related to the CLiCS data, the site  
22 ID number. And then associated with that is the site name.

23 Q. Okay. And how were these organized in this summary?

24 A. They were organized from the highest to the lowest  
25 amount that was received from the Minnesota Department of

1 Education related to that site ID and site name.

2 Q. And in the right do you see where it reads grand total?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. What is the highest site grand total?

5 A. The highest site grand total is over \$12.1 million.

6 Q. And which site name is associated with that \$12 million  
7 figure?

8 A. Distribution site Safari Restaurant.

9 Q. And then that \$12 million is comprised of how many  
10 different dollar amounts to the left?

11 A. Two.

12 Q. And what are those?

13 A. 7.3 million in 2020 and in 2021 4.7 million.

14 Q. Was there any other site name that received more money  
15 in those years through Feeding Our Future than Safari  
16 Restaurant?

17 A. No. Safari Restaurant was the highest.

18 Q. Twice as high as the next one?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And this list continues on for multiple pages; is that  
21 right?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. And to be clear, these are all sites enrolled under  
24 Feeding Our Future; is that right?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. All right. Now we're looking at the sixth page of this  
2 exhibit, and I'm going to enlarge the screen here in a  
3 moment.

4 Okay. Can you describe what we see here, Special  
5 Agent?

6 A. Here, as opposed to the dollar amount, this is the  
7 Feeding Our Future claims by site, the number of meals  
8 claimed.

9 Q. And what is the total number of meals that were claimed  
10 under Feeding Our Future sponsorship?

11 A. Over 91 million.

12 Q. And once again, is there a list of site names?

13 A. There is.

14 Q. How are these organized?

15 A. Again, from the highest total down to the lowest.

16 Q. And which site is number one?

17 A. Distribution site Safari Restaurant.

18 Q. And how many meals, according to the CLiCS data, did  
19 Safari Restaurant claim in 2020 and 2021 through Feeding Our  
20 Future?

21 A. Over 3.9 million.

22 Q. So almost twice as high as the next site; is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Now, with respect to -- just to clarify, there's no  
25 entry in '18 or '19, is that right, the years 2018 or '19?

1 A. Not for the Safari site.

2 Q. And just to be clear, can you explain why that is we  
3 only see it in 2020 and 2021?

4 A. Because they only began participating in the Federal  
5 Child Nutrition Program, I believe it was April of 2020.

6 Q. So as investigators received this type of data in 2021,  
7 what other steps did you take to further the investigation?

8 A. We continued to gather information from financial  
9 institutions to get a more clear picture of what was  
10 happening with this money.

11 Q. All right. I'm showing you up on your screen what's  
12 been marked as Exhibit W1.

13 Do you recognize this?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. And are these copies of bank records provided by BBVA?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. Now showing you Exhibit W2, do you recognize that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. These are additional bank records; is that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are W1 and W2 true and correct copies of bank records  
22 provided in response to grand jury subpoenas?

23 A. They are.

24 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
25 government offers W1 and W2.

1 THE COURT: Any objection?

2 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

3 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

4 THE COURT: W1 and W2 are admitted.

5 BY MR. EBERT:

6 Q. So W2, let's take a moment and look at this. Can you  
7 describe what it is for the jury?

8 A. It is the Feeding Our Future bank account held at Bank  
9 of America.

10 Q. Yesterday we heard from a bank witness; is that right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And there was some discussion of a signatory or a  
13 signature card; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you summarize kind of what is the purpose, as you  
16 understand it from the investigation, of a signature card  
17 like this with a bank?

18 A. This is to verify the know your customer, so knowing who  
19 is the person that is responsible for the account, the  
20 signatory on the account.

21 Q. And with respect to this Bank of America account, who is  
22 that authorized signatory for this account?

23 A. Aimee Bock.

24 Q. Does it list her title?

25 A. Yes, of executive director.

1 Q. And what's the date of this signature card?

2 A. October 6th of 2020.

3 Q. So why was it necessary to gather Feeding Our Future's  
4 bank records?

5 A. This gathering Feeding Our Future bank records was  
6 important to the investigation to know the activity that was  
7 happening when the Federal Child Nutrition Program funds  
8 were flowing into this bank account and then subsequently  
9 the outflows of the bank account to who was being paid from  
10 this account.

11 Q. And so on the subject of outflows, let's take a look at  
12 some of the examples of that.

13 Did you see a series of payments coming out of the  
14 Feeding Our Future bank account?

15 A. Yes, we did.

16 Q. Can you describe the one that's on the screen right now,  
17 for example?

18 A. The one on the screen right now, check Number 4962, is a  
19 \$1,065,055 check from Feeding Our Future, pay to the order  
20 of Safari/Cosmopolitan Business Solutions LLC, and the check  
21 memo line reads November 20th, 2020, and the check appears  
22 to be signed by Aimee Bock.

23 Q. Was that the only check of that size written by Aimee  
24 Bock to Safari Restaurant or Cosmopolitan?

25 A. No. There were many more.

1 Q. Was that significant to the investigation?

2 A. It was.

3 Q. Why?

4 A. It was showing where the money was flowing related to it  
5 coming into the account and then where it was being paid out  
6 to.

7 Q. And in fact on the screen now, the next page of this  
8 exhibit, do we see another check to Safari Restaurant?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. This one also for over a million dollars; is that right?

11 A. Correct. For \$1.1 million.

12 Q. One month later, another check?

13 A. Yes. This one for a little bit more, \$1.14 million.

14 Q. And these continue on; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. March 8th, 2021?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. For how much?

19 A. Just over a million dollars.

20 Q. And these are all signed or stamped by Aimee Bock; is  
21 that right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Did investigators obtain bank records for Safari  
24 Restaurant?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Showing you W3, which is in evidence, is this one  
2 of the items we looked at yesterday with the representative  
3 of Associated Bank?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And this, to be clear, is one of the bank accounts for  
6 which entity?

7 A. For the Safari Restaurant.

8 Q. Which we see sometimes going by the name Cosmopolitan  
9 Business Solutions?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And who are the signatories on that account?

12 A. Abdulkadir Salah and Salim Said.

13 Q. And were there other Safari or Cosmopolitan related bank  
14 accounts that you obtained in the investigation?

15 A. Yes, there were.

16 Q. Do Exhibits W4 through W10, are those a series of  
17 exhibits that concern those types of bank accounts?

18 A. Yes, they are.

19 Q. And prior to your testimony, have you had an opportunity  
20 to look at those?

21 A. Yes, I have.

22 Q. And are those true and accurate copies of bank records  
23 that you received in response to subpoenas from financial  
24 institutions?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
2 government offers Exhibits W4 through W10.

3 THE COURT: Any objection?

4 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

5 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

6 THE COURT: W4 through W10 are admitted.

7 BY MR. EBERT:

8 Q. On the screen do we see another bank account agreement?

9 A. Yes. With the Bridgewater Bank.

10 Q. And this is, the account owner is also Cosmopolitan  
11 Business Solutions/Safari Restaurant?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And when was this account opened at Bridgewater Bank?

14 A. On October 16th of 2020.

15 Q. And signatories are listed; is that right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Who?

18 A. Abdulkadir Salah and Salim Said.

19 Q. It's fair to say there were a series of different banks  
20 at which Safari Restaurant banked in 2020 and 2021?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. On the screen which financial institution do we see?

23 A. Wells Fargo.

24 Q. Okay. And when was an account created there, as we see  
25 here in I believe Exhibit W6?

1 A. On July 9th of 2021.

2 Q. Signatories on this one?

3 A. The same two individuals, Abdulkadir Salah and Salim  
4 Said.

5 Q. And so at this next phase in the investigation, as you  
6 and other investigators are receiving these types of bank  
7 records, what steps did you take next?

8 A. We continued to gather bank records related to the  
9 outflows from the Safari Restaurant account, as well as  
10 other accounts associated with the account holders of those  
11 banks.

12 Q. We've talked a lot about some of the numbers in the  
13 investigation. Do you know approximately how many different  
14 financial accounts investigators obtained records for in its  
15 investigation?

16 A. At this point over 3,000 financial institution records,  
17 3,000 different accounts over that.

18 Q. And did that include accounts for the defendants here in  
19 trial today?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then you mentioned you focused on the outflow of  
22 activities from the Safari accounts. Do I have that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And I'm going to show you on the screen what has been  
25 marked as Exhibit U6 and on the right what's been marked as

1 Exhibit U8. Do you recognize those?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. Are these true and accurate photos of what's depicted --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- in each item?

6 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, the government offers U6  
7 and U8.

8 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

9 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

10 THE COURT: U6 and U8 are admitted.

11 BY MR. EBERT:

12 Q. Okay. Let's start on the left-hand side of the screen  
13 Special Agent, and can you describe for the jury what's in  
14 U6?

15 A. Yes. On the left-hand side is Mr. Salim Said's  
16 residence, which we searched on January 20th of 2022, and  
17 was purchased for over \$1.1 million, I believe it was in  
18 July of 2021.

19 Q. And are you able to read the address up there?

20 A. Yes. It is 5150 Alvarado Lane North in Plymouth,  
21 Minnesota.

22 Q. And then what's on the right in U8?

23 A. On the right is the 2722 Park Avenue mansion that was  
24 purchased with the Federal Child Nutrition Program funds  
25 from a variety of different individuals, to include Salim

1 Said. I believe the purchase price was over \$2.7 million.  
2 This was also searched.

3 The office locations within this, not the entire  
4 complex, was searched on January 20th of '22.

5 Q. And so on the right now do we see one of the bank  
6 accounts in evidence, Exhibit W27 -- actually. Strike that.

7 Have you reviewed additional bank records beyond  
8 the ones that we have talked about thus far today?

9 A. Many, yes.

10 Q. Specifically, does that include records reflected in  
11 Exhibits W11 and 12?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. As well as in Exhibits W14 through 22?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. As well as Exhibits W24 through W260?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And to be clear, these are all financial institution  
18 records produced to investigators; is that right?

19 A. Correct.

20 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
21 government offers Exhibits W11 and 12, as well as exhibits  
22 W14 through 22, as well as Exhibits W24 through W260.

23 THE COURT: Any objection?

24 MR. UDOIBOK: Just a minute, please.

25 MR. EBERT: Would you like me to repeat the list?

1 MR. UDOIBOK: Please.

2 MR. EBERT: Exhibits W11 and W12, W14, W24 through  
3 W260.

4 THE COURT: Counsel, I thought it was W14  
5 through 22.

6 MR. EBERT: I may have misspoke. It's W14, Your  
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: So not 15, 16, 17, et cetera?

9 MR. EBERT: Correct.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. UDOIBOK: Did you say 260?

12 THE COURT: 260. 24 through 260 is what I had.

13 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, can I just repeat it one  
14 more time?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. EBERT: I'm confusing the matter and let me  
17 clarify.

18 It is Exhibits W11 and W12, Government's W14  
19 through W22, and I believe that W23 is in evidence. And  
20 then thereafter, it is W24 through W260.

21 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Relevance, cumulative.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Montez.

23 MR. MONTEZ: We join the objection.

24 THE COURT: The objections are overruled. Those  
25 exhibits are admitted.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. All right. On the screen, Special Agent Kary, we still  
3 see the home belonging to Mr. Salim Said; is that correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And on the right, can you describe what's depicted on  
6 the screen?

7 A. A cashier's check dated July 28th, 2021, paying to the  
8 order of Results Title for the amount of \$702.

9 Q. And there's a remitter in the upper left side. Do you  
10 see that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who is it?

13 A. Salim Said.

14 Q. For the purchase of that home; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And on the left, this is the home on Park Avenue; is  
17 that correct?

18 A. Yes. U8, correct.

19 Q. On the right do we see yet another bank account, this  
20 time from Bridgewater Bank?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And there are four signatories on this account; is that  
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Including Mr. Salim Said?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And as we scroll down to the ninth page of this exhibit,  
3 can you describe what's on the screen?

4 A. This is a wired detail for an amount of \$2.7 million,  
5 and it relates to the purchase of the 2722 Park Avenue.

6 Q. Was it significant to the investigation to see these  
7 types of transactions involving these two properties?

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. How so?

10 A. The money coming in was substantially all Federal Child  
11 Nutrition Program funds, and it was not being used to  
12 purchase food.

13 Q. All right. So I want to kind of take a step back to  
14 some of the other investigative tools you mentioned  
15 previously.

16 We discussed search warrants; is that correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And that included warrants involving physical locations.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And there were other types of search warrants; is that  
21 right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What types of search warrants?

24 A. Email search warrants.

25 Q. Approximately how many different email search warrants

1 were done?

2 A. Approximately 80.

3 Q. Now, the jury heard about a search warrant for a  
4 physical location. Can you explain a bit about how it works  
5 when law enforcement seeks to get a search warrant for an  
6 email account?

7 A. Yes. Similar to a physical search warrant, we put an  
8 affidavit together. We write an affidavit with probable  
9 cause. We present that to a magistrate judge who gives us  
10 the authority to get the warrant, and we serve that warrant  
11 on an email service provider.

12 And they in turn provide the contents related to  
13 what we have requested in the warrant, which is covered in  
14 the warrant, and they provide us the email content.

15 Q. And for these 80 or so email search warrants, what types  
16 of providers were giving email account records to the  
17 investigation?

18 A. A majority of the accounts were gmail accounts, and  
19 specifically the Feeding Our Future domain was hosted by  
20 Google, so Google accounts. And there were a few Yahoo  
21 accounts, and I do recall a Yahoo account. I can't recall  
22 the other providers, but by and large, Google was the  
23 largest provider.

24 Q. And just to be clear, so when you are getting that type  
25 of data in an email account, what types of things are you,

1 are investigators able to, able to see and have?

2 A. We're able to see what the communication is, certainly  
3 in this instance related to the Federal Child Nutrition  
4 Program. We're able to see the communications between  
5 Feeding Our Future and those participating in the program.

6 Q. All right. I'm showing you what's been marked as  
7 Exhibit Z1. Do you recognize that?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. And is this a letter from Google?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. True and accurate copy of information provided by Google  
12 to investigators?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
15 government offers Exhibit Z1.

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: Z1 is admitted.

19 BY MR. EBERT:

20 Q. All right. Now, Z1, Special Agent Kary, at the top do  
21 we see letters in coloring that might be familiar to some of  
22 us?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What is that?

25 A. The Google name.

1 Q. Okay. And this is a dated letter?

2 A. It is, dated August 12th of 2022.

3 Q. And addressed to an FBI colleague of yours; is that  
4 right?

5 A. Yes, Travis Wilmer.

6 Q. And there is a letter, and then attached is a  
7 certificate of authenticity; is that right?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. I want to direct your attention to the fourth paragraph  
10 and have you read that aloud for the jury.

11 A. "I have made or caused to be made a diligent search of  
12 those records. No records have been found reflecting that  
13 Google has gmail servers in the State of Minnesota for the  
14 date range of January 2020 through July 2022. If Google had  
15 gmail servers in the State of Minnesota during the relevant  
16 time period, I would expect its business records would  
17 reflect that fact."

18 Q. And in the course of this trial, are we going to hear a  
19 bit more about email messages?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Including whether they traveled interstate?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And to be clear, does this indicate whether Google  
24 maintains servers in Minnesota?

25 A. It does.

1 Q. And does it maintain servers in Minnesota?

2 A. It does not maintain servers in Minnesota.

3 Q. So in other words, the messages would need to travel  
4 interstate?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. All right. I'm showing you what's been marked as  
7 Exhibit A49. Is this one example of an email that  
8 investigators received from Google?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Dated February 2nd, 2021?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
14 government offers Exhibit A49.

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: A49 is admitted.

19 BY MR. EBERT:

20 Q. Okay. And what is this message, Special Agent Kary?

21 A. This is an email from a no reply at feedourfuture.org to  
22 the email account Aimee@feedingourfuturemn.org.

23 Q. Aimee as in Aimee Bock. Is that your understanding?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And there's an attachment to this message, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. What is attached to this message to Aimee Bock?

3 A. The title of the attachments is Summer Meal Counts -  
4 Clicker, and it attaches a number of meal count sheets.

5 Q. And let's just take a look at one of them. We've seen  
6 some of these already in this trial, have we not?

7 A. We have.

8 Q. And approximately how many different meals do you see  
9 are being claimed each day for this particular week of  
10 January 3rd, 2021?

11 A. 6,000 a day each day.

12 Q. At Safari Restaurant in Minneapolis?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And these continue on, is that right, as I scroll down?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And they all have a signature on the bottom. Do you see  
17 that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. And on the last one, do we see a signature and initials  
20 on that one?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And who is it?

23 A. Salim Said.

24 Q. Initialled SS?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. As a site supervisor; is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And do you see the language next to "site supervisor"?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. What does it say?

6 A. "By signing, I certify that the above information is  
7 true and accurate."

8 Q. Including, among other things, that Safari Restaurant  
9 served 5,998 children on that Sunday?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And that supposedly 73 children requesting food after  
12 the food was gone?

13 A. That's what appears on the sheet.

14 Q. As certified by Mr. Salim Said?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Now, this is just one example of many email messages  
17 obtained in the investigation; is that right?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. And just so it's clear the time frame of this,  
20 approximately when is it that you and investigators were  
21 receiving in the door of your investigation these types of  
22 messages from places like Google?

23 A. There's definitely a lag time. We had done, you know,  
24 we served the -- similar to the banks, we serve the  
25 subpoena, and in this case we served the warrant, and it

1 takes Google some time to get that information together to  
2 provide to us via their portal.

3 I know the initial email search warrants were the  
4 claims at Feeding Our Future email account, and the Aimee at  
5 Feeding Our Future account. I think, if I recall it was  
6 November that we received, November of '21 that we received  
7 the Aimee account.

8 However, the claims at Feeding Our Future didn't  
9 come until later, because it was so voluminous. So they  
10 asked for an extension or we kept asking them where is it  
11 at.

12 So it's over a course of time. It doesn't come in  
13 right away instantly. I wish it would, but it does take a  
14 lot of time.

15 And then we get that information in, and we have  
16 to call out information relevant to the case. We just don't  
17 take every single thing from that email account.

18 Q. And when you receive a batch of emails back for one  
19 account, is it the case that that might shine a spotlight on  
20 another account holder?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And then what do you do?

23 A. Then we see if there's probable cause related to those  
24 accounts, and we may seek another warrant. Specifically in  
25 this case when we obtained the claims at Feeding Our Future

1 account, we saw many, many accounts that we had probable  
2 cause to believe that evidence of crimes would be on those  
3 email accounts. So we obtained many more search warrants.

4 Q. All right. I'm showing you what's been marked as  
5 Exhibit B, as in boy, 16.

6 Is this another copy of a record received from  
7 Google in response to a search warrant?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. True and accurate copy?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. EBERT: At this time, Your Honor, the  
12 government offers Exhibit B16.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: B16 is admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. Okay. I'll zoom in at the top here. Who wrote this  
19 email?

20 A. Aimee Bock.

21 Q. And there's a recipient. Do you see that?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. Who is that?

24 A. Abdikerm Eidleh. He is a Feeding Our Future employee.

25 Q. And what's the date?

1 A. February 4th of 2021.

2 Q. So this is, to orient the jury, approximately one year  
3 prior, roughly, to when the search warrants were done?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Including the physical search warrant at the Feeding Our  
6 Future office space; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, there are attachments to this message; is that  
9 correct?

10 A. There are, yes.

11 Q. Okay. Including some, some dates and figures on the  
12 second page. What do you see?

13 A. Yes. I see what appears to be a screen capture of the  
14 CLiCS data related to the sponsor Feeding Our Future and the  
15 site, distribution site Safari Restaurant, for the payment  
16 date of October 23rd of 2020.

17 Q. And this is showing a series of apparent increments of  
18 meals served; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what does it say for each meal served? How many?

21 A. So there in September of 2020, that first line,  
22 breakfast, at the rate type of regular, and then the meals  
23 of 133,155, for a total of \$287,614.

24 Q. I was going to say I'm not going to make you do any  
25 math, but you beat me to it.

1                   And what's the total dollar amount that results  
2                   from that?

3                   A.   Up there in the top, 854,522.

4                   Q.   All in this email message between Mr. Eidleh and  
5                   Ms. Bock; is that right?

6                   A.   Correct.

7                   Q.   And as we scroll down, it continues, does it not?

8                   A.   It does.

9                   Q.   There's a message on this one from Mr. Eidleh to Aimee  
10                  Bock; is that right?

11                  A.   Yes.

12                  Q.   What does it say?

13                  A.   It says, "Please take a look if it's right.  Let me know  
14                  before I submit to Safari."

15                  Q.   What is Mr. Eidleh's title beneath his name?

16                  A.   Program support manager.

17                  Q.   And then below that, is it the information Mr. Eidleh  
18                  sent?

19                  A.   The claims summary, yep.

20                  Q.   And what is the total site payment that he's asking if  
21                  the information looks correct about?

22                  A.   The total site payment is \$796,000.

23                  Q.   And is there a portion of that payment that goes to  
24                  Feeding Our Future?

25                  A.   Yes, \$85,000.

1 Q. The total reimbursement of 854,000 and change; is that  
2 right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Now this email B16 continues; is that right?

5 A. It does.

6 Q. Once again a message from Mr. Eidleh asking Aimee Bock  
7 something. What does she ask?

8 A. She asks --

9 Q. Or what does he ask, rather?

10 A. He asked, "Hello, Aimee. Please take a look at Safari's  
11 1099NEC for review before I give it to them."

12 Q. And does he attach a series of documents to that?

13 A. He does. It appears to be tax documents.

14 Q. And what's the name of this tax document in the upper  
15 right corner?

16 A. Nonemployee compensation.

17 Q. And who is the recipient of the compensation?

18 A. Cosmopolitan Business Solution.

19 Q. Safari?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And what's the compensation from Feeding Our Future for  
22 2020?

23 A. Over \$4.8 million.

24 Q. And in response to Mr. Eidleh's message to Ms. Bock,  
25 does she give a response?

1 A. From Ms. Bock to Eidleh is, "Looks good to me," she  
2 replies.

3 Q. The \$4.8 million figure?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So we've gone through a few messages just now involving  
6 Mr. Abdikerm Eidleh and Aimee Bock. Has the jury heard  
7 testimony about Mr. Eidleh?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Specifically yesterday from Ms. Lul Ali; is that right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And on the screen is Exhibit Y2?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who is that?

14 A. Abdikerm Eidleh.

15 Q. The gentleman we just saw in those messages, right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Have you met Mr. Eidleh?

18 A. I have not met him.

19 Q. Have you spoken to Abdikerm Eidleh?

20 A. I have.

21 Q. Can you explain?

22 A. On the day of the search warrants, we had searched his  
23 residence in Burnsville that he had purchased with Federal  
24 Child Nutrition Program funds.

25 I was at that location. I provided my information

1 to a family member, and later that morning, while I was at  
2 the, in the parking lot about to go into the Feeding Our  
3 Future office to join that search warrant, he had called me,  
4 and I had notified him that we wanted to speak to him about  
5 the investigation.

6 And he informed me that he was in Somalia at the  
7 time, and he has never returned from Somalia at this point.

8 Q. And when did you say, your understanding, he left the  
9 country?

10 A. It was late November of 2021.

11 Q. And did you tell him what you were doing that day?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Specifically, what did you tell him?

14 A. I told him that we were investigating the Federal Child  
15 Nutrition Program and the use of funds.

16 Q. All right. I'm showing you what's been marked as  
17 Exhibit A51, and I would ask you to take a look at that.

18 Is this another email message provided by Google?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. True and accurate copy?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit A51, Your  
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

25 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

1 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

2 THE COURT: A51 is admitted.

3 BY MR. EBERT:

4 Q. Is this an email message sent by Aimee Bock?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. Are these to recipients at the Minnesota Department of  
7 Education?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. What is the subject of her message?

10 A. Urgent Safari CLiCS application.

11 Q. And what does she say in her message to MDE?

12 A. She says, Good evening. Please reapprove Safari's SFSP,  
13 so the Summer Food Service Program, application as soon as  
14 possible so I can submit their January 2021 claim. Thank  
15 you very much. Aimee.

