September 4, 2018

The Honorable Jesse M. Furman United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 40 Centre Street, Room 2202 New York, NY 10007

RE: Plaintiffs' letter motion to compel production of documents withheld or redacted on grounds of deliberative process privilege in *New York Immigration Coalition*, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce, et al., 18-CV-5025 (JMF), and *State of New York*, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce, et al., 18-CV-2921 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman,

On August 14, 2018, this Court held that it would apply a balancing test to assertions of deliberative process privilege in this case, and that Plaintiffs could seek to compel production of "specific documents or categories of documents" under that test. 18-CV-2921, ECF No. 241 at 2. Plaintiffs now seek to compel production of 32 documents (the "Documents") that Defendants have withheld on deliberative process grounds. *See* Ex. A (highlighted in yellow).

All but two of these records were created or received by Secretary Ross, Earl Comstock, Wendy Teramoto, or Karen Dunn Kelley, the four senior Department of Commerce ("Commerce") officials most heavily involved in the decision to add the citizenship question. The withheld records of these officials are critical to assessing whether Defendants acted with discriminatory intent in adding the citizenship question, and whether and how Defendants used the Department of Justice ("DOJ") to create a pretext to mask their true motivations. The Documents thus are essential to the adjudication of both the Administrative Procedure Act and equal protection claims in these cases, and Defendants can cite no legitimate government interest in shielding records that will shed light on a scheme to mislead the American public.

A. Every Factor in the Balancing Test Weighs in Favor of Disclosure

Under the balancing test that this Court adopted, this Court considers: (1) the relevance of the evidence; (2) the availability of other evidence; (3) the seriousness of the litigation; (4) the role of the agency in the litigation; and (5) the possibility that disclosure will inhibit future candid debate among agency decision-makers. Winfield v. City of N.Y., 2018 WL 716013, at *5-6 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 1, 2018). While this Court adopted this balancing test rather than holding the privilege categorically inapplicable in this case, courts have noted that where the decisionmaking process is a central issue, the difference between the two approaches is "more stylistic than substantive." In re Delphi Corp., 276 F.R.D. 81, 85 (S.D.N.Y. 2011). Where "the deliberative or decisionmaking process is the 'central issue,'" "the need for the deliberative documents" will typically "outweigh the possibility that disclosure will inhibit future candid debate." Id.

1. The Documents Are Essential to This Litigation: This factor weighs strongly in favor of disclosure where a plaintiff must show improper intent to establish its legal claims. U.S. Postal Serv. v. Phelps Dodge Ref. Corp., 852 F. Supp. 156, 166 (E.D.N.Y. 1994); MacNamara v. City of N.Y., 249 F.R.D. 70, 84-85 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). This is especially so in cases "involving

allegations of discrimination [or] pretext," because the "decisionmaking process" and the motivations of "individual" government actors may be highly probative of such claims. *Citizens Union of City of N.Y. v. Atty. Gen. of N.Y.*, 269 F. Supp. 3d 124, 167 (S.D.N.Y. 2017).

The Documents "go[] to the heart of" Plaintiffs' equal protection and APA claims. *Burbar*, 303 F.R.D. at 14. They are relevant to whether Defendants acted with discriminatory intent toward immigrant communities, whether Defendants acted under political pressure, and whether they created a pretext to justify their decision:

- Some may reflect outright animus toward immigrant communities of color. *See*, *e.g.*, AR 3888 (email with the subject "Counting of illegal immigrants").
- Many significantly predate the DOJ December 12, 2017 request and will shed light on why Secretary Ross wanted to add the citizenship question, including documents surrounding his May 2017 statement that his request was "months old." AR 3695, 3698, 3702, 3710, 3888.
- Ten documents concern the events surrounding Secretary Ross' September 2017 phone call with the Attorney General to solicit DOJ to request the question, which may illustrate that the stated reason of Voting Rights Act enforcement is pretext. AR 1403, 2458, 2461 (& attachment), 3687, 3990, 9834, 3984, 11047, 11048, 11362.
- Eleven documents reflect Commerce officials' reactions to Census Bureau opposition to adding the question, including reactions to Dr. John Abowd's memoranda of January 3, January 19, and March 1, 2018, which concluded that adding a citizenship question would be "very costly, harms the quality of the census count, and would use substantially less accurate citizenship status data." These records may also shed light on whether the stated rationale is pretext. AR 2474, 2517, 10273, 10291, 10299, 10342, 10351, 10352, 10356, 11250, 11252.
- Ten documents relate to congressional testimony or other communications with Congress and the media, which are relevant to whether there were efforts to mislead the public with a pretextual explanation. AR 2160, 2199, 3687, 3690, 3695, 3698, 3907, 3990, 5428, 5440.
- 2. The Information is Not Available from Other Sources: This factor weighs decidedly in favor of disclosure where plaintiffs allege discrimination or pretext, because the "evidence needed to demonstrate invidious or discriminatory motives . . . may not be available from sources other than individual [government actors]." Citizens, 269 F. Supp. 3d at 167. Here, the Documents are effectively the only evidence of Defendants' motivations for adding the question and requesting DOJ to provide the rationale.

Indeed, the need for the Documents is especially critical given the obfuscation about key events by Teramoto, Comstock, and Kelley in their depositions. The lack of forthrightness of these senior government officials was troubling to say the least. Ms. Teramoto, the Secretary's Chief of Staff, repeatedly claimed that she "wasn't involved" and played no role in the decision to add citizenship question, *see*, *e.g.*, Ex. B. at 70-71, 82, 93-94, 103, 122, 205-11, despite being on numerous e-mails and phone calls discussing the issue and personally organizing meetings on it. Ms. Teramoto claimed no memory. *See*, *e.g.*, *id.* at 40-41, 54-56, 77, 87-89. And despite contemporaneous documentation—from Secretary Ross himself—showing she was the only other person on a phone call between Secretary Ross and Attorney General Sessions to discuss the matter, she now says she was not. *Id.* at 82-85. Mr. Comstock, who was Secretary Ross' point person on adding the citizenship question, admits that the Secretary asked to include the

question in early 2017 before the VRA rationale surfaced, but remarkably testified that he never discussed the Secretary's rationale with the Secretary, or anyone else, because the Secretary's actual reason for wanting the question was "irrelevant." Ex. C at 111-13, 250-73, 285-86, 300-08. And Ms. Kelley testified to having no recollection of any conversation, at any time, with Secretary Ross in which he indicated that he was interested in the citizenship question as early as the spring of 2017. Ex. D at 27-31, 90-92. Given the failed memories of Commerce's senior leadership, the need for contemporaneous, documentary evidence is paramount.

- 3. The Litigation is of Exceptional Public Importance: This case is of great public importance, and this factor weighs heavily in favor of disclosure. An undercount in the Census will affect allocation of Electoral College votes, the apportionment of congressional seats, the configuration of congressional and state legislative districts, and billions of dollars in federal and state funding. See, e.g., Favors v. Cuomo, 285 F.R.D. 187, 219 (E.D.N.Y. 2012).
- 4. Commerce Has a Central Role in the Case and the Alleged Wrongdoing: This factor "considers the role played by [the agency] and its members in the allegedly unlawful conduct." Favors v. Cuomo, 2015 WL 7075960, at *11 (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 8, 2015). Commerce and its leadership played a "direct" role in the alleged unlawful conduct here, and thus "the fourth factor weighs in favor of disclosure." Citizens, 269 F. Supp. 3d at 169.
- 5. There is No Risk of Chilling Legitimate Deliberations: The purpose of the privilege is to "protect frank discussion of legal or policy matters" to promote "the quality of agency decisions." Resolution Tr. Corp. v. Diamond, 137 F.R.D. 634, 642-43 (S.D.N.Y. 1991). The "justification for the privilege" therefore disappears where shielding the information would undermine, rather than promote, "the public's interest in effective government." Burbar, 303 F.R.D. at 14. One such circumstance is "when the information sought may shed light on alleged government malfeasance." Id.; accord In re Sealed Case, 121 F.3d 729, 738 (D.C. Cir. 1997).

That is the case here. The Documents are not likely to reveal internal debate over legitimate policy objectives, but rather the reasons why Defendants sought to concoct an *ex post* justification for a conclusion they had already reached. There is no legitimate interest in protecting such communications, and no cause for concern that such discussions will be "chilled." The purpose of the privilege is to protect deliberations by government actors over how to best serve the American public, not "deliberations" over how best to mislead the public. In all events, any legitimate interest Defendants have in shielding the requested documents is faroutweighed by the importance of the documents to Plaintiffs' claims.

B. In Camera Review is Warranted

In camera review is warranted for the Documents. During this review, Plaintiffs request the Court also assess the invocation of additional privileges over three of the records. Defendants assert attorney-client privilege over AR 2458, but no legal counsel was on the communication, nor does the subject matter reflect that the document's purpose was to provide legal advice. Defendants assert work-product privilege over AR 3888 and 3984, but Defendants' log does not reflect involvement of counsel in these documents or specify that they were prepared in anticipation of litigation. And as previously discussed (18-CV-2921, ECF No. 220), AR 3888 and 3984 significantly predate the DOJ request and are not proximate to any litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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0002517	0002517			Wilbur Ross	Rockas, James (Federal)		1/2/2018 18:53			Update from Census.msg	PII - Personal Privacy	To a district
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						Joanne Crane;	1/12/2018			Citizenship and Residence		
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								Comstock, Earl	9/8/2017	Memo on Census Calls with		communications regarding census discussions with
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0009843	0009843	0009843	0009843	N/A	N/A			available	3:37 PM	Memorandum.pdf	Deliberative Process	citizenship memo
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0010245	0010245	0010245	0010245	N/A	Census Bureau		3/9/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk Camerota, Steve - briefing memo for secretary ross, march 13, 2018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Internal pre-call briefing memo for Secretary Ross with handwritten notes
0010246	0010246	0010246	0010246	N/A	Platt, Mike		3/9/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk Carper, Tom - briefing memo for secretary ross, march 12, 2018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Internal pre-call briefing memo for SWR with handwritten notes
0010248	0010248	0010248	0010248	N/A	N/A		After 1/31/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk census memo, 2018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Draft of potential census memo from Secretary with handwritten notes
0010249	0010249	0010249		Kelley, Karen Dunn; Uthmeier, James	Feitas, Jessica		2/5/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk census questions around	AC - Attorney Client Privilege; WP - Work Product; DP - Deliberative Process	Draft pre-decisional memo from counsel re census citizenship question in foreign countries with handwritten notes
0010250	0010250	0010250	0010250	N/A	Platt, Mike		3/14/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk Connolly, Gerry - briefing memo for secretary ross, march 15, 2018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Pre-call briefing memo for Secretary Ross with handwritten notes
0010251	0010251	0010251	0010251	N/A	N/A			No metadata available	7/18/2018 6:37 PM	KDK Copy of answered Questions w notes.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Handwritten notes on internal draft questions on Jan 19 draft census memo on citizenship question reinstatement request
0010273	0010273	0010273	0010273	Ross, Wilbur	Abrowd, John		2/5/2018	No metadata available	7/18/2018 6:39 PM	KDK Copy of Jan 19 memo w notes (2).pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Predecisional draft of January 19, 2018 Abowd memo with handwritten notes

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0010300	0010300	0010300	0010300	Jarmin, Ron S	Abowd, John		1/3/2018	No metadata available	7/18/2018 6:35 PM	KDK Notes on Jan 3 Memo to Jarmin.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Draft predecisional memo from John Abowd addressing alternatives for responding to DOJ request, with handwritten notes
0010301	0010301	0010301	0010301	N/A	N/A		2/26/2018	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	KDK Outstanding Decennial Correspondance 02262018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Internal draft chart with status of response to correspondence on citizenship question
0010302	0010310	0010302	0010310	Welsh, Kelly	Gary, Arthur	Samuels, Jocelyn; Lofthus, Lee; Mason, Karol; Mizer, Ben; Sabol, William	6/25/2014	No metadata available	7/20/2018 9:46 AM	kdk packet information Jan. 2018.pdf	AC - Attorney Client Privilege; WP - Work Product; DP - Deliberative Process	First two pages two draft outlines on administrative record considerations, with handwritten notes; fifth page handwritten predecisional deliberative notes; last page excerpted information from ACS handbook and handwritten pre-decisional deliber

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0010348	0010348	0010348	0010348	N/A	Platt, Mike		2/28/2018	available	9:47 AM	ross, February 28, 2018.pdf	DP - Deliberative Process	Senator Schatz
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0011036	0011036	0011035	0011036	Ross, Wilbur	N/A		1/5/2018	Uthmeier, James (Federal)	1/5/2018 12:34 PM	Legal Memo to SWR re DOJ Citizenship Request Draft Jan 5 2018.docx	AC - Attorney Client Privilege; WP - Work Product	Draft attorney legal memo providing advice to agency officials regarding DOJ request to reinstate citizenship question
0011047	0011047	0011047	0011047	Ross, Wilbur	Kelley, Karen Dunn		12/8/2017	rogal002	12/7/2017 8:23 AM	CENSUS Memo for Ross Race Eth.doc	DP - Deliberative Process	Draft memo to Secretary of commerce on 2020 census contingency plans for race & ethnicity questions
0011048	0011048	0011048	0011048	Ross, Wilbur	Kelley, Karen Dunn		12/8/2017	rogal002	12/7/2017 8:22 AM	CENSUS Memo for Ross Res Criteria.doc	DP - Deliberative Process	Draft memo to Secretary of Commerce on proposed residence criteria & residence situations for 2020 census
0011160	0011162	0011160	0011162	Lenihan, Brian (Federal)	Zadrozny, John A.	Uthmeier, James (Federal); Hamilton, Gene (OAG); Sherk, James B.	2/21/2018 18:02			RE: Conversation Next Week.msg	PII - Personal Privacy	
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11	Defendants.
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Page 8 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. 2. We are going on the record at 9:07 a.m. on 3 August 24th, 2018. Please note that the 4 5 microphones are sensitive and may pick up whispering, private conversations and 6 7 cellular interference. Please turn off all cell phones or place them away from the 8 9 microphones as they can interfere with the 10 deposition audio. Audio and video 1 1 recording will continue to take place 12 unless all parties agree to go off the 1.3 record. 14 This is media unit number one 15 of the video-recorded deposition of Wendy 16 Teramoto taken by counsel for plaintiffs in 17 the matter of New York Immigration 18 Coalition, et al., versus United States 19 Department of Commerce, et al., filed in 20 the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, case number 21 2.2 1:18-CF-05025-JMF. This deposition is 23 being held at the offices of Arnold & 24 Porter located at 250 West 55th Street, New York, New York. 25

Page 9 My name is Carlos King from the 1 2. firm of Veritext and I am the videographer. 3 The court reporter is Todd DeSimone also from Veritext. I'm not authorized to 4 5 administer an oath, I'm not related to any 6 party in this action, nor am I financially 7 interested in the outcome. All appearances will be noted 8 9 on the steno record. Will the court 10 reporter please swear in the witness. 1 1 12 TERAMOTO, WENDY 13 called as a witness, having been first duly 14 sworn, was examined and testified 15 as follows: 16 EXAMINATION BY MR. GERSCH: 17 Please state your name and work Q. 18 address. 19 Α. My name is Wendy Teramoto and I 20 work at the Department of Commerce in 21 Washington. 2.2 Do you do your work in 23 Washington D.C.? Yes, sir. 24 Α. 25 Q. And how are you employed at the

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Page 10
    Department of Commerce? What is your
1
2.
    position or title?
                 I am the chief of staff and
3
          Α.
    senior advisor.
4
5
              And for how long have you held
6
    that position?
7
          Α.
                 Just about a year.
                 Let's go back a little. I want
8
          O .
9
    to get some background first and then we
10
    will move forward.
1 1
                 I understand that you graduated
12
    from the University of Colorado at Boulder;
1.3
    is that right?
14
                 Yes, sir.
          Α.
15
                 In 1996?
          Q.
16
                 Yes, sir.
          Α.
17
                 With a degree in accounting?
          Q.
18
          Α.
                 Yes, sir.
19
                 And graduated with honors?
          0.
20
                 Yes, sir.
          Α.
21
                 You are a founding partner of
          0.
    WL Ross & Company in 2000?
2.2
23
          Α.
                 I believe it was 2000, yes,
24
    sir.
25
                 What did you do between
          Q.
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Page 11 graduation from the University of Colorado 1 2. and starting WL Ross? Sure. So after I graduated I 3 Α. worked for one year at Price Waterhouse in 4 5 New York City and then after Price Waterhouse I started working at a firm 6 7 called Rothschild. 8 And what did you do at Ο. Rothschild? 9 10 Α. At Rothschild I started as an 1 1 associate, and Rothschild is a huge investment banking firm and so I worked on 12 1.3 some of the M&A transactions as well as the 14 Rothschild Recovery Fund. 15 0. When did you first meet 16 Secretary Ross? 17 Α. It would have been when I 18 started working at Rothschild. 19 Was he at Rothschild? Ο. 20 Yes, sir. Α. 21 And did you work on matters 0. 2.2 with him? 23 Yes, sir. Α. 24 What kind of matters? 0. 25 The Rothschild Recovery Fund. Α.

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Page 12
         O. So would this have started in
1
    about 1997-1998?
2.
3
         Α.
            1997.
                How did you become a founding
4
         Ο.
5
    partner of WL Ross?
                MS. WELLS: I object to the
6
7
    form.
8
         A. I don't understand the
9
    question.
10
               Well, let me ask this: You are
         0.
1 1
    an equity partner in -- you were an equity
12
    partner in WL Ross?
1.3
                 MS. WELLS: I object to the
14
    form.
15
         Α.
                Well, in WL Ross, the holding
16
    company?
17
                Let's start with that, sure.
         Q.
18
                 There was only two owners,
         Α.
19
    owners, that I believe of the, as you call,
20
    equity in WL Ross & Co.
21
         0.
                And who were they?
2.2
         Α.
                That would have been Wilbur
    Ross and his daughter.
23
24
         0.
                The WL Ross that you were a
25
    founding partner of, is that the holding
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Page 13
    company or a different WL Ross?
1
2.
         Α.
                 There is the WL Ross & Co.,
3
    which I was a founding partner in.
                And what did it mean to be a
4
         Q.
    founding partner?
5
                 I was one of -- to me, I don't
6
7
    know what your interpretation --
8
                 Yours is fine.
         0.
9
         Α.
                 To me, you know, I was one of
10
    the original employees/partners of the
1 1
    firm.
12
             And how many original
         Q.
1.3
    employees/partners were there?
14
         Α.
                 I don't remember right now.
15
         0.
                 Was it ten or was it five or
16
    was it twenty or some other number,
17
    roughly? I'm trying to get a rough sense.
18
         Α.
                 Again, I don't remember.
19
                 Do you hold -- I assume you no
         O .
20
    longer hold a position at WL Ross?
21
                 MS. WELLS: I object to the
2.2
    form.
23
                 Is that correct?
         Ο.
24
         Α.
                 I am no longer employed at WL
25
    Ross & Co.
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Page 14
                 Do you have any continuing
1
2.
    involvement with any of the companies that
    WL Ross & Co. either invested in or
3
    started?
4
5
                 MS. WELLS:
                              I'm going to object
    to the form.
6
7
          Q.
                 You can answer.
8
         Α.
                 Can you repeat the question,
9
    please?
10
         Ο.
                 The question is whether --
1 1
                 I asked him to repeat it.
         Α.
12
                 That's all right, I'm allowed
         Q.
1.3
    to do it.
14
                 MR. WALSH: She is also allowed
15
    to ask the court reporter. Let's have the
16
    court reporter read the question back.
17
    Let's not bully the witness in the first
18
    five minutes of the deposition.
19
                 You asked a very specific
         Α.
20
    question, sir, and I don't want you to
21
    paraphrase it unless you say the exact same
2.2
    thing.
23
                Ma'am, I'm allowed to change
24
    the question.
25
         Α.
                 Okay.
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Page 15
1
                 The question will be what I
          Ο.
2.
    ask. Let's do this: Have you been deposed
3
    before?
                Yes, sir.
4
          Α.
5
          Ο.
                 How many times?
                 Times in terms of cases or
6
          Α.
7
    times in terms of days?
                 On how many -- in how many
8
          0.
9
    cases have you been deposed, roughly?
10
          Α.
                 I think two.
1 1
                 Have you given testimony at
          0.
12
    trial or at hearing before?
13
          Α.
                 Yes.
14
                 In how many cases?
          0.
15
          Α.
                 Once.
16
                 What was the case about?
          Ο.
17
                 My neighbor, my former
          Α.
18
    neighbor, had gotten into trouble and so
19
    they had called me as a witness to see if
20
    he lived in the building.
21
                 Got it.
          Ο.
2.2
          Α.
                 So I had to go to court to
23
    testify that I had seen him in the
24
    building.
25
          Q.
                 All right. So I don't know how
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Page 16 the other depositions were conducted, I'm 1 2. going to ask you questions, all I ask is 3 that you answer them truthfully. If you don't understand them, please ask me to 4 5 rephrase, tell me you don't understand, or something like that. Can we agree on that? 6 7 Α. Sure. If you need to take a break at 8 0. 9 any time, just let us know and we will take 10 a break. No one is here, you know, this is 1 1 not prison, so will you agree to do that? 12 If I need to take a break, I 13 will definitely let you know. 14 And these fine folks, they may Ο. 15 want you to take a break at some point. 16 Sure, or this whole plethora of Α. 17 people. Yes. Is there any reason you 18 Q. can't give truthful testimony here today? 19 20 No, sir. Α. 21 0. Do you have any other source 2.2 of -- are you employed in any other way 23 other than in your position at the 24 Department of Commerce right now? 25 Α. My only employment is at the

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Page 17
1
    Department of Commerce.
2.
         O. And when did you start working
3
    at the Department of Commerce?
                Sometime in 2017.
4
         Α.
5
         Ο.
                Early 2017?
6
         Α.
                 I mean, I can quess.
7
                 I don't want you to guess. I'm
         0.
    asking you for an understanding, your best
8
9
    recollection.
10
             My best recollection would have
    been in about March of 2017.
1 1
12
                When did Mr. Ross ask you to be
         Ο.
1.3
    chief of staff?
14
             I don't remember.
         Α.
15
         Q.
                You said you also hold a
16
    position of senior advisor; is that right?
17
         Α.
                Sure.
            Do those have different duties
1 8
         Ο.
19
    than chief of staff?
20
         Α.
             I'm not sure how to answer that
21
    question.
2.2
         0.
                All right. Let's ask this:
23
    There came a time when Mr. Ross asked you
24
    to become chief of staff certainly?
25
         Α.
                 Well, we had talked about it
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Page 18 1 clearly. 2. 0. And what did he say to you and 3 what did he say he wanted you to do in that position? 4 5 I mean, I don't remember. was, you know, well over, you know, well 6 7 over a year and a half, two years ago. And you don't remember anything 8 Ο. 9 about your discussion with Mr. Ross when he 10 asked you to be chief of staff for the 1 1 Secretary of Commerce? 12 Nothing specific. We had 13 generally talked about whether I would want 14 to be involved, but there was no -- I mean, 15 neither myself nor Mr. Ross, to my 16 knowledge, I certainly have never worked in 17 the government before, so an idea of a 18 chief of staff, you know, I was there to 19 help him. I don't think -- we never had a 20 discussion of I need my chief of staff to 21 do this, because, to my knowledge, he has 2.2 never had a chief of staff. 23 Okay. So did you have a Ο. 24 discussion about what he wanted you to do 25 to help him?

Page 19 I don't remember ever having a 1 2. specific question of or discussion of what 3 I was specifically going to do to help him. Okay. You report directly to 4 Q. 5 him as chief of staff; is that right? Yes, sir. 6 Α. 7 Q. How would you describe your job? 8 9 Α. It depends on the day. So I 10 would say a large portion of my job is 1 1 helping to run the Department of Commerce. 12 The Commerce Department has, you know, I 13 believe a large range of different 14 departments that do different things, and 15 so depending on what's happening there will 16 be different departments that I work more 17 with or different things depending on 18 what's going on. 19 So, for example, trade is 20 obviously a large thing that the Secretary 21 has been involved in, so I will go to trade 2.2 meetings, you know, I will work with the 23 other agencies on some of the trade-related 24 issues. You know, it just depends on 25 what's happening that day or that week.

Page 20 Were you resident in New York 1 0. 2. before going to the Commerce Department? 3 Yes, sir. Α. When did you move down to 4 Ο. 5 Washington? Well, I'm not sure what you 6 Α. 7 mean by move down. I started spending a lot of my time in, you know, say, March. 8 I'm still a resident in New York but I also 10 own a place in D.C. as well. 1 1 Roughly how much time do you 0. 12 spend in D.C.? 1.3 Α. The vast majority of my time. 14 Okay. Did other people from Ο. 15 any of the WL Ross companies come to 16 Washington to work at Commerce besides 17 yourself? 18 Α. Not that I'm aware of. 19 Did Brooke Alexander work for 0. 20 any of the WL Ross companies? 21 Not that I know of. Α. 2.2 Ο. To your knowledge, did she have 23 a prior relationship with the Secretary? 24 Prior to her working at the Α. 25 Department of Commerce?

Page 21 1 Q. Correct. 2. Α. No. 3 By the way, when I refer to the Q. Secretary, will you understand that I mean 4 5 Secretary Ross? 6 Α. Sure. 7 Ο. How about Under Secretary Karen Dunn Kelley, did she have a prior 8 9 connection with the Secretary as far as you 10 know? 1 1 Well, she worked at Invesco Α. 12 She did not work -- I believe that you had 1.3 asked WL Ross. 14 O. I'm just asking about Secretary 15 Kelley now, Under Secretary Kelley, did she 16 have a prior relationship with Secretary 17 Ross? 18 A. No, but I'm just clarifying your question. You just specifically asked 19 20 about WL Ross & Co., if anybody came from 21 WL Ross & Co. 2.2 I did ask that question Ο. earlier. Now I'm asking about Under 23 24 Secretary Kelley, did she have a prior relationship with the Secretary? 25

Page 22 Well, she did not work at WL 1 2. Ross & Co., but she had worked at Invesco 3 and Invesco purchased WL Ross & Co. Other than yourself -- and I 4 Ο. 5 take it Under Secretary Kelley would have known Secretary Ross from that context? 6 7 Α. Sure. Other than yourself and Under 8 O . 9 Secretary Kelley, is there anyone else at 10 the Commerce Department now in a senior 1 1 position who has had a prior relationship 12 with Secretary Ross? MS. WELLS: I object to the 1.3 14 form. 15 Α. I mean, not to my knowledge, 16 but when you say prior relationship, I 17 mean, the Secretary knows a lot of people, 18 so if he had known somebody and met 19 somebody at some other gathering ten years 20 ago and they happened to now work at Commerce, sir, I just -- I don't know. 21 2.2 Q. I understand. 23 To the -- I'm just thinking 24 through. I can't think of anybody now. All right. When did you first 25 Q.

Page 23 hear about the notion of adding a question 1 2. about citizenship to the census? 3 I just don't remember. 4 Ο. Is there any way you would be 5 able to date that? 6 Α. No. 7 Is there any kind of document 0. that you remember as -- well, withdrawn. 8 9 How did you first hear about 10 the notion of adding a citizenship question 1 1 to the census? 12 Α. I don't remember. 1.3 Q. Would that be reflected in any 14 documents? 15 Α. Not that I would be aware of. 16 MR. GERSCH: Let's mark as 17 Teramoto Exhibit 1 a document Bates stamped 18 1321. 19 (Teramoto Exhibit 1 marked for identification.) 20 21 I have handed the witness an 2.2 exhibit marked Teramoto Exhibit 1 titled 23 The Supplemental Memorandum of Secretary of 24 Commerce Wilbur Ross Regarding the 2.5 Administrative Record in Census Litigation.

Page 24 Do you have that in front of 1 2. you? Yes, sir. 3 Α. If you look down to the second 4 Ο. 5 sentence, Secretary Ross writes "Soon after 6 my appointment as Secretary of Commerce, I 7 began considering various fundamental issues regarding the upcoming 2020 census, 8 9 including funding and content. Part of 10 these considerations included whether to 1 1 reinstate a citizenship question, which 12 other senior Administration officials had 13 previously raised." 14 Let me just stop there. He 15 says that soon after the appointment, his 16 appointment as Secretary of Commerce, if I 17 tell you that he was appointed in February 18 of 2017, shortly before you became chief of 19 staff, does that help you date when you 20 first learned that there was an interest in 21 adding a citizenship question? 2.2 Α. May I read this, please? 23 Certainly. Q. 2.4 (Witness perusing document.) 2.5 This is the first time Α. Okay.

Page 25 1 I've seen this memo, sir. 2. Ο. All right. Whether it is the 3 first time you have seen it or not -- by the way, that's Secretary Ross' signature 4 5 on it? It looks like it to me. 6 Α. 7 That's all I need to know. All 0. right. 8 9 My question is whether this 10 document refreshes your recollection that 1 1 you would have first heard about the idea 12 of adding a citizenship question to the 1.3 census early in 2017. 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 15 16 I mean, what I most No. 17 remember when we talked about the census, 18 and I wasn't really involved in the census 19 sort of overview of the department, the 20 discussions around census I had always 21 remember really had focused on, one was trying to get a handle on the budget and 22 23 what contracts had already been agreed to, 24 and, you know, where are we in terms of the numbers. 25

Page 26 1 The second thing that was 2. talked about a lot was how is the Census 3 Department going to be able to ramp up the employment of I believe it is half a 4 5 million people over a very short amount of 6 time and how are we going to do that 7 effectively. And then, you know, what do you do to ensure that there is the most 8 9 accurate count. 10 I mean, those are the themes. 1 1 I don't remember specifically the question 12 that you are talking about. You don't remember the -- well, 13 0. 14 withdrawn. 15 Do you remember that there was 16 a time when the question of adding a 17 citizenship question to the census came up? 18 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 19 Α. I don't remember a specific 20 conversation or meeting where it came up. 21 And I should also tell you, 2.2 sir, you know, I was not -- I was not 23 involved in most of the census meetings at 24 all. I mean, you know, when you look at

Commerce, some of the departments that we

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Page 27 have are extremely scientific and 1 2. technical. NOAA is one of them and Census 3 is another one. So, you know, I was not involved in those areas. 4 5 Did you have any responsibility or did you undertake to do anything with 6 7 respect to getting the citizenship question on the census? 8 9 Α. I'm not sure what you mean by 10 any responsibility. 1 1 Did you undertake any tasks 12 related to trying to get a citizenship 13 question put on the census? 14 Did I personally? No. Α. 15 Q. None whatsoever? 16 Did I ever -- I quess I'm a 17 little confused. You are asking if I did 18 anything for the citizenship question? 19 I'm asking if you did anything 0. 20 to try and help get a citizenship question 21 put on the census. 2.2 Α. No. 23 MR. GERSCH: Let's mark 24 Teramoto Exhibit 2. 25 Counsel, this is a two-page

Page 28 1 document. The second page, for reasons I 2. don't understand, are blank. I propose 3 only to mark the first page, unless you object. 4 5 MS. WELLS: No objection. (Teramoto Exhibit 2 marked for 6 7 identification.) For the record, this is Bates 8 0. 9 stamped 3699. It is an e-mail thread, the 10 top one of which states that it is from 1 1 Secretary Ross sent May 2nd, 2017 to Wendy 12 Teramoto, "Re: Census." 13 Take a moment to read this, I think most of it is blacked out, and let me 14 15 know when you've had a chance to do that. 16 (Witness perusing document.) 17 Α. Okay. 18 Ms. Teramoto, let me direct you 0. 19 to the middle of the document where it says 20 "Begin Forwarded Message: From: Alexander, 21 Brooke, To: Wendy Teramoto." 2.2 Do you see that? 23 Uh-huh. Yes, sir. Α. 24 0. So this appears that she is 25 forwarding a message, and then the message

Page 29 that she appears to be forwarding is headed 1 2. Original Message from Wilbur Ross to Earl Comstock and Ellen Herbst. 3 You see that, right? 4 5 Α. Correct. I'm not on the 6 original e-mail. 7 Ο. Correct. And then Secretary Ross has 8 9 written "Worst of all, they emphasize they 10 have settled with Congress on the questions 1 1 to be asked. I am mystified why nothing 12 have been done in response to my months old 1.3 request that we include the citizenship 14 question. Why not?" 15 All right, this question 16 appears to have been forwarded to you May 17 2nd, 2017. Do you remember that? I don't -- I don't remember 1 8 Α. 19 receiving it. 20 Do you deny receiving it? Q. 21 Α. No. 2.2 Ο. And then above the forwarding 23 part, there is a message that says "Wendy 24 Teramoto wrote: I continue to talk 25 frequently with Marc Neumann and we often

Page 30 have dinner together. He will not leave 1 2. les, but is in love with the census and talks about it nonstop. Do you want me to 3 set up another meeting? Let me know if you 4 5 want to have a drink or get together over the weekend." 6 7 Then Secretary Ross has written in response to you, "Let's try to stick him 8 9 in there for a few days to fact-find." 10 Do you see that? 1 1 Yes, sir. Α. 12 So you would have received this Q. 13 at the beginning of May, and the message 14 that is forwarded to you has Secretary Ross 15 complaining that nothing has been done in 16 response to his months-old request that we 17 include a citizenship question. 18 Does this help you remember 19 that you had some involvement in getting 20 the citizenship question on the census? 21 Α. No. 2.2 MS. WELLS: Objection to form. 23 Well, wait a minute. First of Α. 24 all, this is -- this is two sentences out 25 of an e-mail that I have no idea what else

Page 31 was said. It is titled Census. 1 2. So this has -- I mean, just 3 because, you know, for you to imply that because I had suggested he set up a meeting 4 5 or talk to somebody who worked on the transition team for census has nothing to 6 7 do with, in my eyes, the citizenship question. It has to do with the census as 8 9 a whole. 10 Ms. Teramoto, you started Ο. 1 1 earlier in your answer referencing that 12 there were things in the message that you 13 can't read. 14 Do you understand that it is 15 the government lawyers who have blocked 16 that information out? 17 Between all the lawyers, I Α. 18 mean, you know, it's not -- I'm not part of 19 the process of what is shown or what's not. 20 I know that they follow the rules and 21 regulations of what they are supposed to 2.2 do. 23 My question is, do you 0. 24 understand that it is the government 25 lawyers who have blocked that information

Page 32 1 out that you say you can't read on here? 2. Α. If that's what you are telling 3 me, I have no reason to believe that it's 4 not true. 5 All right. When Secretary Ross O . says "I'm mystified why nothing have been 6 7 done in response to my months old request," why did Secretary Ross request as of 8 9 several months apparently before May 2nd, 10 2017, why did he request that a citizenship 1 1 question be included on the census? 12 I have no idea. I mean, as you 13 have correctly pointed out, this was in 14 May. I didn't write the e-mail and I wasn't even -- he didn't even send it to 15 16 me. 17 I take it your testimony is 18 that Secretary Ross never told you the 19 reason that he made such a request? 20 I have never asked. Α. 21 0. That's not my question. Did he 2.2 ever tell you? 23 Α. No. 24 0. Did you ever learn to whom he made that request? 25

Page 33 Of what? 1 Α. 2. 0. The request to add a 3 citizenship question. MS. WELLS: I object to form. 4 5 I guess I'm confused. Can you 6 please repeat the question? 7 Certainly. Q. 8 He says he "made a months old 9 request that we include a citizenship 10 question." Did you ever learn to whom he 1 1 made the request? 12 Α. I have no idea. 1.3 O . All right. So this is 14 forwarded to you by Brook Alexander, and 15 you respond by saying that you talk 16 frequently with Marc Neumann and asking if 17 the Secretary wants to meet with him. 18 Who is Marc Neumann? 19 Α. So Marc Neumann was somebody 20 that I met on the transition team who had 21 worked at Census before. 2.2 Ο. And did you discuss the 23 citizenship question with Marc Neumann? 24 Did I? Α. 25 Q. Yes.

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1	A. Not that I remember.
2	Q. And
3	A. Again, a lot of the census
4	focus was on the budget and how are you
5	going to properly ramp up half a million
6	employees in such a short amount of time.
7	Q. When Secretary Ross says "Let's
8	try to stick him in there for a few days to
9	fact-find," did you do that?
10	A. I believe so, but I don't I
11	believe I did, but I don't remember when.
12	Q. Okay. And when you say you
13	believe you did, what is it that you had
14	him do? Did you have him go down to the
15	Census Bureau?
16	A. Have who go down?
17	Q. Mr. Neumann.
18	A. No.
19	Q. When it says "Let's try to
20	stick him in there a few days to
21	fact-find," who is the "him"?
2 2	A. I mean, I didn't write the
2 3	e-mail. If you want me to guess.
2 4	Q. This is from the Secretary to
25	you, correct?

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    on May 2nd, 2017?
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    stick him in there."
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    said you did it, that was your testimony,
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    "him," and I'm telling you I think it is
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    think you had answered it originally. All
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Page 36 right, thank you. 1 2. And where did you stick him for 3 a few days to fact-find? I'm not sure how to answer that 4 5 question. I don't think I stuck Marc Neumann anywhere. 6 7 Ο. I'm just using the Secretary's language, it's not yours. Secretary Ross 8 9 says "Let's stick him in there." Where is "in there"? 10 1 1 I believe he is saying let's --Α. 12 this is me trying to guess what "stick him 1.3 in there "meant over a year ago, but I 14 believe it is trying to find something on 15 his calendar to meet with him. I don't 16 think he literally meant to stick Marc 17 Neumann somewhere. 18 So if I understand you Ο. 19 correctly, when he says "Let's try and stick him in there for a few days, " are you 20 21 saying what Secretary Ross means is can you 2.2 get Mr. Neumann on my calendar? 23 I mean, when I look at it, it Α. 24 would have been something like that. There 25 was never a time period when I tried to

Page 37 1 stick Marc Neumann in anyplace. 2. O . All right. Does your thinking 3 this has to do with getting him on the calendar, does that square with the "for a 4 few days to fact-find"? 5 Again, I mean, you asked me 6 7 what I thought, if I had read it. I would have said get him on the calendar, even 8 9 today. 10 So if I understand your Ο. 1 1 testimony, you were not chief of staff at 12 this time, you were a senior advisor, and 1.3 so you would have become chief of staff sometime after May 2nd, 2017; is that 14 15 right? 16 I would -- it is correct to say 17 that I would become chief of staff after 18 May 2nd of 2017. 19 Do you connect or relate 20 becoming chief of staff to any particular 21 event? I'm trying to get a rough sense of 2.2 the date. So I'm trying to understand --23 Oh, you should have just asked. Α. 24 No, I believe I became chief of 25 staff, I don't have the exact date, sir,

Page 38 but it was -- I believe it was right at the 1 end of July of 2017. 3 Q. Did you ever speak with Marc Neumann about the citizenship question? 4 5 Not that I remember. You are still chief of staff 6 Ο. 7 today, correct? 8 As far as I know, sir. Α. 9 Ο. Let's mark another document. 10 Let's have this marked as Teramoto Exhibit 1 1 No. 3. It is a two-page document, 763 and 12 764. 1.3 (Teramoto Exhibit 3 marked for 14 identification.) 15 Α. Is this the entire e-mail, sir? 16 Ο. That's what has been produced 17 to us. 18 Okay. Would you like me to Α. 19 read it, sir? 20 I'm going to ask you a question Q. 21 about it, and at that point I would say 2.2 read it to the extent you need to read it 23 to answer the question. 24 Α. Okay. So this is an e-mail chain, 25 Q.

Page 39 which at the top says from Kris Kobach to 1 2. Wendy Teramoto, CC Brooke Alexander, Israel 3 Hernandez, date is July 24th, 2017. And my first question is, who 4 5 is Kris Kobach? I would like to read the 6 Α. 7 document, sir. I will withdraw the question. 8 O . 9 Let me ask you a different question. If 10 you need to read the document to answer 1 1 that question, it is fine with me. 12 He was vice chair of the 1.3 Presidential Advisory Committee on Election 14 Integrity and Secretary of State of Kansas; isn't that right? 15 16 I have no idea. Α. 17 Q. All right. 18 He was vice what? Α. 19 Vice chair of the Presidential O . 20 Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. 21 Α. Okay. Is this the first you're 2.2 Ο. 23 hearing that? 24 Yes, sir. Α. 25 Q. If I tell you he was Secretary

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    of State of Kansas, have you heard that
    before?
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    here.
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    writes an e-mail to you, if you look down
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    that first page, July 21, 2017, he writes
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    "Wendy, nice meeting you on the phone this
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    afternoon. Below is the e-mail I sent to
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    Secretary Ross" --
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    e-mail, please?
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    e-mail from Kris Kobach to you, July 21, in
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    which he says -- he references meeting you
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    on the phone this afternoon.
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                 Do you recall speaking with
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    Kris Kobach?
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1	A. Not at all.
2	Q. You don't deny speaking with
3	him?
4	A. I think you asked me if I
5	remember. I don't remember talking to him.
6	Q. This is a different question.
7	You don't deny speaking with
8	him?
9	A. Given this e-mail, I would
10	assume that I spoke to him, but I don't
11	remember ever speaking to him.
12	Q. All right. And he asks
13	withdrawn.
14	He says that he had sent an
15	e-mail to Secretary Ross and he attaches it
16	here. You see that, correct?
17	A. Well, I see his e-mail to me
18	says "Below is the e-mail that I sent to
19	Secretary Ross."
20	Q. Okay.
21	A. So I assume however this is
2 2	produced, it would have been this e-mail.
2 3	Q. All right. And one of the
2 4	things that the e-mail that Kris Kobach
25	forwards to you, one of the things in it is

Page 42 the statement "It is essential that one 1 2. simple question be added to the upcoming 3 2020 census, "that's the first sentence of the second paragraph of this forwarded 4 5 e-mail; do you see that? The second -- the first 6 7 sentence of the second paragraph that Kris Kobach sent to, I believe it is Secretary 8 9 Ross, but I can't say his -- there is no 10 e-mail address -- says "It is essential 1 1 that one simple question be added to the 12 upcoming 2020 census." 1.3 0. All right. When you spoke with Kris Kobach, didn't he talk to you about 14 15 adding a citizenship question to the 16 census? 17 Again, I have no recollection Α. 18 ever speaking to him. 19 Who did you understand Kris Ο. 20 Kobach to be at the time? 21 Α. I had no idea. 2.2 Do you typically set up Q. 23 meetings with the Secretary or calls with 24 the Secretary to people -- with people you 25 have no idea who they are?

Page 43 You asked me, sir, if at the 1 time if I knew who Kris Kobach was, and I 2. said I didn't. 3 Q. Correct. I have asked you a 4 5 different question now. Okay. Could you please repeat 6 Α. 7 it? My question is, would you 8 0. 9 typically set up a call for the Secretary 10 with somebody who you didn't know anything 1 1 about who they were? 12 Α. Well, no. 1.3 0. Why did you do so on this 14 occasion? 15 Α. Here it looks as though he 16 forwarded to me and told me who he was. 17 Okay. And why did you set up a Q. 18 call with him with the Secretary? 19 At this point in time, I don't Α. 20 remember. 21 It had to do with the 0. 22 citizenship question, didn't it? 23 He had sent an e-mail Α. requesting a call, and I don't remember, 24 25 well, it looks like I set it up, so, you

Page 44 1 know --2. 0. Ms. Teramoto, my question is 3 simply, the call that you set up, that was for the purpose of discussing the 4 5 citizenship question, correct? It was -- I would have set up 6 7 the call because somebody had asked for a 8 call with the Secretary. 9 0. Didn't you set it up for the 10 Secretary in part because it was about the 1 1 citizenship question? 12 I would have set up the call 1.3 because somebody had asked for the call 14 with the Secretary. It wouldn't be 15 specifically because of a certain question. 16 You wouldn't set up a call for 17 anyone who asks for a call with the 18 Secretary, would you? 19 If there is somebody who wants 20 to speak to the Secretary and it seems like 21 it is something that he would want to talk 2.2 about, then I would set it up. 23 So I take it he would, in your Ο. 24 mind, he would have wanted to talk about 25 the citizenship question?

Page 45 1 I would have set up the call if 2. somebody like this would have asked for a 3 call with the Secretary, so if another Secretary of State had asked for some call 4 5 with the Secretary, I would have tried to facilitate that. 6 7 Wouldn't you have told the Ο. Secretary what the topic of the call was? 8 9 MS. WELLS: I object to the 10 form. 1 1 It depends. Α. 12 Wouldn't you have told him what Q. 1.3 the topic of this call was? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 15 16 Somebody would have told him Α. 17 what the topic was. In this time period, July 2017, 18 Ο. 19 and earlier, hadn't you heard talk like 20 this before that it is essential that the 21 citizenship question be added to the 2.2 census? 23 Α. I don't remember anything 24 specific. 25 Again, sir, I was not involved

Page 46 in the day-to-day workings of the census. 1 I think that's also demonstrated by the fact that I wasn't -- I don't remember ever 3 being on this call, and it doesn't look 4 5 like when I set it up, I had any intention 6 of being on that call. 7 In his e-mail to you, Kris Ο. Kobach also said that when he spoke to the 8 9 Secretary, he did so at the direction of 10 Steve Bannon. 1 1 Steve Bannon worked in the 12 White House, correct? 1.3 Α. Yes. 14 Did you ever talk to Steve 0. Bannon about the census? 15 16 Α. Never. 17 Did you ever set up a call for 18 the Secretary and Steve Bannon about the 19 census? 20 Α. No. 21 Would there be notes of the 0. Secretary's conversation with Kris Kobach? 2.2 23 I have no idea, sir, because I Α. 24 wasn't part of that call. Were there -- but as his chief 25 Q.

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1	of staff, was it typical that there would
2	be notes of a call that people would have
3	with the Secretary?
4	A. I don't take notes.
5	Q. Is there someone whose job it
6	is, someone other than you, or an
7	instruction that people should take notes?
8	A. No.
9	Q. How about to log the call, does
10	the Secretary have a calendar in which his
11	calls are logged, or some other document
12	which logs his calls?
13	A. In general, sir?
14	Q. Yes.
15	A. Well, he does have a calendar.
16	Q. Do you keep his calendar?
17	A. No, sir.
18	Q. Who keeps his calendar?
19	A. There is a scheduler who keeps
2 0	his calendar.
21	Q. Who is the scheduler?
2 2	A. For what time frame?
23	Q. This time frame, July 2017.
2 4	A. I don't remember.
25	Q. Who is it now?

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1	A. A woman by the name of Morgan.
2	Q. What is her last name?
3	A. Brendan.
4	Q. For how long has she been the
5	scheduler, roughly?
6	A. I'm guessing, I'm thinking,
7	five months.
8	Q. Do you have access to the
9	Secretary's calendar even if you don't keep
10	it?
11	A. Sure.
12	Q. Do you keep a calendar?
13	A. Well, when you say access, I
14	have never I never put anything into his
15	calendar. I'm able to
16	Q. View it?
17	A. View it, but I have never
18	input.
19	Q. Understood.
2 0	Do you keep a calendar?
21	A. Yes, sir.
22	Q. And do you typically put calls
23	on it when you are going to have a call?
2 4	A. It depends.
25	Q. Do you try and do it?

Page 49 Well, I don't do it. Usually 1 A . 2. somebody would do it for me. 3 Who does it for you? Ο. Well, right now it would be 4 Α. 5 Morgan. Who would have done it in July, 6 Ο. 7 roughly July, summer of 2017? I don't know, sir, because we 8 Α. have had several different schedulers. 9 10 And also, sir, just so you're 1 1 aware, there is a calendar, but then when 12 the date changes, some things get removed 1.3 and some things get added, I'm sure the 14 same as your personal calendar. 15 Ο. I understand. Let's have this 16 marked Teramoto Exhibit 4. 17 (Teramoto Exhibit 4 marked for identification.) 18 19 A. And then after this one, sir, 20 can we take a break? 21 Certainly. Unless you want to Ο. 2.2 take a break now. Up to you. 23 Let's take a break now. Α. 24 O . Certainly. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 25

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    10:01 a.m. and this marks the end of media
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    unit number one.
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                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
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    10:10 a.m. and this begins media unit
    number two.
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    BY MR. GERSCH:
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    of you what has been marked Teramoto
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    Exhibit 4.
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    the top line of this memo, I'm sorry, this
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    exhibit, indicates that it is an e-mail
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    from Earl Comstock dated August 16, 2017 to
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    you, CC'd to the Secretary; is that
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    correct?
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    thread of the e-mail, right? The original
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    e-mail looks as though it is August 11th
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    from Earl to -- I still can't see how --
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    different.
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Page 51 exhibit, I'm sorry, the top part of the 1 exhibit indicates that it is an e-mail from 2. 3 Earl Comstock to you dated August 16, 2017 and CC'd to the Secretary? 4 5 Α. Yeah. And its subject is Memo on 6 Ο. Census Question, correct? 7 8 Α. Sure. 9 Ο. And the e-mail immediately below that is from you to Mr. Comstock, 10 1 1 CC'd to the Secretary, also on the subject 12 Memo on the Census Question, correct? 1.3 Α. From me to Earl, correct? Ιt 14 looks like I'm responding to --15 Q. We will get to that. 16 -- an original e-mail. Α. 17 Who is Earl Comstock? Q. 18 So Earl Comstock is the current Α. 19 director of policy at the Department of 20 Commerce. 21 And what do you understand his Ο. 22 responsibility to be in that function? 23 Actually, I withdraw that. 24 Was he in this position at that 25 time, roughly?

Page 52 1 I believe so. Α. 2. 0. And what do you understand to be his role? 3 At this time or --4 Α. 5 Ο. Correct. Well, he was the director of --6 Α. 7 or he is the director of policy, so he works on various issues with the Secretary. 8 9 0. All right. And then going to 10 the last e-mail on this page, this is an 1 1 e-mail from Mr. Comstock to the Secretary 12 in which he says "Per your request, here is 13 a draft memo on the citizenship question 14 that James Uthmeier of the Office of 15 General Counsel prepared and I reviewed. 16 Once you have had a chance to review, we 17 should discuss, " and then it goes on, 18 correct? 19 Would you like me to read it, Α. 20 sir? 21 I'm just asking you if that's 0. 2.2 what's attached here at the bottom of the e-mail chain. 23 24 Α. Well, let me read it, please. 25 (Witness perusing document.)

Page 53 1 Okay. Α. 2. 0. Did I read that correctly? 3 I mean, we can have him read it Α. back. I don't remember exactly how you 4 5 read the e-mail. Ms. Teramoto, the question was, 6 7 isn't there an e-mail attached at the bottom of this chain that said certain 8 9 words, and you asked to read it; did I read 10 it correctly? 1 1 I just read the e-mail. 12 wasn't following -- I wasn't tracking your 1.3 reading it. 14 All right. Ο. I assume you just read it. 15 Α. 16 Ms. Teramoto, I'm going to ask 0. 17 you certain questions. I'm really only 18 interested in the answers to my questions. 19 If you need to read something to answer my 20 question, I'm more than happy for you to 21 read it. 2.2 Α. Okay, thank you. 23 But I do want, at the end of Ο. it, an answer to my question. 24 25 Α. Okay.

Page 54 All right. You have read it. 1 Q. 2. You see, I take it, that 3 Mr. Comstock has written the Secretary that he is enclosing a draft memo on the 4 5 citizenship question, and then that e-mail has found its way to you because you are on 6 7 this chain, correct? I believe so. Again, I know, 8 Α. 9 sir, it's not your fault, but I find it 10 just tricky to follow the e-mail chains, 1 1 because, again, here we have an e-mail from 12 Earl Comstock, and it's, you know, 1.3 addressed to the Secretary, so I assume he 14 e-mailed it to the Secretary. I just can't 15 see it. 16 All right. In any event, you 0. 17 respond to Mr. Comstock, CC to the 18 Secretary, that "Peter Davidson and Karen 19 Dunn Kelley will both be here Monday. 20 Let's spend 15 minutes together and sort 21 this out. W." 2.2 Α. Sure. 23 And this is on the memo on the 0. citizenship question? 24 25 Α. Sure.

Page 55 1 So it appears that you had some 2. involvement with the citizenship question, 3 correct? A. If setting up a meeting -- it 4 5 looks like I set up a meeting for them. I don't ever remember being at that meeting. 6 7 All right, thank you for that. Q. But it does suggest -- am I 8 9 reading it right when it suggests that you 10 are going to participate in this meeting? 1 1 "Let's spend 15 minutes together and sort 12 this out." 1.3 MS. WELLS: Objection to form. 14 Α. No. 15 Q. You don't read that as saying 16 you would participate in the meeting? 17 MS. WELLS: I object to the 18 form. 19 When I say "let's," it doesn't Α. 20 mean I always join the meetings. Let's 21 have the group get together. 2.2 Ο. All right. I'm sorry, finish your answer. 23 24 I don't remember -- I don't Α. 25 remember ever participating in this

Page 56 1 meeting. 2. 0. If there was such a meeting, 3 would you have typically put it on your calendar if you were participating? 4 5 If there was such a meeting? 6 No, I mean, again, again, I did not 7 participate in very many census meetings at 8 all. 9 0. Is it your testimony that you 10 did not participate in this meeting? 1 1 My testimony is that I don't 12 remember being in a meeting with Peter 13 Davidson and Karen Dunn Kelley specifically 14 talking about the census memo. 15 0. Do you have an understanding as 16 to why this is coming to you if you have no 17 involvement with the citizenship question? 18 Α. Sure. People CC me on things. 19 Why are you the one setting up O . 20 the meeting? Probably because I said people 21 2.2 should get together and discuss it. 23 Why do they need you to do 0. 24 that? Why can't they do that without you? 25 Α. I'm sure they can.