16 Q. Showing you on the screen what's been marked as  
17 Exhibit A52. Strike that. A62, rather. Is this a true and  
18 correct copy of a message provided by Google?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. EBERT: Government offers A62.

21 THE COURT: Any objection?

22 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

23 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

24 THE COURT: A62 is admitted.

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1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. Now, you mentioned that investigators obtained the  
3 claims email address at Feeding Our Future; is that right?

4 A. Correct. Both of those accounts, yes.

5 Q. The other one being Aimee Bock's Feeding Our Future  
6 account?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What's the date of this message from the claims account?

9 A. April 9th of 2021.

10 Q. And what does it say?

11 A. "Ready to submit."

12 Q. And in the body of the message, can you read that?

13 A. SFSP, so the Summer Food Service Program, AS March  
14 claims only. I will send more.

15 Q. And then does the sender of that to Aimee Bock then list  
16 a series of sites?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Including at the very bottom Safari Restaurant?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit A76. Is this another copy  
21 of an email message provided by Google?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. True and accurate?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. EBERT: At this time the government offers

1 Exhibit A76.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 MR. UDOIBOK: Yes.

4 THE COURT: What's your objection?

5 MR. UDOIBOK: Hearsay.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Any objection, Mr. Montez?

8 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

9 MR. EBERT: Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Go ahead.

11 MR. EBERT: It's a statement of a party opponent,  
12 and to the extent that there's information from another  
13 party who is not a party opponent, we offer that not for its  
14 truth but for its effect on the listener, Aimee Bock.

15 THE COURT: Is this the only page of it?

16 MR. EBERT: There are these pages that you see on  
17 the screen.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 The objection is overruled.

20 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: A76 is admitted.

22 BY MR. EBERT:

23 Q. All right. Special Agent Kary, we are looking at  
24 Exhibit A76, and let's start at the very bottom.

25 Is there an individual named Hussein Hashi who is

1 writing Ms. Bock?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you summarize for the jury what he appears to be  
4 writing about?

5 A. It appears to be about completing the tax documentation  
6 for a CPA firm.

7 Q. And in fact do we see the words "CPA" in that  
8 individual's email domain?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Certified public accountant, is that your understanding?

11 A. That would be, yes.

12 Q. And at the very top, does it appear that Ms. Bock is  
13 responding with information?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And how does she respond to the inquiry from the  
16 accountant?

17 A. She responds with -- excuse me. Sorry -- board members  
18 and lists names.

19 Q. Including a Ben Stayberg?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. A gentleman the jury heard from yesterday; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what does she say about Mr. Stayberg?

25 A. "They are not compensated and spend minimal hours per

1 week, maybe five or so."

2 Q. Is it your understanding of whether or not Mr. Stayberg  
3 worked any hours at Feeding Our Future?

4 A. It's my understanding that he had no idea he was a board  
5 member.

6 Q. And, Special Agent Kary, before today did you review a  
7 series of other A email exhibits obtained by warrants in  
8 this investigation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Does that include what's been marked as A4?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. As well as A54?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. As well as A61?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. A69?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. As well as A71?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And lastly A78?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
23 government offers Exhibits A4, A54, A61, A69, A71, and A78.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

25 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

1 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

2 THE COURT: A4, 54, 61, 69, 71 and 78 are  
3 admitted.

4 MR. EBERT: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

5 BY MR. EBERT:

6 Q. All right. Let's take a moment and rest our eyes from  
7 emails, and I want to direct your attention to Safari  
8 Restaurant for a moment.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit B, as in  
11 boy, 49. Do you recognize that photo?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. Is it a true and accurate depiction?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B49, Your  
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

19 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

20 THE COURT: B49 is admitted.

21 BY MR. EBERT:

22 Q. All right. What is on the screen, Special Agent Kary?

23 A. A photo of the Safari Restaurant located at 3010  
24 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis.

25 Q. We'll come back to that throughout this trial, but to be

1 clear, is it your understanding that this is the location  
2 that we have seen throughout the trial where these meal  
3 claims are showing these amounts by day?

4 A. That's my understanding, yes.

5 Q. And this is located in what city?

6 A. Minneapolis.

7 Q. Where in Minneapolis?

8 A. South Minneapolis right off of Lake Street.

9 Q. Just a few miles from here?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. In addition to all the bank records and other types that  
12 you obtained, did investigators also get records from the  
13 Minnesota Secretary of State in this case?

14 A. Yes, we did.

15 Q. What's the purpose of that?

16 A. The purpose is to establish who started the entity and  
17 who has registered the entity with the Secretary of State,  
18 who the organizers are or managers.

19 Q. To that end, I'm showing you B1. Is that an example of  
20 a Secretary of State record?

21 A. It is.

22 Q. True and accurate copy?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B1.

25 THE COURT: Any objection?

1 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

2 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

3 THE COURT: B1 is admitted.

4 BY MR. EBERT:

5 Q. All right. Let's enlarge this for a bit.

6 So this shows a certification on the bottom; is  
7 that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Coming from the State of Minnesota?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Okay. And what, what is the State of Minnesota  
12 certifying in this Exhibit B1?

13 A. The certification of registration of a business entity.

14 Q. And which one are we talking about?

15 A. This one would be the name of Cosmopolitan Business  
16 Solutions LLC and doing business as Safari Restaurant.

17 Q. And that name change was issued on May 26th, 2016; is  
18 that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is it your understanding that Safari Restaurant was a  
21 business opened to the public prior to the pandemic?

22 A. Yes, that's my understanding.

23 Q. Do you know approximately for how many years?

24 A. I don't know the years. Just based on the emails I've  
25 reviewed and documents I've seen, I know it preexisted 2020.

1 Q. So let's take a look at Exhibit B2. Is this an email  
2 message that was provided by Google in response to a search  
3 warrant?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. True and accurate copy?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B2.

8 THE COURT: Any objection?

9 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

10 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

11 THE COURT: B2 is admitted.

12 BY MR. EBERT:

13 Q. This is an email message dated March 26, 2020; is that  
14 right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And who are the parties on the from and to lines?

17 A. Abdulkadir Salah and Abcos Ahmed.

18 Q. Are those two individuals, Abdulkadir Salah and Abcos  
19 Ahmed, are they part of the Safari group?

20 A. They are part of the group, yes.

21 Q. Now attached to this email message is there some type of  
22 loan documentation?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. An application; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And underneath the applicant information, do we see the  
2 business name and address for Safari in Minneapolis?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And are there three individuals listed on behalf of  
5 Safari?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Who are they?

8 A. Abdulkadir Salah, Salim Said and Abdirahman Ahmed.

9 Q. Each having a percentage ownership; is that right?

10 A. 33 percent ownership, yes.

11 Q. Showing you B3, is this a true and accurate copy of  
12 another email employed by Google?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B3.

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: B3 is admitted.

19 BY MR. EBERT:

20 Q. Is this another email message from Abdulkadir Salah?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 Q. One of the three gentlemen who had that 33 percent and a  
23 third ownership interest in Safari; is that right?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And included with it are some documents; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What are they?

3 A. It appears to be the tax returns for the years 2017 and  
4 2018 for Cosmopolitan Business.

5 Q. So a couple years prior to the onset of the pandemic,  
6 right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. A couple years prior to any income received from the  
9 Federal Child Nutrition Program to Safari?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. So with respect to the year 2017, for example, at the  
12 very bottom for that return who appears to sign it on behalf  
13 of Safari?

14 A. Mr. Salim Said.

15 Q. And in the middle do we see some dollar amounts as part  
16 of the tax return?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Gross receipts for that entire year of about 624,000; is  
19 that right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And do you see an income amount?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. What was the total income for Safari Restaurant  
24 according to this return for the year 2017?

25 A. \$339,092.

1 Q. And if I'm not mistaken, there was another tax year  
2 attached to that email message; is that right?

3 A. Yes. 2018.

4 Q. Okay. So jumping ahead to page 21 of this exhibit, is  
5 this that tax year?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. At the very bottom, who is it signed by?

8 A. Salim Said.

9 Q. And what do we see for total income for Safari  
10 Restaurant for tax year 2018?

11 A. \$304,174.

12 Q. With, up above it, gross receipts of about 569,000; is  
13 that right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit B9. Is  
16 this another email message produced by Google?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. True and accurate?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B9, Your  
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: Can you scroll to the second page,  
25 please?

1 No objection.

2 THE COURT: B9 is admitted.

3 MR. EBERT: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

4 BY MR. EBERT:

5 Q. Exhibit B9 shows a series of emails that are forwarded;  
6 is that right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. So let's start at the bottom. First, is there a message  
9 sent to Eidleh at Feeding Our Future?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. From another email account at the same organization?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And what is the date of that?

14 A. June 8th, 2020.

15 Q. So just to orient the jury, this is somewhat early on in  
16 the food program; is that correct?

17 A. That's fair, yes.

18 Q. And what did Mr. Eidleh do with that message?

19 A. He forwarded that message to Salim Said with the subject  
20 line "Production Record."

21 Q. And what is the email account for Salim Said?

22 A. Salimsaid4040@gmail.com.

23 Q. Is salimsaid4040@gmail.com, is it your understanding  
24 that was the account used by the defendant in this case

25 Mr. Salim Said?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Was that also a Google account for which investigators  
3 obtained and executed a search warrant?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And then at the top, what did Mr. Said do with this  
6 message?

7 A. He forwarded it to his partner at Safari Abdulkadir  
8 Salah.

9 Q. So let's take a look at what's being forwarded on. What  
10 is it?

11 A. A claim summary Feeding Our Future document.

12 Q. And is it a claim summary for the month of May?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. So roughly Safari's first month getting money from the  
15 child food program?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And how much money under site payment did Salim Said and  
18 his Safari partners receive in that one month?

19 A. Over \$376,000.

20 Q. And how much did Feeding Our Future get for that first  
21 month's payment?

22 A. Over \$39,000.

23 Q. So over \$376,000 in its first month under Feeding Our  
24 Future; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Is that more money in the first month than Safari  
2 Restaurant made in total income in tax year 2017?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Is that more money in the first month under Feeding Our  
5 Future than Safari Restaurant made in all income in 2018?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Was that significant to the investigation?

8 A. It was.

9 Q. How so?

10 A. It was apparent that they were making more money being  
11 involved in the Federal Child Nutrition Program than they  
12 were in past years.

13 Q. When they were operating in past years as a business for  
14 profit, right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Opened to the public?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Adults?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Kids?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Everyone?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. I'm showing you on the screen Exhibit B4,  
25 which is in evidence.

1 Who sent this email message in B4?

2 A. Ms. Aimee Bock.

3 Q. And on what date?

4 A. April 13th of 2020.

5 Q. And what was included with Aimee Bock's email message on  
6 April 13th, 2020?

7 A. Site application Safari.

8 Q. And the recipients are whom?

9 A. Kendra Pace at MDE.

10 Q. And we -- the jury has seen this before; is that right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And is this the document that Aimee Bock sent to enroll  
13 Safari Restaurant?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Enroll it into what?

16 A. The Federal Child Nutrition Program.

17 Q. And on page 9 of this enrollment application that Aimee  
18 Bock sent to the State of Minnesota, who are the authorized  
19 representatives?

20 A. Salim Said and -- oh, sorry. Authorized representative  
21 for Safari or both?

22 Q. Both.

23 A. For Safari, Salim Said, and for Feeding Our Future,  
24 Aimee Bock.

25 Q. Above that, is there a certification, above the area

1 where Salim Said and Aimee Bock submitted the application?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Could you read that aloud to the jury?

4 A. "The authorized representatives of Safari and Feeding  
5 Our Future certify that Safari and Feeding Our Future will  
6 comply with all rights and responsibilities outlined in this  
7 agreement. We understand the agreement may be terminated by  
8 either party with written notice. We understand this  
9 agreement is for receipt of federal funds, and deliberate  
10 misrepresentations may subject us to prosecution under  
11 applicable state and federal criminal statutes."

12 Q. Thank you.

13 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, if acceptable to the  
14 court, this may be a good time to break.

15 THE COURT: That's fine with me. We will come  
16 back at 10:45.

17 So we will recess until 1045.

18 All rise for the jury.

19 10:27 a.m.

20 **IN OPEN COURT**

21 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

22 THE COURT: All right. 10:45, everyone. Thank  
23 you.

24 (Recess taken at 10:27 a.m. till 10:46 a.m.)

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**IN OPEN COURT**

**(JURY PRESENT)**

THE COURT: You may all be seated.

And, counsel, you may continue.

MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

BY MR. EBERT:

Q. All right. Before we broke, Special Agent Kary, we were looking at a series of emails involving some of the defendants, and I want to direct your attention to another.

Exhibit B8.

Your Honor, if I could just have one moment. I think the system has to be switched back over.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. EBERT: All right.

BY MR. EBERT:

Q. And I'm showing you what has been marked as Exhibit B8.

THE COURT: That's not what I have on my screen.

Oh, there we go.

BY MR. EBERT:

Q. Is this another email provided by Google?

A. Yes.

Q. True and accurate copy?

A. Yes.

MR. EBERT: Government offers B8, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Any objection?

1 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

2 THE COURT: B8 is admitted.

3 Sorry. Mr. Montez, did you have an objection?

4 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 BY MR. EBERT:

7 Q. All right. We see a series of individuals up at the  
8 top, and let's walk through them for a moment.

9 The sender is who?

10 A. Abdikerm Eidleh.

11 Q. And can you read aloud the recipients?

12 A. Aimee Bock, Shafi Qanyare, Coley Flynn.

13 Q. Now, have we heard some testimony about an individual  
14 named Shafi with Feeding Our Future?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Specifically from Ms. Lul Ali yesterday; is that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Is it your understanding that this is the same Shafi at  
19 Feeding Our Future that she was referring to?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And we also heard testimony involving Coley Flynn.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Testimony from Mr. Ben Stayberg, among others?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Now, what's the subject of this email message from

1 Abdikerm Eidleh to Bock, Shafi and Coley Flynn?

2 A. The subject is Safari meal counts for May 2020.

3 Q. And this was sent on the 1st of June; is that right?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And down below, is there an attachment?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do we see a series of meal counts for Safari?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And at the bottom of them, is there a signature as a  
10 representative for Safari for these meal counts?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And what name do we see on every single page?

13 A. Salim Said.

14 Q. All right. I'm showing you what's been marked as  
15 Exhibit B11. Is that a copy of another email message  
16 provided by Google?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. True and accurate copy?

19 A. It is.

20 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
21 government offers Exhibit B11.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: B11 is admitted.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. Now Exhibit B11, Special Agent Kary, is dated  
3 August 27th, 2020; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And is it sent by an individual with an email address of  
6 minneapolis.gov?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And who is the recipient?

9 A. Abdulkadir Salah.

10 Q. And is that one of Mr. Salim Said's partners in the  
11 Safari group?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. What's the subject of the email message from this person  
14 with minneapolis.gov?

15 A. It's a response issues violations at Safari Restaurant.

16 Q. Okay. And there's a series of attachments; is that  
17 right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Including some documents that have PDF names. Do we see  
20 that?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Including Employee Illness Log, is that one?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Daily Food Safety Checklist; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Is there another titled Vomit/Diarrhea Cleanup Policy?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Now, does this message go on to list a series of  
4 observations that were in this message to Safari Restaurant?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And some of them are highlighted in bold; is that right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And just for, to orient us for time, August 2020; is  
9 that right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. So approximately five months into the pandemic?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And approximately how many months that Safari is in the  
14 food program?

15 A. About four months.

16 Q. What are some of the violations that are noted in bold?

17 A. Lack of active managerial control, improper food and  
18 equipment storage, equipment and utensils not properly  
19 cleaned or sanitized, lack of sufficient temperature checks  
20 and dry storage space, plumbing issue, leaks and physical  
21 facility repairs.

22 Q. And to be clear, this is part of the time frame where  
23 Salim Said and his colleagues at Safari are purporting to  
24 feed food to children; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Purportedly thousands of meals every day to children?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Okay. Showing you what has been marked as Exhibit B14,  
4 is this a true and accurate copy of another email provided  
5 by Google?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. EBERT: Government offers B14.

8 THE COURT: Any objection?

9 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

10 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

11 THE COURT: B14 is admitted.

12 MR. EBERT: Now let's look at the top of this  
13 message, Special Agent Kary. Can you describe the from and  
14 to lines?

15 THE WITNESS: The email from feedourfuture.org to  
16 aimeebock@feedingourfuturemn.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. And there's some language and text at the bottom. Do  
19 you see that?

20 A. I do, yes.

21 Q. What does that say?

22 A. Scan date, 2.2.21.

23 Q. And then is there a series of letters and numbers for  
24 the scanned file?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And this type of message we're looking at, are there  
2 several of these that were returned in the Google records?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And some we've already looked at today; is that right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And attached are there multiple pages of these same meal  
7 count clicker forms?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. All for Safari Restaurant; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Purporting to feed how many children per day?

12 A. 6,000 or the 5,996 or the 5,998.

13 Q. And this time frame is in early or to mid January of  
14 2021? Is that what we see?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And throughout the time period of 2020 into early 2021,  
17 which entity continued to be the sponsor for Safari?

18 A. Feeding Our Future.

19 Q. And which entity's bank accounts submitted payments to  
20 Safari for reimbursement claims?

21 A. Feeding Our Future.

22 Q. And who was the sole signatory on behalf of the Feeding  
23 Our Future bank accounts?

24 A. Aimee Bock.

25 Q. And is it your understanding that Feeding Our Future

1 would receive a 10 or a 15 percent portion for each of those  
2 Safari reimbursement checks?

3 A. Correct.

4 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Vague.

5 THE COURT: Overruled. The answer will stand.

6 BY MR. EBERT:

7 Q. And do you have an understanding of where those 10 or  
8 15 percent portions would be deposited for Feeding Our  
9 Future?

10 A. To the Feeding Our Future bank account.

11 Q. For which Aimee Bock was the sole signatory?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Showing you what's been marked as B15, is this a true  
14 and accurate copy of another message produced by Google?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. EBERT: The government offers B15.

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

19 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

20 THE COURT: B15 is admitted.

21 BY MR. EBERT:

22 Q. All right. Is this a message from Aimee Bock?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And yet again is she writing to individuals with the  
25 State of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Education?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And what is the subject of her message?

3 A. Urgent, Safari CLiCS application.

4 Q. Urgent in all capped letters?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And what is the body of her message to MDE?

7 A. "Please reapprove Safari's SFSP application as soon as  
8 possible so I can submit their January 2021 claim."

9 Q. And in the previous exhibit we just looked at, did we  
10 see various meal counts for January 2021?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And to be clear, is it that type of information that  
13 would go in a claim to the State of Minnesota?

14 A. Yes. Into the CLiCS platform, yes.

15 Q. To be more precise, that type of information that would  
16 be submitted by Safari to Feeding Our Future?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And in turn from Feeding Our Future to the State of  
19 Minnesota?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. So that the State of Minnesota might reimburse with a  
22 check; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And here what do we see Ms. Bock asking?

25 A. To have the application be approved as soon as possible.

1 Q. So she can submit the claim?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. In order to get what?

4 A. Funds.

5 Q. Showing you what's been marked as B18, another true and  
6 accurate copy of an email produced by Google?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. EBERT: Government offers B18.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

11 MR. MONTEZ: Can you scroll to the second page,  
12 please?

13 No objection.

14 THE COURT: B18 is admitted.

15 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 BY MR. EBERT:

17 Q. Now, the jury has already seen several examples of these  
18 meal count clicker forms; is that right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Some of them say "Summer" on the top; is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, in this email message, who are the parties?

23 A. Aimee Bock and Salim Said.

24 Q. And what is Aimee Bock doing in this message from what  
25 you can see?

1 A. Aimee Bock is sending Salim Said, the subject there is  
2 Safari After School Meal Counts, with an attachment that is  
3 titled Meal Count Sheet, and it attaches that blank meal  
4 count sheet that was previously on the screen.

5 Q. And this is dated October 7th, 2021?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. So approximately four months before the investigation  
8 went overt; is that right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And all of those search and seizure warrants were  
11 executed in January of 2022?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And by this point, October 7th, 2021, has Salim Said  
14 through Safari been enrolled in the program since  
15 approximately the spring of 2020?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And attached is a blank copy of another type of one of  
18 those clicker forms from Aimee Bock; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. All right. I'm showing you what has been marked as  
21 Exhibit B41, another copy of an email message produced by  
22 Google --

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. -- to investigators?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B41, Your  
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: Any objection?

4 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

5 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

6 THE COURT: B41 is admitted.

7 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. EBERT:

9 Q. Exhibit B41, do we see a series of emails being  
10 forwarded?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And these are in approximately the same time frame as  
13 that last message we looked at; is that right?

14 A. Yes, October of 2021.

15 Q. And is there a Feeding Our Future account that's sending  
16 the first message?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And does it appear there's an attached scanned item?

19 A. It does appear to be a scanned in item, yes.

20 Q. Ask who is receiving a scanned item from Feeding Our  
21 Future?

22 A. Salim Said.

23 Q. And does Salim Said do something with it?

24 A. He then forwards that message about 30 minutes later to  
25 Abdulkadir Salah.

1 Q. His partner is part of the Safari group; is that right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And attached, is that a copy of what Feeding Our Future  
4 sent to Salim Said in October of 2020?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And let's look at what that attachment lists. First of  
7 all, what does it say in handwriting at the top?

8 A. Safari Restaurant.

9 Q. And beneath that, what do we see?

10 A. See a series of the year and the month and a series of  
11 items written next to the months.

12 Q. Let's talk about them. For example, the first one is  
13 when?

14 A. 2020 October.

15 Q. And what does it say?

16 A. "No menu."

17 Q. And beneath that, does it say August 2020?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Same issue, "No menu"?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And again to be clear, this is sent out in October of  
22 2021; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And does it appear to be pointing out documentary items  
25 that are lacking?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Going all the way back into the early days of the  
3 program, in the spring of 2020?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. For example, April of 2020 and May of 2020?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what does it indicate is lacking for those, for  
8 Safari Restaurant?

9 A. In those it lists no menu, no receipts, invoice.

10 Q. And then do we see at the end of 2020 additional  
11 indications of a lack of records for Safari?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What does it say?

14 A. No menu, no receipts.

15 Q. And what is, based on your role in the investigation, do  
16 you have an understanding of what is meant by "receipts" in  
17 this context?

18 A. I would take that to be the invoices or support that  
19 there was purchases of food.

20 Q. Okay. And this list of items that are missing continues  
21 throughout other points throughout 2020 and 2021; is that  
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. Directing your attention to B13, is this a  
25 true and accurate copy of a message provided by Google?

1 A. Yes.

2 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit B13, Your  
3 Honor.

4 THE COURT: Any objection?

5 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

6 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

7 THE COURT: B13 is admitted.

8 BY MR. EBERT:

9 Q. Continuing on with some of these emails we're looking  
10 at, at the very top can you tell us who the sender and  
11 recipients are?

12 A. The sender is Abdikerm Eidleh, and the message goes to  
13 Aimee Bock.

14 Q. Goes to Aimee Bock; is that right?

15 A. And Salim Said, yes. Both.

16 Q. With his gmail account?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And what is the subject of Eidleh's message to Salim  
19 Said and Aimee Bock?

20 A. Safari Direct Deposit Accounts.

21 Q. And what's the date?

22 A. October 29th of 2020.

23 Q. And there's an attachment with a lengthy alpha numeric  
24 name; is that right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now let's take a look at the message from Mr. Eidleh.  
2 What did he write to Aimee and also to Salim Said?

3 A. "Hello, Aimee. Here is the instructions you are waiting  
4 from Safari. 200,000 in each of the three accounts. The  
5 rest goes to Cosmopolitan account."

6 Q. Cosmopolitan, is that that other name we've seen on  
7 paperwork for Safari Restaurant?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. These continue.

10 A. "Primary email is salimsaid4040@gmail.com. Thanks.  
11 Abdikerm Eidleh, program support manager."

12 Q. And attached are there a series of voided checks that  
13 Mr. Eidleh sends, and this is the information that Aimee  
14 Bock was waiting for; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. What is the jury looking at?