Page 57 1 You agree that someone would 0. 2. have had to forward Earl Comstock's original e-mail to the Secretary about this 3 to you for you to be setting up the 4 5 meeting? Somebody would have had to 6 Α. 7 forward -- I'm sorry, can you say that 8 again? 9 Yeah. For you to be setting up 10 this meeting and for you to have a copy of 1 1 Earl Comstock's e-mail to the Secretary 12 about the citizenship question memo, 1.3 someone would have had to forward you that 14 e-mail? 15 Α. Sir, that's the exact thing I 16 was telling to you earlier, is that the way 17 these are laid out, I know it is not your 18 fault, it is just confusing. I don't know 19 if it was forwarded or if I was CC'd on it. 20 And I can't tell, you know, 21 who -- I mean, it says that it is what Earl 2.2 Comstock wrote, but I don't see who he sent 23 it to, so I share your frustration. 24 0. You don't deny getting a copy of Earl Comstock's e-mail to Secretary 25

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    identification.)
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    of you what has been marked as Exhibit 5.
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    the first e-mail in the thread, which says
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    2017, to Israel Hernandez, Earl Comstock,
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    concerned with." The subject is the
    Census. And it goes on.
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Page 60 All right. And then --1 Q. 2. Α. Because this is, again, I was only CC'd, this isn't even to me. 3 Understood. 4 Q. 5 Α. Okay. Then the scheduler, who at the 6 0. 7 time, who is Chelsey Neuhaus, she sends around an e-mail August 29, 2017, this is 8 9 on the first page, that says "Would one of 10 you be able to confirm that these are the 1 1 only attendees that should be included in 12 next Wednesday's census briefing." 13 Do you see that? 14 Yes, sir. Α. 15 0. The first name of the people to 16 be included is you, right? 17 Α. Yes, sir. 18 You participated in this Q. 19 briefing; is that right? 20 Α. Not that I'm aware of. 21 0. Do you deny that you 2.2 participated in this meeting? 23 I don't remember attending this Α. 24 meeting. And just so you understand, sir, 25 they usually include me as an attendee for

Page 61 every single meeting of the Secretary. 1 2. Many of them I don't attend. 3 Ο. Okay. I understand you saying that you don't recall. 4 5 My question is, as you sit here today, do you deny attending this meeting? 6 7 As I sit here today, I don't remember going to this and I highly doubt 8 9 that I went to it. Again, I was not 10 involved in the day-to-day interactions on 1 1 the census. 12 And you didn't provide any Ο. 1.3 information to the Secretary to assist him in arriving at his decision to add a 14 15 citizenship question to the census? 16 MS. WELLS: I object to the 17 form. Asked and answered. 18 Again, you know, relating to Α. 19 census, there is an entire Census Bureau, 20 so I would have facilitated a meeting, but 21 I clearly would not be the one to -- I'm 2.2 not the appropriate person to provide 23 information for him on these types of 24 things. 25 Q. My question was a little

Page 62 different. 1 2. Α. Okay. 3 Is it correct that you did not 0. provide any information to the Secretary to 4 5 assist him in arriving at his decision to add a citizenship question to the census? 6 7 MS. WELLS: Asked and answered. I don't believe you've answered 8 0. 9 the question. 10 Α. Sorry. 1 1 Excuse me, let the record 0. 12 reflect we have been waiting for a minute 1.3 for the answer. 14 Sorry, I thought she said -- I Α. 15 thought I already answered it. 16 She can make any objections she 0. 17 wants. They are for the record. Unless 18 she instructs you not to answer and you 19 elect to follow her advice, you need to 20 answer the question. 21 Sorry. I apologize. I 2.2 thought -- I wasn't -- I didn't know you 23 were waiting for me. 24 Again -- can you repeat the question? 25

Page 63 Sure. Did you provide any 1 Q. 2. information to Secretary Ross to assist him in arriving at his decision to add the 3 citizenship question? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I will say asked 6 and answered again. 7 Α. Okay, thank you. I certainly did not create any 8 9 information to give to the Secretary 10 relating to the citizenship question. 1 1 Let's have this marked as 12 Teramoto Exhibit 6. 1.3 (Teramoto Exhibit 6 marked for 14 identification.) 15 For the record, this is 16 Teramoto Exhibit 6, Bates stamped 2519 and 17 2520. At the top, it is an e-mail from Earl Comstock to Wilbur Ross, CC'd Wendy 18 19 Teramoto, "Re: IT Request." 20 And I will add for the record 21 there are seven lines of substantive text 2.2 in this e-mail. 23 Ms. Teramoto, the subject line 24 is "Re: IT Request" and then something is 25 blanked out. What is IT request? Does

Page 64 1 that have a meaning to you? 2. MS. WELLS: I object to the 3 form. ITA. It says ITA. I said IT. 4 Q. 5 I was wrong. 6 Α. ITA is a department within 7 Commerce. 8 What does ITA stand for? 0. 9 Α. International Trade. 10 The second e-mail in the chain, 0. 1 1 the second from the top is from the 12 Secretary, August 31, 11:12 p.m., it says 13 "I have received no update nor has there 14 been an update nor the issue of the census 15 question." 16 Did you understand that during 17 various times during 2017 Secretary Ross 18 would say something to the effect that he 19 didn't know where the issue of the 20 citizenship question was or the census 21 question and wanted an update? 2.2 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 23 Was I aware of it? Α. 24 0. Yes. 25 I mean, here, if I had read the Α.

Page 65 1 e-mail, I would have been aware that he was 2. asking about it. 3 Would you read e-mails from the Q. 4 Secretary? 5 It depends. Α. Are there e-mails from the 6 0. 7 Secretary that you choose not to read? Sure, or that I skim. 8 Α. 9 At the top, Mr. Comstock says Ο. 10 "Understood. Wendy and I are working on 1 1 it." Then he says "On census, I have a 12 meeting tomorrow with Ellen and Karen where 13 they are supposed to have definitive 14 numbers. I will send you a report on the 15 meeting and the numbers, " and he goes on. 16 When he says "Wendy and I are 17 working on it, " do you know what that 18 means? 19 A. I assume it is some ITA 20 request. Did you learn that, through the 21 0. 2.2 course of 2017, either directly from the Secretary or from other people who worked 23 24 at Commerce, that the Secretary was very 25 interested in adding a census question --

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    census?
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    matter of importance for him?
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    figure out how we are going to ramp up the
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    employment for census. I remember those.
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    important to Secretary Ross?
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Page 67 Again, I can't answer, sir, 1 2. what is or is not important to the 3 Secretary. Q. Who could? 4 5 The Secretary. (Teramoto Exhibit 7 marked for 6 7 identification.) Ms. Teramoto, I have handed you 8 O . what has been marked Teramoto Exhibit 7, 9 10 which at the top is a memo -- an e-mail, 1 1 sorry, from Earl Comstock dated September 12 16, 2017 to you. Do you see that? 13 Α. Yes, sir. Would you like me to 14 read it? 15 Q. In a moment. 16 Earl's memo to you says 17 "Morning Wendy: Here is the memo I gave 18 SWLR regarding my discussions with DOJ. 19 Earl." 20 I take it SWLR will refer to the Secretary, Secretary Wilbur L. Ross? 21 2.2 Α. Yes, sir. 23 And then below that is the memo or e-mail that he sent to the Secretary 24 25 which is dated September 8, 2017 from Earl

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    the White House advisor, I'm not sure, for
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    Commerce.
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    to the citizenship question?
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                 Not that I'm aware of.
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Page 69 Mr. Comstock forwarded this e-mail to you 1 2. on a Saturday because he wanted you to have 3 background on what was going on with the citizenship question, correct? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to form. I have no idea why he sent it, 6 7 but he did forward me his memo to the 8 Secretary. 9 Q. Did you discuss -- did you have 10 discussions with Mr. Comstock about the citizenship question in connection with 1 1 12 this e-mail or for any reason on or about 1.3 September 16th, 2017? 14 I don't believe so. 15 Ο. And when I say on or about, I 16 mean the day before, the day after. You 17 don't believe you had any discussions with him? 18 19 A. I don't believe I actually read 20 the memo. 21 Why do you think that? 0. 2.2 Α. Because I wasn't involved with 23 the census. 24 You had no involvement as far 0. 25 as you could tell?

Page 70 Very limited involvement. 1 Α. 2. Ο. Didn't you have involvement on 3 the citizenship question on or about September 16, 2017, and isn't that why he 4 5 is sending you this e-mail? MS. WELLS: I object to the 6 7 form. No. Again, as I've said, I'm 8 Α. 9 copied or sent things for my situational 10 awareness. I don't know if receiving an 1 1 e-mail constitutes being involved. 12 And you did nothing with Ο. 1.3 respect to the citizenship question in this 14 time frame? 15 MS. WELLS: Objection, form, asked and answered. 16 17 I don't remember receiving this Α. e-mail. I don't remember reading this 18 19 And I certainly don't recall ever e-mail. 20 having a discussion specifically on this 21 e-mail train with Earl Comstock around 2.2 September. 23 You didn't ask Mr. Comstock 24 what's the latest on the citizenship 25 question, what's DOJ doing on the

Page 71 citizenship question, anything like that? 1 2. MS. WELLS: I object to form. Not that I remember. 3 Α. Again, I'm CC'd on a lot of 4 Just because I received the e-mail 5 things. does not mean that, A, I read it, and B, I 6 7 then get involved in it. There is too much stuff going on at Commerce. 8 9 0. Let's have this marked as 10 Teramoto Exhibit 8. (Teramoto Exhibit 8 marked for 1 1 12 identification.) 1.3 O . You know, before I ask you to look at that document, how did you prepare 14 for this deposition? 15 16 I met with the lawyers, who I 17 guess would have gave me the outlines of 18 how the depositions work in terms of, you 19 know, make sure I'm truthful, answer the 20 questions that you've asked. 21 Were you shown any documents? 0. 2.2 Α. Sure. 23 Were you shown any of the 0. 24 documents that have been marked as exhibits 2.5 in this case?

Page 72 MS. WELLS: I'm going to object 1 2. to the question and direct the witness not 3 to answer. MR. GERSCH: What basis? 4 5 MS. WELLS: It is 6 attorney-client work product. 7 Did any of the documents that 0. you were shown refresh your recollection? 8 9 MS. WELLS: I object to the 10 form. 1 1 Were they shown to you for the 0. 12 purpose of refreshing your recollection? 13 MS. WELLS: I'm going to object 14 to the form, and I'm also going to object 15 on the basis of privilege and 16 attorney-client and work product, and 17 direct you not to answer. 18 Didn't you understand that 19 that's why they were showing you the 20 documents, to refresh your recollection? MS. WELLS: Same objections and 21 2.2 same direction to the witness. 23 Are you refusing to answer 0. 24 these questions based on the instruction of 25 counsel? You've got to answer that one.

Page 73 1 Α. Am I --2. 0. Are you refusing to answer my questions about the documents you reviewed 3 based on the advice or instructions of your 4 5 counsel? You will want to answer that yes. Yes, sir. Thank you for the 6 Α. 7 help. All right. Let's turn to 8 O . 9 Teramoto Exhibit No. 8. 10 Α. Okay. 1 1 All right. This is an e-mail Ο. 12 thread with five lines of substantive text. 1.3 Fair to say this is an 14 introduction from John Gore, he is introducing himself and asking if you have 15 16 time for a call, and you say yes? 17 (Witness perusing document.) 18 I'm sorry, sir, I don't know if Α. 19 that's a question. 20 Yes. Did I summarize that Q. 21 fairly, John Gore writes you an e-mail introducing himself, he wants to speak with 2.2 23 you and set up a call with you, and you say 24 yes? 25 Α. Yes, sir.

Page 74 Is this the first time you 1 0. 2. spoke to someone from the Department of Justice? 3 MS. WELLS: I object to the 4 5 form. I don't know. The only other 6 7 person that I would have -- when is this --8 September -- the Cabinet Affairs Director 9 generally holds a chief of staff meeting 10 either every other week or weekly, so I may 1 1 have met somebody who works at Department 12 of Justice at that meeting, but -- should I 1.3 wait for you? 14 Ο. No. 15 I may have met somebody from 16 the Justice Department, but it would have 17 been -- the only time I can think of would 18 have been at the chief of staff meeting, 19 but I don't remember a name. 20 This call that you had --Q. 21 withdrawn. 2.2 You did have a call with 23 Mr. Gore, didn't you? 24 MS. WELLS: I object to the 25 form.

Page 75 1 I believe so, but I don't Α. 2. remember. And the call was about the 3 Q. citizenship question, wasn't it? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 6 Α. I don't remember. 7 Let's have this marked as Ο. Exhibit 9. 8 9 (Teramoto Exhibit 9 marked for 10 identification.) For the record, Exhibit 9 is a 1 1 12 two-page exhibit Bates stamped 2651 and 52, 13 the top of which is headed with an e-mail 14 from Danielle Cutrona to Wendy Teramoto, "Re: Call." 15 16 Would you like me to read it, Α. 17 sir? 18 Let me ask you a question and Q. 19 then you can read whatever you need to to 20 answer it. 21 Ms. Teramoto, you will see at 2.2 the beginning of this e-mail, at the bottom 23 of 2652, is Mr. Gore's e-mail introducing 24 you, and then at the very bottom -- and 25 there is an e-mail thread.

Page 76 At the very bottom of 2651, he 1 says to you "By this e-mail, I introduce 2. 3 you to Danielle Cutrona from DOJ. Danielle is the person to connect with about the 4 5 issue we discussed earlier this afternoon." Take a look at the e-mail. 6 7 question I have for you is, I take it you spoke with Acting Assistant Attorney 8 9 General Gore? 10 MS. WELLS: I'm going to object 1 1 to the form. 12 (Witness perusing document.) 13 Α. Okay. I'm sorry, sir, what was 14 your question? 15 0. My question was, I take it you 16 spoke to Assistant Attorney General Gore? 17 MS. WELLS: Objection to form. 18 Α. I don't remember speaking to 19 him. 20 The e-mail that he sent to me 21 said Danielle is the person to connect with 2.2 about the issue we discussed earlier this 23 afternoon. So I have no reason to believe 24 that I did not talk to him, but I don't 25 remember speaking to him.

Page 77 O. Understood. And the issue that 1 2 you spoke with Assistant Attorney General 3 Gore about, that was about the citizenship issue; is that correct? 4 MS. WELLS: I object to the 5 form. 6 7 Again, I don't remember -- I don't remember speaking to John Gore. 8 9 Q. Higher up on the page, 10 September 17, 2017 at 12:10, Ms. Cutrona 1 1 e-mails you that "the Attorney General is 12 available on his cell, " and then she goes 1.3 on to say "the AG is eager to assist." 14 Wasn't that in connection with 15 the citizenship question? MS. WELLS: I object to the 16 17 form, lack of foundation. 18 I mean, I didn't -- I didn't Α. 19 write the e-mail. You would have to ask 20 Danielle Cutrona. 21 You were the recipient of the 0. 2.2 e-mail; is that correct? 23 Well, it says to me. Again, I 24 can't see how these e-mails are sent to, 25 but I have no reason to believe I didn't

Page 78 receive this e-mail. 1 2. 0. It says "Wendy," comma, at the beginning of the e-mail, right? You are 3 the recipient? 4 5 Again, I agree with you, I'm a Wendy. It is just frustrating that you 6 7 can't see who is actually -- these are addressed to. I have no reason to believe 8 I didn't receive this. 10 All right. And in this period 0. 1 1 of time, September 18th, 2017, you would have been chief of staff for the Secretary 12 1.3 of Commerce, right? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Ο. And you knew that the AG was 16 eager to assist with respect to the 17 citizenship question, didn't you? 18 MS. WELLS: I object to form, mischaracterizes her testimony. 19 20 Α. You would have to ask Danielle 21 Cutrona, because she is the one who wrote 2.2 this e-mail. 23 Didn't you learn that the 0. Secretary -- I'm sorry, didn't you learn 24 25 that the Attorney General of the United

Page 79 States wanted to assist with respect to the 1 2. citizenship question? 3 MS. WELLS: I object to the form, asked and answered. 4 5 Again, I didn't write the I'm reading the exact same e-mail 6 e-mail. 7 that you are. My question has nothing to do 8 0. 9 with the e-mail now. 10 Didn't you learn that the 1 1 Attorney General of the United States 12 wanted to assist Secretary Ross with 13 respect to adding a citizenship question? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to form. Sir, I'm reading the same 15 Α. 16 e-mail that you are. I don't see in here 17 that it says the citizenship question. It 18 says "the AG is eager to assist." I have 19 no idea what else the Secretary and the AG 20 may or may not have been working on. Ms. Teramoto, for the third 21 0. 2.2 time, my question is not about the e-mail. 23 My question is, you came to 24 learn, did you not, that the Attorney 25 General of the United States was interested

Page 80 in assisting Secretary Ross, was prepared 1 2. to assist Secretary Ross with getting a 3 citizenship question added to the census, can you answer that question? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 6 7 Α. I'm not trying to be difficult. You keep asking me a question, and the only 8 9 way I would have known what the AG was or 10 was not eager to do on anything is reading 1 1 the e-mail. 12 I don't -- I don't know the AG. 1.3 So other than reading this e-mail, which 14 you don't want me to refer to, this is the 15 only sort of foundation I have. 16 You have never spoken to the 0. 17 Attorney General of the United States, 18 correct? 19 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 20 I believe I met him once at a Α. chief of staff meeting. 21 2.2 Well, you said earlier that you 0. 23 didn't know the Attorney General. 24 Have you spoken -- at the chief 25 of staff meeting, did you speak to him

Page 81 1 about the census question? Α. No. 3 Didn't you speak to --0. And actually I don't even 4 Α. 5 remember, he presented to the chief of staffs, I don't even -- I would have 6 7 probably shaken his hand, but I don't 8 remember. 9 O. Was this one of the documents 10 you were shown in preparation? 1 1 MS. WELLS: I object to the 12 form. I mean, I object to the question on 13 the basis of privilege and I direct the 14 witness not to answer. 15 0. Are you refusing to answer 16 based on the instruction of counsel? 17 Α. Yes, sir. 18 All right. Whether you 0. 19 remember speaking with the Attorney General 20 of the United States or not, you knew that 21 he was working with the Secretary of 2.2 Commerce on adding a citizenship question 23 to the census, didn't you? 24 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 25 Α. I'm not sure how to answer

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Page 83 Attorney General were working together to 1 2. add a citizenship question to the census, 3 and I understood you to say that you don't remember being in discussions with them. 4 5 Α. Right. And so my question is, did you 6 Ο. 7 learn this from any source, whether you were in discussions with them or not? 8 9 A. I don't remember any specific 10 discussions from others. 1 1 All right. At the top of this 12 e-mail you say, in response to Ms. Cutrona, 13 you say "They connected. Thanks for the 14 help. Wendy." 15 I take it you are saying the 16 Attorney General and the Secretary spoke 17 with each other? 18 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 19 Yes, sir. Α. 20 And that e-mail is September Q. 21 18th, 2017. Let's mark this as Teramoto 2.2 Exhibit 10. 23 (Teramoto Exhibit 10 marked for 24 identification.) 25 For the record, this is an Q.

Page 84 exhibit Bates stamped 2528. It is a single 1 2. page and it is an e-mail from Wilbur Ross to Peter Davidson, "Subject: Census." 3 It contains a single line of 4 5 text which reads as follows: "Wendy and I spoke with the AG yesterday. Please follow 6 7 up so we can resolve this issue today. 8 WLR." 9 Didn't you and Secretary Ross 10 speak to the Attorney General on September 1 1 18th, 2017? 12 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 1.3 Α. I don't remember being a part of that call at all. 14 15 Q. Do you deny being part of the 16 call? 17 I said I don't remember being a 18 part of that call. I remember calls with 19 different cabinet members. I don't ever 20 remember being on a call with the AG. 21 Can you think of any reason why 2.2 Mr. Ross would get this wrong just a day after the call? 23 24 MS. WELLS: I object to form. You would have to ask him, but 25 Α.

Page 85 I don't remember being on the call with the 1 AG. 3 Q. Do you have any reason to believe Mr. Ross would make up the fact 4 5 that you were on the call with him and the Attorney General on or about September 6 7 18th, 2017? 8 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 9 Α. You would have to ask him. 10 Again, I don't remember being on the call 1 1 with the AG. 12 Q. "Him" being Secretary Ross? 1.3 MS. WELLS: I object to the 14 form. 15 Α. I don't remember being on a 16 call with the AG. 17 You said you will have to ask Q. 18 him. By "him," you meant Secretary Ross, 19 correct? 20 Α. Yes, sir. 21 Okay. Regardless of whether Ο. 22 you remember being on the call, isn't it true that this call had to do with adding a 23 24 citizenship question to the census? 25 MS. WELLS: Objection to the

Page 86 form. Asked and answered. 1 2. Sir, I don't remember being on 3 the call, so I can't tell you what was discussed. 4 5 Let's go back to Exhibit, I Ο. 6 think 9. This one. Let's go back to Exhibit 9. 7 8 Α. Okay. 9 Ο. Going back to the e-mail from 10 Ms. Cutrona, toward the top of the page, September 17, 2017 at 12:10, Ms. Cutrona 1 1 12 says, again, this is in the e-mail to you, 1.3 the one that begins "Wendy, from what John told me, it sounds like we can do whatever 14 15 you all need us to do." 16 So John, I take it, must be John Gore, because he is the one who 17 18 introduces Ms. Cutrona to you, and this is 19 following up on a call that Mr. Gore had 20 with you. 21 So when Ms. Cutrona says "It sounds to me like we can do whatever you 2.2 23 all need us to do, " what did you need for 24 the Department of Justice to do? 25 MS. WELLS: I object to form.

Page 87 Again, I wasn't -- I'm not John 1 2. and I'm not Danielle, so I don't -- I don't know what their conversation was. 3 Q. Well, I'm asking about a 4 5 conversation that you had with Mr. Gore. Presumably she is referencing that 6 7 conversation. Didn't you have a discussion 8 9 with Mr. Gore about what you at Commerce 10 needed them at DOJ to do? 1 1 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 12 Wasn't that the purpose of the Q. 1.3 call with Mr. Gore? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 15 16 I think what I testified 17 earlier is I don't remember talking to John 18 Gore, and I still don't remember talking to 19 John Gore. 20 Q. Let's have this marked Teramoto 21 Exhibit 11. 2.2 (Teramoto Exhibit 11 marked for identification.) 23 24 All right. For the record, 0. this is a three-page exhibit. It is 2636 25

Page 88 through 2638. It includes much of the 1 2. e-mail chain between Mr. Gore, 3 Ms. Teramoto, and Ms. Cutrona that we have seen before. 4 5 My question is going to have to 6 do with the e-mail at the very top of this 7 chain in which someone who the government tells me is you e-mails Mr. Gore and says 8 9 "Hi. AG and Sec spoke. Please let me know 10 when you have a minute." 1 1 You understand that you are the 12 sender of this e-mail, correct? 1.3 Α. I mean, I can't see the address 14 either. 15 0. The government has represented 16 that you are the sender. 17 Okay. Then okay. Α. 18 Do you accept their Ο. 19 representation? 20 Α. Sure. 21 So when you write "Hi. AG and 0. 2.2 Sec" -- first of all, Sec means Secretary 23 Ross, right? 24 Α. Sure. 25 Q. So "the Attorney General and

Page 89 Secretary spoke. Please let me know when 1 2. you have a minute." 3 So certainly you know that the Attorney General Sessions and Secretary 4 5 Ross had a conversation because you are 6 reporting that, correct? 7 MS. WELLS: I object to the 8 form. But go ahead. 9 My e-mail said the AG and 10 Secretary spoke, so I must have known that 1 1 they spoke. 12 Q. And then you say "Please let me 1.3 know when you have a minute." 14 Did you call -- didn't you call 15 Assistant Attorney General John Gore? 16 Again, to this day, again, I 17 don't ever remember speaking to him on the 18 phone. 19 O. All right. But certainly as 20 the author of this e-mail, you would read 21 this that way, that, in other words, you 2.2 would read this e-mail as saying you want a 23 call with Assistant Attorney General Gore? 24 MS. WELLS: Objection to form. 25 Again, this is, you know, an Α.

Page 90 e-mail from a year ago that I'm reading to 1 2. you that I must have written saying "Hi. 3 AG and Sec spoke. Please let me know when you have a minute." 4 5 Right. My question to you is, don't you understand that to be a request 6 7 for Mr. Gore to speak with you further or request by you saying you would like to 8 9 speak with him further? 10 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 1 1 When I read this, it would be, Α. 12 you know, let me know when you have a 1.3 minute. 14 So that you can speak with him, Ο. 15 right? 16 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 17 Α. Sure. 18 And what did you speak with him Q. 19 about? 20 Again, I don't ever remember Α. 21 speaking to John Gore. You get that adding the 2.2 Ο. 23 citizenship question to the census is an 24 important matter, don't you, Ms. Teramoto? 25 I object to the MS. WELLS:

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Page 92 1 form. 2. Α. I am not surprised that there 3 is this amount of litigation, because there is a lot of litigation in this country. 4 5 All right. Being that the citizenship question is, certainly, even 6 7 according to you, a matter of importance, is there a reason you don't remember being 8 9 involved in calls with Secretary Ross, the 10 Attorney General, Assistant Attorney 1 1 General Gore, Ms. Cutrona of the Department 12 of Justice, is there a reason you don't 13 recall being involved in these calls about 14 adding the citizenship question to the 15 census? 16 Α. Sure. 17 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 18 Go ahead. 19 What's the reason? Ο. 20 I guess, you know, do you have Α. an understanding of what Commerce does and 21 2.2 how big Commerce is and all the issues that 23 Commerce deals with? I think if one does, 24 one would understand that there are a lot 25 of things that are important that Commerce

Page 93 1 does. 2. This is just one, you know, census is very important, but it is just 3 one department, one area, that, again, I 4 5 was not involved in because of the scientific and technical nature of it, I'm 6 7 not the best person to be involved in the day-to-day workings on census. 8 9 Since you're not the best 10 person to be involved, why are you 1 1 involved? Why is it that Secretary Ross 12 thinks you are in a phone conversation 13 between him and the Assistant -- I'm sorry, 14 between him and the Attorney General of the 15 United States, why are you talking to 16 Assistant -- Acting Assistant Attorney 17 General Gore, why are you talking to 18 Danielle Cutrona, and why are you talking 19 to them about the census and the 20 citizenship question? MS. WELLS: I object to form. 21 2.2 Α. Can you please read them back 23 one at a time so I can answer them? 24 0. I will withdraw the question. 25 You say you weren't the best

Page 94 person to be involved with census issues. 1 And I'm still not. 2. Α. 3 I hear you on that, which is Ο. why I'm asking, so if you're not the best 4 5 person to be involved, why is it that the documents make it seem like you were 6 7 involved in speaking to the Assistant Attorney General of the United States about 8 9 this, the Acting Assistant Attorney 10 General, and the Attorney General of the 1 1 United States? 12 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 1.3 Α. You are asking me. I think you 14 have to ask John Gore why he reached out to 15 I can't answer why John Gore reached 16 out to Wendy Teramoto. 17 Was someone in the Department Q. 18 of Commerce the Secretary's point person on 19 the citizenship question in this period? 20 I wouldn't characterize it like Α. 21 There was Karen Dunn Kelley, where 2.2 census falls under her group, so she would 23 have been the point for the census issues. 24 0. Do you have an understanding as 25 to why these calls don't go to Karen Dunn

Page 95 1 Kelley? 2. Α. My best quess is I don't know 3 when -- Karen didn't come into the Administration until later. 4 5 All right. So she wouldn't have been the point for this at this point 6 7 in time? Again, I don't know when she 8 9 came in. I can look. It looks like you 10 have another e-mail with her on this. 1 1 So here on Exhibit Teramoto 5, 12 it is Bates number 0001411, there is an 1.3 e-mail from Karen Dunn Kelley on August 14 So at that point she would have been 15 part of it. You know, how long she had 16 been there and if people knew that she was 17 there in the other departments, probably 18 not. 19 All right. If she is not the 0. 20 point person at this point in time, who is? 21 Α. At Commerce? 2.2 Q. Yes. 23 Earl, Earl Comstock. Α. 24 0. Anyone besides Earl? 25 Α. I mean, the main people, you

Page 96 know, who I always think about when we talk 1 about census is either Karen or Earl. 2. Let's go back to Teramoto 3 Ο. Exhibit 1. I think you have in front of 4 5 you. 6 Α. Then you have Peter Davidson, 7 too, sir. Peter Davidson is general 8 Ο. counsel for Commerce? 9 10 Α. Yes, sir. 1 1 Are you saying he was a point 0. 12 person? 1.3 Α. You said was involved, I 14 believe. So I don't know if there was 15 exactly one person. There was, you know, 16 those are the people who I would say were 17 most likely involved. 18 Let's go back to Teramoto Q. 19 Exhibit 1. 20 Α. Sure. You can put the other document 21 Q. 2.2 aside. 23 You testified earlier this 24 morning that you had never seen this 25 before.

Page 97 1 That's correct. Α. 2. You are the chief of staff. Do 0. 3 you have an understanding why you wouldn't have seen this document? 4 5 There is plenty of documents I The volume of documents that 6 don't see. 7 are created at Commerce is mind-boggling. 8 0. This is an important document, 9 isn't it? 10 MS. WELLS: I object to the 1 1 form. 12 There is lots of important Α. 1.3 documents. 14 You recall -- withdrawn. Ο. 15 You know that after Secretary 16 Ross issued this supplemental memorandum 17 dated June 21, 2018 that members of 18 Congress wrote him a letter saying that he 19 had misled them in sworn testimony about 20 the citizenship question, you knew that, 21 right? 2.2 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 23 I mean, I'm taking your word Α. 24 for it. 25 Q. I'm asking you whether you know

Page 98 it. You are the chief of staff. You 1 2. certainly know that, right? 3 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 4 5 Α. I remember there being some discussion. I don't ever remember reading 6 7 any of the correspondence. You remember that members of 8 Ο. 9 Congress having received this June 21, 2018 10 memorandum from Secretary Ross, you 1 1 remember that they accused Secretary Ross 12 of having given them misleading testimony; 1.3 is that right? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 15 16 Again, I've heard that, but I 17 haven't actually read if there has been 18 correspondence. I have not read any direct 19 correspondence. 20 I'm curious, you are the chief Q. 21 of staff. If members of Congress, and this 2.2 is multiple members of Congress, accuse the Secretary of not being candid with them in 23 24 sworn testimony, that's not something you 25 want to read?

Page 99 MS. WELLS: I object to the 1 2. form. 3 You don't say to somebody, get Q. me that letter from Congress? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. Go ahead. 6 7 Α. There are many important 8 letters and correspondence throughout all of the different departments in Commerce. 10 I'm not physically able to read every 1 1 single one, I'm just not, sir. 12 I believe that. But when you Ο. 1.3 hear that members of Congress have written 14 a letter accusing the Secretary of not 15 being candid with them, you don't say to 16 somebody I would like to see a copy of that 17 letter? 18 Α. No. 19 Have I got that right? No? 0. 20 MS. WELLS: I object to the 21 form. Asked and answered. 2.2 Α. That's correct. 23 It doesn't appear to be showing 0. up on the transcript. I heard you to say 24 25 Did I hear that right?

Page 100 MS. WELLS: I object to the 1 form, and it also mischaracterizes the 2. testimony, I believe. 3 O. I'm characterizing the 4 5 transcript, which I'm looking at. I have not specifically asked 6 7 for this letter that you're talking about. I take it you haven't asked for 8 Ο. 9 it generally either? 10 Α. I don't know what you mean, 1 1 generally. 12 You said specifically. I don't Ο. 1.3 know if you are meaning to exclude 14 something. 15 I'm not a lawyer, so all I'm 16 saying is I have not asked for it. 17 Okay. I know you haven't seen this before today, but I want to point you 18 19 to something just so we can have a 20 framework. 21 Sort of almost halfway down the first paragraph of Teramoto Exhibit 1, 2.2 23 Secretary Ross says that with respect to 24 the fundamental issues regarding the census, he says "Part of these 25

Page 101 considerations included whether to 1 2. reinstate a citizenship question which other senior Administration officials had 3 previously raised." 4 5 Do you know who the other senior Administration officials are? 6 7 I have no idea. Α. Who would know? 8 0. 9 Α. You would have to ask Secretary 10 Ross. 1 1 I will represent to you that 12 the Commerce Department, through its 13 lawyers at the Department of Justice, said 14 they can't figure out the answer to this 15 question. 16 Do you have reason to believe 17 that the identity of the senior Administration officials is some kind of 18 19 state secret? 20 MS. WELLS: I object to the 21 form of the question. Are you being serious? 2.2 Α. 23 Yeah. I'm, frankly, shocked 0. 24 that the Commerce Department and the United 25 States Justice Department can't figure out

Page 102 who these senior Administration officials 1 are. 3 So I'm asking you, is this some kind of state secret? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to the 6 form of the question and also --7 Is it any kind of secret? You 0. can withdraw "state." 8 9 MS. WELLS: -- the characterization of what the government has 10 1 1 said in connection with the request for the 12 information that you have presented in your 1.3 interrogatory. 14 But you can answer the 15 question, if you remember it. 16 THE WITNESS: I don't. Can you 17 please read it back? 1 8 I will rephrase it. Q. 19 Α. Okay. 20 Can you think of any reason why Q. 21 the identity of the senior Administration 2.2 officials who had raised the citizenship 23 question to whom Mr. Ross refers, can you 24 think of any reason why this is secret or 25 why we can't know the answer to who those

Page 103 1 people are? 2. MS. WELLS: I object to form. 3 I have no idea. Α. I take it you have not heard 4 Ο. 5 any discussion of that issue? Of the issue of the senior 6 7 Administration officials? Yeah. 8 0. 9 Α. Right, I have not. 10 You have not been -- you have 0. not been asked to find out the answer to 1 1 12 that question? 13 Α. I have not been a part of it at 14 all. You are the first person who has raised it with me. 15 Still on Teramoto Exhibit No. 16 0. 17 1, when Secretary Ross says that soon after 18 his appointment as Secretary of Commerce, 19 he starts to have considerations into 20 whether to reinstate a citizenship 21 question, have you seen any documents about 2.2 that of any kind, e-mails, scraps of paper, 23 memoranda? 24 Α. Where are you, sir? So second sentence is "Soon 25 Q.

Page 104 1 after my appointment as Secretary of 2. Commerce, I began considering various 3 fundamental issues regarding the upcoming 2020 census, including funding and 4 5 content." 6 Then he says, the next sentence says "Part of these considerations included 7 whether to reinstate a citizenship question 8 9 which other senior Administration officials 10 had previously raised." 1 1 My question to you is, have you 12 seen -- so he is talking about a period 13 starting soon after his appointment as Secretary of Commerce. 14 15 So I'm asking, have you seen 16 any documents, any memoranda, any e-mail, 17 scraps of paper, what have you, about the Secretary's consideration of whether to 18 19 reinstate a citizenship question? Have you 20 seen any such documents? 21 Outside of what you provided me Α. 2.2 here? 23 Correct. 0. 2.4 Α. No. 2.5 Q. Did you ever hear or be told

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Page 106 1 great question. 2. When you started at the 3 Commerce Department, did someone give you a briefing as to how you were supposed to 4 5 communicate and the importance of saving those materials? 6 7 Α. Did someone give me a briefing? I mean, I don't remember specifically, but 8 9 in general, you know, all the sort of 10 government work should be done on your 1 1 government phone and devices. 12 And retained, correct? Q. 1.3 Α. Sure. Well, my understanding 14 is that, I mean, even in your personal 15 e-mails, everything is retained somewhere 16 for life. 17 Were you given any briefing Ο. about the Federal Records Act and the 18 19 record retention requirements of the 20 Federal Records Act? 21 Not specifically, but, again, 2.2 my understanding is that any e-mails that 23 are sent using your government device is 24 saved somewhere for eternity. Have you ever used a private 2.5 Q.

Page 107 messaging app such as Signal, Confide or 1 2. WhatsApp? 3 Α. No. Do you know what those are? 4 Ο. 5 I have heard of WhatsApp, but I don't know, what are the other ones? 6 7 To your knowledge, does Q. Secretary Ross --8 9 Α. I'm sorry, what were the other 10 ones? 1 1 Oh, I'm sorry, the other ones 0. 12 were Signal or Confide. 1.3 Α. No. 14 To your knowledge, does Ο. 15 Secretary Ross use a personal e-mail to 16 communicate for government business? 17 I know that he uses his 18 government account. 19 My question is, does he ever 0. 20 use a personal account? 21 I don't know. He has a 22 personal account. You would have to ask 23 him. 24 0. And has Secretary Ross ever 25 used text messaging on a personal -- on a

Page 108 1 personal device or personal account to 2. conduct government business? Α. 3 For as long as I have known him, I have never received a text message 4 5 from him. 6 Ο. And, to your knowledge, does 7 Secretary Ross use a private messaging app such as Signal, Confide, or WhatsApp? 8 9 Α. I think he would be like me and 10 not know how to use them. 1 1 Did you participate in any 12 briefings during the Trump Administration's 1.3 transition phase? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 15 16 The only briefing that I can 17 remember was -- I believe it was after the 18 Secretary's hearing, he met with, I don't 19 know if they call it the transition or the 20 landing team. I don't know, they call it 21 one of those things. And we met in a room 22 with some of the people who were part of the transition team for Commerce. 23 24 So if that was considered a 25 briefing, that's the only one that I would

Page 109 1 have participated in. 2. 0. Was there any discussion of the 3 census or citizenship question issues at that meeting? 4 5 Not that I remember. 6 0. Did you have any discussions 7 during the transition phase concerning the census or citizenship questions? 8 9 Census might have come up just 10 in terms of it being, you know, one of the 1 1 big departments that had a big budget, that 12 once he was confirmed, needed to get your 1.3 arms around, but I don't remember anything 14 on the citizenship question. 15 Before you became chief of 16 staff, did you have a predecessor in that 17 position? 1 8 Meaning was there a chief of Α. 19 staff before me? 20 Exactly. Q. 21 For Wilbur? Α. 2.2 Q. Correct. 23 No, there wasn't. Α. 24 Did you have any discussions 0. 25 with the White House about the census and

Page 110 1 the citizenship question? 2. Α. When you say -- what do you 3 mean, White House? White House personnel, people 4 Ο. 5 who work, you know, are on the White House staff, the President's staff, as opposed to 6 7 Cabinet staff, for example, as opposed to Agency staff. 8 9 Not that I remember. 10 0. Did you talk to Stephen Miller 1 1 at all about census questions? 12 Α. No. 1.3 Ο. Did you talk to Stephen Miller 14 ever? 15 Α. Sure. 16 What do you talk to him about? 0. 17 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 18 19 With Stephen Miller, I don't Α. 20 remember specifically, but it was more 21 related to trade discussions. 2.2 Q. You never spoke to him about a 23 citizenship question? 24 Α. No. 25 How about Andrew Bremberg? Q.

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Page 112 1 Census Department or Bureau or building. 2. 0. I meant the Commerce. Okay. 3 So how often are you at the White House? It depends. Sometimes I'm 4 Α. 5 there, you know, every day, sometimes it will be a week that I'm not there. 6 7 Ο. Did you ever speak to Steve Bannon on any occasion? 8 9 MS. WELLS: Objection, asked 10 and answered. 1 1 Α. Yes. 12 Q. What about? 1.3 Α. Hello. 14 So your testimony, you have 0. 15 never had a substantive discussion with 16 Mr. Bannon? 17 I mean, I've had idle chitchat Α. 18 on a plane with him, but that was about it. 19 So no substantive discussion? Ο. 20 No. Α. 21 Certainly nothing about the Ο. census or citizenship? 2.2 23 No, no. Α. Did you ever speak with -- have 24 0. 25 you ever spoken with President Trump?

Page 113 1 Yes, I have spoken with him. Α. 2. Ο. What about? 3 Hi, nice to meet you, sir. Α. Did you ever have a substantive 4 0. 5 discussion with President Trump? I have been in the room when 6 there have been substantive conversations, 7 but I would not say I was -- well, I would 8 9 say I was in the room, but I was not 10 participating in the discussion. 1 1 Were any of these -- did you 12 ever -- were you ever present for a 13 discussion including President Trump that 14 concerned the census or citizenship 15 questions? 16 Α. No. 17 MR. GERSCH: Let's take a break 18 now and then we'll come back. 19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 20 11:30 a.m. and this marks the end of media 21 unit number two. 2.2 (Recess taken.) 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 24 11:46 a.m. and this begins media unit 2.5 number three.

Page 114 1 BY MR. GERSCH: 2. O. We are back on the record, 3 Ms. Teramoto. I want to return to a topic 4 5 that I had asked you about earlier and make sure that to the extent I drew an objection 6 7 from counsel, that I've framed this in various ways so as to see if we can avoid 8 9 the objection. 10 When you prepared for this 1 1 deposition, did you review documents? 12 Α. Yes. 13 O . And were any of the documents 14 you reviewed the documents that are marked 15 as exhibits today? 16 MS. WELLS: I object, and I'm 17 going to direct the witness not to answer 18 on the basis of attorney-client and 19 attorney work product privilege. 20 MR. GERSCH: Counsel, I'm going 21 to say that my understanding in the 2.2 Southern District of New York is that the 23 privilege doesn't cover the answer to that 24 question. 25 I'm going to move on. I'm

Page 115 going to provide you with a copy of a case, 1 and at the next break let's see if we can resolve that issue. 3 MS. WELLS: Okay, thank you. 4 5 I'm going to show you what I'm Ο. going to mark Teramoto Exhibit No. 12. 6 7 (Teramoto Exhibit 12 marked for identification.) 8 9 For the record, Teramoto 10 Exhibit No. 12 is the March 26th, 2018 1 1 decisional memo from Secretary Ross to 12 Karen Dunn Kelley regarding reinstatement 1.3 of the citizenship question on the 2020 14 decennial census questionnaire, beginning 15 on page Bates stamp 1313 and ending on the 16 page Bates stamped 1320. 17 The only question for you at 18 this time I have is, have you seen this 19 document before today? 20 Α. No. 21 0. Did you hear that at some point 2.2 the Secretary had issued a decisional 23 memorandum regarding the census --24 regarding adding a citizenship question to the census? 25

Page 116 Did I hear that he --1 Α. 2. -- had issued a decisional 0. 3 memorandum regarding adding a citizenship question to the census? 4 5 I don't know if that's the right verb. I knew that there -- I have 6 7 heard that there was a decision memo. Okay. But you had not seen it 8 O . 9 in the ordinary course of your work? 10 Α. No. Again, because I'm not 1 1 involved in the details of census. 12 And putting aside whether you Ο. 13 had seen it, did you understand or come to 14 understand that the decisional memorandum 15 says the impetus for the question comes 16 from the Department of Justice? 17 MS. WELLS: I'm going to object 18 to the form of the question. You can 19 answer. 20 I don't actually -- I don't Α. 21 understand the question. 2.2 Q. Sure. I will rephrase it. 23 Okay. Α. 24 Ο. Did you understand from any 25 source that when Secretary Ross issued his

Page 117 memorandum explaining his decision, the 1 decisional memorandum, that he said he was 2. 3 adding a citizenship question because of a request from the Department of Justice? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 6 Α. That is my general knowledge. 7 Now, if there is a technical thing, legal thing in there, you know, that's not -- I 8 9 wouldn't be familiar, but that's my 10 understanding. 1 1 Didn't you understand that the Ο. 12 reason the Department of Justice asked for 1.3 the addition of the citizenship question is 14 because Secretary Ross asked the Department 15 of Justice to ask for the citizenship 16 question? 17 MS. WELLS: I object to form. I have no idea. I'm not 18 Α. 19 involved with the Department of Justice, so 20 I don't understand how their decisions are 21 made. 2.2 This is a question more about Secretary Ross. 23 24 Α. Okay. Didn't you understand that the 25 Q.

Page 118 1 reason that the Department of Justice asked 2. the citizenship question is because 3 Secretary Ross asked the Department of Justice to ask the citizenship question? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to form. I'm sorry if I don't understand 6 7 your question, but when you ask it to me, it makes it sound like you are asking me if 8 I understand why the Justice Department did 10 something, and, again, I have no idea how 1 1 the Justice Department works, so I can't 12 tell you why they do or do not do anything; 1.3 I'm sorry, I just don't. 14 Do you understand from any 15 source that Secretary Ross went to the 16 Department of Justice and asked them to ask 17 for a citizenship question on the census? 18 Again, I don't know what direct Α. 19 conversations the Secretary has had with 20 the Justice Department. 21 You haven't heard about that 0. 2.2 from any source? 23 Heard about what? Α. 2.4 0. That Secretary Ross went to the 25 Department of Justice and asked the

Page 119 Department of Justice to please request the 1 2. addition of a citizenship question. I have no recollection of the 3 Α. Secretary ever going to the Department of 4 5 Justice. Including you have no 6 7 recollection of the Secretary talking to Assistant Attorney -- I'm sorry, to 8 Attorney General Jeff Sessions about that? 9 10 Α. No, that's not what I said. 1 1 I know. That's a different 0. 12 question. 13 Α. Okay. Can you ask your new 14 question, please? 15 Q. Yes. 16 You understand that Attorney 17 General Jeff Sessions spoke to Secretary 18 Ross about asking a citizenship question on 19 the census? 20 MS. WELLS: I object to the 21 question, the form of the question. 2.2 Α. From the e-mails, I can see 23 that the Secretary and the AG spoke. What 24 they spoke about, I don't know, because, as 25 I said, I have no recollection of ever

Page 120 being on a call between the two of them. 1 2. 0. Did you learn from any source 3 that the Department of Commerce had made a decision in connection with the decisional 4 5 memorandum not to let Congress and the 6 public know that it was the Secretary who 7 wanted the Department of Justice to add the citizenship question? 8 9 Withdrawn. Let me rephrase 10 that. 1 1 Α. Okay. 12 Did you learn from any source Q. 13 that the Department of Commerce had made a decision in connection with the decisional 14 15 memorandum not to let Congress and the 16 public know that it was the Secretary who 17 went to the Department of Justice, and it 18 was the Secretary, the Secretary of 19 Commerce, that is, who pressed the 20 Department of Justice to ask for a 21 citizenship question? 2.2 Α. Sir, I'm not trying to be 23 difficult. Can you shorten your questions, 24 because there is a lot of nots and --25 Q. Sure.

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- A. I have not heard from any source that the Commerce Department did not want Congress or the public to know.
- Q. Have you heard of any discussion even touching that subject?
- A. Not that -- not that I can remember. I mean, again, sir, I'm not involved in the detailed discussions on census. I'm not involved in the meetings.
- Q. I take it Secretary Ross never said to you, in words or in substance, I'm not going to tell Congress that I was the one who went to the Department of Justice and asked for the citizenship question?
- A. Secretary Ross has never said that to me.
- Q. Do you remember any discussion with Secretary Ross about the citizenship question?
- A. I don't remember having any direct conversations with him on it.
- Q. Is it your best recollection
 that you had no such conversations, or are
 you saying there were, but you don't

Page 123 recall? 1 2. I'm saying I don't remember Α. 3 having any direct conversations with the Secretary on the question. 4 5 Do you believe that you had 6 some? 7 Again, I don't remember having any direct conversations with him on the 8 9 citizenship question. 10 My question is a little 1 1 different. I'm not asking for your memory 12 now. 1.3 I'm asking for whether you 14 think you had some, for example, I can think of lots of conversations that I have 15 16 had with my spouse, with my children, on certain subjects, but I can't remember the 17 18 conversations, I just know I had them. 19 So I'm asking in that context, 20 do you believe you had conversations 21 with --2.2 Α. I don't think we did. 23 Let me just finish the 0. 24 question. 25 Α. I'm sorry.

Page 124 1 I have your answer. Let me Q. 2. just finish the question. 3 Do you believe you had? I don't believe I have. 4 Α. 5 Again, again, I'm not the 6 census person, so if there is issues 7 related to census, I'm not the first person or even the second or third, fourth, fifth 8 9 person that I believe the Secretary would 10 call. 1 1 Let me follow up on the last 0. 12 question. 13 Does anyone at the Commerce 14 Department, to your knowledge, have a 15 longer relationship with the Secretary? 16 Not that I'm aware of. Α. 17 Do you believe you have a Q. 18 relationship of trust with the Secretary? 19 I would hope so. Α. 20 Do you believe anyone else has Q. a better relationship of trust with the 21 2.2 Secretary at Commerce, anyone at Commerce? 23 I mean, you would have to ask Α. 24 the Secretary who he trusts the most. 25 Q. You're not aware of anyone

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Page 126 1 How about people outside of Q. 2. Commerce, is there anyone outside of 3 Commerce that the Secretary likes to talk to about important issues? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 6 7 For advice. Ο. 8 Α. On anything? 9 0. On matters relating to 10 Commerce. 1 1 Well, sure. I mean, a lot of Α. 12 the -- I would say a wide majority of the 13 Secretary's time is spent on the trade 14 issues as well as the tariffs and the 232s on steel and aluminum. 15 16 How about on census, are there 17 people outside of the Commerce Department 18 that the Secretary turns to for advice on 19 either the citizenship question or on the 20 census generally? 21 If he goes outside of Commerce, you know, other than, you know, he has 2.2 23 spoken to Marc Neumann, but anybody else, I 24 wouldn't know, unless there are other people at the transition that talked to him 25

Page 127 about it, but I wasn't part of the 1 transition team, so I wouldn't know. 3 If someone -- why Marc Neumann? Ο. Let me come back to him. 4 5 Sure. I think as I stated 6 before, Marc Neumann was part of the 7 transition team who used to work at -- I think he worked at Census, so he was the 8 one who would brief the Secretary just on 10 census during the transition. 1 1 In that summer of 2017 and 12 going to September when we saw those 13 e-mails between you and Assistant Attorney 14 General Gore and the other e-mails on those 15 chains, if someone had come to you then and 16 said Ms. Teramoto, I need -- I have got an 17 important issue that I want to talk to you 18 about regarding adding a citizenship 19 question, who would you have put them in 20 touch with? 21 MS. WELLS: I object to the 2.2 form. 23 Well, I mean, I think I did put Α. 24 them in touch with Izzy Hernandez. And what was his position? 25 Q.

Page 128 1 He was the deputy chief of Α. staff. 2. 3 Did he have any special, you Q. know, was the census question, citizenship 4 5 question on the census, was that something 6 that he had particular responsibility for? 7 I mean, I don't know. He Α. worked on the census. 8 9 You said he was deputy chief of staff. I take it that meant he reported to 10 1 1 you? 12 Α. Sure. 1.3 0. So when he worked on the 14 census, was that because you assigned it to 15 him? 16 I don't remember how that came 17 about. I don't know if he said he wanted 18 to work on it or if I said we need somebody 19 to work on it. I'm not sure which one. 20 Did you hire Mr. Hernandez or Q. 21 play a role in his hiring? 2.2 Α. Yeah. I had met -- I had met 23 Izzy during the transition and he had 24 helped the Secretary through his 25 confirmation process.

Page 129 1 What was his background? 0. 2. Α. Prior to Commerce, he was working in California, it was Facebook or 3 Google or one of those companies, I don't 4 5 remember which one, and then prior to that he had actually worked at Commerce 6 7 during -- sorry, should I continue? 8 0. Yes. 9 He had worked at Commerce 10 during the Bush Administration, but I don't 1 1 remember the exact role that he had. 12 Did you ever have a discussion Ο. 13 with Mr. Hernandez about the citizenship 14 question? 15 Α. No. 16 Insofar as he worked on the 0. 17 census, did Mr. Hernandez report those 18 issues to someone other than yourself? 19 MS. WELLS: I object to the 20 form. Go ahead. 21 I don't know, and I actually 2.2 don't remember him reporting anything to 23 me. 24 0. Right. My question is, to the extent that he was dealing on census 25

Page 130 1 issues, did he go to someone else other 2. than you? And I ask that in the context 3 of your saying you don't remember him 4 5 coming to you, so my question is, would he 6 go to somebody else, would he go directly, 7 for example -- let's ask it this way: Would he go directly to the 8 9 Secretary on census issues? 10 He may have. Again, I don't 1 1 know. I just don't know. 12 Would you have some kind of Ο. 13 regular meeting with the Secretary to go 14 over important pending issues? 15 Α. Me personally or the 16 department? 17 Let's start with you, and then Q. 18 we will move to the department. 19 I would not -- I don't have Α. 20 sort of a standing meeting time with him. 21 If something sort of comes up, depending on 2.2 its urgency, then I will just sort of insert myself into the calendar. But there 23 24 is no standing time that I speak to him. 25 Q. How about some group of senior

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staff people, is there a regular meeting with the Secretary that you participate in?

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- A. There used to be, we haven't had them in a while, we used to try and have meetings of the bureau heads with the Secretary to go through, and the departments, any sort of major issues that they would be grappling with.
- Q. I guess I should restrict my question to Commerce, senior officials in Commerce, was there a regular meeting that the Secretary would have with senior Commerce officials?
- A. Yeah, I'm sorry, that's what I was talking about. So the department heads, so there is NOAA, there is Census, there is Patent, there is BIS, there is a whole bunch of them, we haven't had them in a while, but we tried to install sort of a weekly meeting where the department heads would all come in and sort of give an update to the Secretary.
- Q. Who would come for the Census? Would that be someone from the Census, or would it be Karen Dunn Kelley or someone

Page 132 1 else? 2. Α. I don't remember, to be honest. 3 Did someone take notes of these Ο. 4 meetings? 5 I mean, people may take their own individual notes. There was no 6 7 assigned note-taker. Here is what I would like to 8 O . 9 get a feel for, if you could help me with 10 this. 1 1 So in a lot of organizations, 12 there would be somebody who would say, 13 particularly in a business organization, 14 okay, these are our priorities for the --15 well, there might be long-term priorities, 16 but then there would be short-term 17 priorities like we need to get this 18 accomplished in the next week, day, month. 19 Did someone keep track of --20 did someone keep track of what the 21 short-term priorities were? 2.2 Α. Well, there is -- I mean, there 23 is no sort of tracking system in the office 24 of the Secretary of sort of this, you know, 25 the immediate versus long-term goals, but

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the department heads clearly have sort of the current issues that they are working on, and then, you know, things that they are always sort of working on.

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So, you know, depending on what it is, and, you know, there is updates to the Secretary on what's happening in the departments.

- Q. Was there someone who was supposed to give the Secretary updates about adding a citizenship question to the census?
 - MS. WELLS: I object to form.
- A. I don't believe there has been an appointed person on that.
- Q. Well, is there someone who does it, whether they are appointed or not?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. I neglected to ask you one question about the documents you looked at in preparation for the deposition, and I will ask it slowly so your counsel can decide whether they are going to object or not.

Did any of the documents you

Page 134 reviewed have Bates stamp numbers on them? 1 2. MS. WELLS: You can answer 3 that. I don't remember. 4 Α. 5 MR. GERSCH: It is 12:10. I 6 may be done. In part, it depends on your 7 review of the -- and, for the record, I'm speaking to counsel now -- counsel's review 8 of the case that I provided them with, and 10 I understand that other counsel probably have some questions, much fewer than my 1 1 12 questions --13 MS. WELLS: Is it possible to quantify how much time, I don't know if 14 15 this is a discussion you want to have on 16 the record, but the witness would prefer --17 MR. GERSCH: Let's go off the 18 record. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't need to 20 have lunch. So I'm happy to keep going 21 and --2.2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 23 12:11 p.m. and this marks the end of media 24 unit number two. 25 (Luncheon recess: 12:11 p.m.)

Page 135 AFTERNOON SESSION 1 2. 1:04 p.m.3 T E R A M O T O, resumed. WENDY THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4 5 1:04 p.m. and this begins media unit number four. 6 7 CONTINUED EXAMINATION BY MR. GERSCH: 8 9 All right, we are back on the Ο. 10 record. 1 1 Counsel and we have had a discussion off the record about the scope 12 13 of the work product and attorney-client 14 privilege, and based on that conversation 15 I'm going to ask some additional questions 16 about the documents that the witness may 17 have reviewed in preparation for this 18 deposition. 19 Ms. Teramoto, I'm going to show 20 you -- I show you again a copy of Teramoto 21 Exhibit 2. 2.2 Did you review that document in 23 preparation for this deposition? 24 I don't know if it was this Α. 25 exact one, but a version of it looks

Page 136 familiar. 1 2. Q. And did you see a version of it with some of the -- some or all of the 3 black redaction marks? 4 5 Α. No. You can put that aside. I show 6 0. 7 you Teramoto Exhibit 3 again. 8 Did you review that document in 9 preparation for this deposition? 10 Α. I don't remember. I don't 1 1 remember. 12 I will show you what has been 1.3 marked Teramoto Exhibit 4. 14 Did you review that document in 15 preparation for this deposition? 16 I don't think so. Α. 17 I show you what has been marked Q. Teramoto Exhibit 5. 18 19 Did you review that document in 20 preparation for this deposition? 21 I do not believe so. Α. 2.2 Ο. Roughly how many documents did 23 you review in all? 24 Ten or under. Α. I show you what has been marked 25 Q.

Page 137 as Teramoto Exhibit 6. 1 2. Did you review that document in 3 preparation for your deposition? I don't think so. 4 Α. 5 I show you what has been marked 0. Teramoto Exhibit 7. 6 7 Did you review that document in preparation for your deposition? 8 9 Α. Some version of this. 10 Did you see a version that Ο. 1 1 didn't contain -- did you see a version 12 that didn't contain some or all of the 1.3 redaction marks? 14 Α. No. 15 Ο. I will show you what has been 16 marked Teramoto Exhibit 8. 17 Did you see that document in 18 preparation for your deposition? 19 Some -- actually, well, when I Α. 20 say some version, again, the way that these 21 e-mails are, I might have seen something 2.2 that had a subset of it, but I don't know 23 if it's the whole e-mail chain. 2.4 These are the documents that --Ο. 2.5 Yeah. Α.