17 A. Here are voided checks, and in reference to the top  
18 email, it would be directing to have \$200,000 to these  
19 various accounts who are partners with Salim Said related to  
20 that Safari group.

21 Q. And this very first check, do we see a name of  
22 Abdirahman M. Ahmed?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is he also part of the Safari group with Mr. Salim Said?

25 A. Yes, otherwise known as Chef Abcos.

1 Q. Now beneath that there's another voided check, correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. What is the name for that party?

4 A. 3017 LLC.

5 Q. 3017 or 3017, is that a number of any significance to

6 the investigation?

7 A. That is an LLC that we know that is created and

8 controlled by Abdulkadir Salah, one of the partners of the

9 Safari Restaurant.

10 Q. And then there's a third voided check; is that right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. What does that say?

13 A. Cosmopolitan.

14 Q. In other words Safari Restaurant; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And then there's a final voided check; is that correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. What do we see?

19 A. Salim Limited.

20 Q. And do you have an understanding of what Salim Limited

21 is?

22 A. My understanding, that is an entity that, an LLC that

23 was created and controlled by Salim Said.

24 Q. Okay. And to go back to the message above, Abdikerm

25 Eidleh is providing information for how much money to go

1 into those accounts?

2 A. 200,000 to each of the accounts.

3 Q. Now, is it correct that Cosmopolitan was, was enrolled  
4 as part of the food program?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was it significant to the investigation that these other  
7 parties, 3017 LLC or Salim Limited, were also part of this  
8 communication?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Specifically to receive \$200,000 from Aimee Bock?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Why was that significant?

13 A. As far as the investigation went, looking at the  
14 records --

15 MR. UDOIBOK: Objection. Assumes facts not in  
16 evidence. Aimee Bock.

17 THE COURT: Overruled.

18 You may continue.

19 THE WITNESS: In general, the -- having Ms. Bock  
20 send money to individuals that were not enrolled  
21 specifically related to the Federal Child Nutrition Program,  
22 it was alarming to us to try to figure out what those  
23 entities were, and we were still at this point unravelling  
24 what was going on with the funds.

25 So it was significant to us, and we were paying

1 close attention to these entities.

2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. All right. I want to direct your attention to  
4 Exhibit B52. Exhibit B52, Special Agent Kary, is in  
5 evidence. And is this one example of a file folder that was  
6 seized by agents from the Feeding Our Future office?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. In January of 2022?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what does it say on the top right of this?

11 A. FY20, April, Safari Restaurant.

12 Q. And this, this one, for example, is 200 pages; is that  
13 right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Showing all of the various records that Feeding Our  
16 Future maintained; is that correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Like this one on page 9 showing a site payment of  
19 \$70,000; is that right?

20 A. Site payment of 63,000. The total reimbursement was  
21 70,000.

22 Q. Thank you.

23 And these go on and on; is that right?

24 A. Yes. There were a number of file folders seized from  
25 the Feeding Our Future location.

1 Q. So we just looked at B52 as one example. Month after  
2 month, this one 321 pages; is that right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. All containing the same type of claim information,  
5 correct?

6 A. Similar types of documentation from the, the claims,  
7 some rosters, invoices, yes.

8 Q. And so in some instances we've seen these types of  
9 documents attached to all these email messages we've looked  
10 at.

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. In addition, do you see them elsewhere?

13 A. We see them in the emails and in the folders, yes.

14 Q. Such as these Feeding Our Future file folders were  
15 looking at now?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. B68, yet another example of these paper records that  
18 were kept for Safari restaurant at Feeding Our Future; is  
19 that, right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And this one even has a printout of some Minnesota  
22 Department of Education CLiCS data; is that right?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. In the upper right, do we see a name logged in on behalf  
25 of the sponsor Feeding Our Future?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who is that?

3 A. Coley Flynn.

4 Q. Now this particular one has to do with claims in  
5 January 2021; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what meal amounts are we seeing based on the meal  
8 for that month alone?

9 A. 185,939 meal counts.

10 Q. Okay. And what about some of the dollar amounts  
11 resulting from those claims?

12 A. We have 416,000, 727,000, and 32,000, and 63,000.

13 Q. So what is the total amount indicated on this form for  
14 just the month of January 2021 supposedly served at Safari  
15 Restaurant?

16 A. \$1.2 million.

17 Q. Now, in addition to some of the clicker count forms, did  
18 investigators also encounter invoices within the paper  
19 records at Feeding Our Future?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Like this one on page 4 of Exhibit B68?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And this is billed by which party?

24 A. Billed from Safari Restaurant.

25 Q. And billing to Feeding Our Future; is that right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And ultimately, to be clear, billing whom?

3 A. The Federal Child Nutrition Program, the USDA  
4 agricultural funds.

5 Q. And in this month alone how much money is Safari billing  
6 towards the Federal Child Nutrition Program?

7 A. Over \$1.1 million.

8 Q. And this one continues yet again with the same type of  
9 records we've seen in clickers; is that right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. All of them purporting to show that supposedly 5,996 or  
12 5,998 children were fed on various days; is that right?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And then this particular one has a signature at the  
15 bottom. Do you see that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. Who signed that one?

18 A. Salim Said.

19 Q. Claiming that almost 6,000 kids were fed that day; is  
20 that right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And then that file folder we just looked at was for  
23 January 2021; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Is that the same month that Aimee Bock sent that urgent

1 message to the State of Minnesota?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Asking them to approve that claim?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And --

6 A. Well, I'm sorry, not to approve the claim. To approve  
7 the application.

8 Q. And how much money was Safari asking for in that month?

9 A. I believe it was over \$1.1 million.

10 Q. 10 to 15 percent of which goes to where?

11 A. Feeding Our Future.

12 Q. Moving on to the next month in Exhibit B69, to be clear  
13 is this another instance of a file folder seized at the  
14 Feeding Our Future search warrant?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. This one containing another invoice?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. From Feeding Our Future -- rather from Safari Restaurant  
19 to Feeding Our Future.

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And then billing the program for how much money in that  
22 month?

23 A. Over a million dollars.

24 Q. Yet again more clicker forms; is that right?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Have we seen other clicker forms that are initialled by  
2 Salim Said?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. With SS?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do we see that yet again here?

7 A. We do.

8 Q. Now, Special Agent Kary, you mentioned at the beginning  
9 of your testimony a series of steps that were taken  
10 throughout the investigation; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is it accurate to say that those culminated with  
13 these search warrants in January of 2022?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Now, did the investigation end on January 2022?

16 A. It did not.

17 Q. At Feeding Our Future alone, how many boxes were seized  
18 by federal agents?

19 A. Approximately 270 boxes.

20 Q. Is it fair to say that there was additional processing  
21 of that additional evidence?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In addition to the bank records you were already  
24 gathering?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. In addition to the various 80-plus email accounts' worth  
2 of messages you were gathering?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Among other things, in addition to witnesses you were  
5 talking to?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You mentioned that prior to the investigation going  
8 overt, you did surveillance as well; is that right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Can you tell the jury about that?

11 A. We conducted drive-by surveillance doing spot checks,  
12 which led to us wanting to know more as far as some of these  
13 locations they would claim they were feeding, you know, so  
14 many individuals.

15 And based on a certain time in the applications we  
16 would see, we wanted to, you know, kind of see the whole  
17 picture if we could at certain periods of time at certain  
18 locations that we were focused on.

19 So we went through the process of identifying  
20 locations where we could put pole cameras up. When I say  
21 "pole cam," I mean a video camera attached to a power line  
22 or a light post with a view of those locations, and we did  
23 that at twelve locations around the Twin Cities metro area.

24 Q. And how did you go about deciding which locations would  
25 receive this surveilling pole camera?

1 A. There were a number of different factors. We had to  
2 make sure there was a place accessible that would have a  
3 clear view. We definitely assessed a number of locations,  
4 probably two dozen or so, and we went through, working with  
5 our tech agents, we said where we needed to see certain  
6 things or the best view to get the best possible picture of  
7 what was occurring.

8 So we made an assessment, and then we ran it  
9 through our chain to make sure that we were legally good to  
10 do that. We run it through our chief division counsel to  
11 make sure that this is something that is authorized that we  
12 could do.

13 Q. You mentioned a tech agent. What's that?

14 A. Yeah. So a tech agent is an agent that specializes in  
15 using technology, whether it's covert recording devices or  
16 cameras that are put up. So we go to our tech agents. They  
17 have specialized training. They do more extensive training  
18 at Quantico and have that specialty assignment.

19 Q. And so in an investigation when a surveillance camera  
20 goes up, can you describe operationally how that works?

21 A. Operationally, I'm sort of the end user of that, but the  
22 tech agents go and put the camera up, and we have an  
23 application on our phones and back at our headquarters  
24 office where we can pull up a camera and observe it  
25 periodically.

1           We can, you know, fast-forward, rewind, things of  
2           that nature, but in general it gives us the ability to see  
3           what's occurring.

4           Q.   And is it recording on a constant basis?

5           A.   It is, with the exception if power were to go out or  
6           some bad weather, but in general it's running 24/7.

7           Q.   Even during the nighttime?

8           A.   Yes.

9           Q.   And you said in this investigation there were twelve  
10          locations; is that right?

11          A.   Yes.

12          Q.   And were those locations food site locations?

13          A.   Correct.

14          Q.   So directing your attention back on the screen here, we  
15          looked at this earlier in the day.  These are -- this is  
16          that summary of claims data; is that right?

17          A.   Correct.

18          Q.   Sorted by the highest claimed amount at the top, is that  
19          right?

20          A.   Yes.

21          Q.   Safari being number one?

22          A.   Yes.

23          Q.   Did the information that you were getting that's  
24          summarized here, what impact, if any, did that have on the  
25          decision of where to put up these surveillance cameras?

1 A. Significant. We wanted to focus on the individuals that  
2 we believed were falsely claiming this high number of meal  
3 counts. We focused on the greatest, you know, loss to  
4 government funds. That's what we focused on.

5 Q. And moving on to the sixth page of this exhibit, in  
6 addition to the highest dollar claims, this chart also  
7 summarized the highest amount of meals claimed; is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And Safari Restaurant claimed a grand total of  
11 3.9 million meals served to children; is that right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. In the years 2020 and 2021?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is it correct you were hoping to capture on surveillance  
16 some of those 3.9 million meals, whether they were being  
17 served?

18 A. We were trying to confirm what the investigation was  
19 telling us, yes.

20 Q. And what was the investigation telling you?

21 A. That it wasn't possible that this many children could be  
22 fed.

23 MR. MONTEZ: Objection, Your Honor. Goes to  
24 ultimate issue.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. What was the investigation telling you?

3 A. That it wouldn't be possible to feed this many children?

4 Q. We looked at a photo earlier of the Safari Restaurant.

5 Is that one of the locations for which you put up a  
6 surveillance camera?

7 A. It is.

8 Q. Okay. Can you sort of describe to the jury where that  
9 was placed in relation to the Safari Restaurant location?

10 A. It was placed on I believe the east side of the street  
11 on Fourth Avenue South, facing in a southwestern direction  
12 at the -- first it was at the alley, and then it was moved  
13 more readily to where they had signs out for free meals for  
14 kids.

15 So the initial placement was facing eastward down  
16 an alley, and then it was moved a little bit further south  
17 so we could get a better angle of where there was a little  
18 bit of food distribution.

19 Q. And do you know approximately for how many days the  
20 surveillance camera was up?

21 A. I believe it was up for around 30 days or so.

22 Q. And --

23 A. Actually, I'm sorry. It was longer than that. It went  
24 all the way -- I think we started on December 8th and went  
25 all the way through to our overt action.

1 Q. And as you sit here today, do you know all of the dates  
2 of when the cameras were up?

3 A. I'd have to refresh my memory a little bit, but in  
4 general, November through December into January when we took  
5 our overt action on the 20th of January 2022.

6 Q. Okay. Approximately how many hours do you estimate  
7 there are of video footage for these twelve sites?

8 A. Many, many hours for all those sites. They got up at  
9 various times, so the tech agents working very, you know --  
10 we would put in the request. They would try to get it up.  
11 I can't calculate how many total hours of video footage.

12 Q. Have you observed some of that footage?

13 A. A lot of that footage, yes.

14 Q. Have you observed the footage specific to the  
15 surveillance cameras that were up at the exterior of Safari  
16 Restaurant?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. I am showing you Exhibit B48, which is not in evidence.

19 And you've had an opportunity to see this video  
20 clip; is that right?

21 A. I have.

22 Q. And is it a true and accurate portion of some of the  
23 surveillance footage of Safari Restaurant?

24 A. Yes. It's just a small one-minute clip.

25 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the

1 government offers Exhibit B48.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 MR. UDOIBOK: I'm sorry. E or like in boy?

4 THE COURT: B as in boy.

5 MR. UDOIBOK: B as in boy.

6 MR. EBERT: B as in boy.

7 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

8 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

9 THE COURT: B48 is admitted and may be published.

10 MR. EBERT: Thank you. At this time I'm going to  
11 hit the play button.

12 BY MR. EBERT:

13 Q. And, Special Agent Kary, is there sort of a momentary  
14 like pause in this video?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Just the way the video is; is that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. This is approximately a one-minute clip; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. In the upper-left-hand corner, what is the date?

21 A. December 27th, 2021.

22 Q. Does it appear to be around 11:00 in the morning?

23 A. Correct.

24 (Video recording played)

25 Q. And there's a black building with red awning; is that

1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What is that?

4 A. That is the Safari Restaurant.

5 Q. Now, to be clear, Special Agent Kary, that roughly  
6 one-minute clip, does that comprise all of the video  
7 surveillance footage?

8 A. Absolutely not.

9 Q. Fair to say we would be here for days or weeks if we  
10 showed the jury it all?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. But you have watched it; is that right?

13 A. I have.

14 Q. For the days where a surveillance camera was up, at any  
15 point did you observe 2,000 children come to Safari  
16 Restaurant?

17 A. Absolutely not, no.

18 Q. Did you observe 3,000 children come?

19 A. No.

20 Q. 4,000?

21 A. No.

22 Q. How about 6,000?

23 A. No.

24 Q. But there were instances where you did see people pull  
25 up; is that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And can you describe some examples that you did see?

3 A. I would see cars pull up. They would come up with a  
4 clipboard, go back into the restaurant, come out with a tray  
5 or a few trays, perhaps some bags and load them in a  
6 vehicle.

7 Q. And you said that at one point the angle changed  
8 locations; is that right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Is this the before or the after view we're looking at in  
11 B48?

12 A. The after view.

13 Q. Okay. And the previous view was on the other side of  
14 the restaurant?

15 A. It would be basically just turning to the right. The  
16 camera staying in the same spot, but it would turn to the  
17 right down the alleyway.

18 Q. And approximately how many individuals did you see on a  
19 typical day for which the surveillance camera was up coming  
20 to the Safari Restaurant?

21 A. I averaged out the number of individuals either walking  
22 up or driving up in December, from I think December 8th or  
23 so -- or no. I'm sorry. It was from December 15th when  
24 this angle changed where we could see better related  
25 distribution, and it averaged 40 individuals either coming

1 in their vehicles or walking up to get something.

2 Sometimes it would appear to be from what I could  
3 see one tray an individual carrying to, on occasion there  
4 would be boxes loaded into a car.

5 Q. Not quite 6,000?

6 A. Definitely not 6,000.

7 Q. In addition to --

8 MR. MONTEZ: Objection. Calls for speculation.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 BY MR. EBERT:

11 Q. What was your answer?

12 A. Definitely not 6,000.

13 Q. In addition to the video excerpt that we just saw, did  
14 you also prepare a couple of still images derived from other  
15 surveillance video?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. All right. I'm showing you what has been marked as  
18 Exhibit B48a?

19 Now is that a photo you recognize?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then prior to today were you able to also observe  
22 Exhibits B48b through B48i?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do each of those still depict separate still photos  
25 from the surveillance those days?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. All are true and accurate representations of the video?

3 A. They are.

4 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
5 government offers Exhibits B48a through B48i.

6 THE COURT: Any objection?

7 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

8 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

9 THE COURT: Those exhibits are admitted.

10 BY MR. EBERT:

11 Q. Okay. Just to orient the jury, can you explain what we  
12 are looking at here, Special Agent Kary?

13 A. So this is the view I was referring to earlier where the  
14 camera would have been moved to the right. So the camera  
15 would have gone up on December 10th, and this is one of the  
16 first still images, I believe, related to the camera going  
17 up, and it was facing a little more westward and down the  
18 alley.

19 Q. And the video clip we looked at was dated September or,  
20 rather, December 27th; is that right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. What is the date of this still image?

23 A. December 10th of 2021.

24 Q. Okay. Now on the right do we see yet another of those  
25 meal count clicker forms we've seen so much of?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, the left is December 10th, 2021; is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And so directing your attention to what would have been  
5 the 10th on the exhibit on the right, which is B73, page 3,  
6 on Friday, December 10th, 2021, how much did Safari  
7 Restaurant claim it served to children?

8 A. 3,498 meals.

9 Q. In fact, they had to turn away 61, according to their  
10 form; is that right?

11 A. That's what the form indicates, yes.

12 Q. Did you see Safari Restaurant, based on the surveillance  
13 video, serve 3,498 children on that day in December 2021?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Now are we looking at a different still image from a  
16 different day for Safari Restaurant?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. This is Exhibit B48b; is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what in the upper-left-hand corner is the date and  
21 time stamp?

22 A. December 15th, 2021, at 2:16 p.m.

23 Q. So December 15th; is that right?

24 A. Yes, December 15th.

25 Q. So looking at that corresponding day on yet another meal

1 count form, how many meals did Safari Restaurant claim it  
2 was serving to children on that day?

3 A. 3,495.

4 Q. And yet again they had to turn away 61 kids? Is that  
5 what they are claiming?

6 A. That is what's claimed on the sheet, yes.

7 Q. Based on your review of the surveillance video for  
8 12/15/2021, did you observe Safari Restaurant feed 3,495  
9 children?

10 A. Absolutely not.

11 Q. Moving forward in time, now on the left do we see a  
12 still which is depicted in Exhibit B48c?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. It's a little difficult to read, but in the  
15 upper-left-hand corner what is the date?

16 A. December 22nd, 2021, at about 1:01 p.m.

17 Q. And on the right do we now see the weekly meal count  
18 clicker's numbers for the week of December 19th?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And for that day, on this form, how many did Safari  
21 Restaurant claim to feed?

22 A. 3,496.

23 Q. Did you observe Safari Restaurant on that day, December  
24 22nd, 2021, feed food to 3,496 children?

25 A. Absolutely not.

1 Q. Now, moving forward to B48d, what is the date of this  
2 still image of the surveillance video?

3 A. December 28th, 2021, again at 1:01 p.m.

4 Q. Okay. And moving forward to page 6 on the right of  
5 Exhibit B73, on the corresponding day, Tuesday, how many  
6 children did Safari Restaurant claim to feed that day?

7 A. 3,497.

8 Q. Had to turn away supposedly 58 kids?

9 A. That's what it appears to say on the sheet, yes.

10 Q. In the surveillance video did you observe Safari  
11 Restaurant feed 3,497 children that day?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Now moving forward to B48e, is this a still taken on  
14 December 31st, 2021?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. New Year's Eve?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. On that day, Friday, New Year's Eve 2021, how many  
19 children did Safari Restaurant claim to feed?

20 A. 3,498.

21 Q. Did you see anything remotely close to that for that  
22 day?

23 A. Not at all.

24 Q. And to recap as it relates to the Safari food site  
25 itself, how much money from the Federal Child Nutrition

1 Program did Safari Restaurant receive in 2020 and 2021?

2 MR. MONTEZ: Objection. Cumulative.

3 THE COURT: Overruled. He may answer.

4 THE WITNESS: Over \$12.1 million.

5 BY MR. EBERT:

6 Q. All of which came to Safari Restaurant through which  
7 entity?

8 A. Feeding Our Future.

9 Q. And who was the only account signatory?

10 A. Aimee Bock.

11 Q. I want to shift gears at this point, Special Agent Kary.  
12 We've been talking all morning in part about Safari  
13 Restaurant as a site, and I want to focus on another one.

14 Do you see approximately five lines down from the  
15 top an entity named ASA Limited LLC?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What is ASA Limited LLC?

18 A. It's an entity that was set up in September of 2020 to  
19 participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Program by  
20 Abdihakim Ahmed, Salim Said and Ahmed Ghedi.

21 Q. And how much money did that food site receive in 2020  
22 and 2021?

23 A. Over \$5.3 million.

24 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit C1. Do  
25 you recognize that?

1 A. I do.

2 Q. Additional certified records from the Minnesota  
3 Secretary of State?

4 A. That is correct.

5 MR. EBERT: At this time the government offers C1,  
6 Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

9 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

10 THE COURT: C1 is admitted.

11 BY MR. EBERT:

12 Q. Okay. The jury has seen one of these already, but is  
13 this another record maintained by the Minnesota Secretary of  
14 State?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. This time for ASA Limited LLC; is that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Now according to this, when was ASA Limited created?

19 A. September 4th of 2020.

20 Q. So approximately six months into the pandemic; is that  
21 right?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And approximately four to five months since Salim Said  
24 had been enrolled through Safari in the Federal Child  
25 Nutrition Program?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Next I want to direct your attention to an email  
3 message, C003. Is this a copy of another email that  
4 investigators received from Google?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. True and accurate copy?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. EBERT: This time the government offers C3.

9 THE COURT: Any objection?

10 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

11 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

12 THE COURT: C3 is admitted.

13 BY MR. EBERT:

14 Q. Now, this is an email message with a series of  
15 attachments to it; is that right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Paperwork for the creation of ASA?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. One of which is a limited liability partnership  
20 agreement? Is that what we're scrolling through right now?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 Q. And it lists a series of individuals in it who are in  
23 control or operating that entity; is that right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And there are three names listed; is that right?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. One of which is Salim Said; is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Another is a man named Ahmed Ghedi; is that right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Do you recognize him?

7 A. I do. He just walked into the courtroom.

8 Q. Where is he?

9 A. In the front row.

10 Q. Sitting right there, the bald gentleman with the beard?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Also part of this Safari group?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now, another name that's listed is Mr. Abdihakim Ahmed;

15 is that right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Who is that?

18 A. He is the individual that formed ASA Limited and is also

19 part of this group.

20 Q. And so ASA Limited, Abdihakim, Salim and Mr. Ahmed

21 Ghedi, who is with us here today now; is that right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. When is the last time you saw Mr. Abdihakim Ahmed?

24 A. He was in the courtroom two days ago.

25 Q. Sitting right back there; is that correct?

1 A. He was, yes.

2 Q. Also part of this Safari group?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that same document we were just looking at goes on  
5 to show, goes on to show, rather, a percent ownership in ASA  
6 Limited; is that right?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. And what percentage do each of those three gentleman  
9 have in ASA?

10 A. 33.3 percent.

11 Q. All right. I am showing you what has been marked as  
12 Exhibit C002. Is this another email message provided by  
13 Google to investigators?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. EBERT: At this time the government offers  
16 Exhibit C2, Your Honor.

17 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

18 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

19 THE COURT: C2 is admitted.

20 BY MR. EBERT:

21 Q. Yet another email; is that right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Who sent this one?

24 A. Aimee Bock.

25 Q. Who is the recipient?

1 A. Individuals at Minnesota Department of Education, Kendra  
2 Pace.

3 Q. What's the subject of Aimee Bock's message to the State  
4 of Minnesota?

5 A. ARAS, Summer Food Service Program, Site Application, ASA  
6 Limited LLC.

7 Q. Is it your understanding ARAS, at risk/after school?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And SFSP is an acronym for what again?

10 A. Summer Food Service Program.

11 Q. And Aimee Bock in this September 2020 message to the  
12 State of Minnesota attaches a document; is that right?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And what's the name of her document?

15 A. Site application, ASA Limited LLC.

16 Q. Now we've seen a document like this already; is that  
17 correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Including the submission of paperwork by Aimee Bock for  
20 Mr. Salim Said's other food site; is that correct?

21 A. Yes. The Safari Restaurant site, yes.

22 Q. And now we see a second example of this, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And at the bottom of page 3 it says it's submitted by  
25 which party?