Page 138 Go ahead. 1 0. 2. Α. Again, I don't know if it was 3 this exact document production, but it could have been a version, I don't know how 4 5 they are generated, so do you get this as one document production and the next e-mail 6 7 is another one, and the next one --8 0. I get whatever counsel gives 9 me. 10 Okay, all right. So that's my Α. 1 1 best thing, is some version of it, but I 12 don't know if it was this exact one. 13 Ο. And the document you have been 14 talking about, Teramoto Exhibit 8, that is 15 one of these documents that has the --16 It is an e-mail chain. Α. 17 -- e-mail chain with you and Q. 18 Assistant Attorney General Gore on it, 19 correct? 20 Α. Let me double-check that one. 21 Yes, sir. 2.2 So I'm going to show you 0. 23 Teramoto Exhibit 9, which is another one in 24 that chain and ask you the same question. 25 Have you seen that document in

Page 139 your preparation for this deposition? 1 2. Α. Again, I don't remember if it was this exact one, like this one is the 3 same as this one here, so --4 5 You are pointing to 8? 0. 6 Α. Yeah. So they all start 7 with -- 8, your document 8, and your document 9, both have the same, I guess, 8 9 last e-mail. 10 The same one from Assistant O. 1 1 Attorney General Gore at the beginning, 12 right? 13 Α. Yes, but then the rest of it is totally different than the other one. 14 15 0. My question is just, did you 16 see that document during your deposition 17 preparation? 18 So the answer is some version 19 of this, but these are totally different, 20 even though they have, you know, some of it is exactly identical, but for these, a lot 21 2.2 of it is different. 23 I will show you one more in the 0. chain, Teramoto Exhibit 11. 24 Did you see that document in 25

Page 140 preparation for your deposition? 1 2. If you want to say the same answer as for 9 --3 Well, this one, they all 4 Α. 5 start -- actually, this one, let me see 6 this one. 7 This doesn't make sense. This looks like several different e-mail chains, 8 9 because the document that --10 It is a three-pager, correct? 0. 1 1 Yeah. So Exhibit Teramoto 11, Α. 12 so the page that has Bates number 0002636, 13 and then the page number that has 0002638, 14 both have the same e-mail at the end, and 15 then the e-mail above it is the same, and 16 then the e-mail above that is the same, and 17 the one above that is the same, but then, 18 again, I don't know how you guys do this, 19 but then the rest of it is totally 20 different than on this one, so it is, 21 candidly, confusing to me. 2.2 However confusing it may be, 0. 23 have you seen that document or any part of 24 it during your deposition preparation? 25 Α. I don't remember seeing -- I

Page 141 remember seeing a part of it, but not in 1 2. its entirety, and I don't remember because 3 they are all versions of something. Q. Have you seen Teramoto Exhibit 4 5 10 in preparation for this deposition? 6 I believe so, yes. 7 Ο. Have you seen -- I think you testified that you reviewed about ten 8 9 documents. 10 What other documents did you 1 1 review other than the ones we've just gone 12 over? 1.3 Α. You mean other than these? 14 0. Yeah. 15 I don't remember. Α. 16 Did you review Teramoto Exhibit 0. 17 12 before today? 18 Α. No. Would you like me to read 19 it? 20 No. Did you review Teramoto Q. 21 Exhibit 1 before today? 2.2 Α. No. 23 Thank you. You can put those Ο. 24 aside. 25 MR. GERSCH: All right, at this

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    EXAMINATION BY MS. GOMEZ:
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Q. So just going back to what you did to prepare for this deposition, when did you first learn that your deposition was going to be taken today?

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- A. I don't remember specifically. My best guess, if you want me to guess, is maybe a month or so ago.
- Q. And to clarify, did you learn that the deposition was scheduled for today a month ago or did you first learn that your deposition was going to be taken a month ago?
- A. I'm sorry, I thought the question was when I -- when I heard that it was going to be taken, not when it was scheduled.
 - Q. Yeah, that was my question.
- A. Oh, okay. So I'm guessing, I don't remember the exact, but I'm guessing about a month ago.

In terms of the exact scheduling of it, I know we had gone back and forth and I had to rearrange things to be here today, because this was the day that worked for you guys, when some of the

Page 144 other days that I proposed did not. 1 2. 0. And when did you review the 3 documents you just went through, so Exhibits 1 through 12? 4 MS. WELLS: I object to the 5 form. 6 7 Of the exhibits you reviewed, Ο. when did you review the exhibits? 8 Well, again, I think I 9 Α. 10 testified earlier, these exhibits, I don't 1 1 know if they are the exact ones, and some 12 of those I did not review at all. It would 1.3 have been yesterday. 14 And was that the only time? 0. 15 There might have been some 16 previous time that I had looked at stuff, 17 but most of them would have been yesterday. 18 Q. Did you tell Secretary Ross 19 that you were going to be deposed today? 20 Α. Sure. 21 Did you have a conversation 0. 2.2 with him about it? 23 Α. Well, I told him I was going to 24 be deposed. 25 Did you discuss anything Q.

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1	further about it?
2	A. No.
3	Q. Did you discuss the citizenship
4	question with Secretary Ross after you
5	found out you were going to be deposed?
6	A. No.
7	Q. And when did you speak to him
8	regarding the deposition?
9	A. I mean, in terms of scheduling,
10	I don't know. I would have just said to
11	him, oh, I'm going to be deposed this date.
12	Q. And did he respond?
13	A. I don't remember. It would
14	have been "okay."
15	Q. What is your understanding of
16	plaintiffs' allegations in this case?
17	A. None.
18	Q. As you sit here today, what is
19	your understanding of the controversy that
20	exists with respect to the citizenship
21	question?
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2 3	on there and some people don't.
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- Q. Do you understand any further details about, for example, why some people don't think the citizenship question should be on the census?
- A. I mean, the controversy, as I understand it, is, you know, does the question change or increase the ability to have an accurate count.
- Q. And prior to the lawsuits, had you -- had anyone expressed this concern -- are you aware that anyone ever expressed this concern regarding the count and the citizenship question?
- A. Well, I don't know when the lawsuits were filed.
- Q. Prior to March 26th when the decision was made to add the citizenship question, were you aware that there were concerns about the count if the citizenship question was added?
- A. I can't -- I don't remember anything specific.
- Q. Other than attorneys at the Department of Justice and Department of Commerce, have you talked to anyone else

Page 147 1 about the fact that you were being deposed 2. today? I don't know if -- well, I 3 would have mentioned it to people for 4 5 scheduling purposes. 6 0. Anyone else? 7 Not that I can think of. I Α. might have mentioned it to my husband. 8 9 0. And what discussion did you 10 have with your husband about the 1 1 deposition? 12 I can't have my doctor's Α. 1.3 appointment on Friday because I'm going to 14 have a deposition, so I have to have my 15 doctor's appointment on Thursday. 16 In connection with the lawsuits 0. 17 about the citizenship question, were you 18 directed to search for files, e-mails, or 19 references to the census or the Census 20 Bureau? 21 I believe there was something 2.2 that had been -- some sort of e-mail or 23 some communication that there was going to 24 be a search for documents, and so somebody came and searched my computer for whatever 25

Page 148 the document search required. 1 2. O. Did you do anything to look for 3 documents? Well, I was there, but you 4 5 wouldn't want me to be the one searching and trying to figure out how to navigate 6 7 the system. Did you search for any 8 0. 9 handwritten documents or handwritten notes? 10 Α. I wouldn't have had any. 1 1 Besides the people that came to 0. 12 your office to do the search, did you 13 direct anyone else to conduct a search for 14 vou in connection with this lawsuit? 15 I mean, no. I mean, there was 16 some e-mail that was sent with regard to 17 the litigation and I said somebody came and 18 searched my computer. 19 Do you know if anyone searched 0. 20 your government-issued phone? 21 I think so, but I don't -- I 2.2 don't know. 23 So you've mentioned a couple of 24 times that one of the big concerns with 25 respect to the census that you're aware of

Page 149 1 is the census budget, correct? 2. I have mentioned that one of 3 the recurring topics was the census budget. And did you work on anything 4 Ο. 5 with respect to the census budget? 6 Α. Did I? No. 7 Are you aware of what the 0. issues were with respect to the budget? 8 9 Α. Well, the general issue of is 10 it going to be within or over the budget, 1 1 and what the appropriate budget should be. 12 But in terms of the details, 1.3 again, I was not involved in the detailed 14 discussions, so that's the best I would 15 have. 16 As far as you're aware, was 0. 17 there a concern about hiring half a million 18 people to work on the census? 19 Well, there was a concern about 20 how you ramp up the employment that the 21 census will need to make sure that there's 2.2 enough people to conduct an appropriate 23 count. 24 0. And was there any discussion 25 about nonresponse follow-up?

Page 150 I don't remember. 1 Α. 2. 0. How about the hiring of 3 enumerators specifically? I wouldn't have been a part of 4 Α. 5 any of those types of discussions. 6 When you did become aware about 7 these discussions, who would be the people that made you aware about the census 8 9 budget? 10 Α. What do you mean, which 1 1 discussions? 12 Q. About the census budget. 1.3 Α. What was your question, again? 14 How did you become aware about Ο. 15 the census budget issues? 16 Well, I mean, that's a bit Α. 17 generic. I mean, when I say I knew that 18 the budget was an issue, that's the issue 19 that I knew of, the budget. The inner 20 workings and the details of the budget I 21 wouldn't know. 2.2 Ο. I understand it's a broad 23 issue, but just generally how did you 24 become aware of these issues? Did you receive e-mails from certain people? Were 25

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A. I don't remember. I don't remember specifically, but I just remember there have been, you know, whether inside or outside of meetings, discussions about the census budget and getting our arms around, you know, the numbers that were inherited from the prior administration and sort of what contracts had already been agreed to that may or may not have been the best contracts or contractors to be, you know, involved with.

But I, again, was not involved in the detail, so it was, you know, I couldn't give you specifics.

- Q. Are there any people that you know were involved in these discussions?
- A. Yes. So, again, the main people who worked on the census in the Secretary's office was, you know, Karen Dunn Kelley, because when she came in, you know, census fell under her group, and Earl Comstock was involved.
- Q. And as you heard concerns about the census budget, were there any concerns

Page 152 that the addition of the citizenship 1 2. question might make it more difficult to 3 hire enough -- let me rephrase that. Were there any concerns that 4 5 adding a citizenship question would require that the Census Bureau hire more people? 6 7 Α. No, I have never heard that. If Secretary Ross were to be 8 O . 9 deposed in this case and he asked you for 10 help with prepping him, what would you do 1 1 to assist him in prepping? I wouldn't. That's for the 12 Α. 1.3 lawyers. 14 What if he asked you about the Ο. call you had with Mr. John Gore in the 15 16 summer of 2017? 17 MS. WELLS: I object to the form. 18 19 I would tell him the same thing Α. 20 that I've told your colleagues, I don't 21 remember talking to John Gore. 2.2 Ο. You wouldn't offer to search 23 through your e-mail to see if you can write 24 down sort of a timeline of how you were 25 involved?

Page 153 1 Α. No. 2. 0. When did you first become aware 3 that Secretary Ross was considering adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census? 4 5 MS. WELLS: I object to form. I think I testified I don't 6 Α. 7 remember. Did you know before March 26th, 8 O . 2018? 9 10 Α. That what? 1 1 That Secretary Ross was 0. 12 considering adding a citizenship question 1.3 to the 2020 census. 14 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 15 Α. I mean, there had been -- there 16 had been obviously some communication, but, 17 you know, the date March 26th doesn't ring 18 anything special to me prior to these memos 19 being shown to me. 20 Either before or after March Ο. 21 26th, did you ever consult with the 2.2 Department of Justice regarding the census 23 generally? 24 Not that I remember. Α. 25 How about with John Gore Q.

Page 154 specifically, either before or after March 1 2. 26th, do you recall ever communicating, e-mailing with him, regarding any subject, 3 not just the census? 4 5 Again, there have been, you know, I think it is, frankly, one e-mail, 6 it is one chain, where we've discussed 7 8 that. 9 Do you want me to discuss it 10 aqain? Because I can pull it out. 1 1 No, I don't. 0. 12 But I don't remember ever 13 speaking to John Gore. I never met John 14 Gore. John Gore could be in this room and 15 I don't know what he looks like. 16 Are you aware that Secretary 0. 17 Ross testified on March 22nd before the 18 House Ways and Means Committee? 19 Α. No. 20 Earlier you mentioned that you, Q. 21 and correct me if I'm wrong, that you have 2.2 met President Trump before during a 23 transition meeting; is that correct? 24 Α. No, that's totally incorrect. 25 That's not right at all. So I never met

Page 155 the President in a transition meeting. 1 met the President in a meeting. I think your colleague asked if 3 I participated in the meeting, and I think 4 5 what I told him is that I was sitting in the room, but I did not have a speaking 6 7 role, so I don't know if you lawyers 8 consider that participating or not. 9 Ο. You did mention a transition meeting that you participated in after 10 1 1 Secretary Ross' hearing. Do you recall 12 when that meeting occurred? 1.3 Α. Yes, I think what I testified 14 is that I participated in a transition 15 meeting immediately after his confirmation 16 hearing. 17 Do you know when his confirmation hearing was? 18 19 Α. No. 20 Were you already employed with Q. 21 the Department of Justice when that meeting 2.2 occurred? 23 MS. WELLS: I object to the 24 form. I never worked for the 25 Α.

Page 156 Department of Justice. 1 2. O. I'm sorry, Department of 3 Commerce, were you already employed with the Department of Commerce when this 4 5 meeting occurred? Which meeting are you talking 6 Α. 7 about? The transition meeting that 8 O . 9 occurred immediately after Secretary Ross' 10 confirmation hearing. 1 1 No, the Secretary wasn't even 12 the Secretary then. 1.3 0. What was your --14 He had his hearing, but he was 15 not confirmed, so there was no Secretary --16 there was no 39th Secretary of Commerce. 17 So you mentioned that you 18 participated in this transition meeting. 19 Why? 20 Well, participated is --Α. 21 0. Attended. 2.2 Α. Attended. So after the 23 Secretary had his hearing, the transition 24 team, which I don't know, you know, 25 everybody who was involved in it, had set

Page 157 up a meeting for him to discuss what they 1 viewed as a route for his best 2. 3 transitioning into Commerce as the incoming Secretary. 4 5 And why were you invited to Ο. this meeting? 6 7 Α. Well, I don't know if I was invited, but I showed up with him. 8 9 Q. Why did you show up with him? 10 Α. Because I was with him in D.C. 1 1 Were you his assistant at that 0. 12 time? 1.3 Α. What do you mean, assistant? 14 Ο. Were you working for him either 15 as an advisor or --16 I was there for his hearing. Α. 17 Q. And why did you attend his 18 hearing? 19 Why not? It is fascinating. Α. 20 So you are saying you attended Q. 21 his hearing because you thought it was 2.2 fascinating? 23 I thought it would be 24 interesting. Did Secretary Ross ask you to 25 Q.

Page 158 1 attend the transition meeting? Α. No. 3 You just showed up? Ο. I was with him -- I was with 4 Α. 5 him at his hearing, and then after his hearing he went to have a meeting with the 6 7 transition team, and I just went with him. Who was at the transition 8 0. 9 meeting? I won't remember everybody. 10 Α. 1 1 There was Marc Neumann, there was Lilly 12 Gaynor, Earl Comstock, I believe Eric 1.3 Branstad was there. 14 Let me see. There were other 15 people there, but I don't know -- I didn't 16 know who they were. And you should be 17 reminded this is well over a year and a 18 half ago. 19 O. Did you discuss the census at 20 that meeting? 21 I don't believe so. Α. 2.2 0. Do you remember what topics you 23 discussed? 24 Α. No. 25 Did you discuss reapportionment Q.

Page 159 1 during that meeting? I don't think I have ever 2. Α. No. 3 been in a discussion about reapportionment. Immigration enforcement? 4 Q. 5 Α. No. 6 Q. How about not counting 7 non-citizens? No. Again, this was a 8 Α. 9 transition meeting about him and coming in 10 on his, you know, initial days. None of 1 1 that I remember being discussed. 12 Q. Have you spoken with Stephen 1.3 Bannon before? 14 I believe I testified that I Α. 15 have. 16 How many times? 0. 17 Α. I'm quessing, maybe three, 18 tops. 19 0. When? 20 I mean, I don't know. I mean, Α. 21 I'm sure at some point I saw him in the 2.2 White House and I said hello. I don't know 23 if he said hi back to me, so I don't know 24 if that is actually a conversation or not. 25 And then he rode on the same

Page 160 plane back from Saudi Arabia as we did, but 1 I didn't really talk to him because you 3 can't hear anybody on those planes. You said it was three, tops. 4 0. 5 Do you remember the third time? 6 Α. No. I mean, I'm quessing. 7 Ο. So have you ever had a substantive conversation with him about 8 anything? 9 10 Α. No. I don't think he knows who 1 1 I am or what my name is. 12 Q. Does Secretary Ross speak to 1.3 Stephen Bannon, maybe not anymore, but in 2017? 14 15 MS. WELLS: I object to the 16 form. 17 I don't know. Α. 18 Are you aware that they ever Q. 19 spoke? 20 I'm sure there were Α. 21 pleasantries. If there was more discussion 2.2 beyond that, I don't know. 23 Is there anyone at the Ο. 24 Department of Commerce that you are aware that has had conversations with Stephen 25

Page 161 1 Bannon? 2. A. I have no way -- I have no way 3 of knowing. Q. So you mentioned that you are 4 5 at the White House sometimes almost every 6 day? 7 Sometimes. I mean, and Α. sometimes there is weeks that I'm not 8 9 there. 10 When you go to the White House, 0. 1 1 do you go there -- what is it that you go 12 to do? 13 Α. Well, there will be trade meetings that I go there for. There will 14 be meetings on Ivanka's Workforce Council. 15 16 There will be meetings in the situation 17 room on various topics. I will go there and have lunch. 18 19 O. Have you ever had any meeting 20 at the White House regarding the census 21 generally? 2.2 Α. No. 23 How often does Secretary Ross Ο. go to the White House? 24 25 All the time. Α.

Page 162 1 Are you aware of him having Q. 2. meetings there regarding the census? 3 Α. No. 4 0. Not --5 Α. Not to my knowledge. 6 0. What topics are you aware that 7 he discusses when he goes to the White 8 House? 9 Α. Well, you mean topics or 10 meetings? 1 1 Well, what is discussed during 0. 12 these meetings as far as you're aware? Α. 13 I'm not always there, so I 14 don't know. 15 Q. When you are there. 16 He will go there for trade 17 meetings, and I'm a part of some of those. I have never heard census mentioned once in 18 19 a single trade meeting the entire time I've 20 been there. 21 And he will go for other 2.2 meetings that I'm not a part of. So I don't know what's discussed at the meetings 23 24 that I'm not a part of. 25 Q. Do you know if he has ever had

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1	Q. Congressional apportionment?
2	A. No.
3	Q. Redistricting?
4	A. No.
5	Q. Have you ever had any
6	conversations, and excuse my pronunciation,
7	with Reince Priebus?
8	A. Have I ever had a conversation
9	with him?
10	Q. Uh-huh.
11	A. He was on that plane back from
12	Saudi, but, again, nobody really spoke
13	because you couldn't hear over the engines.
14	I can't think of any. I don't think Reince
15	knows who I am.
16	Q. Are you aware of Secretary Ross
17	having conversations with Mr. Priebus?
18	A. I'm sure they have, but I have
19	no idea about what.
20	Q. Anyone at the Department of
21	Commerce, are you aware of anyone at the
22	Department of Commerce having conversations
23	with Mr. Priebus?
2 4	A. I mean, it's not like people
25	have conversations and then come and notify

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    conversations with John Kelly?
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    time you spoke to Mr. Kelly?
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    General Kelly about immigration
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1	Q.	Voter fraud?
2	Α.	Not at all.
3	Q.	An undercount?
4	Α.	No.
5	Q.	Congressional apportionment?
6	Α.	No.
7	Q.	Redistricting?
8	Α.	No.
9	Q.	Are you aware of General Kelly
10	having conv	ersations with Secretary Ross?
11	Α.	Sure.
12	Q.	Do you know if they have ever
13	spoken abou	t the census?
14	Α.	No idea.
15	Q.	Immigration enforcement?
16	Α.	No idea.
17	Q.	Voter fraud?
18	Α.	No idea.
19	Q.	An undercount?
20	Α.	No idea.
21	Q.	Congressional apportionment?
22	Α.	No idea.
2 3	Q.	Redistricting?
2 4	Α.	No idea.
25	Q.	Do you know if anyone from the

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1	Department of Commerce has ever had
2	conversations with General Kelly about any
3	of the topics we have just discussed?
4	A. I have no idea.
5	Q. Have you ever spoken to Kris
6	Kobach, besides last summer?
7	A. Well, I don't even remember
8	speaking to him, so other than that e-mail.
9	Q. Do you know if Secretary Ross
10	has communicated with him before?
11	A. I have no idea.
12	Q. What about anyone at the
13	Department of Commerce?
14	A. No idea.
15	Q. Are you aware that he also made
16	a request to add a citizenship question to
17	the 2020 census?
18	MS. WELLS: I object to the
19	form.
2 0	A. Well, I mean, I've read the
21	e-mail.
22	Q. Aside from the e-mail.
2 3	A. No.
2 4	Q. Have you ever spoken to
25	Attorney General Jeff Sessions?

Page 168 I think I might have said hi to 1 him at the chief of staff meeting, but now 2. that I think about it, I was late, so I 3 don't even think I even shook his hand. 4 5 How about Secretary Ross and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, are you 6 7 aware of conversations between them? I'm aware that they've had 8 Α. 9 conversations. I'm not aware of the 10 content of those conversations. 1 1 Do you know if they have ever 12 spoken about the census generally? 1.3 Α. I have no idea. 14 Do you know if they have ever Ο. spoken about immigration enforcement? 15 16 Α. I have no idea. 17 Q. Voter fraud? 1 8 Α. Zero idea. 19 An undercount? 0. 20 Α. No idea. 21 Congressional apportionment? Q. 2.2 Α. No idea. 23 Redistricting? 0. 2.4 No idea. Α. 2.5 So earlier you mentioned you Q.

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1	have spoken	to Stephen Miller before,
2	correct?	
3	Α.	Right.
4	Q.	About how many times have you
5	spoken to hi	Lm?
6	Α.	Maybe a handful.
7	Q.	Do you remember the dates?
8	Α.	No idea.
9	Q.	Have you ever spoken to Stephen
10	Miller about	t the census?
11	Α.	No.
12	Q.	Have you ever spoken to him
13	about immig	ration generally?
14	Α.	No.
15	Q.	Voter fraud?
16	Α.	No.
17	Q.	An undercount?
18	Α.	No.
19	Q.	Congressional apportionment?
2 0	Α.	No.
21	Q.	Redistricting?
2 2	Α.	No.
2 3	Q.	Are you aware of Secretary Ross
2 4	ever having	conversations with Stephen
25	Miller about	t the census?

Page 170 1 Not that I'm aware of. Α. 2. 0. Anyone at the Department of Commerce ever have a conversation that 3 you're aware of with Stephen Miller? 4 5 I'm not aware. 6 0. I just need a moment to make 7 sure I don't have any more questions. 8 Sure, take your time. Α. 9 MS. GOMEZ: We have no further 10 questions. 1 1 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1.3 1:44 p.m. We are off the record. 14 (Recess taken.) 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 16 1:51 p.m. and we are back on the record. 17 EXAMINATION BY MR. CASE: 18 Ms. Teramoto, my name is Andrew 0. 19 Case. I'm from the law firm of Manatt, 20 Phelps & Phillips, and we represent the 21 City of San Jose and the Black Alliance For 2.2 Just Immigration in a case filed in the 23 Northern District of California, No. 24 18 - CV - 2279. 25 Α. Okay. Nice to meet you, sir.

Page 171 Nice to meet you. I want to go 1 0. 2. back a little bit to your time at Rothschild. 3 4 Α. Sure. 5 Did you work on any significant transactions during your time at 6 7 Rothschild? MS. WELLS: I'm going to object 8 9 to the form. A. How would you define 10 1 1 significant? 12 Q. Do you remember any 1.3 transactions you worked on while at 14 Rothschild? 15 MS. WELLS: I object to the 16 form again. You can answer if you can. 17 A. Well, so there's, at 18 Rothschild, there's -- when we were there, 19 there is the M&A practice and then there 20 were also the funds. I don't offhand 21 remember any sort of the M&A things that I 2.2 would have worked on. This is, you know, 23 20 years ago. 24 0. When you were at W.L. Ross & 25 Company, can you describe in general what

Page 172 your duties were and how they changed over 1 the years? 3 Sure. So I was, you know, when Α. I started at Rothschild, I was an 4 5 associate, and working on the Rothschild Recovery Funds, and then as time went by I 6 7 sort of moved up the ladder in terms of title, but I became primarily responsible 8 for certain verticals of investments for 10 the funds. 1 1 So I was primarily in charge of 12 our coal investments, our rail investments, 1.3 and our shipping investments. 14 So did you make decisions about Ο. 15 which investments to make in those three 16 sectors? 17 Well, I was on the Investment 18 Committee for some of the funds, so I would 19 have been a part of the Investment 20 Committee decision-making process. 21 0. Do you remember any decisions 2.2 that the Investment Committee made with 23 regards to investment in those sectors? 24 Α. Well, the Investment Committee 25 approved various investments in those

Page 173 1 different sectors. 2. O. Sitting here today, looking 3 back, do you remember any of these meetings, these committee meetings? 4 5 Investment Committee meetings? 6 0. Yeah. 7 Not the specifics. I mean, I Α. remember having them, but I don't remember 8 the details of them. 9 10 Do you remember the people that O. 1 1 were on the Investment Committee with you? 12 Sure. I mean, they are 1.3 different funds, so I wouldn't remember all 14 of the different funds, but I would know 15 who was on which specific Investment 16 Committee, and it changed, but some of 17 them. 18 Q. But you have a memory of the work that you did while you were at W.L. 19 20 Ross & Company, which committee members you 21 worked with? 2.2 MR. ROSENBERG: Just for the 23 record, I think you were testifying as to 24 Rothschild, right? 25 MR. CASE: I thought we moved

Page 174 1 to Ross & Company. 2. Were we still on Rothschild? 0. 3 Do you understand the Α. background between Rothschild --4 5 Yes, I believe I do. But why 6 don't you explain to me how the transition 7 happened. So the first Rothschild 8 Α. 9 Recovery Fund was -- I believe it was set 10 up in 1997. So that was Rothschild 1 1 Recovery Fund I, and then there was a 12 Rothschild Recovery Fund II that was set up 13 a couple of years after, I don't remember 14 the exact vintage date of it, and then it 15 was April 1st, and I believe it was 2000, it could have been 2001, I don't remember 16 17 the exact time, or the exact year, that 18 Wilbur bought out, and I don't know the 19 exact transaction, so you would have to ask 20 him exactly how it happened, but he bought 21 out most of the general partner interest 2.2 from the Rothschild funds and then they 23 became WLR Recovery Funds, so that then 24 evolved into the W.L. Ross portion. And then in 2006, Invesco 25

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purchased W.L. Ross & Co., and you would have to ask Wilbur Ross exact details of that, but the funds then, there were different sets of funds under that umbrella.

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Q. So when you say the Rothschild Recovery Funds, was the fund consistent over the time period? Did you work on essentially the same fund for that period as it went from entity to entity?

A. That's not the way you look at it. I mean, there is different funds that have a certain life.

So you would have a Rothschild Recovery Fund, which I think -- I think the life of the funds, I believe it was seven years, and then you would have the next fund and then there were more funds underneath that.

So, you know, after a certain period of time, I don't remember when, but the investments that were in the first fund would no longer exist because we would have sold out of them, so there was no fund -- there was no sort of Fund I anymore, so it

Page 176 is not as if there is still a -- I don't 1 believe there is still a WLR Recovery Fund 3 I. 4 Ο. When you were at W.L. Ross & 5 Company, were your main responsibilities determining what these funds would invest 6 7 in? Well, over what time period are 8 Α. 9 you talking about? 10 Take me through if it changed. 0. 1 1 Okay. Well, in the beginning, Α. 12 I was an associate, so I sort of worked on 13 a whole bunch of different projects on the 14 M&A side, but then on the investment side I 15 would be in more of a support capacity for 16 the different, I guess different people who 17 were working on the fund. 18 And then, I don't want to say 19 as I got older, but maybe as I got more 20 experienced, I started -- I found my own 21 names and investments, and those I would take and propose to the Investment 22 23 Committee. 24 And so for those, you know, I would be the point person on, you know, 25

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finding investments, depending on what type of investment, you know, negotiating the purchase agreement, or if we were buying it out of bankruptcy, you would be negotiating with a different set of creditors, debtors. I mean, there is a whole bunch of different ways.

And then, you know, as the funds progressed, a lot of my time would continue to be on the investment side and finding the investments, but then there was also quite a bit of time that would be spent on the marketing side for our funds, and so the marketing side would be to go out and try and raise new money for the new funds that were being created.

Q. Sitting here today, do you remember investments that you identified and brought to the market, to the Investment Committee, without identifying them, obviously, but do you remember sitting here today any of the investments you recommended?

A. Sure.

Q. And how many years ago was

Page 178 this? 1 2. It depends. I mean, the main one I remember is an investment that we had 3 for 13 years. 4 5 But you identified it originally? 6 7 Α. Sure. When did Wilbur Ross first 8 Ο. 9 speak to you about joining the Commerce 10 Department? 1 1 I know your colleague asked Α. 12 this before. 1.3 I don't remember specifically. 14 You know, it would have been -- it would 15 have been after -- well, clearly after he 16 was nominated, but I don't remember 17 specifically when. 18 If I represent to you that he Ο. 19 was nominated on Inauguration Day, which 20 was January 20th, 2017, and he was 21 confirmed on February 27th, 2017, do you 2.2 recall if he spoke to you before he was 23 confirmed about joining? 24 I thought he was confirmed on Α. the 28th. 25

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- Q. Then I could have gotten that information wrong, I'm sorry.
 - A. Okay. And I don't know when he was nominated.
 - Q. I'm fairly confident, but I got the other one wrong by one day, but it was on or about Inauguration Day.
 - A. Again, I don't remember the specifics.
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Do you remember if he spoke to you about joining Commerce before the date of his confirmation?

A. Again, I mean, you know, we had talked loosely about it, but, you know, for me it was, you know, I have two small kids who live in New York City, and so I just remember it was a hard, you know, it was a very loose discussion of, you know, would you be interested, I'm paraphrasing here, but it wasn't anything sort of specific, because I struggled a lot, because, again, I have, you know, two small kids that are based in New York City.

Q. I think you testified this

Page 180 morning that you joined as a senior advisor 1 2. first before becoming chief of staff; is 3 that correct? Sure, yeah. 4 Α. 5 Can you tell me about what your 0. responsibilities were when you joined just 6 7 as a senior advisor? Well, remember, in the 8 Α. 9 beginning, and I thought it was February 10 28th, I will have to look, I should know 1 1 that. I'm pretty sure it was February 12 28th. 1.3 O . I will take your word on that. 14 You know, I have never worked 15 in the government and I don't believe he 16 has ever worked in the government, so when 17 I officially started, you know, in the 18 beginning, it was, one, just trying to 19 understand how the departments are run. 20 If you have never worked --21 have you ever worked for a government? 2.2 0. I have, but I'm generally not 23 going to answer questions, but I will 24 answer that one. I have. 25 Α. So I will just say to someone

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like me, who had never worked in the 1 2. government, trying to explain to somebody 3 who has never worked in the government, it is very hard. There is a different 4 5 language that you speak. Just the way that things are run is very different than the 6 7 way that we had run things on the private 8 side. 9 So it was understanding, you 10 know, how the department works, how the 1 1 departments, not only the Commerce 12 Department, but how Commerce interacts with 13 Treasury and USTR and Energy and 14 Transportation, and I'm sure for every 15 administration, it is different, but for us 16 it was just trying to understand how that 17 works, interacting with the White House, 18 learning about the different bureaus, how 19 the different bureaus work, the budgeting. 20 You know, Commerce has 47,000 21 people. I don't think people realize the 2.2 magnitude of what Commerce has. Commerce 23 has historically, from what I have been 24 told, has been a department that when administrations aren't sure where to put 25

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something, they have sort of stuck it in Commerce, and so that's why you have, and this is what I talked a little bit about in the beginning, when you look at the range of the different things that are in Commerce, that Commerce oversees, it's a huge range.

So you have NOAA, which is the lion's share of the Commerce Department, and NOAA has to do with the fisheries, they deal with the satellite launches, they deal with the weather. I mean, it's huge. So that's NOAA.

You have Patents, and that's a huge thing. This year, the Patent Office just signed their 10 millionth patent, which was a huge thing for them. You obviously have Census as well.

And then, don't forget, you have two other things, which if anybody reads the news, you will see has been very active in this administration, and that is, you know, ITA, which is the trade, so a lot of the trade discussions and dialogues, you know, that's through ITA, and then you also

Page 183 have, you know, BIS, which does a lot of 1 the 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum. 2. 3 So, you know, trying to get your arms around just situationally what is 4 5 going on, that I would say in the beginning was really where I tried to focus some of 6 7 my time, plus, you know, there was a transition team, and this is all language 8 9 which, if you have worked in the government, then you know, this was new 10 1 1 language to me, you have the transition 12 team and then you have a landing team. 13 So these are all concepts that 14 were completely foreign to me. So those 15 are the types of things in the beginning 16 that I worked on. 17 You mentioned issues that are Q. 18 in the press. Do you have a role with 19 regards to press relations at Commerce? 20 Did I mention issues in the Α. 21 press? 2.2 You said if you read the press, 23 you see. You said about trade, there were 24 trade issues in the press. Okay. 25

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- Q. So I'm just asking, do you have a role with how things are disseminated to the press from Commerce?
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- O. Which times?
- A. Well, when there's things related to some of the trade actions, those are the ones that I can think of off the top of my head, some of the discussions on China, you know, those are some of the ones that come to top of mind.
- Q. Do you receive briefings on press coverage of the Commerce Department?
 - A. What do you mean by briefings?
- Q. Either someone talking to you or a packet of news clips, do you receive information on news coverage of Commerce in any way?
- A. Sure. So in the last, let's say it is probably in the last month, it has been more organized, and I don't think it started in the beginning, so generally there was somebody in the Public Affairs Group who would compile the press clippings for Commerce and distribute them in the

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morning, and then that fellow quit, and so there was a time when we didn't have that, and then we were able to get somebody else to reinstate that practice of trying to put out that -- those clippings.

- Q. Do the clippings come with any kind of summary or are they just raw clippings when they came?
- A. So usually the way that they do it is somebody collects them, so how they do it, I don't know, and how they pull them, I'm not sure, they collect them and then they usually have the title, and then underneath the title it will be usually the first or second paragraph of the article, but for some reason on the government phones, whenever I click into it, title, I theoretically should be able to pull up the whole article and I'm never able to do it. So I don't know if it's my phone or if it is something with the security system, but that's generally what they have.

To my knowledge, nobody -- I think it would be a huge task for somebody to try and read all the articles and then

Page 186 summarize the articles and then put them in 1 2. an e-mail with just the summary form by the 3 morning time. So you will have like the first 4 5 paragraph of the article, and you decide which articles are worth reading more than 6 7 the first paragraph, in theory? 8 Generally, generally. Α. 9 Ο. Do you have a role in informing anyone at Commerce to take action based 10 1 1 upon something that you've seen in the news 12 coverage? 1.3 Α. Do I have -- I'm sorry, can you 14 ask that again? 15 0. Would you ever say to someone 16 else in Commerce that you saw a particular article and it raises an issue that that 17 18 person ought to address? 19 MS. WELLS: I object to the 20 form. 21 Α. Do you have an example? 2.2 Q. No. 23 So you're asking if I read an Α. 24 article and I want someone to follow up on 25 it?

Page 187 1 Q. Sure. 2. Α. Sure. 3 And you've mentioned these Q. various bureaus. Do you have a greater 4 5 role in some bureaus than others? On the PR side or in general? 6 Α. 7 In general, going back to 0. 8 general. Well, I think what I've said 9 Α. 10 before is the areas, you know, I've focused 1 1 my time more on some of the trade issues 12 that Commerce has been working on. 13 Again, if you think about what 14 NOAA and Census and even Patent does, 15 Patent, it is extremely scientific and 16 technical, and I don't have the background 17 for that, so I'm less involved in those. 18 When you added chief of staff Ο. 19 to your duties in I believe the summer of 20 2017, did you take on additional 21 responsibilities beyond what you had been 2.2 doing for the first couple of months? 23 Well, I mean -- well, let me put it a different way. 24 I have never worked in the 25

Page 188 government before, so I don't know what a 1 2. typical chief of staff does, but it became 3 a full-time position, and, you know, I started attending the chief of staff 4 5 meetings that, you know, the White House would have. You are included in more 6 7 things when you are officially the chief of 8 staff than a senior advisor. So I would say that those duties did increase. 9 10 When you were a senior advisor, Ο. 1 1 it was not a full-time position? 12 I was not. Α. 1.3 0. How much of your time did it 14 take? 15 Α. I don't know. I don't know how 16 to quantify. 17 Well, did you have any other Q. 18 employment during that time? 19 Α. Sure. 20 And what was your other Q. 21 employment at that time? 2.2 Α. I worked at Invesco. 23 And so approximately how much 0. 24 of your work time was spent between 25 Commerce and Invesco during those first few

Page 189 1 months? 2. A. It would depend on the week. I 3 mean, if I just guessed, maybe 60/40, depending, 70/30. 4 5 60 and 70 with Invesco or with Commerce? 6 7 A . It just depends. I mean, it just depends. Most of it was with 8 9 Commerce. 10 Q. Forgive me if I'm paraphrasing 1 1 wrong, and correct me if I am, but I think 12 one of the things you said this morning is 1.3 that you were copied on a lot of e-mails in 14 order to gain situational awareness; is that fair? 15 16 Something like that, just Α. 17 aware. 18 Q. What do you mean by situational 19 awareness? 20 Α. Here is something, just I'm 21 e-mailing it to the Secretary and you are 22 copied on it. 23 Q. Does it mean you are aware of 24 the people who are working on a particular 25 issue?

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- Q. Are you copied on these to gain awareness with the expectation that you will read them?
- A. I don't know. I mean, you know, it is a very good question, because sometimes people copy me on e-mails that are totally irrelevant to me and have nothing to do with anything that I deem of utmost urgency, and sometimes they forget to copy me on things that I would have thought I would have been copied on.
 - So I wish I could answer that.

 I don't know, when people copy me, what
 makes them decide whether a particular
 e-mail is something that I should be on or
 not.
 - Q. Would you say that you were situationally aware of who was working on the decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census?
- MS. WELLS: I object to form.
- A. No. I would say that I was aware of who was working on census.
 - Q. Did you make any distinction

Page 191 between working on census and working on 1 the citizenship question? 3 Α. No. And who was working on census? 4 0. 5 Karen Dunn Kelley and Earl Comstock were the main people within the 6 7 immediate. Now, Census has, you know, 8 9 Census has a huge amount of employees, and 10 I have even been told when they come in, I 1 1 don't sit in on these meetings, but when 12 they come in to brief the Secretary, they 13 literally have a van of people who are 14 driven to Commerce, and, you know, I don't 15 know those people. 16 Have you ever met any of the Ο. 17 people at Census? 1 8 So I have met Ron and Enrique, Α. 19 but I always get them confused. Those are 20 the two that I remember. Forgive me again also if I'm 21 22 paraphrasing, but I think this is something 23 you said this morning, that you're not generally involved in census because of the 24 25 scientific and technical nature of census;

Page 192 is that a fair summary of your testimony? 1 2. Α. Yeah. I mean, the census, I 3 mean, the analysis and the people who work there, I mean, this stuff is very 4 5 technical, and I don't have the background for that. 6 7 Who does have the scientific Ο. and technical background with regard to 8 9 census issues? Well, I clearly don't. 10 Α. 1 1 Do you know who does? 0. 12 I think the people at Census Α. 1.3 do. 14 Does Earl Comstock? 0. 15 Α. I think he has a very good 16 command of a lot of the technical issues. 17 Ο. Does he have a scientific 18 background? 19 I don't know what he studied, Α. 20 but I think -- I mean, I think he actually 21 does. 2.2 Does Karen Dunn Kelley have a O . command of the scientific and technical 23 24 issues regarding census? 25 Much better than I would. Α.

Page 193 1 She comes from Invesco? Q. 2. Α. Yup. So does she come from -- what 3 0. was her background at Invesco? 4 5 Α. You would have to ask her. 6 don't know all the groups that she managed. 7 And, again, I think this 0. question was asked this morning, but I want 8 to get it sort of clear, am I correct that 9 10 this morning you testified that you 1 1 personally did not provide any information 12 to Ross to assist him in his decision as to 13 whether to add the citizenship question to the 2020 census? 14 15 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 16 I think what I said is I never 17 created anything, so if there was some 18 e-mail that was forwarded that some lawyer 19 deems, but I never created anything. 20 didn't work on census. 21 Ο. But no e-mail you wrote was 2.2 providing him --23 Α. No, no. 2.4 And who do you understand to Ο. 25 have been the decision-maker with regard to

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    adding a citizenship question to the 2020
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    census?
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    This is an April 20th, 2017 e-mail. It is
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    and then talk about the thing.
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    Brooke Alexander, trying to send an e-mail
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    from Secretary Ross' e-mail and doing it
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    herself; is that what you understand from
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    that subject line?
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Page 196 1 ordinarily? A. Well, Brooke Alexander is no 3 longer there. Could she when she was? 4 Ο. 5 Well, it says right here she couldn't, so I don't know. 6 7 Are you aware of anyone having Ο. the ability to send e-mails from the 8 Secretary's e-mail account? 9 10 The best person to ask is our Α. 1 1 IT person. I suppose somebody could send 12 an e-mail from his phone. 13 Ο. Simply by holding his phone and 14 logging in as him? 15 Α. Yeah. I mean, you could send 16 an e-mail from his phone. 17 Is it your understanding that Q. people ever did send e-mails under the 18 19 Secretary's e-mail account? 20 Α. I don't know. I mean, I would 21 be -- I would be surprised if somebody 2.2 would send something from his e-mail 23 account. 24 O. And remind us of Brooke 25 Alexander's title at this point, as best

Page 197 you recall, or her position in general. 1 2. Α. I mean, in the private world, I 3 would say she was a secretary. In the government world, I don't even actually 4 5 They call them -- they are not -it's not an executive assistant, but it is 6 7 not an assistant. So I don't know what her title was. 8 9 Q. And on the body of the e-mail, 10 this says "we," underlined, "must get our issue resolved before this." 1 1 12 What is "our issue"? 1.3 Α. I have no idea. 14 You understood Earl Comstock to 0. 15 work on the potential addition of a 16 citizenship question to the 2020 census? 17 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 18 Α. I would say Earl worked on 19 census. 20 What other issues did Earl work Ο. 21 on on census besides the addition of a 2.2 citizenship question? 23 MS. WELLS: I object to form. 24 Again, like I said, Earl and Α. 25 Karen have worked on the census. All the

Page 198 issues within Census, how they divvied them 1 up or worked together, I don't know. 2. 3 And are you familiar with the Ο. National Advisory Committee on Racial, 4 5 Ethnic and Other Populations? Never heard of it. 6 Α. 7 And did the Secretary meet with Ο. the census director after this e-mail was 8 9 sent? MS. WELLS: I object to form. 10 1 1 I have no idea. Α. 12 Would you have facilitated a Q. 13 meeting between the Secretary and the 14 census director had he wanted one? 15 Α. I mean, this is all 16 hypothetical, but sure. 17 Who would be the proper person 18 to set up a meeting between the Secretary 19 and the census director? 20 I mean, if somebody came to me, Α. 21 I would set it up. If they went to Earl, 2.2 he would set it up. If they went to the 23 scheduling team, who I don't remember who 24 the scheduling team was at that date, they might have tried to set it up. 25 If they

Page 199 went to Brooke directly, she might have set 1 it up. 3 But you don't recall setting up Ο. a meeting between --4 5 Α. No, no. Do you know who the census 6 0. 7 director was at this point? 8 Α. No. 9 (Teramoto Exhibit 14 marked for identification.) 10 1 1 I'm going to show you a very 12 easy-to-read document marked No. 14. 13 Α. Would you like me to read this, 14 sir? 15 0. I would like you first to go to 16 the second page, the April 27th e-mail from 17 Beth Grossman, and identify any of the 18 people whose names you recognize in the to 19 and CC line, recognizing you're not one of 20 them. 21 Α. Okay. 2.2 Q. And starting with Beth Grossman 23 herself. 24 So Beth Grossman, I have no Α. 25 idea who she is. Earl Comstock, I know who

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    that is. Michelle McClelland works in the
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    General Counsel's Office. Colin Holmes, I
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Page 201 Just to confirm the first one, 1 2. is it fair to say this is a submission of draft testimony of John Thompson from 3 Census to Commerce for review? 4 5 I don't know who Beth is, so I don't know if she is with Census or not. 6 7 Okay. Is it fair to say this 0. is a draft of testimony of John Thompson 8 9 being submitted to Commerce for review? 10 Α. Yes. 1 1 Now let's look at the e-mail 0. 12 three days later from Comstock to the 13 Secretary, copying you and Mr. Branstad. 14 (Witness perusing document.) 15 Α. Okay. 16 Is it standard practice for Ο. 17 Commerce to review and approve 18 Congressional statements by chiefs of the 19 bureaus? 20 Α. Yes. 21 And do you do that review? Q. 2.2 Α. No. 23 Who does that review? 0. 24 Normally Earl reviews it. Α. Ι 25 can't imagine general counsel not.

Page 202 lawyers, they like to review everything. 1 And then I believe that also the Leg 2. Affairs Office reviews those types of 3 things as well. 4 5 And what is the purpose of that 0. review? 6 7 Α. To, I mean, my understanding is to have -- one is to be aware of what the 8 9 bureau chiefs, or whomever is testifying, 10 what they are testifying, and, two, to make sure that it is consistent with the 1 1 12 Secretary's views. 13 O . And these are revisions to 14 public statements; is that correct? 15 Α. Revisions? 16 Or additions or changes or 0. 17 review, this is a review of a public 18 statement. 19 MS. WELLS: I object to the 20 form. 21 0. A Congressional testimony. 2.2 Α. So this would be I believe a 23 review of something that eventually would 24 be public. 25 And is the advice given on Q.

Page 203 revisions of such a statement typically 1 2. designed to help the Secretary arrive in a 3 decision on a policy question? MS. WELLS: I object to the 4 5 form. 6 Α. Can you ask that again? 7 Sure. Let's strike it and make Q. it more specific. 8 Do you believe that Earl 9 10 Comstock here is providing Ross with information that Ross will use in his 1 1 12 decision to decide whether to add a 1.3 citizenship question to the 2020 census? 14 MS. WELLS: I object to the 15 form. It also calls for a legal 16 conclusion. 17 I mean, I have no idea. I can 18 only tell you what -- I can read the same 19 thing that you read. 20 I obviously didn't write the 21 e-mail, but Earl Comstock sent to the 2.2 Secretary, you know, "Mr. Secretary, I apologize for the rush. This testimony 23 wasn't provided until Friday midday. 24 25 Attached is the proposed testimony for John

Page 204 Thompson, the director of the Census 1 2. Bureau, to give the House Appropriations Subcommittee this Wednesday. I have 3 reviewed the testimony, and there are a 4 5 couple of points that I wanted to bring to 6 your attention and be sure you approved 7 of." 8 So, I mean, I'm not a 9 dictionary, but when I read these words, he 10 is basically bringing attention of certain 1 1 things that are in this testimony that he 12 thinks that the Secretary should be aware 1.3 of. 14 When you said that Comstock Ο. 15 would do these reviews, were you referring 16 specifically to the Census Bureau, or does 17 he do that review for chiefs of any bureau? 18 Α. I don't know about any, but I 19 know he generally likes to review them 20 himself. And just to refer, again, who 21 0. 2.2 is Eric Branstad? 23 So Eric Branstad, and this is Α. 24 when I testified earlier, I don't remember

if he was -- his title was either White

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Page 205 House liaison or senior White House 1 2. advisor, but he was a Commerce employee who 3 was supposed to be interacting with the White House more than some of the others. 4 5 (Teramoto Exhibit 15 marked for identification.) 6 7 This is Exhibit 15. This does 0. not have a Bates number. 8 9 Α. Would you like me to read it? 10 I will show you which part of Ο. 1 1 it I would like you to read, and I'm going 12 to tell you that I got this from the 13 internet while searching for the public 14 testimony delivered on May 3rd, so I 15 believe this is the public testimony as at 16 least submitted. It is not a recording, 17 obviously, of it. 1 8 And this was pulled from the Α. 19 Commerce website or something else? 20 Or the Census website, I can't Q. 21 recall at this moment, or the Congress --2.2 Α. But it wasn't just posted --23 No, this is an official -- this 0. 24 is a document from some government website. 25 I don't know if it was from the committee

Page 206 1 or from the Census. So we will assume it is not 2. Α. 3 doctored. Yes. But I don't think we can 4 Ο. 5 assume that it is the exact words spoken, 6 because people, even when they have written 7 testimony, sometimes change things on the 8 fly. 9 I would like you to look at, 10 they are not numbered, but if we go nine, 1 1 2020 Status Update. 12 Α. Okay. 1.3 O . Can you read just that paragraph, please. 14 15 Just, sir, just so you know, I 16 generally don't like to -- I'm happy to 17 answer any questions, but I always 18 generally prefer to read the whole thing, 19 because it is hard if you just ask me to 20 read one paragraph without having the whole 21 context. 2.2 0. I understand that, and if I ask 23 you a question that you don't feel you can 24 answer after reading this paragraph, can 25 you let me know?

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    read that paragraph?
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    paragraph that you are on now, you can
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    "local update."
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Page 208 conversations regarding a March 2018 1 2. deadline for submitting questions on the 3 census to Congress? Not that I remember. 4 Α. 5 Did Earl Comstock, to your 0. knowledge, discuss with John Thompson the 6 7 deadline for submitting topics to Congress 8 on the census? 9 Α. I have no idea. 10 Did Earl Comstock, to your O . 1 1 knowledge, discuss with John Thompson the 12 deadline for submitting questions on the 13 census to Congress? 14 I have no idea. Α. 15 Q. Who would know? 16 Earl Comstock. Α. 17 And did Secretary Ross have any Q. 18 conversations with John Thompson regarding 19 the March 2017 deadline for submitting 20 census topics to Congress? 21 I have no idea. Α. 2.2 Q. Who would know? 23 Wilbur Ross. Α. 2.4 0. Did Secretary Ross have any discussions with John Thompson about the 2.5

Page 209 2018 deadline for submitting questions to 1 2. Congress for the 2020 census? 3 Α. I have no idea. And who would know? 4 0. 5 Α. Wilbur Ross. And I want you to look at what 6 Ο. 7 I believe was marked as Exhibit 2 today, which is document number 3699. Is it not? 8 9 Is it Exhibit 3? It is the May 2nd e-mail. 10 Α. Mine are all messed up. 1 1 It is Exhibit 2. I have Ο. 12 another copy of it if you want to look at 13 it. It is not stamped. I have it. I will find it. 14 Α. 15 0. It is this one, if you want to 16 go visually. I think that's it, the next 17 one there. 18 Α. Okay. 19 0. Great. 20 Looking at the May 2nd e-mail 21 from Ross to Comstock, copying Ellen 2.2 Herbst, I understand you're not on that original e-mail, the sentence "Worst of 23 24 all, they emphasize that they have settled 25 with Congress on the questions to be

Page 210 1 asked." 2. Do you know who Secretary Ross 3 means when he says "they"? I have no idea. 4 Α. 5 Ο. And who would know? 6 Α. Wilbur Ross. 7 And in the e-mail that you 0. write above, in this e-mail, are you 8 9 providing any information to Wilbur Ross to assist him in arriving at his decision to 10 1 1 add the citizenship question to the 2020 12 census looking at just what you wrote? 13 MS. WELLS: I object to the 14 form. 15 Α. What I wrote is "I continue to 16 talk frequently with Marc Neumann and we 17 often have dinner together. He will not 18 leave les, but is in love with the census 19 and talks about it nonstop. Do you want me 20 to set up another meeting? Let me know if 21 you want to have a drink or get together 2.2 with him over the weekend. Wendy." 23 I don't see anything in there 24 about the citizenship question. 25 In fact, you have testified Q.

Page 211 that on no occasion did you provide Ross 1 2. information that you drafted that was helping him with his decision? 3 A. I think I testified that I 4 5 never created any documents related to 6 that. 7 Just for reference, what is 0. "les" there, is that a person, is that a 8 9 company? 10 Α. Les is a person. 1 1 Who is it? O . 12 It is who Marc Neumann works Α. 1.3 for. 14 And just for the record, who is O . 15 that? 16 I don't know the guy's last A . 17 name. (Teramoto Exhibit 16 marked for 18 19 identification.) 20 I'm showing you a document Q. 21 marked as Teramoto Exhibit 16, No. 2167. 2.2 It is an e-mail from you to James Rockas and Earl Comstock. 23 24 To the extent you can review 25 it, I would like you to review it.

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    he says Gillian?
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    reporter named Gillian Tett of the
    Financial Times?
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                 Have you read any coverage of
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    Gillian Tett on Commerce Department news?
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                 What do you see as going on in
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    this e-mail?
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                 Well, there is an e-mail from
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    James, I believe, to the Secretary.
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    don't know who else was on it.
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          Q.
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Page 213 Because of however these 1 Α. 2. e-mails are produced. This e-mail doesn't show who 3 Ο. James Rockas' e-mail is sent to; is that 4 5 correct? Mine doesn't. Does yours? 6 Α. 7 Q. No. Does this e-mail show if anyone 8 9 was copied on this e-mail that James Rockas sent beginning "Mr. Secretary"? 10 1 1 This has been my continuing Α. 12 complaint. No. 13 O . If this document had been produced in a native format where it showed 14 15 exactly who it was sent to and copied to, 16 would it be easier for you to answer 17 questions about it? 18 MS. WELLS: I object to the 19 form. 20 Well, when you ask me if it was Α. 21 sent to me or how, if I was on it, if it 2.2 had that listed on there, it would be 23 easier for me to answer. 24 And has this been an issue with 0. 25 any other documents today?

Page 214 1 Α. Sure. 2. Ο. Have you seen documents today that you were unable to determine whether 3 they were sent to you or not? 4 5 Well, look, I don't know if this is the -- I don't know how these 6 7 things are produced. 8 I understand that. I'm asking, 0. 9 looking at the documents you've looked at today, have you had a difficult time 10 understanding which e-mails were sent to 1 1 12 which people? 1.3 MS. WELLS: I object to the 14 form. 15 Α. Again, we are looking at the 16 same e-mail, so I can't tell who he sent --17 who James sent it to. 18 Okay. So that's a yes, you Q. 19 can't tell who he sent it to by looking at 20 this in this form? 21 Correct, for this one, I cannot 2.2 tell who he sent it to. 23 Can you tell who you sent your 0. 24 response to? 25 Α. Sure.