1 A. Aimee Bock.

2 Q. And she signs it on September 8th, 2020?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. The site information on page 4 lists which address?

5 A. 281 McKnight Road in St. Paul, Minnesota.

6 Q. And this, to be clear, is again applying for Feeding Our  
7 Future to sponsor this proposed site; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now, was there documentation that was handwritten on  
10 this attachment?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In this blue ink it appears?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And what do we see on page 6 at the top where it says  
15 Child and Adult Care Food Program?

16 A. Change Salim to ASA, and there's a cross-through, Salim  
17 and ASA.

18 Q. And it appears to be printed underneath the blue ink  
19 Salim Limited LLC; is that right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. It appears they opted to do a different entity name; is  
22 that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. ASA?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And so moving forward, this is a, what, a 25-page  
2 attachment, Aimee Bock's application?

3 A. Well, the ASA application signed by Aimee Bock, yes.

4 Q. Thank you. Page 19. Does it indicate the estimated  
5 number of meals that were going to be served at this ASA  
6 site on McKnight Road in St. Paul?

7 A. Yes. It reads 3,000.

8 Q. With a site capacity of that same number of 3,000; is  
9 that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And I'm showing you next what's been marked as  
12 Exhibit C4. Another copy of an email message provided by  
13 Google?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C4, Your  
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

19 THE COURT: C -- Mr. Montez, I'm sorry.

20 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

21 THE COURT: C4 is admitted.

22 BY MR. EBERT:

23 Q. Special Agent Kary, is this an October 2nd, 2020, email?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. Sent by which party?

1 A. Abdikerm Eidleh.

2 Q. And who did he send it to?

3 A. To Abdihakim Ahmed.

4 Q. And he is one of the As that we just talked about in ASA  
5 Limited, correct?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. And attached do we see yet more of these meal clickers?

8 A. Yes, we do.

9 Q. Now, the attachments show meal counts being served to  
10 children on supposed, for supposed amounts, rather,  
11 beginning the week of September 27th, 2020; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 I'm sorry. September 27th of 2020, yes.

14 Q. Thank you.

15 And one of the first exhibits we just looked at as  
16 we began talking about ASA Limited was that Minnesota  
17 Secretary of State form.

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And is it correct that ASA was created in  
22 September 2020?

23 A. On September 4th, yes.

24 Q. And as of September 27th, it's purporting to already  
25 feed almost 3,000 children a day.

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Is that significant to the investigation?

3 A. It was.

4 Q. Explain, please.

5 A. The entity had just formed the site location of 281  
6 McKnight Road. It was a tiny little deli. It didn't make  
7 sense that they formed on the 4th of September, applied for  
8 the program on September 8th, and would have the ability to  
9 serve that many children out of that small, little deli in,  
10 on McKnight Road.

11 Q. And to be clear, at the same time frame that claims like  
12 this are being routed to Feeding Our Future, we've also seen  
13 these other claims that were being submitted at the same  
14 time in the name of Safari; is that right?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. At times for even more supposed meals per day in the  
17 name of Safari; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Directing your attention to Exhibit C5, is this another  
20 copy of an email produced by Google?

21 A. Yes, it is.

22 MR. EBERT: The government offers C5, Your Honor.

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: C5 is admitted.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. C5, is this an email dated November 24th, 2020?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And is it a message from a State of Minnesota email  
5 address?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. To which person?

8 A. To Aimee Bock.

9 Q. And what's the message say to Aimee Bock?

10 A. "Thank you for your participation in the Minnesota  
11 Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Service Program.  
12 ASA Limited LLC has been granted a site ID for managing  
13 access to online applications, claims for reimbursement, and  
14 commodity orders. The URL address for FNS and access to the  
15 CLiCS program administration is" -- and it lists the  
16 website, and the site ID is -- you just highlighted.

17 Q. And that site ID that's highlighted in ending in 8744,  
18 is that the same site ID that we looked at a moment ago on  
19 that summary chart Exhibit X1?

20 A. Yes. It relates to the ASA site, yes.

21 Q. All right. Showing you what's been marked as  
22 Exhibit C9, yet another email message produced to  
23 investigators by Google?

24 A. Correct.

25 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, the government offers

1 Exhibit C9.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

4 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

5 THE COURT: C9 is admitted.

6 BY MR. EBERT:

7 Q. Special Agent Kary, this is an email dated March 3rd,  
8 2021; is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Sent by Mr. Eidleh?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And he sent it to that claims at Feeding Our Future  
13 email we've talked about; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And who did he copy?

16 A. Abdihakim Ahmed.

17 Q. And what's included in Mr. Eidleh's message on  
18 March 3rd, 2021?

19 A. Please send your claims to  
20 claims@feedingourfuturemn.org.

21 Q. And did he attach a document?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Once again, showing more of these same types of  
24 documents we've looked at at great length; is that right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And do each of these show just under 3,000 children  
2 supposedly fed?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. At ASA Limited?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. At McKnight Road?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. In St. Paul?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Monday through Friday?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All right. Showing you what's been marked as  
13 Exhibit C40, do you recognize that?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Is that a true and accurate photo of this site location  
16 for ASA Limited?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C40, Your  
19 Honor.

20 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

21 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

22 THE COURT: C40 is admitted.

23 BY MR. EBERT:

24 Q. Can you tell the jury what we're looking at here?

25 A. We're looking at the, the site for ASA Limited, which is

1 located at 281 McKnight Road, and it's the Gurey Deli. The  
2 deli doors are, where you just zoomed in, the deli door is  
3 right next to the Smoke Shop. It's the door to the left on  
4 the screen there.

5 Q. And so this is, to be clear, the specific site  
6 identification number that Aimee Bock obtained from the  
7 State of Minnesota that we just looked at?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And it is this site next to the Smoke Shop?

10 A. Yes, it's between the Smoke Shop and a dry cleaner.

11 Q. It's this shop next to the Smoke Shop that ASA claimed  
12 to be feeding 3,000 children seven days a week?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, if acceptable, this could  
15 be a time to break.

16 THE COURT: All right. We'll come back at -- just  
17 one moment. All right. We'll break until 1:00.

18 So I just want to make sure that your lunches were  
19 here.

20 All rise for the jury.

21 11:59 a.m.

22 **IN OPEN COURT**

23 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

24 THE COURT: All right. We're in recess until  
25 1:00 p.m.

1 (Recess taken at 12:00 p.m. till 1:01 p.m.)

2 1:01 p.m.

3 **IN OPEN COURT**

4 **(JURY PRESENT)**

5 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

6 Mr. Ebert, you may inquire.

7 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 And before we return back to the topic we were  
9 talking about before lunch break, Your Honor, I just wanted  
10 to note that there are a series of B series exhibits that  
11 the parties have conferred about, and I can read them aloud  
12 and represent to the court that there is neither, there is  
13 no objection from either defendant.

14 THE COURT: Thank you. Go ahead.

15 MR. EBERT: This is exhibit, and these are all in  
16 the B series, Your Honor.

17 B17, and then B19 through B40, followed by  
18 Exhibit B90.

19 THE COURT: Thank you for coming to agreement.

20 Those exhibits are admitted.

21 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 MR. COLICH: Counsel?

23 MR. EBERT: The last one was B90.

24 MR. COLICH: B, as in boy?

25 MR. EBERT: B, as in boy, and then do you wish to

1 hear --

2 MR. COLICH: Thank you.

3 MR. EBERT: Okay. Thank you.

4 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Did it include 22 or not  
5 22? I think it did. It was 19 through --

6 MR. EBERT: It was B19 through B40.

7 THE COURT: Terrific. Thank you. Go ahead.

8 BY MR. EBERT:

9 Q. All right. Special Agent Kary, before we took a break  
10 for lunch we were discussing this entity by the name of ASA  
11 Limited; is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that was located where?

14 A. McKnight Road in St. Paul, otherwise known as Maplewood.

15 Q. And that was this business we see in Exhibit C40; is  
16 that right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And did ASA also have banking activity?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And I'm showing you Exhibit W14. What is W14?

21 A. W14 is the Bridgewater Bank records associated with ASA  
22 Limited, an account opened in October 14th of 2020.

23 Q. And the address listed on here?

24 A. The site address as well of 281 McKnight Road South,  
25 St. Paul, Minnesota.

1 Q. And who are the account signatories for the ASA Limited  
2 account?

3 A. Abdihakim Ahmed and Salim Said.

4 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit C9,  
5 another email from Google?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C9, Your  
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: Any objection? Actually I have that  
10 as already in.

11 MR. EBERT: Let me move to C10, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Go ahead.

13 BY MR. EBERT:

14 Q. Is this another Google provided email message?

15 A. It is.

16 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C10.

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

19 MR. EBERT: What's the date of this message?

20 THE COURT: Sorry. C10 is admitted.

21 MR. EBERT: Oh, I'm sorry, Your Honor.

22 THE WITNESS: It is April 1st of 2021.

23 BY MR. EBERT:

24 Q. From whom to whom?

25 A. Abdihakim Ahmed to Abdihakim Ahmed.

1 Q. And he is one of the As in ASA?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Part of the Safari group?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What's the name of the listed attachment file?

6 A. ASA Meal Count March 2021.

7 Q. And then once again, are there a series of these same  
8 types of meal count records?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. And generally showing the same supposed number of meals  
11 served every day?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Just shy of 3,000, give or take?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Monday, Monday through Sunday?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Showing you Exhibit C11. Is another email provided by  
18 Google?

19 A. Correct.

20 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C11, Your  
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: C11 is admitted.

1 MR. EBERT: Thank you.

2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. And what's the date of this message?

4 A. Again April 1st of 2021.

5 Q. From that same individual Abdihakim Ahmed?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And who are the recipients?

8 A. Eidleh at Feeding Our Future and the claims email at  
9 Feeding Our Future and Abdihakim Ahmed.

10 Q. And in the subject there's something in parenthesis. Do  
11 you see that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What does it say?

14 A. "Disregard last email."

15 Q. And it says, "Disregard last email," after the words,  
16 "ASA Meal Count March 2021." Did I read that correctly?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And what is the content of the message?

19 A. The attachment?

20 Q. Or I'm sorry. That's what I meant to say. What is the  
21 content of the message?

22 A. ASA Meal Count March 2021.

23 Q. And then down below where it says hello, what does it  
24 say?

25 A. "Please disregard the last email. I've accidentally

1 sent Cosmopolitan meal count. Thank you."

2 Q. Cosmopolitan meaning?

3 A. Safari Restaurant.

4 Q. And then this time did they, they attach the, the site  
5 for which they were trying to seek a claim for  
6 reimbursement?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. ASA?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Rather than accidentally sending their Safari claim for  
11 reimbursement, right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And there are a series of these same types of messages  
14 with these meal counts; is that correct?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. For example, C14. Is this another Google provided  
17 message?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C14, Your  
20 Honor.

21 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

22 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

23 THE COURT: C14 is admitted.

24 MR. EBERT: Is C14 another message from Abdihakim  
25 from himself to himself?

1 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. Dated May 6, 2021?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Attaching yet more of these meal counts?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Page after page; is that right?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Showing you C15. Another Google provided message?

10 A. Correct.

11 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C15, Your  
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: C15 is admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. Is this another message from Abdihakim Ahmed?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. It's to claims at Feeding Our Future?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And then there are two other recipients. What are  
23 those?

24 A. Those are two employees of Feeding Our Future.

25 Q. One with the first name of Hadith; is that right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And this concerns ASA April daily count and receipts; is  
3 that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Fair to say they are a series of different attachments  
6 to the message?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And then it indicates one in all caps saying Gurey Deli,  
9 winter. Do you see that?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. What is Gurey Deli?

12 A. Gurey Deli is the location at 281 McKnight Road, the ASA  
13 location.

14 Q. The ASA site?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Containing yet again more of these meal counts with  
17 purported meals served every day; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Once again in the range of just under 3,000 children fed  
20 every day, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. That's what it claims, right?

23 A. That's what it claims.

24 Q. I'm going to direct your attention to Exhibit C17,  
25 another Google provided message?

1 A. Yes.

2 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C17, Your  
3 Honor.

4 THE COURT: Any objection?

5 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

6 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

7 THE COURT: C17 is admitted.

8 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 BY MR. EBERT:

10 Q. We have sort of a message initially at the bottom; is  
11 that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. From Mr. Abdihakim Ahmed?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And to whom is he writing?

16 A. Aimee Bock.

17 Q. And what did he say?

18 A. "Per our conversation on Friday, in case you forgot, I  
19 wanted a copy of the catering contract."

20 Q. And did Aimee Bock respond to Mr. Ahmed?

21 A. She did.

22 Q. And what did she say?

23 A. "I have attached the contract to this email."

24 Q. Okay. And all of this is August 9th of 2021; is that  
25 correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And then Aimee Bock attached an FY22 catering contract  
3 ASA Limited titled document. Did I read that correctly?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And then attached to Aimee Bock's message is an  
6 approximately 13-page document; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Titled Summer Food Service Program, Contract For Vended  
9 Meals, rather?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And in this contract that Aimee Bock sent, who is the  
12 sponsor?

13 A. Feeding Our Future.

14 Q. And who, and for what site name is she passing along a  
15 contract?

16 A. The site name ASA Limited.

17 Q. Okay. And now this is for a party who is going to be a  
18 vendor for that site. Is that what we're seeing here?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. What is the name of the vendor?

21 A. Safari Restaurant and Event Center.

22 Q. Mr. Salim Said's Safari Restaurant?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Purporting to vend for ASA Limited?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Also Mr. Salim Said's additional site?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was that significant to the investigation?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q. How so?

6 A. In general, it was another, the group Safari working  
7 together, paying each other back and forth.

8 Q. And what concerns, if any, did investigators draw from  
9 that?

10 A. Related to the Feeding Our Future funds going into those  
11 accounts and then the way the, you know, sources coming in  
12 are Federal Child Nutrition Program funds, and then how the  
13 uses were very apparently not being used on food. The large  
14 majority of the expenses were not related to support of the  
15 Federal Child Nutrition Program.

16 Q. And looking at page 9 of this vendor contract, are there  
17 parties who signed it?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Who are those parties?

20 A. For Feeding Our Future, Aimee Bock as the executive  
21 director, and for Safari Restaurant and Event Center, Salim  
22 Said as the manager.

23 Q. And what's the date of their names signed to this  
24 contract?

25 A. May 1st of 2021.

1 Q. Now directing your attention to C18. Another Google  
2 provided message?

3 A. That is correct.

4 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C18, Your  
5 Honor.

6 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

7 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

8 THE COURT: C18 is admitted.

9 BY MR. EBERT:

10 Q. We'll enlarge this. Who is this email message from?

11 A. Abdihakim Ahmed.

12 Q. And it's being sent to claims at Feeding Our Future; is  
13 that right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. As well as a few other parties.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Including Aimee Bock?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Some of the attachments are titled Safari Catering  
20 Invoice ASA. Did I read that correctly?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. As well as a summer meals count clicker for ASA?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. So that previous, that previous exhibit we were looking  
25 at, this vendor contract in which Safari was purporting to

1 now supply food; is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Supply food to ASA?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And now in Exhibit C18, do we see an invoice?

6 A. We do.

7 Q. And let's -- and on the left, which party is doing the  
8 billing?

9 A. Safari Restaurant.

10 Q. Showing its address near Lake Street in Minneapolis?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And Safari is purporting to bill which party?

13 A. ASA.

14 Q. And then all of this bill is being sent to where?

15 A. Feeding Our Future.

16 Q. And then there are a series of dollar amounts listed; is  
17 that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And there's certain quantities next to each dollar  
20 amount? Do you see that?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. Can you indicate to the jury what those are?

23 A. 2,000 quantity for breakfast and lunch.

24 Q. For just the day of August 1st, 2021?

25 A. Just one day, yes.

1 Q. And then the following day, an additional 2,000?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. At a rate of \$7.11 per meal?

4 A. Be the combination of both breakfast and lunch.

5 Q. And so each day is showing \$14,220 that they're billing  
6 per day; is that right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Culminating at the bottom for just the month of  
9 August 2021 alone, how much was Salim Said's Safari billing  
10 to Salim Said's ASA Limited?

11 A. \$440,820.

12 Q. That significant to the investigation?

13 A. Yes, it was.

14 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Exhibit C20. Is this  
15 another email provided by Google?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. EBERT: The government offers Exhibit C20,  
18 Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Any objection?

20 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection, no.

21 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

22 THE COURT: C20 is admitted.

23 BY MR. EBERT:

24 Q. Now C20 is an email yet again from Mr. Abdihakim Ahmed;  
25 is that correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Sending it to a party identified here as Faaris Studio,  
3 Minneapolis, with two As in the word Faaris; is that  
4 correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Dated which day?

7 A. October 7th of 2021.

8 Q. And then there's an attachment, is there not?

9 A. There is.

10 Q. And it says ASA September Kids Count?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And at the very end of that, do you see where it says  
13 XLSX?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you know what that means?

16 A. It's an Excel file.

17 Q. Like an Excel spreadsheet?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. All right. For folks who maybe haven't seen that, it  
20 kind of has all the rows and the columns; is that right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Sort of a processing format where you can input data and  
23 other entries; fair to say?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And do we see here a copy of that Excel spreadsheet?

1 A. Yes. This is a PDF version of what was on the Excel,  
2 yes.

3 Q. And on the left does it say Child's Name?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And then there are a series of columns; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And one of which has an entry to input an age for a  
8 child; is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So let's go back to the content of that message.

11 What did Abdihakim Ahmed ask in his message about  
12 that spreadsheet?

13 A. "Can you make all the kids ages 6 to 17?"

14 Q. Was that an item of significance to investigators?

15 A. It was.

16 Q. How so?

17 A. It was apparent that the kids weren't real. They were  
18 just being assigned an age. If you had a real person, you  
19 would want to know what that real person's age was to  
20 associate with that person, not just a random number between  
21 6 and 17.

22 Q. As Mr. Ahmed is asking here.

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And this is, Mr. Ahmed is one of the As in ASA Limited,  
25 to be clear?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Showing you what's been marked as Exhibit C21. Another  
3 Google provided message; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C21, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

9 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

10 THE COURT: C21 is admitted.

11 BY MR. EBERT:

12 Q. And is this another email message between Mr. Ahmed and  
13 Faaris Studio?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And is there an Excel spreadsheet attached?

16 A. There is, yes.

17 Q. What is the date of this message?

18 A. October 7th of 2021.

19 Q. And then attached to that were there a series of entries  
20 in the spreadsheet?

21 A. Yes. There were two tabs on this Excel spreadsheet.

22 One was this tab, and the other was a tab with names,  
23 associated with names on this as well.

24 Q. Now, the entries here are blue and have an underline; is  
25 that right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What, if anything, happens if you were to click on that  
3 in the live document?

4 A. Yeah, so that blue, it indicates it's a hyperlink to a  
5 website.

6 Q. Okay. And on that spreadsheet what happens with respect  
7 to each of those hyperlinks?

8 A. If you click on the hyperlink, it brings you to a  
9 website that is, brings you to a surnames.com, so it brings  
10 you to that website.

11 Q. And, and can you explain kind of the interplay, if any,  
12 between that surnames.com website and the entries on this  
13 attached list of children's names?

14 A. Yes. So the first tab of this Excel spreadsheet is the  
15 surnames. If you were to click on that, you would go to a  
16 website that would give you the name, and then the following  
17 tab on that Excel document, you would see a list of names.

18 And there would typically be a few, sometimes as  
19 many as five or six names. This would be the last name  
20 typically, and then there would be first names associated  
21 akin to a family or so. The names would just be inputted in  
22 that next tab to make a list of names.

23 Q. In other words, a way to sort of auto-generate names?

24 A. Correct. That's fair.

25 Q. Another fact of significance?

1 A. Very much so, yes.

2 Q. How so?

3 A. Again, it was apparent based on this information that  
4 names were just being generated for the required rosters at  
5 that time to be submitted.

6 Q. To be submitted where?

7 A. To Feeding Our Future.

8 Q. For what purpose?

9 A. To be reimbursed -- or support the claims related to the  
10 reimbursement.

11 Q. Support the claims that real children were being fed  
12 supposedly real food?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Using auto-generated names?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. With auto-generated ages?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Directing your attention to C22. Is this another Google  
19 provided email?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C22.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: C22 is admitted.

1 BY MR. EBERT:

2 Q. Now, C22, is this another email dated October 7th, 2021?

3 A. Yes, it is.

4 Q. With a file concerning our same site, ASA, that we're  
5 talking about now?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And does it say ASA September Kids Count?

8 A. Yes. As the attachment title, yes.

9 Q. And then the word "final" is included in that Excel  
10 spreadsheet; is that right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And then do we see a Feeding Our Future ASA Limited  
13 spreadsheet with the list of supposed children?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. With their corresponding professed ages; is that right?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. And this continues on for dozens of pages; is that  
18 right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Auto-generated names?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Auto-generated ages?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And Mr. Ahkim sent this message or rather, Mr. Abdihakim  
25 Ahmed sent this message; is that right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And he sent it to tfsauditors@gmail; is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. But he sent this auto-generated list of names and ages  
5 to someone else, did he not?

6 A. He did.

7 Q. To whom?

8 A. Salim Said.

9 Q. His partner in ASA?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Showing you Exhibit C23. Another Google provided email  
12 message?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C23.

15 THE COURT: Any objection?

16 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

17 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

18 THE COURT: C23 is admitted.

19 BY MR. EBERT:

20 Q. On that previous exhibit we just talked about this  
21 October 7th message from Mr. Ahmed to Mr. Salim and another  
22 party; is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And then did Mr. Ahmed forward that same list to another  
25 email?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What's that email?

3 A. Horseedmanagement@gmail.com.

4 Q. Horseed Management, is that another entity that is a  
5 part of this investigation?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And will the jury hear more about that later at trial?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Through a different witness?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And taking another look at the attachment to  
12 Exhibit C23, I'm going to enlarge for a bit.

13 You mentioned a moment ago that there was  
14 discussion in an email about generating ages; is that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you describe for the jury what we see in white  
17 letters in the black row above?

18 A. Yes. There's a formula, and that formula says equals  
19 random -- or this is what a formula would be, a random  
20 between 7 and 17.

21 That box up there for the formula will input a  
22 number into the column, column B, that will assign a random  
23 number between 7 and 17 in the age column, therefore giving  
24 a random age to each one of the names in column A.

25 Q. And why the need to have it be no higher than 17?

1 A. The child nutrition program is a food program for  
2 children in need, so that would be the reason.

3 Q. So in other words to make it look like it's a child, you  
4 need to have an age range of a minor?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. So you use this Excel formula to make that appearance?

7 A. It appears that way, yes.

8 Q. Showing you Exhibit C24. Another email message from  
9 Google?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C24, Your  
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: C24 is admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. And is this an email the following day, October 8th,  
19 once again also involving an ASA attendance sheet?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And this continues on for over 60 pages; is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Carrying forward that same embedded formula you just  
24 testified about?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. To generate the ages?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And then showing you up on the screen two exhibits. On  
4 the left C25 and on the right C26.

5 These additional exhibits provided by Google?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. EBERT: The government offers Exhibit C25 and  
8 C26.

9 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

10 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

11 THE COURT: C25 and C26 are admitted.

12 BY MR. EBERT:

13 Q. These are similar in appearance to the previous messages  
14 we've looked at a moment ago; is that fair to say?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Both containing a series of attachments; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And the one on the right, C26, does that also carry  
19 forward another attachment with the, that same embedded  
20 formula to create ages?

21 A. I don't think the formula is on the actual Excel, but it  
22 carries forward that document that was created from that  
23 Excel.

24 Q. To make up the ages?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Except this one is being sent where?

2 A. To claims at Feeding Our Future and Aimee Bock.

3 Q. Showing you a few more. Exhibit C28. Is this another  
4 gmail produced document?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit C28.

7 THE COURT: Any objection?

8 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection, Your Honor.

9 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

10 THE COURT: C28 is admitted.

11 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 BY MR. EBERT:

13 Q. Is this an email from Abdihakim Ahmed to Salim Said?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. On what date?