Page 215 Who did you send it to? 1 0. 2. Α. I sent it to James Rockas and I CC'd Earl Comstock. 3 And who is Karen in the first 4 0. 5 line, is that Karen Dunn Kelley? 6 Α. Yes. 7 0. What are you asking Mr. Rockas? Well, I don't -- I don't 8 Α. 9 remember. If I read the e-mail, it says 10 "Does Karen know about this." So one could 1 1 infer from my e-mail that I was asking 12 James if Karen knew about this. 1.3 0. And you follow up with "She 14 just had a discussion with him about media." 15 16 Who do you believe you are 17 referring to when you say "him"? 1 8 Α. I can't be 100 percent sure. 19 You can't be 100 percent sure 0. 20 who "him" is? Can you make an educated 21 deduction based on the context of the 2.2 e-mail who "him" might be? 23 I would say it is either Earl 24 or the Secretary. 25 Q. And you've got six or seven

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    exclamation points after "does Karen know
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    about this"?
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         Α.
            Sure.
                How often do you use
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         0.
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    exclamation points in e-mail?
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         0.
    particularly important communication?
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                 Or I was just being dramatic.
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         Ο.
                 And in your e-mail to
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    Mr. Rockas, are you providing information
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    for the Secretary to make a decision on the
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    citizenship question?
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                 In my e-mail to James?
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         Q.
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                 "Does Karen know about
         Α.
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    this!!!!!! She just had discussion with
    him."
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                 I don't see anything on this
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    about citizenship.
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                 (Teramoto Exhibit 17 marked for
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    identification.)
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                 Let's mark this next one. This
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    is going to be Teramoto Exhibit 17.
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                 What does this look like?
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Page 217 It looks like an e-mail chain. 1 Α. 2. O . Okay. From whom to whom? It looks like from James to 3 Α. people. I don't know who James sent it to. 4 5 And then I'm on it, from myself 6 to James, Karen Dunn Kelley, Mike Walsh and 7 Earl Comstock, and then there is an e-mail back from James to me. 8 9 Q. And you're asking if he sent 10 these quotes before. "Did you already send 1 1 this to a reporter?" 12 I said to him, "Did you already 1.3 send this to reporter?" 14 Q. Do you typically approve 15 communications from the Public Information 16 Office to reporters? 17 Well, "approve" is a different A . 18 word. I, on occasion, may have comments. 19 Q. Do you typically review draft 20 statements to reporters from the Public 21 Information Office? 22 Α. It depends. I haven't reviewed 23 this. 24 O. We will in just a second. I 25 want to ask you questions about process, if

Page 218 1 you don't mind. Α. Sure. 3 Is it typical for the Public Q. Information Office to send you drafts of 4 5 what they are planning to send to 6 reporters? 7 Α. They will generally copy me on it, depending on what it is, not always, 8 9 and they will send it to a group for 10 comment. And does it matter whether the 1 1 Ο. 12 issue is more or less important as to 13 whether you will be copied before or after 14 it is sent to the reporter? 15 MS. WELLS: I object to the 16 form. 17 I have no idea how they decide 18 when they start to include me in these 19 things. 20 And how often do you have Q. 21 comments back to the Public Information 22 Office when you get comments from --23 Rarely, because it's not my Α. 24 expertise. 25 Q. So when you do respond to the

Page 219 Public Information Office on a draft to a 1 2. reporter, it's not particularly common; is that correct? 3 No, I didn't say that. It just 4 Α. 5 depends. What does it depend on? 6 0. 7 It depends, A, if I read it, B, Α. where it is in the system, C, if anything 8 9 pops out at me. 10 I guess I would like you to 1 1 review this, but I want you to review this 12 with the question in mind as to whether you 13 see anything in here that is relevant to 14 the decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. 15 16 So just review it with that in 17 mind and tell me if you find anything. 18 So you want me to read this? Α. 19 Because I don't remember having read this 20 before. 21 Then let's ask this 0. Okay. 2.2 question: 23 Why would you ask him if he had 24 already sent it to the reporter without 25 reading it?

Page 220 I'm wondering if he already 1 Α. 2 sent it without getting comments from 3 people. 4 Q. Do you believe you did read 5 this at any point? 6 Α. No. I mean, I might have 7 skimmed it, but I've got to tell you, an e-mail this long, I wouldn't read. 8 9 0. What would you skim it for? 10 Α. Anything that pops out. But I 1 1 don't remember reading this. If you would 12 like me to, I'm happy to read it now. 13 0. If you are representing that you didn't read it at the time, I'm --14 15 Α. I'm saying I don't remember 16 reading it. I don't believe I have read 17 it, but I'm happy to read it now if you would like me to. 18 19 O. Just for the ease of our court 20 reporter, we both have done this a little 21 bit, but let's let each other finish before 2.2 we start --23 Oh, I'm sorry. Α. 24 0. I have interrupted you a few 25 times. That's all right. I just want to

Page 221 make sure it is easy for him to transcribe 1 2. what we are saying. Let's look at a third iteration 3 of this e-mail, actually. 4 5 (Teramoto Exhibit 18 marked for identification.) 6 7 This is now 18, and this is 0. document 2160. You can keep 17 in front of 8 9 you for just a minute. 10 I want you to look at the 1 1 e-mail that's from you on document 18 and 12 see if you believe that that is the same 1.3 e-mail that is on document 17 with the 14 subject line "Re: Updated with his further edits below." 15 16 I believe it is. Α. 17 Q. Is it the same date? 18 Yes. So it is my name. It was Α. sent Friday, March 16th, both of them were, 19 20 2018, at 9:20 in the morning, to James, the 21 names appear to match. 2.2 0. And the time matches? 23 Yes, sir. Α. 24 The time matches? 0. 25 Α. Yes, sir. It says Friday,

Page 222 March 16th, 2018 at 9:20 a.m. 1 2. 0. And the text of the e-mail 3 matches to the extent that it's not redacted? 4 5 Right. So, I mean, my comment 6 was "Did you already send this to a 7 reporter?" Do you have any reason to 8 9 believe that the e-mail that's redacted is 10 any different than the one that is not 1 1 redacted? 12 Α. I mean, I'm not an IT expert. 1.3 0. But you don't see anything 14 different in the part of the e-mails you 15 can read? Well, the part above is 16 Α. 17 different. 18 Yes. Q. 19 So, I mean, the one above is 20 from James Rockas to me and the other one is not. So if it is the same e-mail chain, 21 22 you know, I would have to -- again, I'm 23 sure an IT expert could tell you. 24 0. And in the top, who do you believe Karen to be in that first e-mail, 25

Page 223 1 is that Karen Dunn Kelley? Α. I only know one Karen, Kelley. (Teramoto Exhibit 19 marked for 3 identification.) 4 5 This is going to be 19. not going to ask you to read too much of 6 7 this. I'm going to try to identify people in this chain, if that's okay. 8 9 Α. Okay. 10 So let's look on the last page, 0. 1 1 in the middle, this e-mail appears to be 12 from Victor Ramos from Newsday. 13 Is that a name that you are 14 familiar with? 15 Α. Not at all. 16 Then I want to go back a couple 0. 17 of pages, past the redacted area. 18 We have some people on the second page, which is 2200, and that's from 19 20 Kevin Manning. And who is Kevin Manning? 21 Kevin Manning works in the Public Affairs Department. 2.2 23 0. Of Commerce or of Census? 24 Α. I'm sorry, of Commerce. 25 And above that is Christa Q.

Page 224 Jones. And who is Christa Jones? 1 2. Α. I don't know her exact role, but Christa Jones works at Census. 3 Do you know what positions she 4 0. 5 performs at Census, regardless of her title? 6 7 I don't. Α. 8 0. Is she an intergovernmental 9 affairs person? 10 Α. I don't know, sir. 1 1 And then at the top, we have 0. 12 Christa Jones to Comstock and Kelley. 13 I just want you to look through and tell me if you see Wilbur Ross copied 14 15 on any of these e-mails. 16 (Witness perusing document.) I did not see his name. Would 17 Α. 18 you like me to double-check? 19 No, I didn't see it either. I O. 20 think single-checking, you seemed to be 21 pretty thorough in a single check. 2.2 What role do you play in 23 editing press releases and public 24 statements issued by the Census Bureau, if 25 any?

Page 225 1 I haven't played really any Α. 2. role. 3 And what role do you play in Q. editing public statements made by the 4 5 Commerce Department, if any? 6 MS. WELLS: Objection, asked 7 and answered. MR. CASE: Census Bureau first, 8 9 this was Commerce Department. 10 Α. I think I said before, it just 1 1 depends. 12 Have you made personal edits to Ο. 13 public statements released by the Commerce 14 Bureau? 15 Α. I imagine I have definitely 16 made edits; whether they were taken or not, 17 I have no idea. 18 And have you made edits or Q. 19 comments to Census statements about the 20 potential wording of a race and ethnicity 21 question on the 2020 census? 2.2 Α. No. 23 Have you reviewed any documents 24 about the potential addition of a race and 25 ethnicity question on the 2020 census?

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1	A. Not that I remember.
2	Q. About the budget for the
3	census?
4	A. I'm sorry, is this about public
5	statements?
6	Q. Have you made edits to public
7	statements about census budgeting?
8	A. No, I don't believe so.
9	Q. Have you reviewed public
10	statements about hiring enumerators for the
11	census?
12	A. I don't remember reviewing any
13	public statements regarding hiring
14	enumerators.
15	(Teramoto Exhibit 20 marked for
16	identification.)
17	Q. We are on No. 20. This is an
18	e-mail stamped 2525. It is blissfully
19	short, so I think you can review it in full
20	before I ask you questions about it.
21	Let me know when you're ready.
22	(Witness perusing document.)
23	A. Okay.
2 4	Q. The subject is Census, and the
25	e-mail is "Please arrange a quick update

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    for me tomorrow a.m."
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                 What steps would you take to
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    arrange for a quick update for the
    Secretary on census issues?
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                 So, first, I don't remember
    specifically what I did here.
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                 My best guess, if that's okay
    with you, sir --
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                Sure.
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               -- is I would have forwarded
    that e-mail to Karen and Earl and said
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    "here."
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            Would you have contacted anyone
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    else?
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    scheduler and his assistant just so they
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Page 228 1 White House? 2. Α. No. 3 And is this the sort of thing 0. that is typical of your position regarding 4 5 other issues, arranging for Ross to meet 6 and speak with Commerce Department --7 It depends. I mean, my quess Α. is that something was on his mind on 8 9 census, and he thought, oh, here, Wendy, do 10 this. But he could have just of easily 1 1 sent that exact same e-mail to Karen or 12 Earl. 13 Ο. But could he have sent this 14 e-mail to you with regard to, for example, 15 a trade issue? 16 Α. Sure. 17 And you would have contacted Q. 18 the people who were working on that issue 19 to get them to brief him? 20 Depending on what it was, I Α. 21 would have tried to figure out what he wanted and then put the right people there. 2.2 23 Are there issues where he would 0. 24 write to you an e-mail for an update on a 25 topic and you would be the person who would

Page 229 brief him? 1 Α. Sure. 3 0. What are the issues that that would be true of? 4 5 I would say when we were talking about the China discussions, he had 6 7 asked me for an update. And that's something that you 8 Ο. 9 would work directly on, the China 10 discussions? 1 1 I would say I was more Α. 12 knowledgeable. 13 O. Okay. And do you recall what 14 Karen or Earl said when you reached out to 15 them, if you did? I think the first thing I said 16 in my -- when I testified was I don't 17 remember what I did. So I don't know if I 18 actually reached out to Karen and Earl. 19 20 Q. Okay. 21 (Teramoto Exhibit 21 marked for 2.2 identification.) 23 This is Exhibit 21. It is Ο. Bates stamped 3597. 24 25 Let's identify the people on

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1	it, to the extent we haven't identified
2	them before, and then we can read the
3	e-mail.
4	Starting with the sender on
5	March 20th, do you know who Michael Phelps
6	is?
7	A. Yes. He is in the Budget
8	Office.
9	Q. Of which department?
10	A. Oh, of Commerce.
11	Q. Mike Platt?
12	A. Mike Platt is the head of our
13	Leg Affairs.
14	Q. And Ross Branson?
15	A. And Ross works with Mike Platt.
16	Q. The only other name we don't
17	know is Lisa Casias.
18	A. So Lisa Casias is I think
19	she is the acting CFO right now.
2 0	Q. And the date of this e-mail is
21	March 20th, 2018?
2 2	A. Correct.
23	Q. And the people mentioned are
2 4	Bob Bonner and Mr. Serrano, and tell me if
25	you can identify them, and then we will

Page 231 talk about the text. 1 I have no idea who they are. Α. 3 Are you familiar with a member Q. of Congress with the last name Serrano? 4 5 Α. No. I think you might have been 6 Ο. 7 asked before about the Secretary's Congressional testimony, but do you play 8 9 any role in preparing the Secretary for 10 Congressional testimony? 1 1 Α. No. 12 Just looking at the link in the 0. 1.3 article the person is referencing, "Trump 14 Fundraising Off Controversial Push To 15 Include Citizenship Question In Census," 16 that is just from the website, the title of 17 the article. 18 Were you familiar with any 19 fundraising that was being conducted 20 related to the citizenship question? 21 Not at all. Α. 2.2 Q. Did you look at the article 23 that this linked to when you got this 24 e-mail? 2.5 Α. No.

Page 232 1 Do you recall this e-mail at Q. 2. all? 3 Α. No. Did you take any action when 4 0. 5 you got this e-mail? Not that I can remember. 6 Α. 7 0. Who did prepare the Secretary for his Congressional testimony? 8 9 Α. So I guess depending on the 10 topic, but normally it is prepared by the 1 1 Leg Affairs Group, general counsel. 12 So that would be Mike Platt and 1.3 Ross, and just depending on what he is --14 what the hearing is on sort of depends 15 which group is most involved in his 16 testimony. 17 And would you be present for Q. 18 that preparation? 19 Α. No. 20 Would you know it was going on? Q. 21 Α. Loosely. 2.2 Would they be -- would they Q. provide him with written talking points in 23 24 advance of his preparation generally? 2.5 I believe he has written Α.

Page 233 testimony, and it is also cleared by the 1 White House as well. In addition to his written 3 Ο. testimony, does he have written responses 4 5 to anticipated questions and answers? That I don't know. 6 Α. 7 Ο. Do you see the written testimony before he is prepared? 8 I may or may not, depending on 9 Α. 10 what else is going on, I may or may not 1 1 have time to read it. 12 Q. Do you recall how long 13 Secretary Ross prepared for his March 14 testimony? 15 Α. I have no idea. 16 Are you familiar with someone Ο. named Sahra Park-Su, or Sahra? 17 Α. 18 Sahra. 19 0. Sorry. I'm familiar with who she is. 20 Α. 21 And who is she? 0. 2.2 Α. Well, I mean, I can visualize her, but she -- I think she was working in 23 24 the Policy Department. 25 Q. Do you recall what her title

Page 234 is? 1 2. Α. No. 3 Do you recall whether anyone Ο. other than yourself has the title chief of 4 5 staff at the Commerce Department? I don't think she has that 6 7 title. I'm not representing that she 8 O . 9 does, but I saw that reference somewhere 10 and I don't know whether it was accurate. 1 1 I don't know if the person representing it 12 was accurate. 13 Α. No. I mean, there is -- so I'm the chief of staff to the Department of 14 Commerce, but then the different bureaus 15 16 also have their respective chief of staffs. 17 So, for example, Patent, Andre Iancu has his own chief of staff. Gil 18 19 Kaplan for ITA has his own chief of staff. 20 I don't know -- I don't think there is a 21 chief of staff for Census. I don't know. 2.2 O. Is there like a chief of staff of a division within Commerce that's not 23 24 part of a bureau that you know of? 25 Α. Sorry?

Page 235 If it is unclear, I can try to 1 Q. 2. be more specific. 3 Α. Okay. My understanding is there is a 4 0. 5 number of bureaus and then there is Commerce, not part of any bureau. 6 7 Are there divisions within Commerce that's not part of any bureau? 8 9 Are there divisions in -- well, 10 I mean, we would have to pull up an org 1 1 chart, but in general, I will get it not 12 perfect, but there is -- so you have sort 13 of -- you have the Secretary, and then 14 there is his chief of staff, which is me, 15 and then you have the general counsel, you 16 have I think even CIO, chief investment 17 officer, you have Policy, you have Leg 18 Affairs, Public Relations. 19 Then those are separate than 20 the actual sort of departments of NOAA, 21 ITA. 2.2 So those groups, some of them 23 have chiefs of staff. The ones up here 24 that I just mentioned, to the best of my knowledge, I don't think they have chiefs 25

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    of staff.
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         O. And circling back to your
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    preparation for this deposition, how long
    did you prepare for this deposition?
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                 An hour and a half.
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                 MS. WELLS: Asked and answered.
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    off the record. We are going to have a
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    short meeting and see what else we need to
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    do.
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    follow-up questions.
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Page 237 You said that Congressional 1 Q. 2. testimony is sent to and approved by the White House; is that correct? 3 I believe it is sent to -- I 4 5 believe it is sent to, I think it is OMB, so I consider that part of the White House. 6 7 Do you know who it is sent to 0. personally, individually? 8 9 Α. No. 10 You said it is reviewed by O . Legislative Affairs. Is that Commerce 1 1 12 Legislative Affairs or some --1.3 Α. Yes, sir, it is Commerce 14 Legislative Affairs. 15 And when you said the White 16 House, you mean Office of Management and 17 Budget? Yes, sir, I believe. 18 Α. 19 Are you involved in the process Ο. 20 of testimony being passed from one person to another for review? 21 2.2 Α. No, sir. 23 Do you review Congressional 0. 24 testimony yourself by Secretary Ross before 2.5 it is delivered?

Page 238 1 Α. No. 2. 0. I want to go back to Exhibit 17 3 just for a minute or two. 4 Α. Sure. 5 I just want to confirm that I 0. 6 understand your testimony. 7 You said that you did not read this when it came in or you don't remember 8 9 if you read it when it came in? I don't remember, but just 10 1 1 given the length of it, I highly doubt that 12 I read this whole thing. 13 I think I said what I might 14 have done is skimmed it, and you asked me 15 what I would have skimmed it for, but, I 16 mean, I don't remember reading this in 17 detail. 18 So if you didn't read it, why Ο. did you ask Mr. Rockas if he had already 19 20 sent it to the reporter? 21 I think I was asking in the Α. 2.2 process where he was on this. 23 And why is it important whether 0. 24 he sent it to the reporter? 25 Α. Well, again, I was trying to

Page 239 figure out whether he had already sent this 1 to the reporter or if it had been 2. circulated for review. 3 Q. And he doesn't respond I think 4 5 for a few hours. Did you follow up with him as 6 7 to whether he had sent this to the reporter after this that you recall? 8 9 Α. I don't remember. 10 0. And how often do you check with 1 1 the Press Office as to whether a public 12 statement has gone out or not? 1.3 Α. I don't know how to answer 14 that, how often? 15 Ο. Well, half the time, a quarter 16 of the time? 17 It is hard for me to sort of --Α. I don't have a good estimation of that. 18 19 And would you consider it O . 20 significant to check with the reporter 21 whether or not a particular set of talking 2.2 points has gone out yet? 23 Could you ask that again? Α. 24 O . Is that a significant thing to 25 do, to ask the reporter whether a set of

Page 240 1 talking points has gone out? 2. MS. WELLS: I object to the 3 form. So are you asking is it 4 Α. 5 significant for me to ask James if it has 6 gone to the reporter? 7 Q. Yes. Because I don't normally speak 8 Α. 9 to the reporters directly. 10 If I gave the impression I Ο. 1 1 thought you were speaking to the reporter, 12 I apologize. 13 Is it significant for you to 14 check with James? 15 Α. No. 16 Is it regular, is it Ο. 17 commonplace for you to check with James 18 when things have gone out? 19 I would say it's not uncommon. Α. 20 MR. CASE: I don't have 21 anything more today. 2.2 I think along with David, we 23 have some possible motions to compel and so 24 on, so we're not going to close this yet, 25 and we understand that you would disagree,

Page 241 as we did this morning. But for today we 1 are done. 3 MS. WELLS: I just have a few follow-up questions. 4 5 EXAMINATION BY MS. WELLS: Ms. Teramoto, you testified 6 7 earlier I believe that you met with the attorneys here in the room from the 8 9 Department of Commerce and the Department 10 of Justice; is that right? 1 1 Α. Yes. 12 And you also testified that 0. 13 during the course of that meeting with us, vou reviewed some documents? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Did any of the documents that Ο. 17 plaintiffs showed you here today that you testified you reviewed or could have 18 19 reviewed yesterday refresh your 20 recollection about any of the events that were reflected in the documents? 21 2.2 Α. No. 23 Did any of the documents that 24 we showed you during the course of our 25 meeting yesterday that plaintiffs have not

Page 242 shown you today refresh your recollection 1 of any of the events about which you testified about today? 3 4 Α. No. 5 Did we have any conversations 6 during the course of our meeting, just 7 generally, not specifics, did we have any conversations during our meeting that 8 9 refreshed your recollection about any of 10 the topics about which you were questioned today during your deposition? 1 1 12 Α. No. 1.3 Ο. And are you aware of any 14 materials that are available anywhere or in 15 any source or in any form that would help 16 to refresh your recollection? 17 I don't believe so, no. Α. 18 MS. WELLS: Okay, I have 19 nothing further. 20 MR. CASE: Thank you. 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going 2.2 off the record at 3:29 p.m. 23 This concludes today's 24 testimony given by Ms. Wendy Teramoto. 2.5 total number of media units was five and

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Page 244 1 CERTIFICATION 2 3 TODD DeSIMONE, a Notary Public for I, and within the State of New York, do hereby 4 5 certify: 6 That the witness whose testimony as 7 herein set forth, was duly sworn by me; and that the within transcript is a true record 8 9 of the testimony given by said witness. I further certify that I am not related 1 0 11 to any of the parties to this action by 12 blood or marriage, and that I am in no way 1.3 interested in the outcome of this matter. 14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set 15 my hand this 24th day of August, 2018. 16 17 18 TODD DESIMONE 19 20 21 2.2 23 24 2.5

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2	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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	NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION, ET AL.,
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	Plaintiffs,
5	vs. Case No. 1:18-CF-05025-JMF
6	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ET AL.,
7	Defendants.
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9	Washington, D.C.
10	Thursday, August 30, 2018
11	Deposition of:
12	EARL COMSTOCK
13	called for oral examination by counsel for
14	Plaintiffs, pursuant to notice, at the office of
15	Arnold & Porter, 601 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
16	Washington, D.C., before KAREN LYNN JORGENSON,
17	RPR, CSR, CCR of Capital Reporting Company,
18	beginning at 9:08 a.m., when were present on
19	behalf of the respective parties:
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Page 111 mean to break your line of questioning. Actually, 1 2. we've been going about an hour and a half. Would now be an appropriate time for a break? 3 4 MR. COLANGELO: Yes. 5 MR. GARDNER: Let's take a break. VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes Media Unit 6 7 Number 1. The time on the video is 10:32 a.m. We are now off the record. 8 9 (Off the record.) 10 VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins Media Unit 11 Number 2. The time on the video is 10:45 a.m. We 12 are on the record. 13 BY MR. COLANGELO: 14 Mr. Comstock, we were talking about the Secretary's June 21, 2018 memo which we marked as 15 16 Exhibit 5. Do you still have that in front of 17 you? 18 Α I do. 19 That memo says that other senior Okay. 2.0 administration officials had previously raised 2.1 this question. Do you see that line? 2.2 Α Yes.

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1	Q	Who are those other senior administration
2	officia	ls?
3	А	You'd have to ask the Secretary.
4	Q	You don't know yourself?
5	А	I don't.
6	Q	You have no idea which other senior
7	adminis	tration officials raised this question,
8	other t	han the Secretary?
9	А	No.
10	Q	You never asked him where the idea came
11	from?	
12	А	Nope.
13	Q	He never told you where the idea came
14	from?	
15	А	Nope.
16	Q	You spent a lot of time on this issue?
17	А	Not relative to a lot of other things I
18	work on	, no.
19	Q	How would you characterize the amount of
20	time yo	u spent on this issue?
21	А	One one-hundredth of my time.
22	Q	You agree that it's an important issue?

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1	A Correct.
2	Q It was important to the Secretary?
3	A Correct.
4	Q He was motivated to get this done?
5	A He was working on a lot of different
6	issues at the time.
7	Q But this one was important to him?
8	A Yes. Absolutely.
9	Q Okay. And when you saw the draft of this
10	memo before June 21st and it refers to other
11	senior administration officials, you didn't
12	yourself have any view or understanding of who
13	those other administration officials were?
14	A I did not, no.
15	Q You didn't ask the secretary who those
16	other administration officials were?
17	A No.
18	Q Okay. When recommending that he sign the
19	memo, he didn't say to you who are the other
20	senior who the other senior administration
21	officials were?
22	A We did not discuss that, no.

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1	A That's correct.
2	Q Okay.
3	MR. GERSCH: Let's take our short break
4	here.
5	MR. GARDNER: How long?
6	MR. GERSCH: Ten minutes or so.
7	VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of Media
8	Unit Number 4. The time on the video is 1:58 p.m.
9	We are off the record.
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11	VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins Media Unit 4.
12	The time on the video is 2:14 p.m. We are on the
13	record.
14	BY MR. GERSCH:
15	Q Mr. Comstock, we're back on the record.
16	Before the break, I was asking some questions
17	about 2018. Now I want to go back to 2017.
18	A Okay.
19	Q You with me?
20	A I'm with you.
21	Q All right. I want to go back to the
22	spring of 2017 when Secretary Ross requests the

Page 251 inclusion of a citizenship question on the census. 1 2 At that point in time, the Department of Justice 3 had made no request to Commerce for the addition of a citizenship question, correct? 4 5 That's correct. And they certainly hadn't 6 asked -- withdrawn. 7 8 The Department of Justice certainly 9 hadn't asked Commerce to add a citizenship question because of the VRA. That's also correct; 10 11 isn't it? 12 Well, they didn't ask us to add a 13 citizenship question at that point. So 1 4 speculating as to why they would ask is 15 irrelevant. 16 I'm not asking you to speculate. The one 17 thing we can be sure of is they didn't ask about 18 the VRA is because they didn't ask at all? 19 Α Correct. 2.0 All right. And when Secretary Ross says 2.1 to you in the spring, in whatever words he used, 22 that he wants a citizenship question added to the

Page 252 census, wouldn't you have had a discussion with 1 2. him at the time about why he wants that? 3 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Asked and 4 answered. 5 THE WITNESS: Again, the answer is no, I would not have a discussion. My boss, if he asked 6 me to investigate something, I investigate it and 7 8 report back the results. 9 BY MR. GERSCH: 10 Is your testimony you did not have a 11 discussion? 12 Α I did not. And you're not saying -- well, withdrawn. 13 0 1 4 Wouldn't it be helpful to you in your job 15 to assist the Secretary to have an understanding 16 of why he wanted the citizenship question? 17 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 18 BY MR. GERSCH: 19 You can answer. Q 2.0 Again, I didn't have any particular 2.1 doubts about why a citizenship question would be 22 useful, so, no, it would not have hurt me to ask.

Page 253 1 I'm not asking whether you had doubts. 2. My question to you is a little bit --3 I understand your question. Α My question, sir, is: Wouldn't it be 4 5 helpful to you in your job of assisting the Secretary to have a complete understanding of why 6 the Secretary wants to add a citizenship question? 7 8 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 9 THE WITNESS: Again, it's not relevant to 10 the question of whether or not he needs -- of 11 whether or not a question should be added, so, no. 12 BY MR. GERSCH: 13 Is it your testimony that why he wants a 1 4 citizenship question to be added is not relevant 15 to whether it should be added? Did I -- did I 16 hear that right? 17 MR. GARDNER: Objection. 18 Mischaracterizes the witness's prior testimony. 19 THE WITNESS: My test- --2.0 MR. COLANGELO: That's exactly what he 2.1 said, Counsel. 2.2 THE WITNESS: No. My testimony is: The

Page 254 rationale for why he would want it added is not 1 2 relevant to my initial inquiry as to whether or not a question can be added. 3 BY MR. GERSCH: 4 5 Yeah. My question was a little 6 different. The question I am trying to get you to focus on is: In your work for the Secretary, 7 8 wouldn't it be helpful to you to understand as 9 fully as possible why he thinks it's a good idea 10 to add a citizenship question? 11 Α And let --12 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Asked and 13 answered. 14 THE WITNESS: And let me get you to 15 understand my answer, which is, no, it would not 16 make a difference, because I don't need that 17 information to investigate the question. BY MR. GERSCH: 18 19 Anyone ever say anything to you about why 2.0 the Secretary thought it was a good 2.1 idea -- withdrawn. 2.2 Am I right that your testimony is that

Page 255 you've never had a discussion with the Secretary 1 2. about why he thought it was a good idea to have a 3 citizenship question added? That's correct. I have not had a 4 5 conversation with him, no. Okay. And did anyone else say anything 6 Q to you about why the Secretary thought it was a 7 8 good idea to have a citizenship question added? 9 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 10 THE WITNESS: Again, no. 11 BY MR. GERSCH: 12 All right. If I remember correctly, you 13 testified you worked in a bullpen area? 1 4 А Correct. 15 Outside the Secretary's office? 16 Α Yes. 17 I'm not sure I've got all the people who Q 18 were there, but Wendy Teramoto was there, right? 19 Α Correct. James Uthmeier was there? 2.0 Q 2.1 Α No. 22 0 I'm sorry.