16 A. November 2nd of 2021.

17 Q. And there's a series of attachments to this message to  
18 Salim Said; is that fair to say?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Including an ASA Limited invoice for October?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. As well as ASA Limited meal count clicker; is that  
23 correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. And then similar documents for other apparent locations;

1 is that right?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And this is a lengthy document of some 269 pages; is  
4 that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Containing similar invoices that we've already looked at  
7 today; is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. This one, an invoice to this ASA Limited supposed food  
10 site in St. Paul; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Being billed to the food program through Feeding Our  
13 Future; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And at the top, is it dated 11/1 of 2021?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. All claiming that there were these quantities of meals  
18 served every single day throughout the month of  
19 October 2021?

20 A. Yes, just short of 2,000.

21 Q. Kind of resulting in a monthly bill alone of \$316,000  
22 and change; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And prior to today, did you have an opportunity to look  
25 at similar messages along these lines involving Google

1 provided messages concerning ASA?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Such as Exhibit C29?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. C30?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. C31?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. C33?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. C34?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. C41?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Or rather, last one was just C34; is that right?

16 A. I'm not sure about --

17 Q. C34?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And those are true and accurate copies of records  
20 produced by Google?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
23 government offers Exhibits C29, C30, C31, C33, and C34.

24 THE COURT: Any objection?

25 MR. UDOIBOK: A moment, Your Honor. Formula.

1 No objection.

2 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

3 THE COURT: Those exhibits are admitted.

4 MR. EBERT: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.

5 BY MR. EBERT:

6 Q. I'm going to show you one of the messages that were just  
7 admitted into evidence, Special Agent Kary. Showing you  
8 Exhibit C34, this is an email sent on which day?

9 A. January 7th, 2022.

10 Q. Okay. And whose the sender?

11 A. Abdulkadir Salah.

12 Q. And can you remind the jury who Abdulkadir Salah is?

13 A. He's one the partners in the Safari Restaurant.

14 Q. Okay. So part of this group we've been talking about?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And he sends it to a party at Feeding Our Future; is  
17 that right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And on January 7th, 2022, it's fair to say Mr. Salah  
20 attached a range of different PDF documents?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Including an ASA Limited invoice; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Together with an ASA Limited count?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. As well as some documents for an entity called Brava  
2 Restaurant?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Southcross?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And then Gaur Limited, as I read that correctly?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And then finally, sending documents, an invoice and a  
9 meal count, for his own Safari Restaurant; is that right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And then attached to this is over 450 pages; is that  
12 right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Containing meal counts and other documents of the like  
15 you've testified about today?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. As well as invoices?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Like this one purporting to show entitlement to payment  
20 of 284,000 for supposed food provided to ASA Limited?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Now the types of records that you've been testifying  
23 about, they are all reflected throughout these email  
24 messages amongst Mr. Salim and some of his associates in the  
25 group.

1 Do we also see those in records of Feeding Our  
2 Future?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So, for example, showing you Exhibit C35, is this a  
5 photocopy of records obtained by federal agents from the  
6 offices of Feeding Our Future?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And there's a label on that file folder showing ASA  
9 Limited, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And then we see the same type of paperwork that is  
12 carried forward from the emails showing up here in email or  
13 in file folders from Feeding Our Future?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. For example, Exhibit C43, more paperwork taken from the  
16 Feeding Our Future office showing these meal counts,  
17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Folder after folder of those types of records?

20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. Now, when we were, we were talking this morning about  
22 Safari Restaurant, you testified about pole camera footage  
23 that was put up at a surveillable location.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Was there also surveillance done at this second location

1 in St. Paul on McKnight Road?

2 A. Yes, there was.

3 Q. Can you explain when that footage was obtained?

4 A. The pole camera went up on I believe it was  
5 December 10th of 2021.

6 Q. And did you follow the same process to get that  
7 implemented through FBI that you testified about previously?

8 A. Yes. It may have been December 8th. I keep getting the  
9 two mixed up. December 10th or 8th.

10 Q. And then it continued through the day upon which you all  
11 did the search warrants in January?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit C60.  
14 And have you had an opportunity to see that clip that is  
15 depicted in C60 prior to today?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Is that a true and accurate excerpt of the footage taken  
18 for the ASA Limited site?

19 A. Correct, it is. Yes.

20 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
21 government offers C60.

22 THE COURT: Any objection?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

24 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

25 THE COURT: C60 is admitted.

1 MR. EBERT: Thank you.

2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. And this is an approximately one-minute clip; is that  
4 right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And to the left of the business titled Smokes, there's a  
7 white square there. Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What is that white square?

10 A. It was where the Gurey Deli sign was. It's not there,  
11 wasn't there at that time.

12 Q. And there's a door underneath the yellow letters where  
13 it says the letter S followed by the letter M. Do you see  
14 that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is that the door to the ASA site?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. And in the very bottom left there appears to be a  
19 sign posted. Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What does that say?

22 A. It's a sign that says "free kids meals."

23 Q. And is that a signage that you saw throughout the time  
24 period that there was surveillance?

25 A. Yes. It would go out sporadically on the timing,

1 sometimes 9:30 or so till about noon, kind of the average  
2 time. Sometimes get out a little earlier, sometimes a  
3 little later, and sometimes the sign would stay out a little  
4 after 1:00 as well.

5 So it just depended on the time when the sign went  
6 out.

7 Q. Okay. And similar to before, have you watched the  
8 surveillance video for this site?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Approximately how many hours is there of surveillance  
11 video?

12 A. From, from the time this went up in early, or early  
13 December all the way through till January. I didn't  
14 calculate the total number of hours, but it was running  
15 24/7.

16 Q. And throughout those observations, approximately how  
17 many people do you see going into that yellow door beneath  
18 the yellow letter S and the letter M?

19 A. So during that time frame, I did an average for the  
20 month of December when it was up, and during that time  
21 frame, it would be either individuals going in or  
22 individuals leaving this red car here that would sometimes  
23 be parked there.

24 They would go in and then bring food out to a  
25 vehicle. So on average, all the people that walked in and

1 vehicles that came up, there were 23 total average per day  
2 during that time frame.

3 Q. In other words, did you see anywhere close to 3,000  
4 children?

5 A. No, nowhere close.

6 Q. Or set aside children, 3,000 people?

7 A. No way, no.

8 Q. Prior to your testimony today, did you observe a series  
9 of still images taken from some of the surveillance footage  
10 on different days?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And are Exhibits C60a through C60h a series of true and  
13 accurate photos of the surveillance?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, at this time the  
16 government offers Exhibits C60a through C60h?

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

19 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

20 THE COURT: Those exhibits are admitted.

21 MR. EBERT: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 BY MR. EBERT:

23 Q. All right. On the left, Special Agent Kary, is this a  
24 still taken from December 8th, 2021?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. At about 1:30 in the afternoon?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. One second.

4 All right. And on the right C47; is that correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And is that a copy of more records that agents seized in  
7 January 2022 from the Feeding Our Future offices?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And in those seized records, are there yet more of these  
10 meal counts for ASA?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And so for December 8th, which is a Wednesday, did you  
13 observe 1,795 meals being served from that location?

14 A. Absolutely not.

15 Q. Even close?

16 A. No.

17 Q. On the left now, Exhibit C60b, is that a still taken  
18 approximately one week later on December 15th, 2021?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And on Wednesday of that week, same question. Did you  
21 see 1,793 meals being served to children?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Anything close to that number?

24 A. Not close at all.

25 Q. And then finally Exhibit C60c, is that a still taken on

1 December 29th, 2021, sometime after 10:00 in the morning?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And looking at the Feeding Our Future records, do we see  
4 on Wednesday that it was claimed that 1,791 kids were fed  
5 from that site?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you see anything like that from the surveillance?

8 A. No, not at all.

9 Q. Turning back to some of the financial records obtained  
10 by investigators, are there indications that Mr. Salim Said  
11 received money from his entity ASA Limited?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. So going back to Exhibit W14, this is the bank account  
14 for ASA; is that right?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. For which he is one of two signatories?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, moving ahead to page 74, are there a series of  
19 payments coming from Salim's entity to different parties?

20 A. Yes, a series of checks.

21 Q. So let's take a look at the top. What's the first  
22 payment?

23 A. To Salim Limited for \$135,000.

24 Q. Okay. And below that there's another party there.

25 What's that?

1 A. AG Limited, an entity controlled by Ahmed Ghedi.

2 Q. The same individual who's sitting in the back of the  
3 courtroom in the corner?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So on that day, January 22nd, 2021, from their ASA  
6 account, Salim Said gets \$135,000; is that right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. One of his other two partners, Ahmed Ghedi, gets paid  
9 130,000 to his entity titled what?

10 A. AG Limited.

11 Q. And to be clear, this money, these checks, comes from  
12 what source?

13 A. The Federal Child Nutrition Program funds.

14 Q. Are there additional checks like that paid to Mr. Salim  
15 Said?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. From his ASA account?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Approximately how much?

20 A. Over \$800,000.

21 Q. Special Agent Kary, excuse me, at the end of this trial,  
22 is it your understanding that the jury will receive a copy  
23 of the charges in this case?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And at the outset of the trial, did we hear from the

1 court an overview of what some of those alleged violations  
2 are?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I want to direct your attention to what's been marked as  
5 Exhibit Z1 -- excuse me -- Z2.

6 Is this a, is this an additional copy of an email  
7 message that we've already looked at before in this case?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Provided by Google?

10 A. Correct.

11 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit Z2, Your  
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: Any objection?

14 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

15 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

16 THE COURT: Z2 is admitted.

17 BY MR. EBERT:

18 Q. Now we were talking about the charges in this case; is  
19 that right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And among the allegations, are there allegations  
22 concerning wire fraud?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And is one of those allegations wire fraud Count 2?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And are the defendants for wire fraud Count 2 Aimee Bock  
2 and Salim Said in the indictment?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And is, is this email message in Count 2 a  
5 September 8th, 2020, email message from Aimee Bock?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. To the Minnesota Department of Education?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And does it contain an application to open that ASA  
10 Limited site we've been talking about today?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. And is that an email message that traveled interstate?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that's Count 2 of the indictment?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Directing your attention to Exhibit Z5. Is this another  
17 copy of an email message that investigators received in the  
18 investigation?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. True and accurate copy?

21 A. It is.

22 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit Z5.

23 THE COURT: Any objection?

24 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

25 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

1 THE COURT: Z5 is admitted.

2 BY MR. EBERT:

3 Q. And Exhibit Z5, Special Agent Kary, does this correlate  
4 to wire fraud Count 5 in the indictment?

5 A. It does.

6 Q. And is that a wire fraud count against defendant Aimee  
7 Bock?

8 A. It is.

9 Q. And also against defendant Salim Said?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And among other things, does that document contain an  
12 October 20th, 2020, email?

13 A. It does.

14 Q. To the Minnesota Department of Education?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. From which party?

17 A. From Aimee Bock.

18 Q. And is this the message we looked at through the  
19 testimony of Emily Honer earlier this week?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Involving clarification for supposed for-profit  
22 restaurants; is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Where it lists a series of restaurants in which she  
25 writes, "I am sorry for any confusion."

1                   And she's explaining Feeding Our Future's role in  
2                   staffing those sites; is that right?

3                   A.   Yes.

4                   Q.   Including ASA Limited?

5                   A.   Yes.

6                   Q.   And what does it say?

7                   A.   "This site is being staffed by Feeding Our Future."

8                   Sorry.

9                   "The site operators will not prepare the meals and  
10                  funds will not be provided, given or otherwise paid to the  
11                  site to employ site staff.  Only Feeding Our Future's  
12                  trained staff and volunteers and sponsor-trained site staff  
13                  serving as volunteers are permitted to distribute the  
14                  meals."

15                  Q.   And to be clear, that's the site we just looked at in  
16                  those pictures and that video?

17                  A.   Yes, on McKnight Road.

18                  Q.   And there are additional restaurants listed here; is  
19                  that right?

20                  A.   Yes.

21                  Q.   Including one on page 5 called Lido Restaurant; is that  
22                  right?

23                  A.   Correct.

24                  Q.   Is that one of the restaurants that Lul Ali testified  
25                  about yesterday?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And is the final entry on here Safari Restaurant?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And so this attachment to this message, again,  
5 corresponds to wire fraud Count 5 in the indictment,  
6 correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Which traveled interstate?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Directing your attention to Exhibit Z8, is this another  
11 email message obtained during the investigation?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. True and correct copy?

14 A. It is.

15 MR. EBERT: Government offers Exhibit Z8.

16 THE COURT: Any objection?

17 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

18 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Z8 is admitted.

20 BY MR. EBERT:

21 Q. And is this an email dated March 1st, 2021?

22 A. It is.

23 Q. Traveled in interstate?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. From the Safari Restaurant gmail account to Abdikerm

1 Eidleh at Feeding Our Future?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And it attaches ten pages; is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Including pages that purport to show nearly 6,000 meals  
6 supposedly served every day?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. And that count for which we see this email, Exhibit C8,  
9 rather Z8, is a wire fraud count against defendant Salim  
10 Said; is that right?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Finally directing your attention to Exhibit Z12, is this  
13 another email message obtained in the investigation?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. True and accurate copy?

16 A. It is.

17 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, the government offers  
18 Exhibit Z12.

19 THE COURT: Any objection?

20 MR. UDOIBOK: No objection.

21 MR. MONTEZ: No objection.

22 THE COURT: Z12 is admitted.

23 BY MR. EBERT:

24 Q. And Z12, Special Agent Kary, is this a document that  
25 corresponds to wire fraud Count 12?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. In the indictment?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And it's sent by one of the ASA partners of Mr. Salim;  
5 is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What is his name?

8 A. Abdihakim Ahmed.

9 Q. And in his message does he say, "Hello. Attached you  
10 will find the invoices, clicker count and attendance"?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And to whom did he send that message?

13 A. To Feeding Our Future claims email account and Aimee  
14 Bock.

15 Q. And that's a message that traveled interstate as well?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the named parties in that account are defendant  
18 Aimee Bock and defendant Salim Said, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 MR. EBERT: Thank you. I have no further  
21 questions.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Udoibok, cross-examination.

23 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you.

24

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

1  
2 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

3 Q. Agent Kary, you know who I am by now. My name is  
4 Kenneth Udoibok.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. It's been a long day. So I want to start from the last  
7 exhibit.

8 Ms. Mallet, would you please bring up Exhibit Z8.  
9 Call out the headline.

10 Officer, you testified about Count 12 against  
11 Ms. Bock, an email April 1st, 2021; is that correct?

12 A. Yes, Count 12. This is Count 8, but, yes, I did testify  
13 about Count 12, yes.

14 Q. Yes. Z8 is the exhibit.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. All right. And now is that --

17 Wait a minute. So go back. I have my notes mixed  
18 up. Okay. There you go.

19 So the email is from Safari Restaurant to Eidleh,  
20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, and this is Z8, correct? Exhibit Z8?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. All right. And is it your testimony that Ms. Bock  
25 received Exhibit Z8?

1 A. I did not testify that she received it, no.

2 Q. All right. Okay. Now let's go to Z5. Now call out  
3 that.

4 It is your testimony that Ms. Bock sent  
5 clarification to MDE, hence she engaged in wire fraud? Is  
6 that your testimony?

7 A. My testimony is that she engaged in wire fraud, yes, and  
8 that she sent this email.

9 Q. All right. I want to work through the exhibit with you.  
10 Why don't you go to the first page?

11 So the first page, would you read the email from  
12 Ms. Bock to MDE?

13 A. "Please see the attached clarification of how Feeding  
14 Our Future will be operating some of our sites. Sorry for  
15 any confusion. Please let me know if you have any  
16 questions. Thanks, Aimee."

17 Q. So what was the confusion about, do you know?

18 A. This is an email that was previously discussed related  
19 to Ms. Honer, and the MDE was attempting to restrict  
20 for-profit sites from participating in the Federal Child  
21 Nutrition Program.

22 Q. No. What I'm asking is about what your understanding is  
23 because you testified here that, that Z5 is the exhibit  
24 supporting the Count 5 indictment, correct?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. All right. And you relied on your review of Exhibit Z5  
2 for that opinion that you gave or that testimony that you  
3 gave, correct?

4 A. Not just this exhibit, no. The totality of the  
5 investigation relies on the charged wire --

6 Q. Right.

7 A. -- count offense.

8 Q. But before this court, your testimony is Z5 supports the  
9 count, all right, the Count 25 against Ms. Bock, correct?

10 A. Again, it's not just this. It's the totality of the  
11 investigation of the wire fraud conspiracy. It's not just  
12 this email.

13 Q. When you were going through direct examination, did you  
14 testify that you were relying on the totality in coming to  
15 the conclusion about Count 5, or did you testify that Z5  
16 relates to Count 5?

17 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. This is asked  
18 and answered.

19 THE COURT: Overruled.

20 You may answer.

21 THE WITNESS: It's not just this single email.

22 The totality of the investigation relates to the count.

23 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

24 Q. Well, open up -- we have about a few pages. Let's go to  
25 the next page. All right.

1           Is it your position that Ms. Bock should not have  
2 offered clarification?

3           A. My position --

4           MR. EBERT: Objection. It calls for a legal  
5 conclusion.

6           THE COURT: Overruled.

7           You may answer.

8           THE WITNESS: My position is similar to what  
9 Ms. Honer had testified, a loophole to get around to make  
10 sure that these for-profit restaurants could still  
11 participate.

12           And I don't believe that these sites were staffed  
13 by Feeding Our Future employees.

14           BY MR. UDOIBOK:

15           Q. All right. I understand what your suspicions are. My  
16 question to you, though, is, Did you expect that Ms. Bock  
17 should not offer any clarification to MDE?

18           A. As far as offering clarification, I believe this is a  
19 way to continue to use the for-profit restaurants to  
20 continue to gain access to the Federal Child Nutrition  
21 Program funds.

22           Q. I know what your suspicions are.

23           A. It's based on the evidence that we've reviewed and seen  
24 in the case.

25           Q. Fine. My question is, Do you think that Ms. Bock should

1 not offer clarifications between what organizations may  
2 belong or participate in the food program?

3 MR. EBERT: Objection. Calls for an improper  
4 opinion and speculation.

5 THE COURT: Sustained as to speculation.

6 MR. UDOIBOK: All right.

7 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

8 Q. Ms. Bock offered clarification, correct?

9 A. The title of the document is Clarification, but I,  
10 again, don't think it's clarification. I think it's a way  
11 to continue to gain access to the funds.

12 Q. Okay. Let's talk about that.

13 What is it in this documentation that you believe  
14 wasn't clarification between for-profit and nonprofit?

15 A. I'm sorry. Could you rephrase that or repeat? Sorry.

16 Q. Okay. You agree with me that Ms. Bock offered  
17 clarification, correct? You may not agree with what she was  
18 clarifying, right?

19 A. Again, the -- I don't see this as clarification. I just  
20 see that as a way, again, to continue to have these  
21 restaurants be a part of the program. I think it's a  
22 response to MDE trying to keep them out of the program.

23 I wouldn't call it clarification. I would call it  
24 a loophole to try to continue.

25 Q. All right. Let's go to the first paragraph. Call that

1 out.

2 Why don't you read it?

3 A. "I'm sorry for any confusion. Based on the documents  
4 and letter request, I did not see a space to indicate that  
5 Feeding Our Future will be staffing the following locations.  
6 A catering contract is held with each food vendor, but their  
7 function is limited to preparing the food. They do not  
8 participate in distributing the meals."

9 Q. Okay. Did Ms. Bock attach a catering contract?

10 A. To what? To this?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. I don't believe so. I'd have to look back at the  
13 attachment. I think this is the only attachment.

14 Q. All right. Let's go to the next paragraph. Why don't  
15 you read that?

16 A. "This site is being staffed by Feeding Our Future. The  
17 site operators will not prepare the meals, and funds will  
18 not be provided, given, or otherwise paid to the site to  
19 employ site staff. Only Feeding Our Future's trained staff  
20 and volunteers and sponsor trained site staff serving as  
21 volunteers are permitted to distribute the meals."

22 Q. All right. Do you have any information whether or not  
23 Feeding Our Future staff --

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. -- worked at that particular site?

1 A. Oh, the K's Dollar Grocery? I'm not familiar with that,  
2 the staff related to that site, no.

3 Q. Okay. So you have no information whether Feeding Our  
4 Future actually worked there?

5 A. I do have -- for that specific location no, not that I  
6 recall right now.

7 Q. Let's go to the next paragraph.

8 Why don't you read that?

9 A. "This site is being staff by Feeding Our Future. The  
10 site operators will not prepare the meals, and funds will  
11 not be provided, given, or otherwise paid to the site to  
12 employ site staff. Only Feeding Our Future's trained staff  
13 and volunteers and sponsor trained site staff serving as  
14 volunteers are permitted to distribute the meals. Closed  
15 enrolled site."

16 Q. All right. Do you know how many staff did Feeding Our  
17 Future have?

18 A. So what I would say to that is, they had people that are  
19 being paid via ADP that didn't even know they were  
20 employees.

21 Q. That's not my question.

22 A. So I don't know who would be considered an employee  
23 based on individuals not even knowing that they were  
24 employed, yet they were on ADP so --

25 Q. Do you know how many staff Feeding Our Future had?

1 A. I do not know at this time.

2 Q. Do you know how many volunteers Feeding Our Future had?

3 A. I do not know.

4 Q. Let's go to the next one.

5 Why don't you read that?

6 A. It's the same as the last paragraph that I read. It's,  
7 "This site is being staffed by Feeding Our Future. The site  
8 operators will not prepare the meals, and funds will not be  
9 provided, given, or otherwise paid to the site to employ  
10 site staff. Only Feeding Our Future's trained staff and  
11 volunteers and sponsor trained site staff serving as  
12 volunteers are permitted to distribute the meals."

13 Q. I suppose that would be the same response you would have  
14 given to the rest of the sites. You don't know how many  
15 volunteers worked at the site, neither do you know how many  
16 staff worked, correct?

17 A. There was a pole camera up at this location. So I, I  
18 don't know if they were Feeding Our Future staff or not.

19 Q. So you were just speculating?

20 A. Speculated relating to this site?

21 Q. About the staff.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. So I want to ask you something that just  
24 came to mind. When you conducted the search warrant, you  
25 got a lot of documents, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. I believe you testified that it was about how many  
3 million?

4 A. 4.4 million pages.

5 Q. 4.4 million pages. And when you executed the search  
6 warrant, you did not warn Ms. Bock?

7 A. Did I warn her?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. No, I did not.

10 Q. It was a surprise visit?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now when you went into the building, to the Feeding Our  
13 Future building, there were many boxes labeled for different  
14 sites, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Did it look like -- I don't know whether you can say.  
17 Did it look like there was an attempt to get rid of data?

18 A. I wouldn't say that, no.

19 Q. And I don't know whether this will -- you can tell me.  
20 For an organization that size, were you surprised about the  
21 amount of data that Feeding Our Future kept?

22 A. No.

23 Q. It was normal?

24 A. I would say so, yes.

25 Q. There's something else that comes to mind as we continue

1 to talk about this case. You have never experienced a  
2 pandemic, have you?

3 A. Correct. No.

4 Q. As a matter of fact, there's probably not many people  
5 alive who have experienced the pandemic that we experienced  
6 between February '19 and 2022, correct?

7 A. I think that's fair, yes.

8 Q. And there is no cultural norm as to when a society  
9 reacts to a pandemic of that size because it never happen in  
10 our lifetime, correct?

11 A. I say cultural norm is all work together and try to be  
12 good as a society. I mean that's what I would, would hope.

13 Q. What I meant by "cultural norm" was based on, there's no  
14 experience closely related to the size of the pandemic,  
15 correct?

16 A. I guess I would, I would come back to 9/11 when we all  
17 came back together as a country, and I decided to join the  
18 army. I guess I would say that it was a terrible tragic  
19 terrorist attack, obviously terrible pandemic. Similarly,  
20 rallied together.

21 Q. Well, I realize that. The 9/11 occurred where?

22 A. New York.

23 Q. And which other city?

24 A. Washington, D.C., Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

25 Q. Where did the pandemic occur?

1 A. Everywhere.

2 Q. In the world, right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Now, during 9/11 schools weren't closed, were they?

5 A. Just in the New York area.

6 Q. Yeah. And banks didn't close, did it?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And during pandemic, restaurants were closed, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And during 9/11, restaurants weren't closed for extended  
11 period of time, were they?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So when I get tired and nervous, I start slurring my  
14 speech.

15 So when you testify about abnormality of the meal  
16 counts and the banking behavior that you observed, you were  
17 basing that on a hunch correct?

18 A. Not at all.

19 Q. You could not have based that on any experience related  
20 to pandemic, could you?

21 A. Could base it on common sense.

22 Q. Well, yeah. You base it on common sense, common sense  
23 based on one event information that you can deduce from,  
24 correct?

25 A. I knew there were not that many children in need.

1 That's the common sense I'm talking about. It didn't make  
2 sense. There were way too many.

3 Q. Let's just, let's just finish one part.

4 You believed that the number of children were just  
5 too much, correct?

6 A. When I looked at the reasonable cap for a sponsor of  
7 having 50,000 children being served in a day, I mean, which  
8 is far greater than St. Paul public school district, which  
9 is the largest school district that has around 32,000  
10 children in it, it wouldn't make sense that a sponsor would  
11 have that many meals being served in a day.

12 It didn't make sense. It wasn't based on the  
13 pandemic. It was just based on reality.

14 Q. Right. You also heard testimony that schools were  
15 closed, right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And there was a decline in the number of children that  
18 received food directly from the schools. You've heard that  
19 testimony.

20 A. Yeah, there were definitely ups and downs.

21 Q. All right. So my point, though, and you may not agree  
22 with me, but I hope you would, that you have no experience  
23 how individuals will react to the pandemic?

24 A. I mean, we were all living it together, so I guess I do  
25 have that experience. I guess maybe reframe your question.

1 I definitely experienced it as well.

2 Q. All right. So regarding Exhibit Z5, the fact that  
3 Ms. Bock offered clarification based on what Feeding Our  
4 Future needed to do with a particular site, that  
5 clarification itself isn't unlawful, is it?

6 A. I would disagree with that.

7 Q. Officer, how is Ms. Bock telling MDE that Feeding Our  
8 Future staff and volunteers will site -- will staff a site?  
9 How is that an unlawful conduct?

10 A. It keeps the door open for funds to keep flowing in.

11 Q. Okay. Well, what is your expectation that Feeding Our  
12 Future will not pay staff? Is that, is that what your  
13 position is? When people work at a site, Feeding Our Future  
14 would not pay them?

15 A. That's not my position, no.

16 Q. Okay. It shouldn't be, but if Feeding Our Future staff  
17 worked at the site, are they entitled to a wage?

18 A. The Feeding Our Future staff, are they entitled to a  
19 wage?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Yes, I -- yeah.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Not really -- yes.

24 Q. So this, this email to MDE that Feeding Our Future staff  
25 will work at a site and also volunteers, there is nothing

1 unlawful about the email itself. I'm not talking about,  
2 where you were talking about intent that you don't know, but  
3 this email itself.

4 A. There's information in this email that I know not to be  
5 true. So I would not agree with that.

6 Q. Why don't you show me?

7 A. If you can go to the next page, there's a site, there's  
8 Evergreen site. They didn't even know they had employees  
9 there. There's also -- so Evergreen Grocery, that person  
10 didn't even know they were employed by Feeding Our Future.

11 Q. Oh, there's no testimony to that fact in this court  
12 about what you just said.

13 MR. EBERT: Well, Your Honor, if I could, he just  
14 asked him to provide that very information and now won't let  
15 him answer.

16 THE COURT: I'm not hearing an objection, so the  
17 testimony will stand.

18 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

19 Q. Let's think about this critically. This email, when  
20 Ms. Bock sent it, because the issue is she sent this  
21 clarification, and the clarification itself is the unlawful  
22 act, correct?

23 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, may we have a sidebar?

24 THE COURT: You may.

25 **(Sidebar discussion)**

1 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, can you hear me?

2 THE COURT: I can. Just a minute for Mr. Udoibok.

3 Mr. Udoibok, can you hear us?

4 MR. UDOIBOK: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Go ahead.

6 MR. EBERT: The concern that the government has  
7 here, Your Honor, is the confusion that I think is being  
8 injected in a way that is, it's just wrongful, Your Honor,  
9 and frankly I think Mr. Udoibok knows the question is not  
10 whether or not there's an item that's truthful or untruthful  
11 in any particular email message.

12 This is a broad scheme, and in any case of this  
13 nature indictments will allege particular communications,  
14 which could be financial, which could be an actual email  
15 like this one, that are alleged to be used in furtherance of  
16 the scheme.

17 So there need not be, there need not be anything  
18 particularly untruthful in a particular message. The  
19 question is that it's in furtherance of the scheme. And I  
20 think this continued line of questioning is injecting a  
21 tremendous amount of confusion on that important point, and  
22 that's why we want to flag that for the court's attention.

23 THE COURT: Are you suggesting a remedy?

24 MR. EBERT: Well, I mean, it could be that a  
25 clarification. To the extent that there's -- I think this

1 may be spoken to in the jury instructions with just a  
2 reminder to them that they need not, they need not find that  
3 there has to be something that is a lie or untruthful.

4           Instead, it's that each defendant as per the  
5 instructions is charged with wire fraud and that this is  
6 just in furtherance of the scheme.

7           THE COURT: Mr. Udoibok.

8           MR. UDOIBOK: Your Honor, can you hear me now?

9           THE COURT: Yes.

10           MR. UDOIBOK: I'm only going by the indictment,  
11 and the indictment, the indictment is specific. It, it's  
12 specific. It states the date and time of the transaction  
13 that is a wire fraud. This is not a conspiracy case. This  
14 count is not conspiracy.

15           And it lists the numerous emails or material in  
16 reliance to support that allegation, the count. And in his  
17 direct testimony, he specified and even in the exhibits, it  
18 specifies the count. It is not a conspiracy case. It is,  
19 it is specific in the indictment. It is also specific in  
20 the presentation.

21           MR. EBERT: Your Honor, the instructions that Your  
22 Honor I think has already given in preliminary fashion, or  
23 will give at the end, are in part, quote, Per my instruction  
24 at the beginning of the trial regarding the elements of wire  
25 fraud, the wiring must merely, merely be in furtherance of

1 the scheme, unquote.

2 And that is the point I was trying to make a  
3 moment ago. In a series of questions, Mr. Udoibok suggested  
4 to the special agent that his testimony was somehow, that  
5 the crime was that particular email message.

6 THE COURT: Right.

7 MR. EBERT: And so that's simply not the case, and  
8 it's also not his testimony.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Udoibok, does that make sense to  
10 you? The elements of wire fraud do not include that the  
11 wire itself must be false.

12 MR. UDOIBOK: Your Honor, the evidence the  
13 government has produced to support wire fraud is narrow and  
14 specific. I cannot assume any other way to defend my  
15 client --

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. UDOIBOK: -- as to contest the evidence upon  
18 the government is relying on.

19 THE COURT: Is the government requesting that I  
20 give this instruction to the jury?

21 MR. EBERT: Yes, Your Honor. In light of the  
22 nature of that questioning, I think that's warranted.

23 THE COURT: I'm inclined to do that.

24 Is there any objection by the other defendant?

25 MR. MONTEZ: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. EBERT: Thank you.

3 **(In open court)**

4 THE COURT: One moment.

5 Mr. Ebert, the number of the instruction that you  
6 read during the sidebar?

7 MR. EBERT: One moment, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: I tell you what. Do you have it in  
9 hard copy?

10 You know what? We're going to take a 15-minute  
11 recess. We'll come back at 2:45. Actually I would like you  
12 to come back at 2:50. I would like the lawyers to come back  
13 at 2:45, and I will go over what I intend to do.

14 Thanks, everyone. All rise for the jury.

15 (Recess taken at 2:27 p.m. till 2:47 p.m.)  
16 2:47 p.m.

17 **IN OPEN COURT**

18 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

19 THE COURT: I intend to read the count of wire  
20 fraud that was stated, the elements of that fraud that were  
21 stated in the, or that count, that were stated in the  
22 preliminary instructions. It doesn't include the word  
23 "merely," but that's what I intend to do. Okay? All right.

24 All right. We can bring them in.

25 All rise for the jury.

1 2:48 p.m.

2 **IN OPEN COURT**

3 **(JURY PRESENT)**

4 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

5 Because some of the testimony has focused on the  
6 individual counts of wire fraud, I wanted to list again for  
7 you the elements of the crime of wire fraud as charged in  
8 Counts 2, 4, 5, 8 and 12 of the indictment. This will be  
9 provided again at the end of the case, and you will have it  
10 in writing then.

11 Wire fraud has three elements.

12 1. The defendant voluntarily and intentionally  
13 devised or made up a scheme to defraud or participated in a  
14 scheme to defraud, with knowledge of the scheme's fraudulent  
15 nature, another out of money or property by means of  
16 material false representations or promises.

17 2. The defendant acted with the intent to  
18 defraud.

19 3. The defendant used or caused to be used an  
20 interstate wire communication, that is an email or wire  
21 transfer of funds, in furtherance of or in attempt to carry  
22 out some essential step in the scheme.

23 Mr. Udoibok, you may continue cross-examination.

24 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.

25

1 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

2 Q. It got a little heated there, so I lost track of where I  
3 was. So I believe we were talking about -- maybe let me  
4 back track a bit.

5 Ms. Mallet, would you pull up Z, Z8. Call out  
6 before the top. The email to and from and attachment.  
7 There you go.

8 I believe you testified to this earlier. That  
9 email is from Safari Restaurant, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And it is sent to Eidleh at Feeding Our Future, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And along with that, the attachments, they are all PDFs,  
14 correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And based on your experience codes are not included in  
17 PDF?

18 A. Codes?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. No.

21 Q. All right. Let's go to -- in Exhibit Z8, Ms. Bock is  
22 not the recipient of Z8, correct?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. Now on Count 5 I believe you testified, yeah, Count 5  
25 and Z5, go to Z5, and that is the email we talked about,

1 about Ms. Bock sending clarifications about the nature of  
2 the sites that Feeding Our Future staff would staff,  
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All right. Now let's go to Z2. Now your testimony  
6 about Z2 during your direct examination in part related to  
7 Count 2 of wire fraud against Ms. Bock, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And call out, Ms. Mallet, the top.

10 And this email is directed to, generally, MDE  
11 staff, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Take out the call-out and just scroll down a little bit.

14 So -- not that.

15 See what date is that email sent?

16 A. September 8th of 2020.

17 Q. Okay. Scroll down a little bit, Ms. Mallet.

18 So what is the application? Is it a site  
19 identification application or is it a site -- is it a site  
20 application or site ID application?

21 A. The title of the attachment is Site Application ASA  
22 Limited LLC.

23 Q. All right. Go to the next, just go to the next page.  
24 Scroll down. All right.

25 What is that?

1 A. MDE submission verification.

2 Q. You heard Ms. Honer's testimony yesterday, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And was it yesterday she testified? I have my days all  
5 mixed up.

6 A. Yesterday and the day before.

7 Q. Okay. There you go.

8 And do you know the difference between site ID  
9 application and site application?

10 A. The, as she explained it, you are applying to get a site  
11 ID, is what my understanding is, to be able to set up a  
12 site.

13 Q. So in this email, Z2, what was the application?

14 A. The application was for ASA Limited to enter the  
15 at-risk/after school and Summer Food Service Program.

16 Q. All right. Is it, is it a site application or site ID  
17 application?

18 A. I'd have to see the whole document. I think this is the  
19 initial application to start the site at McKnight Road.

20 Q. Well, scroll down a little bit. Maybe it will refresh  
21 your recollection.

22 Do you see -- Ms. Mallet would you maybe highlight  
23 the top.

24 What is that?

25 A. The site identification request form to add, change or

1 look up a site number in the cyber linked --

2 Q. So that was in -- it wasn't a site application. It was  
3 a site identification application, correct?

4 A. It is, yes.

5 Q. Okay. Thank you.

6 And do you understand the difference between site  
7 ID application and site application?

8 A. My understanding, it's a process of getting the site set  
9 up to operate under the Federal Child Nutrition Program  
10 umbrella to receive funds to feed children in need.

11 Q. Did you get the sense that Feeding Our Future added more  
12 documents that were, that --beyond that was required for  
13 site identification ID?

14 A. I don't know that I would agree with that. I would say  
15 that MDE kept seeking more and more information because they  
16 didn't believe what they were seeing, so they required them  
17 to clarify more and more to try to explain the outrageous  
18 numbers.

19 Q. And when she provided those documentation, the sites  
20 were approved, right?

21 A. They were eventually approved, yes.

22 Q. Now I want to direct you to Exhibit W14, specifically  
23 page 74 of that.

24 MS. MALLETT: 74?

25 MR. UDOIBOK: Page 74, yes.

1 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

2 Q. I believe you testified that you were concerned about  
3 the distribution of the checks to different parties,  
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And why were you concerned about that?

7 A. There was a lot of money going around and around and  
8 eventually winds up -- I know Salim Limited was an account  
9 that wound up funding large purchases for vehicles and  
10 homes.

11 The granular detail at this point, I know the  
12 forensic accountants will cover this, but that's the  
13 concern. We were seeing major purchases unrelated to the  
14 Federal Child Nutrition Program.

15 Q. And this is earlier on, correct, in your investigation?

16 A. So I would say that early on in the investigation, we  
17 would see the sources coming in from Feeding Our Future to  
18 the various accounts, and then we would see -- we didn't  
19 have the full picture.

20 We would see purchases, but eventually all the  
21 puzzle pieces came together with the forensic accountants  
22 analyzing to realize that there was little to no food being  
23 purchased.

24 Q. When, when did you, what time frame did you acquire Z14?

25 A. See, the -- could you go back to the very first page?

1 Q. Go to the first page, Darlene.

2 A. The Bridgewater Bank accounts I do believe would have  
3 been in the summer of.

4 21. We were developing probable cause to obtain  
5 search warrants by November, so I definitely believe, based  
6 on my recollection, I believe these would have come in and  
7 we would have been analyzing them at least I know when I  
8 joined the case in September, that accounts of this nature  
9 came in around there.

10 Q. September of 2021?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then when was the execution of the search warrant?

13 A. January 20th of 2022.

14 Q. So when you obtained this document from the bank in  
15 summer or September 2021, you were concerned that checks  
16 were distributed to various parties, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And the checks purportedly initially came from Feeding  
19 Our Future, correct?

20 A. Yeah. The funds from the Minnesota Department of  
21 Education to Feeding Our Future and out to the sites.

22 Q. At the time that you made the decision that you had some  
23 suspicion because of the distribution of funds from Feeding  
24 Our Future, had you acquired any information about the size  
25 of Feeding Our Future employees?

1 A. What I recall about that would be the concern -- I don't  
2 know when I learned that, though.

3 Q. No. My question to you: Did you form any, did you have  
4 any knowledge about the size of Feeding Our Future?

5 A. And you are talking about at that time frame?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Not that I can recall, no.

8 Q. But what, what triggered you was the distribution of  
9 funds between partners, correct?

10 A. There were a lot of things that were triggering in this  
11 case, yes, but that's one of them.

12 Q. This particular case, you just were concerned that money  
13 was distributed between these people, correct?

14 A. One of the concerns, yes.

15 Q. All right. And have you ever owned a business?

16 A. I have not, no.

17 Q. Have you -- you've investigated a lot of businesses,  
18 correct?

19 A. Many, yes.

20 Q. And you know that businesses have multiple bank  
21 accounts, correct?

22 A. Yeah. That's fair, yes.

23 Q. And then a business will have financial relationship  
24 with subsidiaries, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you've heard of the word "subsidiaries"?

2 A. I have, yes.

3 Q. And you've heard of subcontractors, correct?

4 A. I have.

5 Q. And in terms of payment, you are familiar with the  
6 process where entities will direct a funder or a bank to  
7 distribute funds to X, X number of people, is at the  
8 discretion of the owner of the account, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So this act itself, while you may have concern, doesn't  
11 necessarily mean it is out of the ordinary for businesses to  
12 designate who collects funds?

13 A. It was out of the ordinary. They were buying houses  
14 with the money, so that was the concern.

15 Q. We're not talking about houses. We're just talking  
16 about these accounts.

17 A. You said out of the ordinary. That was, that was out of  
18 the ordinary.

19 Q. What I mean, what I'm trying to get at is, just  
20 Exhibit W14, you encountered that funds were distributed to,  
21 checks were written to some parties, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And you didn't know who these parties were, correct?

24 A. Some of them we did know, yes.

25 Q. All right. But, nonetheless, they had not been indicted

1 yet, had they?

2 A. No. They hadn't been indicted, no.

3 Q. You just thought there was something -- we're not  
4 fighting over this. You just thought it was odd. It was  
5 weird.

6 A. It was more than weird.

7 Q. But it was enough you start to looking at it?

8 A. Enough to develop probable cause.

9 Q. Enough to develop probable cause, but itself, it is not  
10 a conduct that is out of the ordinary for people to  
11 designate who funds go to, correct?

12 A. Yeah. The one step of that is not out ordinary, that  
13 one step, to designate people to send money to. That's  
14 correct.

15 Q. Now, you testified earlier that this was an unusual  
16 behavior.

17 Now I want you to step, and being the good  
18 investigator that you are, I want you to step into the shoes  
19 of Feeding Our Future.

20 Can you do that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All right. Does Feeding Our Future have subpoena power  
23 to access people's bank account?

24 A. No, they do not.

25 Q. They don't. Let me be specific with Ms. Bock. Does she

1 have subpoena power to get into people's account to  
2 determine who these people are that are receiving these  
3 checks?

4 A. She would not have subpoena power, no.

5 Q. I believe you testified earlier in a series of exhibits  
6 regarding your pole camera. Do you recall the pole camera  
7 viewing Safari Restaurant?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now, and that surveillance was, you said, for a specific  
10 date, which was December 8th, 2021, through January 20th,  
11 2022, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. So you sort of stopped two days before you executed a  
14 search warrant at Feeding Our Future premises?

15 A. We turn the cameras off when we conduct overt law  
16 enforcement operations, yes.

17 Q. I'm not able to pull some of the -- my system can't  
18 carry them.

19 But you did the surveillance for about less than a  
20 month here?

21 A. Yeah. Just a little bit over a month, yes.

22 Q. Do you believe that Feeding Our Future staff, if I take  
23 what your testimony is, that you didn't see large groups of  
24 people gathering there, correct?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Now is it possible also that food was delivered to  
2 people in their homes during that time period?

3 A. I wouldn't agree with that. Based on the evidence in  
4 this case, I will not agree with that at all.

5 Q. Well, what, how many pole cameras did you have?

6 A. Twelve.

7 Q. Twelve around the, around the restaurant?

8 A. No. At various sites around the Twin Cities metro area.

9 Q. Various sites around the Twin Cities, but I'm talking  
10 about Safari itself. How many cameras did you have?

11 A. One.

12 Q. One camera in front, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now was there a back entrance to the restaurant?

15 A. There was a side entrance, yes.

16 Q. Okay. And you saw, the last picture you produced, there  
17 was a truck sitting out there, wasn't there?

18 A. There was, yes.

19 Q. Is it possible that food was delivered from trucks from  
20 behind?

21 A. I would not agree with that based on --

22 Q. No, you don't have any basis to disagree because you  
23 didn't have a pole camera, did you?

24 A. I have a lot of basis to disagree with that based on the  
25 investigation. I do not agree with that at all.

1 Q. Okay. What facts do you have that food was not  
2 delivered from the back entrance?

3 A. There were many facts, from the financial records, from  
4 interviews, from individuals in the area that that did not  
5 happen.

6 Q. Okay. What I meant -- I have the Nigerian accent, so I  
7 don't speak clearly sometimes.

8 A. No problem.

9 Q. But this is what I'm trying to ask you: Is it possible  
10 that your camera could not record food exiting Safari  
11 Restaurant through the back door, the service entrance?

12 A. Again, I would not agree with that. We would have seen  
13 that number of, at that point, of 3500, that would be like  
14 saying that there were -- let's say everybody picked up 100  
15 meals. That doesn't make any sense. Adding up of what the  
16 congestion in that area, doesn't make sense to that  
17 possibility.

18 Q. I'm talking about delivery. That's what I was talking  
19 about, delivery?

20 A. Delivery from the restaurant?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. I wouldn't agree with that, no. Not in that condensed  
23 area, no.

24 Q. You did not have a camera in the back, did you?

25 A. Not in that area, no.

1 Q. Okay. So you don't know whether there was a truck  
2 delivery or not?

3 A. A truck delivery, but no, to that volume I would say  
4 that wouldn't make any sense.

5 Q. Do you know how many meals would fit into a U-Haul  
6 truck?

7 A. I don't know how many total meals.

8 Q. I want to direct you to Exhibit C43. You testified to  
9 this exhibit at length. I just want to --

10 Ms. Mallet, if you can just go a little bit down,  
11 just go down a little bit.

12 So this is another summer meal count clicker,  
13 correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And this information, and among others, were sent to  
16 Feeding Our Future, correct?

17 A. This was seized from the Feeding Our Future location,  
18 so --

19 Q. And your testimony is, it was received from Feeding Our  
20 Future?

21 A. Yes. How they received this specific one, it was at  
22 Feeding Our Future. I'm not exactly sure without tying it  
23 to an email to know how it arrived there, but yes.

24 Q. But I just want to understand just for the jury. You  
25 are not saying that Feeding Our Future -- let me put it a

1 different way.

2 Is it your testimony that Ms. Bock produced this  
3 meal count?

4 A. We seized this meal count, meal clicker account, from  
5 Feeding Our Future.

6 Q. All right. And is it possible, though, knowing what  
7 you've known, that a site sent this meal count to Feeding  
8 Our Future?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that Feeding Our Future did not produce it itself  
11 and sent it to, to MDE, correct?

12 A. I think I'm tracking what you are saying. I -- you are  
13 saying did Feeding Our Future make this document and provide  
14 it?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. Based on the investigation, this specific one, I don't  
17 believe that to be the case.

18 Q. Okay. Now, did you check regarding this exhibit whether  
19 or not the allocation of the meal count was consistent with  
20 the approved meal count by MDE?

21 A. I did not specifically before I testified to this exact  
22 meal count sheet, no.

23 Q. So you don't have any testimony of whether or not MDE  
24 approved the requisite number of meal count that ASA  
25 submitted to Feeding Our Future?

1 A. If I can look at the V exhibits which have the clickers,  
2 or the CLiCS counts, I could confirm that based on this  
3 exhibit, compared to the ASA Limited. I would be able to  
4 confirm that.

5 Q. This is the government's exhibit.

6 Ms. Mallet, would you call up just C35. There is  
7 some exhibits that I'm still downloading, but we have this.  
8 Why don't you go to the first page, so I have an idea what  
9 it is. Next page.

10 This is also an application for the summer  
11 submission verification. Do you remember your testimony  
12 about this?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what was that? Remind me.

15 A. There were, this is one of the basis of one of the  
16 counts where the email was sent in related to applying to  
17 get a site identification number.

18 Q. Site identification for ASA, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And ASA, that's an entity based on your investigation  
21 existed, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. All right. And existed at a particular location,  
24 correct?

25 A. It was registered to the location of 281 McKnight Road

1 in Maplewood/St. Paul.

2 Q. And you went through -- I don't want to belabor the  
3 facts here, but you went through -- belabor -- you went  
4 through this exhibit with the jury, I mean with your, with  
5 the government, and this site application had accompanying  
6 it documents to support the site location, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Let's go to 34. Scroll down to the first page. Second.

9 Now, this is another site. Do you recall this  
10 testimony?

11 A. I recall K Dollar's Grocery from the exhibit related to  
12 having Feeding Our Future staff that location.

13 Q. So this is another application for site identification,  
14 correct?

15 A. I would have to look at the whole document, but based on  
16 the first page, it appears that it might be the case.