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1	You were there?
2	A Yes.
3	Q Eric Branstad, was he there?
4	A Yes.
5	Q That's three.
6	Izzy Hernandez, that's four. Was he
7	there?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Who was the fifth?
10	A James Rockas.
11	Q And I'm right that there were five?
12	A Correct.
13	Q Okay.
14	A At times.
15	Q So you're all sitting there and are
16	do you work in cubicles, open desks, how does it
17	work?
18	A Wendy Teramoto had a seated desk. I had
19	a standing desk. Izzy had a standing desk with a
20	stool. James had a standing desk with a stool.
21	Eric Branstad had a standing desk with a stool.
22	Q Are there walls? Are there partitions?

Page 257 1 Are you all in an open space? 2. I'm facing -- I was facing Wendy. who was rarely there, but his desk was next to 3 mine, facing Eric, and then James was on the end. 4 5 And there are no walls, correct? Α No walls. 0 No partitions? 8 Α No partitions. 9 0 Okay. In all the time that you're 10 sitting there and you're all working together, no 11 one says, why does the Secretary want to add a 12 citizenship question -- citizenship question? 13 That's correct. Because, again, this was 1 4 one of well over 100 different items we were 15 working on. All of us were working on different 16 I'm primarily tasked with policy. James 17 is primarily tasked with press. And so you're dealing with all of these other issues. There's 18 19 no reason to discuss it. 2.0 I'm not even talking about discussing it. 0 2.1 No one mentioned? Did anyone mention it? 2.2 Not that I recall. Α

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Q No one says the reason the Secretary wants to add a citizenship question is whatever the reason is, no one ever said anything like that?

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MR. GARDNER: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: Not to my recollection.

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Q Okay. Did you ever have a discussion with people from the Office of General Counsel at Commerce about why the Secretary wanted to add a citizenship question?

A No.

Q And in your time there, did you never see a document analyzing why it was a good idea for Census to add a citizenship question?

A Again, you're -- we have a fundamental disagreement on the premises of your question.

Your premise is that somehow a reason needs to be provided. The question before us is the Secretary has the legal authority to add questions to the census. Is there a governmental need? And if

Page 259 there is, then you're off to the races. 1 2 My question was a little different. My 3 question was --I understand your question. 4 5 Sir, I'll repeat it for you. My question is: In all the time you're 6 there, did you never see a document spelling out 7 8 the reasons why it would be a good idea to add a 9 citizenship question? Why it would be good from 10 Commerce's perspective? 11 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 12 THE WITNESS: Again, that's not the 13 question. Commerce --1 4 BY MR. GERSCH: 15 Excuse me, sir. That is my question. 16 Could you answer my question? 17 Α Okay. No. 18 Q Not even a scrap of paper, right? 19 Α Nope. 2.0 No memoranda, right? Q 2.1 Α No. 22 No emails? 0

Page 260 Not that I recall. 1 Α And I just want to be straight on my 2. 0 3 understanding. I think I got you correctly, but I 4 just want to make sure and test that I'm right. 5 It couldn't possibly assist you in your work, in any way, to know why the Secretary wanted 6 to add a citizenship question? Do I understand 7 8 that correctly? 9 It's not relevant to my analysis. 10 Q And so it couldn't possibly help you in 11 any way in your work? 12 I'm not going to agree with your statement that way, no. 13 14 Well, that's my question -- withdrawn. 0 15 Well, is there any way in which knowing 16 what the Secretary's reason was for wanting to add 17 a citizenship question, is there any way that 18 could assist you in your work at 19 Department of Commerce? 2.0 Assist me on my work at the Department of 2.1 Commerce, no. 2.2 0 Is there any way that it could help you

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help the Secretary add a citizenship question?

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A If I had found it difficult or challenging, yes. Knowing more about why he wanted it would have been helpful, but I didn't say that there was an issue. It had been asked for hundreds of years, and it had been asked on the ACS. So, clearly, there's a need for it. And so, no, that was not a particularly troublesome aspect of the question I was being asked to look into.

Q When you said if I had found it difficult or challenging, what did you mean? What's the it?

A If -- if what I had been requested to do seemed to have significant legal obstacles to the ability to do that question or take that action, then I would probably inquire more fully to see if there's an alternative way to address what the Secretary is trying to get to. In this particular case, you have something that has been on the decennial census before that is currently being asked on the ACS. There's clear legal authority for him to add the question. So, frankly, the

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reasons that he wants to add it doesn't add anything to the analysis. There is a governmental need for this information. That's a question that's already established, so I don't need to inquire further as to what his personal beliefs regarding this question might be.

Q What's the governmental need for the question?

A Enforcement to the Voting Rights Act, determining how many undocumented citizens there are. You name it, there's a whole bunch of reasons. That's why every government in the world collects this information.

Q Well, correct me if I'm wrong, we're talking about at a period in the spring of 2017 when the Voting Rights Act hadn't come up, the Department of Justice hadn't made a request for it. What does the Voting Rights Act got to do with it in the spring of 2017?

A When you inquire as to what does the Department of Justice use the citizenship data on --

Page 263 That wasn't my question. My question 1 0 2. is --I'm answering your --3 Α -- why is it a good idea, why does the 4 5 government need it back in the spring of 2017? Finished with your question? 6 Α 7 That's my question. The answer is for the same reason they've 8 9 been collecting it for the last 200-plus years. 10 What's the government need in the spring 11 of 2017? 12 I already answered that question. If 13 they collect the data under the ACS for Voting 1 4 Rights Act enforcement, that is one of the primary 15 reasons they collect the data. 16 Okay. It's on the ACS. What's the 17 need -- governmental need for it to be on the 18 census? 19 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Asked and 2.0 answered. 2.1 THE WITNESS: The governmental need is, 22 again, if you're going to get more detailed

Page 264 information, then you need that information. 1 BY MR. GERSCH: 2 3 Who said in the spring of 2017 that the government needed more detailed information? 4 5 Again, I'm presented with a request by 6 the Secretary to say, can we add this question to the census? I inquire about that, and I looked at 8 it. One of the reasons you would need it is 9 voting rights. If you're going to do voting 10 allocations on the basis of census allocations, 11 that's the reason it's perfectly sufficient. 12 Who said that in the spring of 2017? 13 That was -- that was determined after Α 1 4 taking a quick look at the issue. I don't need 15 more than that to continue to pursue the question. 16 Who told you that the government needed, 17 in the spring of 2017, more detailed information 18 about citizenship than was contained in the ACS? 19 Α Nobody. 2.0 You came to that decision on your own; is 2.1 that right?

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Correct.

Page 265 1 0 But you're not a voting rights lawyer, 2. right? 3 Α Irrelevant to the question. That's not my question. You're not a 4 0 5 voting rights lawyer, right? I've already said that. 6 7 So you decided on your own in the spring 8 of 2017 that it would be a good idea for the 9 government to have more information than was 10 available from the ACS about citizenship to 11 enforce the Voting Rights Act, even though you're 12 not a voting rights lawyer? 13 I don't agree with that characterization, 1 4 at all. I decided that there was sufficient 15 information for me to pursue the Secretary's 16 request to consider placing a citizenship question 17 on the decennial census and that there was 18 sufficient potential reason to collect that

information to warrant moving forward. If I'd

insurmountable legal bar, then I would have

come to an opposite conclusion that there was not

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reported back to the Secretary, I'm sorry,
Mr. Secretary, it does not appear we can
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Q Why did you need to come up with a reason for asking the question, separate and apart from whatever reason the Secretary had in his own head?

A Again, my job is to figure out how to carry out what my boss asks me to do. So you go forward and you find a legal rationale. Doesn't matter what his particular personal perspective is on it. It's not -- it's not going to be the basis on which a decision is made.

Q That's your understanding, that the way you should do it, is come up with a rationale that has nothing to do with what's in the Secretary's mind as to why he wants it; is that your understanding of how it's supposed to work?

A No. Again, you continue to characterize things in a way that you believe may be correct, but not the way I believe to be correct. My job, as a person who has been doing this for 30-plus years for clients and people in the government, is

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if they would like to accomplish an objective, I see if there's a way to do that. And, again, if it's not legal, you tell them that. If it can't be done, you tell them that. If there's a way to do it, then you help them find the best rationale to do it. That's what a policy person does.

And so, again, if I came up with a rationale that the Secretary didn't agree with or didn't support, then he was going to tell me that. I have no doubt about that. But in the meantime, he doesn't -- I don't need to know what his rationale might be, because it may or may not be one that is -- that is something that's going to a legally-valid basis.

So, again, he's got -- he's asked, can we put -- can we put a question on? The job of a policy person is go out and find out how you do that. Whether that decision is going to be made ultimately to do it or not, that's up to the decision-maker.

Q Are you saying you're better off not knowing what the Secretary's own rationale is for

Page 268 1 wanting the citizenship question? 2. The Secretary, as you would point out, is not a voting rights lawyer, so I would not expect 3 4 him to necessarily come up with a rationale. 5 That's the job of the staff at work. You certainly wouldn't expect the 6 Secretary to have come up with the idea that the 7 8 reason he should want the citizenship question is 9 the Voting Rights Act; you wouldn't expect him to 10 come up that on his own? 11 I -- he might well. I don't know. 12 0 You have no reason to believe that he 13 did, right? 1 4 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for 15 speculation. 16 THE WITNESS: I'm not going to speculate 17 about what his rationale was. You'd have to --BY MR. GERSCH: 18 19 Q Because --2.0 -- ask him. Α 2.1 -- because you have no idea what his 22 rationale is?

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1		A	Correct.		
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3	question to the census, right?				
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5		Q	And you wanted to see if the		
6	Department of Justice would sponsor the question?				
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8		Q	And you had a phone call with her, and		
9	you	had	at least a meeting with her, right?		
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13	somebody else's name.				
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16	you	want	t to have a citizenship question?		
17		A	No, she didn't.		
18		Q	Didn't come up, at all?		
19		А	Nope.		
20		Q	She referred you to a Mr. McHenry; is		
21	that	rio	ght?		
22		A	Correct.		

Page 271 1 And he's not a voting rights guy, right? 0 2. Α I don't actually know what his background 3 is. Well, you went ahead, back and forth with 4 5 him over about a month; is that right? 6 I mean, we spoke on the phone probably 7 three or four times, yeah. 8 Going from, I think, the period you 9 mentioned was --10 Α Yeah. It was --11 0 -- early May to early June, roughly? 12 Α Approximately a month, yeah. 13 And didn't you learn in that time that Q he's not a voting rights guy? 1 4 15 Α No. 16 Never came up? 17 We didn't get into great detail on the 18 rationale. 19 You did ask him would you sponsor a 20 census question for -- I'm sorry. Withdrawn. 2.1 You did ask Mr. McHenry if he would be 22 willing to sponsor a request for the addition of a

Page 272 1 citizenship question on the census, right? 2 I didn't ask Mr. McHenry if he would. I asked if the Department of Justice would be 3 4 inclined to send a letter asking us to add the 5 citizenship question. Fair enough. Q And when you did that, you didn't explain 7 8 to Mr. McHenry why the Secretary wanted a 9 citizenship question? 10 I would have no reason to. 11 And Mr. McHenry never asked, hey, you 0 12 want me to do this? Why do you need it? He never 13 asked you that? 1 4 I think I explained at the outset that 15 the department currently got a report from the ACS 16 on citizenship level -- I mean, on 17 census -- certain census size, Citizen Voting Age 18 Population, and if they were to get it from the 19 decennial, that would allow them a greater 2.0 granularity and would that be useful to them, and 2.1 he said he would inquire. 2.2 You asked Mr. McHenry if the 0

Page 273 Department of Justice would find it useful to have 1 2. more granularity about citizenship? 3 Α Correct. 4 But at no point did Mr. McHenry say, 5 look, if we want it, we'll ask for it, but how 6 come you want it? Didn't he ask you something 7 like that? 8 Δ No. 9 0 When people call you and say, hey, will 10 the Department of Commerce do this or do that, 11 don't you say, why do you want that, why do you 12 need that? 13 I usually say is there a reason that you 14 think the Department of Commerce would need 15 that -- and if they have a reason, then I'll look 16 into it. I don't say, hey, why does your boss 17 That's not part of lexicon. want this? 18 Q No. No. If another agency calls and 19 says --2.0 I don't --Α 2.1 Let me finish the question and you can 22 answer any way you want.

Page 285 both the workload I was under and the workload 1 2. that they're under that I think is misinformed. 3 In fact, several of my calls with Mr. McHenry were made while I was driving into 4 5 work, so there was no opportunity to call somebody and do that research. 6 7 And, besides, this wasn't about getting 8 leverage on Mr. McHenry. This was simply to 9 ask -- following up on the person I'd been 10 directed to, who, based on the fact that it was 11 recommended by an assistant to the AG, I'm 12 assuming is going to at least be somewhat 13 receptive. Probably an error on my part, but 1 4 that's -- I've got a dozen other things I'm 15 dealing with at the same time. So, no, I'm not going to spend a lot of time researching this guy. 16 17 BY MR. GERSCH: 18 You didn't spend any time researching 19 this guy? 2.0 Correct. I didn't. Α 2.1 Secretary Ross certainly knows why he Q 22 wanted a citizenship question back in the spring

Page 286 of 2017, right? 1 You'd have to ask him. 2. 3 Is there anyone besides Secretary Ross 4 who we could go to who would have that 5 information? MR. GARDNER: Objection. Lack of 6 foundation. Calls for speculation. 7 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of anybody. 8 9 BY MR. GERSCH: 1 0 Q Do you have any reason to believe that 11 Secretary Ross's rationale for wanting to add a 12 citizenship question is some kind of supersecret? 13 Α No. 1 4 0 Doesn't involve national security, right? 15 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Lack of 16 foundation. Calls for speculation. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know what the 18 Secretary's rationale is. You'd have to ask him. BY MR. GERSCH: 19 2.0 But you don't think it involves national 2.1 security? 2.2 MR. GARDNER: Same objections.

Page 300 Let me put a different question to you. 1 0 2. Α Sure. 3 When Representative Norton asks you the why question, don't you think it's responsive to 4 5 the why question that the Secretary of Commerce wanted to add a citizenship question independent 6 of the Department of Justice's request? No. I don't think it's relevant. His 8 9 decisional memo laid out very clearly the 10 rationale that was the basis of his decision. 11 Whatever his personal feelings may have been are 12 irrelevant to that decision. 13 It laid out a rationale. We can agree on 1 4 that, right? 15 That's what he's required to do under the 16 law, is lay out a rationale. That is the 17 rationale for his decision and that's what he's 18 standing on. 19 Okay. He laid out a rationale. Is it 2.0 your understanding, under the law, that if the 2.1 rationale is not his real reason for doing it, we

should ignore the real reason, and we should only

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Page 301 focus on the pretextual reasons that he offers up? 1 2. MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion. 3 THE WITNESS: The Secretary's decision 4 5 memo lays out a valid reason that's consigned to his discretion under the law, and that is the 6 rationale he provided to staff, and that is the 8 rationale that we placed in the record. So that 9 is his reason for having the question. 10 BY MR. GERSCH: 11 My question is a little different. If 12 the Secretary's real rationale is something 13 different than the rationale he lays out in his 1 4 decisional memo, is it your understanding, under 15 the law, that we're to ignore the real reason and 16 only focus on what's in the decisional memorandum? 17 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a 18 legal decision. 19 THE WITNESS: Your hypothetical is 2.0 premised on the false conclusion that there is 2.1 some illegal rationale that would be provided and 22 be exposed and be referenced. There is none.

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It's committed to his discretion to add a question, as long as you make it through the other things, Paperwork Production Act, et cetera. So it's -- I don't understand the basis for your question. But there's -- at the base of your question is this hypothetical that there's some supposed illegal reason that would be -- that would nullify a perfectly valid decision. I don't agree with that assessment.

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Q Mr. Comstock, I want you to listen to my question carefully, because there was no reference to any illegal rationale, and I'm going to put it to you again and there will be no reference to an illegal rationale. And my only question -- and, by the way, I'm happy if you want to take this as a hypothetical.

My only question is: If the Secretary lays out a rationale in his decisional memorandum which is different than his real rationale, is it your understanding that we're supposed to ignore the real rationale and only focus on what's in the

Page 303 decision memo? 1 2. MR. GARDNER: Given your introductory 3 clause, objection. Calls for a hypothetical. 4 Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion. 5 THE WITNESS: Again, a decision is valid if a valid reason has been spelled out, and that 6 is what we did. 7 8 BY MR. GERSCH: 9 0 Could you answer my question? 1.0 Again, I don't accept the premise of your 11 question, which is that there's some other reason 12 besides what was provided in the memo. 13 It's a hypothetical question, sir. The 1 4 question is --15 I'm not going to answer a hypothetical on 16 that basis. 17 I'm asking you to answer it, and you're 18 here to answer questions, and I think I'm fairly 19 following up on your testimony. 2.0 My question to you is real simple: Ιf 2.1 the Secretary lays out a rationale in his 2.2 decisional memorandum and it's not his real

Page 304 rationale, is it your understanding that what 1 2 we're supposed to focus on is what's in the decisional memorandum and we're not supposed to 3 look at the rationale? 4 5 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for hypothetical. Objection. Calls for legal 6 7 conclusion. 8 THE WITNESS: Again, we're at loggerheads 9 here because you keep spelling out something that 10 is -- that presupposes there is some other 11 rationale that would be sufficient to outweigh a 12 legitimate rationale and, therefore, must be 13 noticed and taken care of. I mean, the government 1 4 makes decisions all the time and spells out a 15 rationale. Do some of decision-makers have, 16 perhaps, other reasons, maybe, but it's not 17 relevant to the legal analysis. 18 We shouldn't know what Secretary -withdrawn. 19 We shouldn't know what the real rationale 2.0 2.1 is; is that testimony? 2.2 Α I --

Page 305 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a 1 2. legal conclusion. 3 THE WITNESS: Again, I have no reason to 4 believe that the rationale is anything other than 5 what's in the memo. BY MR. GERSCH: 6 Well, sir, actually, you testified 7 0 8 previously that the Secretary had a rationale for 9 asking this question, which he didn't reveal to 10 you and had nothing to do with the 11 Department of Justice's request. 12 I disagree with that statement. 13 Let's try this one other way. You don't 1 4 disagree with the proposition that a 15 decision-maker could have a rationale that is 16 different than what he chooses to spell out in his 17 decisional memorandum, right? MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for 18 19 hypothetical. 2.0 THE WITNESS: Again, I don't know -- I 2.1 don't -- it's impossible to answer that question, 22 because you -- I'm not sure where you're going

Page 306 with it. 1 BY MR. GERSCH: 2. 3 I'm not asking you to know where I'm going with it. I'm asking you to answer the 4 5 question. I'll put it to you again. You don't disagree with the proposition 6 that it's possible for the decision-maker to have 7 8 one rationale which he puts in the decisional 9 memorandum and a completely different rationale 10 which is the real reason he wants the decision 11 done? 12 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a 13 hypothetical. 1 4 THE WITNESS: Again, in the context we're 15 dealing with, I don't agree with that statement. 16 BY MR. GERSCH: 17 It's not possible for that to happen, Q 18 it's not possible for the decision-maker to put 19 one rationale in the decisional memo and have a completely different rationale for why he wants 2.0 2.1 the decision? 2.2 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a

Page 307 1 hypothetical. 2. THE WITNESS: In my experience with the 3 federal government service across 30 years, both 4 Democrat and Republican, I'm not aware of 5 decision-makers who would do such a thing. BY MR. GERSCH: 6 7 0 This would never happen, in your view, 8 right? 9 I'm not going to use the word never. 10 Clearly, in the course of human history, things 11 like that do happen. That's not been my 12 experience that it generally is the case. That's fine. Put aside your experience. 13 1 4 I'm just asking you conceptually, you don't have 15 difficulty understanding that a decision-maker 16 could say I'm doing this for one reason without 17 revealing that he is actually doing it for a different reason. You understand that concept, 18 19 right? 20 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for a 2.1 hypothetical. 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It's a hypothetical

Page 308 1 to which the answer is always going to be yes. So 2. to the extent that makes you happy, sure. BY MR. GERSCH: 3 4 Okay. So you do understand that concept. 5 So when that occurs, when it is the case that the 6 decision-maker puts forth a stated rationale, which is, in fact, not his real rationale, is it 8 your understanding that we should pay no attention 9 to his real rationale and focus only on his stated 10 rationale? 11 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Calls for 12 hypothetical objection. Calls for a legal 13 conclusion. 1 4 THE WITNESS: I'm not going to answer 15 that question. 16 MR. GARDNER: Would now be a good time 17 for a break? We've been going about an hour. 18 VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes Media Unit 19 Number 5. The time on the video is 3:11 p.m. 2.0 are off to record. 2.1 (Off the record.) 2.2 VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins Media Unit

EXHIBIT D

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	Plaintiffs,
5	vs. Case No. 1:18-CF-05025-JMF
6	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ET AL.,
7	Defendants.
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9	Washington, D.C.
10	Tuesday, August 28, 2018
11	Deposition of:
12	KAREN DUNN KELLEY
13	called for oral examination by counsel for
14	Plaintiffs, pursuant to notice, at the office of
15	Arnold & Porter, 601 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
16	Washington, D.C., before KAREN LYNN JORGENSON,
17	RPR, CSR, CCR of Capital Reporting Company,
18	beginning at 9:04 a.m., when were present on
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Page 27 to Mr. -- I'm going to say Mr., but probably, more 1 2 likely, Secretary Ross -- about the 2020 census, about any issue pertinent to the 2020 census? 3 4 During that spring. 5 And what did he tell you about the 2020 census, specifically? 6 That it was critically important. It was 7 8 one of the most important things that the 9 Department of Commerce was going to be undertaking 10 and that it would be an important purview. 11 And he mentioned that one thing that was 12 being discussed as early as the spring of 2017 was 13 reinstating or adding a citizenship question to 1 4 the 2020 census? 15 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 16 I said objection, form. You still need 17 to answer. 18 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the 19 question? 2.0 BY MR. GROSSI: 2.1 Yes. You knew as early as the spring of O 22 2017, that one issue would be adding a citizenship

Page 28 question or reinstating a citizenship question to 1 the 2020 census? 2. 3 I don't recall exactly when I learned that fact. 4 5 It was surely before you were nominated in May, correct? 6 7 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. 8 THE WITNESS: I truly do not remember 9 when I learned that. 10 BY MR. GROSSI: 11 It was before you appeared for your 12 confirmation hearing in July, correct? 13 I actually do not remember exactly when I 1 4 learned that question. I was getting so 15 many -- that issue -- I had so many facts and so 16 much information that I was learning, that exactly 17 when that was part of it, I do not know. I 18 apologize. 19 I mean, it's certainly possible you heard 2.0 it in the spring of 2017, right? 2.1 I wouldn't deny it, and I wouldn't Α 22 confirm it. It is possible. I would agree with

Page 29 1 that. 2. You know from just thinking about the 3 case that Secretary Ross was interested in the 4 citizenship question as early as March or April of 5 2017, correct? MR. GARDNER: Objection. Lack of 6 7 foundation. 8 BY MR. GROSSI: 9 That's something you've heard from 10 Secretary Ross or others? 11 Α Yes. 12 Now, what I like to do --Can I -- can I -- can you repeat that 13 Α question, please? 1 4 15 Well, you gave the answer. 16 My question was simply that you knew --17 you know now, from all of your review --18 Α That was the question that I was 19 answering. That yes, I do know now. 2.0 And you believe you learned it at the 2.1 time, when you talked to Secretary Ross about the 2.2 census?

Page 30 1 MR. GARDNER: Objection. 2. Mischaracterizing the witness's prior testimony. BY MR. GROSSI: 3 4 Correct? It's a new question. 5 MR. GARDNER: I just said object -- you can still answer the question. I just lodged my 6 7 objection for the record. 8 THE WITNESS: I -- I apologize. I don't 9 mean to be difficult. I am getting very confused. You're going from present to past tense. I don't 10 11 know where we are right now. 12 BY MR. GROSSI: 13 0 Okay. 1 4 So let me be clear. I absolutely know Α 15 those things now. I do not know when I learned 16 that actual -- the citizenship question --17 reinstatement of the citizenship question back in 18 the spring or summer or whatever of 2017. I do 19 not remember that. 2.0 And you know it now -- at least now, 2.1 because you've talked to Secretary Ross about it 22 subsequently, and he's let you know that he was

Page 31 interested as early as the spring --1 2. MR. GARDNER: Objection. Form. BY MR. GROSSI: 3 -- of 2017? 4 0 5 Α He or others. He or others, or he and others? 6 Q 7 He or others. Α 8 0 Okay. Who are the others? 9 Α I don't know. I do know, because it's 10 been public and it's been in the press. I don't 11 know that I've had the specific conversation with 12 the Secretary about that. 13 See, what I'm looking for is Ever? conversations --1 4 15 Yeah. Tell me what you're looking for. Α 16 I'm looking for conversations you've had 17 with Secretary Ross at any time in which he 18 indicated in any way that he was interested in the 19 citizenship question as early as the spring of 2.0 2017 and --2.1 And I don't remember. I don't remember. 22 I do know in the spring of -- of '17, the GAO had

Page 90 1 just as we asked Karen what I said, which was on 2. the record. 3 Let me have marked the next exhibit. 4 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 8, Email, was 5 marked.) BY MR. GROSSI: 6 7 We're marking as Exhibit 8 a 8 memorandum -- I'm sorry -- an email. The top one 9 of which is dated August 16, 2017. 10 Now, this email indicates that 11 Mr. Earl Comstock wrote to Secretary Ross on 12 August 11th and he stated, quote, per your 13 request, here is a draft memo on the citizenship question that James Uthmeier in the Office of 1 4 15 General Counsel prepared and I reviewed. Once you 16 have had a chance to review, we should discuss so 17 we can refine the memo to better address any 18 issues. 19 And it appears that Ms. Teramoto then 2.0 followed up on that by saying that Peter Davidson 2.1 and Karen Dunn Kelley will both be here Monday. 22 Let's spend 15 minutes together and sort this out.

Page 91 1 And then Mr. Comstock responded to 2. Ms. Teramoto and to Secretary Ross by copy saying, 3 "Thanks, Wendy, that works for me." 4 Now, Wednesday was August 16th, and I'll 5 represent that the Monday was August 20th. that consistent with your recollection that you 6 came in on August 20th and had a discussion about 8 various things? 9 MR. GARDNER: I think your math is wrong. 10 THE WITNESS: Sir, I think it was the 11 21st. 12 MR. GARDNER: The 21st. THE WITNESS: August 21st. Or I said the 13 wrong date before, as well, so we have to correct 1 4 15 Monday -- Monday was the 21st. 16 BY MR. GROSSI: 17 You're right. Absolutely right. 18 So Monday was the 21st, and that's the 19 day you came in and assumed your position, okay. 2.0 And so you discussed with them on 2.1 August the 21st, among other things, I'm sure, the 22 draft memo on the citizenship question that had

Page 92 1 been prepared for Secretary Ross, correct? 2. I do not recall any conversations like that. 3 Do you think that might have been the 4 5 first time you really got into the details of adding it? 6 7 I don't recall a conversation about it. 8 Okay. But you wouldn't deny that as of 9 August 21st, you had been briefed on the 10 citizenship issue? 11 MR. GARDNER: Objection. Mischaracterize 12 the witness's testimony. 13 THE WITNESS: As I said, I do not, unfortunately, remember when I first learned about 1 4 15 it. It is possible. I'm not denying it. I'm not confirming it. I just don't know. I wish I 16 17 could -- I wish I could tell you. I just don't 18 know. 19 BY MR. GROSSI: 20 Did you receive memoranda about the 2.1 citizenship question, and that's a shorthand of, 22 obviously, adding a citizenship question to the