17 Q. And I believe you testified -- and Ms. Mallet, if you  
18 might scroll down that might help us come to a point  
19 where -- just scroll down.

20 There's a bunch of documents that you testified to  
21 that Ms. -- Feeding Our Future -- no. Go back to the  
22 signature page.

23 It is signed by -- whose signature is that, the  
24 site staff signature?

25 A. It appears to be Aimee Bock.

1 Q. Now, that's just the application, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. And attached to this document was supporting  
4 documents about the site, correct?

5 A. It appears that way, yes.

6 Q. Okay. Now is there any invoices, do you know, because  
7 there's quite a lot of documents. 456 pages, I don't think  
8 the jury would let us go through all that.

9 But there were invoices, correct?

10 A. I don't know. I think this one is only 45 pages.

11 Q. All right. Yeah, 45. Scroll down a little bit more.  
12 Continue. So stop.

13 That's the CLiCS along with the rest of the  
14 application, correct?

15 A. That's -- it looks like a printout that was scanned in  
16 related to the CLiCS application and, yes, with that folder.

17 Q. And you found this at the Feeding Our Future?

18 A. Yes. It was seized from Feeding Our Future, yes.

19 Q. And when you collected this exhibit, it wasn't one  
20 folder of a particular site, correct? It wasn't -- you  
21 didn't go around collecting various documents to put them  
22 together.

23 They were all in one, one folder, correct?

24 A. For this specific one, I'm not exactly sure, but in  
25 general, I mean, the way it's scanned in, it appears to have

1       been a folder that was all scanned in and kept in order, and  
2       that's how it would have been scanned, so yes.

3       Q.   Did it look to you as an organizing document that is  
4       intended to mislead folks?

5       A.   On its face, no.

6       Q.   Okay.  I believe you talked about a series of emails,  
7       C29, 30, 31, 33 and 34.

8                 Ms. Mallet, why don't you call up 29 first.

9                 See the email?  Who was the email directed to?

10       A.   To Salim Said.

11       Q.   It's not directed to Ms. Bock, is it?

12       A.   It is not.

13       Q.   Let's go to 30.  Who's the email directed to?

14       A.   Salim Said.

15       Q.   It's not directed to Ms. Bock, is it?

16       A.   It is as well.

17       Q.   How about 31?  Who is the email directed to?

18       A.   To Aimee at Feeding Our Future and claims at Feeding Our  
19       Future and Hani at Feeding Our Future.

20       Q.   Let's just --

21                 Ms. Mallet, why don't you call up the two, those,  
22       the email it sent to, that is from, to.  Yes.

23                 Now, did you formulate any idea about the  
24       structure of Feeding Our Future during your investigation?

25       A.   Yes.

1 Q. And you know there's a claims department at Feeding Our  
2 Future.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that you also know that Ms. Bock was executive  
5 director. She wasn't necessary a claims processor, correct?

6 A. It's my understanding that she oversaw everything and  
7 was responsible for putting in all of the claims to MDE.

8 Q. I realize her response -- she was the executive  
9 director, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. All right. And is it your understanding that Ms. Bock  
12 processed all the claims? Received the claims and put it  
13 into Monday.com?

14 A. That's what I'm saying. Some of the information went  
15 directly to her, yes. Some, not all. So a little compound,  
16 but, yes, some of them were not her, but others were, and  
17 she was the executive director.

18 Q. I realize your statement, but I want to be a little more  
19 specific so we are clear.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Do you know how many employees worked in the claims  
22 department at Feeding Our Future?

23 A. I know there were, were a number of individuals over  
24 time that did, but I don't know the specific number.

25 Q. A number of individuals? One, two?

1 A. I've seen some emails that indicate people working in  
2 the claims department. I can think of two names that come  
3 to mind, but other than that I'm not exactly sure how many  
4 total worked in the claims department.

5 Q. Would you have any facts to dispute that there were more  
6 than five people at the claims department?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. All right. Now, claims@feedingourfuture.com, is that  
9 Ms. Bock's direct email?

10 A. Her direct email, no. And it's .org, but yeah.

11 Q. I mean .org. And who is hani@feedingourfuture.org?

12 A. An employee of Feeding Our Future.

13 Q. All right. And the subject matter here for October is  
14 Invoice and Meal Count, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And I believe you testified about invoices having some  
17 codes, but in this case it is, they are PDF documents,  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Isn't it a narrative that Feeding Our Future received  
21 invoices for October from ASA, a company that invoice the  
22 meal count as well as invoices, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. What do you believe is Ms. Bock's responsibility when  
25 Feeding Our Future receives invoices from sites?

1 A. I guess my belief is they're responsible for ensuring  
2 that the claims are legitimate and therefore the invoices  
3 are legitimate.

4 Q. I agree. Responsible that claims are legitimate is very  
5 generalized statement, isn't it? My question to you is,  
6 What is your expectation of what Ms. Bock is supposed to do  
7 when she receives an invoice, a meal count from a site?

8 A. Ensure that they're legitimate.

9 Q. All right. By executing a search warrant on the vendor  
10 that sold food to the site?

11 A. I would say carrying out the duties that are set forth  
12 in the contracts.

13 Q. Well, the invoices has receipts for purchase, correct?

14 A. Yeah. Most of them do, yes. There's packets, yes.

15 Q. All right. Is it unreasonable for her to trust that the  
16 invoice purports what it is?

17 A. Not based on the invoices that are in this case, not at  
18 all. If you look at them on their face, they don't look  
19 real at all.

20 Q. They don't look good?

21 A. They don't look real.

22 Q. How do you say that? What, what does an invoice -- how,  
23 how does an invoice look real and unreal?

24 A. There are misspellings all over them. They're  
25 extraordinarily high. They don't make sense.

1 Q. Well, let's talk about high. The invoices are  
2 extraordinarily high because they're consistent with the  
3 meal count that MDE had approved, correct?

4 A. They appear to be made up to equal that amount.

5 Q. Let's talk about the invoice, just the invoice itself.  
6 Invoice shows some milk. Invoice shows purchase of gallons  
7 of milk that would feed 2,000 people.

8 What is extraordinary about that?

9 A. There's not enough refrigeration to handle that milk at  
10 any of these locations. I guess that's general to say  
11 "any." There's not enough refrigeration based on these  
12 locations to handle that amount.

13 Q. No. We're talking about invoice.

14 A. Yes, but I am talking about, you talk about milk  
15 invoices, that's my response.

16 Q. So do you know how many gallons of milk would serve  
17 2,000 people breakfast?

18 A. I do not know.

19 Q. This email was sent to Hani at also  
20 feedingourfuture.org. Do you know who Hani is?

21 A. I do not.

22 Q. All right. Let's, let's go to I believe 31. Call out  
23 the first paragraph. Correct.

24 Now I'm going to learn how to run this thing some  
25 day before my retirement.

1           So this email is also sent to the claims  
2 department from Mr. Ahmed, correct?

3           A. Correct.

4           Q. Along with that is also -- what is a clicker count?

5           A. My understanding based on the investigation it's the  
6 meal count. I mean, the title of it says Clicker.

7           Q. All right. The clicker account, along with invoices,  
8 correct?

9           A. Correct.

10          Q. And then there's an attendance, would be attendance  
11 sheet, correct?

12          A. Correct.

13          Q. And the email is directed, is sent to the claims  
14 department, along with Ms. Bock and Hani. And it says what?

15          A. In the body?

16          Q. Yes.

17          A. "Attached you will find the invoices, clicker count and  
18 attendance. Please let me know if you are missing  
19 anything."

20          Q. So this email is to Feeding Our Future, sending  
21 invoices, clicker count, clicker count and suggesting if  
22 there's anything missing, let Mr. Ahmed know so they can  
23 provide the requisite documentation to support the claim,  
24 correct?

25          A. Correct.

1 Q. And based on your experience and education, you believe  
2 Ms. Bock should have done more, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that "more" would be to do what?

5 A. Stop submitting the claims.

6 Q. To stop submitting the claims because you don't trust  
7 the invoice, correct?

8 A. Not because I don't trust the invoice, no.

9 Q. When you commence the investigation of this supposed  
10 grand, large fraud claim by Feeding Our Future, you only  
11 surveyed the Safari Restaurant for a month or even that,  
12 correct?

13 A. The pole cams were put up in December, yes.

14 Q. For one month?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And how many million dollars were you considering this  
17 thing was involved?

18 A. At the time the pole cam's up, I'm not exactly sure how  
19 many total millions until --

20 Q. 20 million or 200 million?

21 A. It -- at the time I know we were looking at Safari and  
22 other entities and the total kept growing, yes.

23 Q. So, you know, millions, right?

24 A. Millions, yes.

25 Q. A lot of money?

1 A. Absolutely.

2 Q. And your surveillance camera was only in the front and  
3 not the back.

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. Do you know during this COVID time how many times  
6 Feeding Our Future was required to conduct site inspection?

7 A. Based on what Emily Honer said, I think it was three  
8 times a year.

9 Q. Remember, Emily Honer is not a rule maker in this. I  
10 mean, your -- based on your investigation, did you discover  
11 how many times?

12 A. I'm not familiar with the regulation, no.

13 Q. But you think she should have been there every day to  
14 check the sites?

15 A. Who is that?

16 Q. Ms. Bock.

17 A. No.

18 Q. And during the waiver, during the period when there was  
19 noncongregation, do you know whether site inspections were  
20 waived for responses?

21 A. I'm not familiar with the regulations.

22 Q. You are not?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. So when you formulated the idea that Ms. Bock and  
25 Feeding Our Future were responsible to have the level of

1 oversight that you were just talking about here, you didn't  
2 know what her legal obligations were.

3 A. I guess I would say I was familiar with what I saw on  
4 the applications and what was on the agreements. So  
5 somewhat, yes.

6 Q. I don't understand. You mean you knew what her  
7 obligations were?

8 A. I knew what the -- I was looking at the paper document  
9 related to the contracts and what was stated and agreed  
10 upon. That's what I knew.

11 Q. So you read the certification that Feeding Our Future  
12 certify, attested to before sending site applications and  
13 claims to MDE, correct?

14 A. That's one of the factors, yes.

15 Q. All right. Then did you also see the obligation of  
16 sites to Feeding Our Future?

17 A. Could you repeat that? I'm not on track.

18 Q. Did the sites have any obligation to be -- I'll use a  
19 phrase that will be familiar to you -- to be truthful to  
20 Feeding Our Future?

21 A. Yeah. Everyone should be truthful in the program, yes.

22 Q. And when you are in a relationship like this, you trust  
23 that people when they attest to be truthful, they would be,  
24 correct?

25 A. Well, I mean, in this investigation it was revealed that

1 there were a lot of people lying.

2 Q. No. I'm just asking you generally that when you expect  
3 sites to be truthful to Feeding Our Future.

4 A. In -- well, I guess I would somewhat -- I mean they were  
5 in it together to make money is the way I looked at it from  
6 the investigation.

7 Q. Well, I mean, you've sort of intimated this throughout  
8 your testimony that they were in it together to make money,  
9 but I'm more specific. I'm asking you that -- okay. Let's  
10 go back this way.

11 You agree with me that Feeding Our Future had some  
12 obligations to MDE, correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. That when Feeding Our Future submitted documents to MDE,  
15 Feeding Our Future believed that the documents were  
16 accurate, correct?

17 A. No, I don't. I don't agree with that.

18 Q. Is your testimony then that every document that Feeding  
19 Our Future sent to MDE, Feeding Our Future believe that the  
20 documents are inaccurate?

21 A. I wouldn't agree with that, either. Yeah. I  
22 wouldn't -- putting it that -- not saying all but --

23 Q. You just don't want to commit, right?

24 A. Well, when you say "all," I wouldn't agree with that.

25 Q. But I just want to, I just want to, I want to know

1 whether you expect Feeding Our Future to be candid with MDE?

2 A. I would expect that a submission in order to obtain  
3 Federal Child Nutrition Program funds was true and accurate  
4 to the best of anyone's ability.

5 Q. There you go. Truth and accurate to the best of the  
6 ability.

7 And if the best of your ability is, you received  
8 an invoice, you received a meal count, and the meal count is  
9 consistent with the approved site application, you have  
10 every reason to trust the submission, correct?

11 A. Not correct, no.

12 Q. All right. Let's go to C28.

13 This is another email from Mr. Ahmed to Mr. Said,  
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And this is the email you testified earlier that may  
17 have had some internal codes in it?

18 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat?

19 Q. Internal codes in it? I'm not sure because there's so  
20 many.

21 A. I'm not --

22 Q. So many emails.

23 A. I don't believe this one does.

24 Q. All right. How long was the investigation?

25 A. Well, it started in April of 2021, and it's still

1 ongoing.

2 Q. And you spent some time, correct, sifting through data?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. And lots of agents, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Accountants?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Forensic experts?

9 A. I wouldn't call them experts, but they're fabulous.

10 Q. You don't trust them, but their experts?

11 A. Fabulous accountants.

12 Q. And lawyers?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Agents across the country?

15 A. Agents came across the country to assist on the  
16 operation on January 20th, yes.

17 Q. And Feeding Our Future had one executive director, Aimee  
18 Bock, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And your expectation is she should have gone through, I  
21 believe, Exhibit C28 --

22 How many pages was that? 269, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And, and your expectation is, Ms. Bock should have known  
25 the identity of all these names? Is that your expectation?

1 A. No.

2 Q. A certain reliance, right, on sites?

3 A. To a degree, yes, I would agree with that.

4 Q. Thank you.

5 Let's go to C25. I never quite understood what  
6 TFS meant. What is that?

7 A. Total Financial Solutions. It's an entity that  
8 Abdikadir Salah, one of the partners in Safari Restaurant,  
9 owns an accounting firm, and Mr. Salah is an accountant.

10 Q. All right. Was that particular email sent to Feeding  
11 Our Future?

12 A. It was not.

13 Q. Let's go to 26. Highlight, please.

14 And this email was sent to the claims department  
15 and Hani and Ms. Bock, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And it's a PDF document, correct?

18 A. It is, yes.

19 Q. And it didn't contain a code, did it?

20 A. A code? No, it did not.

21 Q. And it was an attendance. September attendance,  
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know whether attendance was required?

25 A. Depending on the program, my understanding it was, if it

1 was part of the CACFP, the child and adult program, that it  
2 was required at a certain point.

3 I know there were some waivers at some points that  
4 allowed for not needing a roster, but eventually it became  
5 required in the later times, around definitely in 2021, yes.

6 Q. Do you have any information whether Feeding Our Future  
7 demanded that sites even maintain attendance even though it  
8 was not required?

9 A. I don't have that information.

10 Q. Let's go to C24. That's another email?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that C24 doesn't have a code or formula, correct?

13 A. Based on it being a PDF, I don't believe that. No, it  
14 would not.

15 Q. And it was not sent to Feeding Our Future, was it?

16 A. It was not.

17 Q. Let's go to C23.

18 Was this email sent to Feeding Our Future?

19 A. It doesn't appear to be, no.

20 Q. All right. But I want -- I'm curious.

21 Ms. Mallet, would you do me a favor and scroll  
22 down a bit. Stop right there. Highlight that letterhead.  
23 The letterhead.

24 Do you have any information one way or the other  
25 whether that is Feeding Our Future letterhead?

1 A. To me that would be a header on an Excel document that  
2 is a Feeding Our Future emblem and their logo and their  
3 name.

4 Q. But you have, you are seeing other Feeding Our Future  
5 document, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. They don't look like that, do they? They're not Excel  
8 created document, are they?

9 A. Yeah. I mean, there are some Excels from the Feeding  
10 Our Future email accounts, yes, but --

11 Q. I'm talking about that particular, this particular seem  
12 like a letterhead. Does it, does it look like the rest of  
13 the meal counts?

14 A. The meal counts or the rosters?

15 Q. No. I want you to see what -- is it, does it come clear  
16 to you that this letterhead, I'll call it letterhead, is  
17 consistent with other Feeding Our Future letterheads?

18 A. It's the same logo that's used, yes.

19 Q. It's just the same logo. All right. We'll come back to  
20 that.

21 Was the email, though, with this attachment sent  
22 to Feeding Our Future?

23 A. I --

24 Q. Go to the first page.

25 A. No, it was not.

1 Q. Okay. Let's go to C22. This is also an Ahmed email,  
2 correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. But it wasn't sent to Feeding Our Future, was it?

5 A. It was not.

6 Q. So go to C20. I believe you testified at length about  
7 that.

8 A. I did, yes.

9 Q. And also this email wasn't sent to Feeding Our Future,  
10 correct?

11 A. It was not.

12 Q. C21, please.

13 Again, it was not sent to Feeding Our Future, was  
14 it?

15 A. It was not.

16 Q. So let's talk about C, call up C18. Highlight, please.

17 This is an email from Ahmed to the claims,  
18 correct, as well as Ms. Bock and Hani, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And I believe you testified that there were billing  
21 records, correct, and invoices?

22 A. Certainly invoices and the meal clicker, the meal  
23 counts.

24 Q. Ms. Mallet, I want to scroll back, so take that out and  
25 I want to scroll down.

1                   Now, this invoice is from the Safari Restaurant,  
2 correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. All right. It has Safari Restaurant logo, so to speak,  
5 or identifier, correct?

6 A. The name, yes.

7 Q. The name. It puts an invoice number, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And there's a date?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And there's a description of meals served, breakfast and  
12 lunch, the quantity, correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And there's a rate?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you know how that rate is derived?

17 A. My understanding is that it comes from, it would be a  
18 combination there. That \$7.11 would be the combination of  
19 what the reimbursable rate is for breakfast and lunch  
20 combined that's allowable under the Federal Child Nutrition  
21 Program.

22 Q. And the rate is pre-approved rate, correct. You don't  
23 just bill anything you want, do you?

24 A. I believe it's the rate that would be allowable.

25 Q. All right. And Feeding Our Future received, let's just

1       assume Ms. Bock did. It went to claims and the email came  
2       to her. Let's assume that she received it, correct?

3       A. Correct.

4       Q. What more do you expect from Ms. Bock having received an  
5       invoice consistent with approved number, quantity of meals  
6       to be served, the rate and I'm assuming the amount  
7       commensurate with the approved quantity? What else should  
8       she do?

9       A. I would, I mean, to common sense to look at some of the  
10      numbers and the overall scheme that to be able to look at  
11      everything that's coming in to have that many meals per day,  
12      not just at this site, but over the 240 sites combined that  
13      were created during that time, I would expect more, yes.

14     Q. So do you think Ms. Bock has the authority under law to  
15     stop paying an invoice?

16     A. I don't know about law, but I know not submitting it to  
17     Feeding Our Future -- from Feeding Our Future to MDE to get  
18     reimbursed for something that is on its face doesn't look  
19     realistic.

20     Q. This is a country of laws, right? You don't just take  
21     laws into your hands, do you?

22     A. No.

23     Q. You can't tell me any regulation, law, that would give  
24     Feeding Our Future the authority not to pay an invoice that  
25     is consistent with the approved site application?

1 A. To ask me to cite a law, I would just know that as a  
2 business, I have never run a business, but receiving  
3 invoices that on its face don't appear to be legitimate, I  
4 would suspect that a company would not want to pay something  
5 that seems outrageous.

6 Q. Let's go to C17. I believe you testified to this,  
7 right? That's an email from Ms. Bock to Mr. Ahmed, right?

8 A. Yes, I did testify about this.

9 Q. This is regarding a contract, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. What type of contract?

12 A. Catering contract.

13 Q. Ms. Mallet, let's just scroll through a little bit.

14 So this is a request based on your testimony for a  
15 contract. Ms. Bock forwarded a catering contract.

16 Scroll down further.

17 So she forwards sort of a partially completed  
18 catering contract, correct?

19 A. I don't know that it's partially completed without  
20 seeing the whole document. I thought it was completed and  
21 executed.

22 Q. Let's go down to -- yep, there you go.

23 It's partially completed, right? It shows Feeding  
24 Our Future. It shows --

25 Why don't you highlight for me the first box right

1 there. There you go.

2 So the sponsor is Feeding Our Future, right, and  
3 the sponsor's CLiCS ID is 2-10264, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And the vendor is Safari, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Maybe we can walk through the contract a little bit. It  
8 says -- you better than I am. Why don't you read that  
9 section?

10 A. "Authorize that vendor will provide meals to sponsor in  
11 accordance with this contract and in federal SFSP  
12 Regulations 7 C.F.R. 225. Sponsor will claim the meals for  
13 SFSP reimbursements."

14 Q. There you go. Next one?

15 A. "Vendor may not subcontract with another organization  
16 for the total meal (with or without milk) or for assembling  
17 of the meal. Vendor will provide" --

18 Q. That's okay, but in a sense you can get the gist, that  
19 this is a contract between Feeding Our Future and a site,  
20 correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And Feeding Our Future sends this contract that is not  
23 signed yet for the site to comply -- to sign, but in  
24 compartment with the regulations. Do you see that?

25 A. I don't, when you say it's not signed, I don't know that

1 it -- I would have to look.

2 Q. All right. Ms. Mallet, let's just scroll down for  
3 the -- scroll down. Continue.

4 All right. It is signed now, correct? It is  
5 signed here, but in the first email was the contract sent --  
6 the request for a contract and Ms. Bock sends a contract,  
7 correct?

8 A. I don't -- I think this is the same email that was sent  
9 with this attached signed document.

10 Q. Let's go back to the first email.

11 A. Thank you.

12 Q. Maybe I'm confusing myself.

13 A. The top.

14 Q. So what does it say?

15 A. It's a chain. They are asking for the contract they had  
16 discussed on Friday, send it to me.

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. It appears that Ms. Bock sends the signed executed  
19 contract.

20 Q. So it says on Monday August 9, 2021, at 10:11 a.m.,  
21 right? Is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Mr. Ahmed writes to, writes to Aimee, correct?

24 A. Yes. So on that Monday at 10:11 a.m. Ms. Bock receives  
25 an email.

1 Q. It says, "As per our conversation on Friday. In case  
2 you forget, I wanted a copy of the catering contract,"  
3 correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. All right. And Ms. Bock sends the contract. I believe  
6 it was completed. The blank contract was sent earlier. She  
7 sends a completed contract, correct?

8 A. She does send, on August 9th, she replies to the chain  
9 later in the afternoon at 3:22 p.m. with the signed  
10 contract.

11 Q. The signed contract.

12 Go to the second page, please, Ms. Mallet.

13 And in the contract we just read the body, we'll  
14 highlight the middle contract where the regulation is  
15 stated, please.

16 And that contract puts some obligations on the  
17 site to perform the duty consistent with C.F.R. 225,  
18 correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Okay. So there is some obligation of the site?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. To the law and Feeding Our Future, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. All right. Let's go to C15. This is another claim,  
25 another email to Feeding Our Future, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And this time there's a, there is someone else called  
3 Hadith also?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. A Feeding Our Future employee?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. As well as Hani, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And the claims department?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And this also includes, this also includes a series of  
12 invoices. I don't care to go through all of them, except if  
13 you want me to.

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. And you know who Hadith is, right?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. And that email wasn't sent to Ms. Bock, was it?

18 A. It was not.

19 Q. I want to touch a little bit on C10. This an email,  
20 correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And this is sent between Mr. Ahmed and, and Ahmed? Are  
23 they two separate people or the same peoples?

24 A. Same person.

25 Q. One is upper case and one is lower case, right?

1 A. Same email address, yes.

2 Q. And let's go through a little bit.

3 Ms. Mallet, pull up a little bit.

4 MS. MALLET: Okay.

5 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

6 Q. So this is a meal count, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Keep on going. Keep on going. Just scroll down, just  
9 one we see how much. You can just scroll down. Keep on  
10 scrolling down. Is that the end of the document?

11 MS. MALLET: That's the end.

12 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

13 Q. Okay. Do you have an idea where meal count was sent in  
14 to at Feeding Our Future?

15 A. Do I know -- I'm sorry. Where they were sent in?

16 Q. Yeah. Is it true that it was sent to, it was sent to  
17 the claims department, meal counts?

18 A. There were multiple ways based on the investigation.  
19 Some were sent directly to Ms. Bock.

20 Q. Some were sent?

21 A. Emailed directly to her, yes.

22 Q. The meal counts were sent directly to her?

23 A. On some occasions, yes.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And then there's some that -- a majority went to the

1 claims at Feeding Our Future. Some were sent by individuals  
2 like Hadith Ahmed and Abdikerm Eidleh, and I do believe, I  
3 guess that would be someone telling me that --

4 No. I think that's all that I can recall. Yeah.

5 Q. So do you have any facts to support the notion that any  
6 claim could be processed by going straight to CLiCS?

7 A. I guess --

8 Q. Do you know what CLiCS is?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. Do you know CLiCS? You testified to CLiCS.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is CLiCS?

13 A. It's the application that the Minnesota Department of  
14 Education uses in order for claims to be submitted and to  
15 have the applications processed as well.

16 Q. Is it possible at Feeding Our Future for a site to send  
17 a claim to Ms. Bock, and all Ms. Bock would do is send the  
18 claim to MDE?

19 A. I believe that's the case, yes, where Ms. Bock would  
20 enter it into CLiCS.

21 Q. Ms. Bock will enter into CLiCS. So you are not -- you  
22 are familiar with Monday.com, correct?

23 A. I am, yes.

24 Q. All right. So your testimony is, it is possible for MDE  
25 to receive a claim through CLiCS without first the claim

1 going to Monday.com and CenterPilot?

2 A. I'm not aware of the inner workings of exactly what  
3 happened with Feeding Our Future.

4 Q. Precisely. Precisely. Do you have any facts to support  
5 the notion that claims can go from a site by email and  
6 straight to CLiCS and to MDE?

7 A. I do, yes.

8 Q. Show me.

9 A. From individuals that will testify about getting to the  
10 top of the stack to be preferential treatment to have  
11 Ms. Bock enter the claims.

12 Q. So those individuals are coming sometime? But so far,  
13 so far you've been here throughout so far, you haven't seen  
14 any evidence of a claim going from the site, bypassing  
15 Monday.com, bypassing CenterPilot into CLiCS and MDE?

16 A. So I know that the ultimate way that the sites got paid  
17 was an entry from Feeding Our Future into CLiCS, and the  
18 money flows out.

19 Q. Is it possible to be paid without first going through  
20 CLiCS?

21 A. I don't believe that's the case. I think claims have to  
22 be submitted to CLiCS in order for the claim process to  
23 happen and payment to be made.

24 Q. But you believe there's facts supporting the notion --

25 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, I'm going to object. I

1 feel like this has been asked and answered.

2 THE COURT: Let me hear the whole question first.

3 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

4 Q. You believe that it is your testimony that a claim can  
5 bypass Monday.com and CenterPilot to CLiCS, correct?

6 A. It's my understanding that Ms. Bock enters the CLiCS  
7 information, and she is the one that enters the information  
8 to MDE, based on the investigation.

9 Q. Would it bypass Monday and CenterPilot?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Okay. Thank you.

12 There's a series of exhibit that you testified to  
13 earlier, and I just want to ask general questions about  
14 those. And specifically -- you don't need to pull it up or  
15 pull them up -- B17, 17, B19 through 40 and B90.

16 Do you remember those?

17 A. The B series relate to the Safari Restaurant, so I do  
18 remember them, but not each one specifically.

19 Q. I don't, yeah, I don't remember all of them either, but  
20 those are just agreements. I mean, those are just claims,  
21 right, different numerous claims?

22 A. Without pulling up each individual one, I know a lot of  
23 them would relate to claims.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. But I would not be able to testify about each one of

1 that whole series without looking at them.

2 Q. How about C9? Let's talk about C9.

3 Ms. Mallet, would you pull up C9, if you have it.  
4 Maybe you don't.

5 What -- this is another email of a claim, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And this is from Eidleh, Mr. Eidleh, correct?

8 A. Correct, from him, yes.

9 Q. And the email is to Ahmed, correct?

10 A. The email is addressed to claims@feedingourfuturemn, and  
11 there's a CC of Abdihakim Ahmed.

12 Q. And it wasn't -- that email wasn't directed to Ms. Bock,  
13 was it?

14 A. It was not.

15 Q. Now I want to talk about Mr. Eidleh a little bit. And  
16 your testimony was that you spoke to him, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And when did you talk to him?

19 A. It would have been January 20th of 2022.

20 Q. All right. He called you or you called him?

21 A. He called after we had provided information to his  
22 family. I provided my cell phone number to --

23 Q. Did you get a sense that he was in the United States?

24 A. No, I did not get that sense.

25 Q. How do you know where he was?

1 A. He told me he was in Somalia, and we confirmed that he  
2 had left the country.

3 Q. Oh, all right. Do you know when he left the country?

4 A. I believe it was in late November 2021.

5 Q. So if he left the country in November 2020, it would be  
6 impossible for him to continue to collect bribes in the  
7 United States, wouldn't that be possible?

8 A. It would be possible and -- your date, you said 2020.  
9 It was November of 2021 he left the country.

10 Q. Oh, November 2021.

11 A. And, yes, he could still receive the bribes via --

12 Q. So November -- but if he left in November 2021, in  
13 December 2021 he could not be collecting bribe, could he?

14 A. He could.

15 Q. He could?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. While overseas?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. By proxy?

20 A. By bank transactions, and I'm not -- I don't have the  
21 records in front of me. I'm not -- I can't confirm that at  
22 this point without looking at the records.

23 Q. But can he physically be collecting cash in the  
24 United States?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Okay. That's what I meant.

2 Ms. Mallet, would you call up Exhibit C5.

3 This is a site ID request, correct, that was  
4 granted by MDE, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Now, what is your understanding of how site, site  
7 identification are approved by MDE?

8 A. I would rely on what Emily Honer testified. I --

9 Q. So I think I was -- I don't know. I may have misheard.  
10 Ms. Mallet is way smarter than me, and in fact Ms. Bock too.

11 Tell me whether this is correct or not. Did you  
12 get from the, from Ms. Honer's testimony that site ID  
13 application are not reviewed by human being and that it is  
14 done by a computer? Did you get that sense?

15 A. No.

16 THE COURT: Wait. Wait.

17 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, I object as beyond the  
18 scope.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

21 Q. All right. Do you have any information as to how site  
22 ID are approved, based on your investigation?

23 A. A submission from the sponsor to MDE.

24 Q. All right. And is it approved by a human being or by a  
25 computer?

1 A. That's my understanding, that a human being.

2 Q. A human being. Okay. All right. What is your  
3 understanding about site application, not site ID, site  
4 application? Is it approved by a human being?

5 A. I believe so.

6 Q. Okay. What about a claim? Remember we did site ID.  
7 Now we've done site application. Both human beings based on  
8 your understanding.

9 What about a claim? Is it approved by a human  
10 being or by some kind of computer?

11 A. It's a generated payment upon the submission from the  
12 sponsor from the computer system.

13 Q. So it's not a human being, no other review?

14 A. Again, that would depend on if there was a stop pay in  
15 place, but it would depend.

16 Q. Okay. Thank you.

17 Let's go to C4. Is this also an email from  
18 Mr. Eidleh to Ahmed?

19 A. From Mr. Eidleh to Abdihakim Ahmed.

20 Q. Yeah. Is that email directed to Ms. Bock in any way?

21 A. It is not.

22 Q. Now, what is -- what was that communication about?

23 A. I would have to see the attachment and the full body to  
24 understand what this --

25 Q. Ms. Mallet, yes, would you scroll down.

1                   It's also a meal count?

2           A.   Yes.

3           Q.   Do you know what capacity Mr. Eidleh was at Feeding Our  
4           Future?

5           A.   Not -- I know his title changed over time, I believe,  
6           and he's on the org chart at some point, I think it's  
7           program support staff, but I could be wrong.

8           Q.   Was he a manager?

9           A.   It's my understanding he was some type of manager.

10          Q.   All right. Did your investigation give you any  
11          knowledge about what his general role at Feeding Our Future  
12          was?

13          A.   Generally, yes.

14          Q.   What was that?

15          A.   He was an individual that helped bring people in and  
16          grow the sites, bringing more sites into Feeding Our Future.

17          Q.   Let's look at C2.

18                    You testified to C2. That's an email, a site  
19          application for ASA, correct?

20          A.   Correct.

21          Q.   And Ms. Bock sent that site application to MDE, correct?

22          A.   Yes.

23          Q.   All right. And along with that were attachments,  
24          correct?

25          A.   Yes, the site application.

1 Q. And that site application -- well, let's be clear. Is  
2 it -- was it a site application or a site ID application?

3 Let's just scroll down to see what it was. Go  
4 back. Go back a little bit.

5 What is that?

6 A. It says MDE Submission Verification. The title of the  
7 attachment was Site Application.

8 Q. All right. So it's a verification --

9 Scroll down further. Further. Call out site  
10 identification request form on top, the first on top. There  
11 you go.

12 What is that?

13 A. It is a site identification request form to add, change  
14 or look up a site number in the CLiCS system.

15 Q. All right. Now let's go to C1.

16 And that is a Secretary of State registration,  
17 correct?

18 A. Yes. For ASA Limited.

19 Q. So we've just gone through -- you can take that down --  
20 we've just gone through official documents. You've seen  
21 site IDs, site applications specifically to ASA. And you  
22 are seeing the Secretary of State registration of the  
23 corporation, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. What else should Ms. Bock have done, seeing registration

1 of a company, site application approved, site ID application  
2 approved, site application approved, meal counts submitted,  
3 money paid? What else was she supposed to do?

4 A. Conduct a preoperational visit, understand that there's  
5 actually children that are in need.

6 Q. Based on your investigation, you discovered that  
7 Ms. Bock conducted, not herself, her staff conducted those  
8 type visits, correct?

9 A. Well, we found that some of those paperwork were just  
10 made-up documents.

11 Q. Were they made up by Ms. Bock?

12 A. By her staff.

13 Q. Okay. Now, when you started your investigation, you  
14 went through the banking records of Feeding Our Future,  
15 correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. You went through banking records of Ms. Bock, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And then when you went to particularly her home, did you  
20 find millions of dollars?

21 A. Not millions of dollars, no.

22 Q. You saw pictures, exhibits of homes purportedly owned by  
23 members of the Safari Restaurant, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Did you find any such homes with Ms. Bock?

1 A. Ms. Bock did not buy a home with the proceeds, no.

2 Q. All right. Were there checks that you saw --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- from MDE, were they sent to Ms. Bock personally?

5 A. From MDE personally to Ms. Bock, no.

6 Q. Indeed, they were sent to Feeding Our Future, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And then there were checks from Feeding Our Future to  
9 the sites, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. I want to ask you -- you testified earlier that you  
12 collected about 270 boxes at a Feeding Our Future location?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. And I believe you scanned all those documents into some  
15 kind of drive, correct?

16 A. Yes. Scanned them in, yes.

17 Q. And there were how many, how many email addresses?

18 A. About 80 or so.

19 Q. And I want to talk about the devices. And you also  
20 collected devices, right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. How many devices did you collect?

23 A. On the total overall investigation, I don't know the  
24 exact number, but probably around 200.

25 Q. 200 devices. And one of those -- and the devices with

1 the Feeding Our Future staff, correct, how many Feeding Our  
2 Future staff devices did you collect?

3 A. I think it was around 60 or so, 60 from that location.

4 Q. 60 from Feeding Our Future location, and Ms. Bock's  
5 device was included in those, right?

6 A. There were computers from her office and also from her  
7 residence.

8 Q. Now, you reviewed her computer system, correct?

9 A. Some of it yes.

10 MR. EBERT: I object as beyond the scope, Your  
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Sustained.

13 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

14 Q. You took into custody her computer, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You also took into custody her iPad, correct?

17 A. I don't know that.

18 Q. What about her cell phone?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How many cell phones did she have did you take into  
21 custody?

22 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, I would renew the same  
23 objection. This is beyond the scope.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25

1 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

2 Q. All right. Some time during the process -- let me back  
3 up.

4 Did you acquire any information from Ms. Bock's  
5 phone?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. EBERT: Objection, Your Honor. Again, this is  
8 beyond the scope.

9 THE COURT: Sustained.

10 MR. UDOIBOK: Your Honor, may I approach?

11 THE COURT: You may.

12 **(Sidebar discussion)**

13 THE COURT: Where is this line of questioning  
14 going, Mr. Udoibok?

15 MR. UDOIBOK: The government -- can you hear me?

16 There's a series of information acquired from the  
17 search warrant, from video cameras, documents acquired from  
18 the banks and materials obtained from Feeding Our Future  
19 location.

20 The government elected to present their case of  
21 conspiracy, wire fraud and all, with specific items. The  
22 defendant is not limited to those items, whereas 270  
23 documents and 80 emails and 60 devices were obtained.

24 Emails can only be obtained through the computer,  
25 their computer data. And the defendant is entitled to

1 elicit the source of that information to, in order to  
2 properly prepare for the defense.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Ebert.

4 MR. EBERT: Your Honor, I'm not sure if candidly  
5 that I entirely track the reasoning of where we're going  
6 here.

7 I think if the defense is interested in presenting  
8 evidence that it wants to present, they can do that, if they  
9 opt to do so for their own case, but I don't think it's  
10 proper -- I don't think it's appropriate for Mr. Udoibok to  
11 try to introduce what it sounds like he's trying to  
12 introduce, which are some other items that are contained  
13 on -- I don't even know what, frankly, devices, email  
14 accounts.

15 It's just, it's just not appropriate or proper to  
16 try to elicit that here at this moment now through this  
17 agent, who is in no position to know exactly any of the  
18 information where it came from, what Mr. Udoibok is getting  
19 at.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Udoibok, is there something  
21 specific that responds to the testimony on direct that you  
22 are getting at?

23 MR. UDOIBOK: Excuse me. I'm trying to determine  
24 the nature of the acquisition of documents, what were the  
25 documents that were obtained. And he's testified to -- I'm

1 not going to go any farther. He's already answered what I  
2 wanted to know.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 **(In open court)**

5 THE COURT: I sustained an objection before the  
6 break, and it remains sustained.

7 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you.

8 So can you -- Ms. Mallet, can you pull B69 and go  
9 to page 5 and scroll down. 5 and 6. Just pull out. All  
10 right. Just scroll down so he can understand. Just keep on  
11 going -- when you get to -- good. Up to the 5 there.

12 Page 5.

13 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

14 Q. Officer, you testified about this. What is this?

15 A. It's a -- I don't know that I testified about this, but  
16 it's a sheet that is in one of the folders that was seized  
17 from the Feeding Our Future office location, and it appears  
18 to be --

19 Q. Maybe will it help to go to the first page?

20 A. No. I saw that it was a folder. I'm just looking at  
21 the time period. I'm a little confused that it says name of  
22 sponsor Safari Restaurant. That was throwing me off.

23 Q. Okay. So what was that about?

24 A. It appears to be the number of attendance of 167,917 for  
25 the 28 days of February 2021.

1 Q. All right.

2 A. And a total overall net claim of \$857,216.

3 Q. All right. Was that an invoice, or what is it?

4 A. It looks like it's a claim detail report.

5 Q. Okay. It's a claim detail report sent from Safari to  
6 Feeding Our Future, right?

7 A. I don't know that to be true.

8 Q. Go to the first page, please. It's a folder you found  
9 at Feeding Our Future.

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And your testimony was, this was also document showing  
12 the excessive claim by Safari, correct?

13 A. There were a number of documents to that effect. That  
14 exact one that you were showing me, I'm --

15 Q. Not sure what it is.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And is it your testimony, though, that Ms. Bock -- just  
18 want to know. I'm sure you didn't say that, but I just want  
19 to have clarity -- that she did not manufacture Exhibit B69,  
20 did she, Ms. Bock?

21 A. I don't know if she did or not.

22 Q. Okay. Ms. Mallet, please go to B13.

23 That's an email from Eidleh to Ms. Bock, right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And the subject is Direct Deposit Accounts, correct?

1 A. Subject is Safari Direct Deposit Accounts, yes.

2 Q. Scroll down. Go to the next one.

3 This is an instruction as to how to distribute the  
4 checks, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Now, based on your investigation, did you determine what  
7 was Feeding Our Future daily limit on withdrawals?

8 A. I did not, no, not me.

9 Q. And you've heard of daily limits, though, for certain  
10 organizations, right?

11 A. Depends on the organization, yes.

12 Q. And if you have daily limits, you, you break up your  
13 distribution so that you don't run afoul of the limits you  
14 put for your organization, correct?

15 MR. EBERT: I'm going to object as beyond the  
16 scope and already asked and answered.

17 THE COURT: Overruled.

18 You may answer.

19 THE WITNESS: As far as that hypothetical of a  
20 company, yeah, I'm sure that's possible, that you could  
21 break up deposits to different accounts if you had a limit,  
22 yes.

23 BY MR. UDOIBOK:

24 Q. Okay. Let's look at B41, or is it 14?

25 What email is that?

1 A. It's an email from Salim Said to Abdulkadir.

2 Q. And what is it regarding?

3 A. It's regarding a subject forward, and it looks like it's  
4 forwarding a scanned message. It was a chain, so it started  
5 at Feeding Our Future, went to Salim Said, and then to  
6 Abdulkadir Salah.

7 Q. So would, Ms. Mallet, please, would you scroll down the  
8 entire email. Okay. Stop there.

9 And this is, you testified to this, this exhibit?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And that email did not go to Ms. Bock in any way, did  
12 it?

13 A. It was not addressed to her, no.

14 Q. Thank you.

15 Let's go to B15. What email -- is that Aimee Bock  
16 to MDE, correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. What did the investigation lead you to surmise regarding  
19 Exhibit 15?

20 A. Based on the investigation, all these sites had to  
21 reapply when a different program was coming up. So my --  
22 based on the investigation, I believe that this would be  
23 Safari being reapproved in CLiCS to have their application  
24 processed and to be able to submit.

25 And in this case, it appears that Ms. Bock wants

1 to submit the January 21, 2021, claims for Safari  
2 Restaurant.

3 Q. Yeah, Ms. Bock is seeking permission, wants reapproval  
4 of summer site application, correct?

5 A. Correct, in order to submit the January claims.

6 Q. Okay. Why don't you look at -- let's look at B8.

7 That's an email between Eidleh, Aimee Bock, Shafi Qanyare --  
8 I'm sure I'm not pronouncing it right -- and Coley, correct?

9 A. Correct. It looks like it's an email chain starting  
10 with a scan at Feeding Our Future to Eidleh and then Eidleh  
11 forwarding it to Aimee Bock and Shafi and Coley, yes.

12 Q. All right. It is forwarded to Aimee, correct?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Okay. Good.

15 And Ms. Bock is not the only one in that email  
16 chain, correct?

17 A. She is not the only one.

18 Q. I want you to take a look at A76. You testified to A76,  
19 correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And I'm just interested in the issue of -- open up the  
22 email. I want to see --

23 Was there an accountant mentioned in that email?

24 A. An accountant? No, but the email address implies that  
25 it's a cpa.com.

1 Q. All right. What does that mean? cpa.com? Is it an  
2 accounting organization? Just curious.

3 A. Certified public accountant. I don't know that  
4 organization.

5 Q. Okay. Go to A62, please. What is this?

6 A. This is an email from the claims at Feeding Our Future  
7 email account to Aimee Bock, subject: Ready to Submit.

8 Q. So claims department is emailing Ms. Bock that what?

9 A. Claims are ready to submit.

10 Q. Claims are ready to submit. It is not Ms. Bock?

11 A. Ms. Bock's on the email. She's receiving it, yes.

12 Q. Yes. Someone else is preparing the email, correct,  
13 preparing the claims?

14 A. I mean, whoever is in control of the claims at Feeding  
15 Our Future email is the one sending that email to Ms. Bock.

16 Q. That, that -- what is listed there?

17 A. A list of the various food sites that are part of the  
18 Federal Child Nutrition Program.

19 Q. All right. So they are ready. In other words, boss,  
20 those sites are completed to submit. Is that your  
21 understanding?

22 A. Yes. Yeah, the claims can be submitted.

23 Q. So let's look at -- you testified about A51.

24 Ms. Bock is writing to UM -- not UMD -- MDE,  
25 correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And the subject matter is Urgent, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And she wants Safari summer program application  
5 addressed, correct?

6 A. She wants it reapproved.

7 Q. Yeah, so she can submit, so she can submit the  
8 January 2021 claim, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. If she doesn't have Safari approved for the summer  
11 program, she cannot submit a claim, correct?

12 A. Correct. The approval has to be in place.

13 Q. Let's go to 16 -- B, like in boy, 16.

14 This is an email from Ms. Bock to Eidleh, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And what was it regarding?

17 A. No subject line. I forget without looking at the lower  
18 part of the email.

19 Q. Ms. Mallet, would you pull out.

20 A. This is related to the overall payments that -- it looks  
21 like a screen capture from the CLiCS related to the total  
22 amount of claims for the payment date on October 23rd, 2020,  
23 for a total of the 854,000.

24 Q. So Eidleh is sending those documents to Ms. Bock to  
25 review and see whether it's okay to submit, correct?

1 A. I don't know that to be true.

2 Q. So look at, look at the next, look at the next  
3 highlight, the next page there. There you go.

4 Do you see that?

5 A. I do, yes.

6 Q. Okay. And the title of, the title of Mr. Eidleh is what  
7 there?

8 A. The subject is September Claims for Safari.

9 Q. And let me see if you can just scroll to, just scroll  
10 down. Scroll down.

11 So included there is a screenshot. So we probably  
12 don't have everything, correct?

13 A. I'm not sure.

14 Q. Yeah, one way or the other. But Mr. Eidleh didn't just  
15 submit it, you know, talk to the boss, if it looks okay,  
16 correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. But you don't know what Mr. Eidleh did, what kind of  
19 documents completely that he presented to Ms. Bock in order  
20 to have that claim approved, correct?

21 A. Not specifically that claim, no.

22 Q. When I mean approve, not the payment is to go, but to go  
23 through the steps within Feeding Our Future. You don't have  
24 any information about that?

25 A. Not related to that specific claim, no.

1 MR. UDOIBOK: One moment, Your Honor.

2 I don't have any further questions.

3 THE COURT: Thank you.

4 Mr. Montez, we'll wait until tomorrow morning for  
5 you to start your cross, unless you are going to tell me  
6 that it's 15 minutes long.

7 MR. MONTEZ: Let's just wait till tomorrow.

8 THE COURT: All right. Agent Kary, you may step  
9 down.

10 We'll see you all tomorrow at 9:00 in the morning.

11 All right.

12 All rise for the jury.

13 4:44 p.m.

14 **IN OPEN COURT**

15 **(JURY NOT PRESENT)**

16 THE COURT: You may all be seated.

17 We've given the jurors the caution that you are  
18 not allowed, all of you, and anyone who is attending the  
19 trial or involved in the trial, is not to talk to the  
20 jurors. The jurors are under that caution.

21 Given the state of our elevators, I am going to  
22 suggest to all of you that you not only not talk to them,  
23 but that if they are in an elevator, that you not take the  
24 same elevator.

25 So I'm just going to include that in my

1 instructions to you, and they will be informed of that as  
2 well.

3 MR. UDOIBOK: Judge, may I ask: Do they all wear  
4 their badges after, after court? Do they take the badges  
5 home?

6 THE COURT: I don't know whether they take their  
7 badges home.

8 MR. THOMPSON: I believe I've seen them walk in in  
9 the morning in other trials with the badges on.

10 MR. UDOIBOK: Judge, I confess. I don't know.  
11 Maybe it's my -- I don't know what they look like.

12 THE COURT: All right. Well, if you know, and  
13 they are -- they should be wearing their badges is what I'm  
14 just informed of. I didn't know that to be true, but they  
15 should be identified by wearing a badge.

16 All right. We'll see you all in the morning.  
17 Thank you.

18 MR. UDOIBOK: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 (Court adjourned at 4:45 p.m., 02-12-2025.)

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21 I, Renee A. Rogge, certify that the foregoing is a  
22 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the  
23 above-entitled matter.

24 Certified by: /s/Renee A. Rogge  
25 Renee A. Rogge, RMR-CRR