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Page 7 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. 3 We're now going on the record. This begins 4 media -- videotape No. 1 in the deposition of Gavin 5 Andresen in the matter of -- in the -- in the 6 matter of the Estate of David Kleiman, et al, 7 versus Craig Wright. This matter is held in the 8 United States District Court, Southern District of 9 Florida. 10 Today is February 26, and the time is approximately 9:11 a.m. Our deposition is being 11 12 taken at the Courtyard Marriott Hadley Amherst at 13 the request of Roche Cyrulnik Freedman LLP. I am the videographer, and, again, my 14 15 name is Mati Kiin, on behalf of Magna Legal 16 Services. And our court reporter is Lori London, 17 here also for Magna Legal Services. 18 I will now ask counsel and all 19 parties present to state their appearances and whom 20 they represent. 21 MR. FREEDMAN: Vel Freedman, for the 22 Plaintiffs. 23 MR. KASS: Zalman Kass, for Dr. Craig 24 Wright. 2.5 THE WITNESS: I'm Gavin Andresen, I'm



Page 8 being deposed. 1 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. 3 Is there anyone remotely? 4 No. Okay. 5 MR. FREEDMAN: There is a conference 6 line open, and people may be joining and dropping. 7 Do you want a record of who's on? 8 MR. KASS: If somebody's on now, I 9 think they should just state that they are. 10 If anyone's on the MR. FREEDMAN: 11 record -- if anyone's on the conference line, can 12 you please announce yourself? 13 (Discussion off the record.) 14 MR. ROCHE: We're having trouble 15 hearing on the line. Is there any chance you can 16 move the phone or the microphone closer to the witness? That would be helpful. 17 18 MR. FREEDMAN: The witness hasn't 19 spoken really yet. You're hearing the videographer 20 from across the room. But we'll -- we'll push it a 21 little closer to the witness. 22 In the interim, you guys were not on 23 speaker, so we couldn't hear you. Can you 24 re-announce who's on the line telephonically? 2.5 MR. ROCHE: Kyle Roche, Roche



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     Cyrulnik Freedman, counsel for Plaintiff.
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 2
                   MR. KLEIMAN: Ira Kleiman, Plaintiff.
 3
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: I can't hear the
 4
     name.
 5
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Ira Kleiman.
 6
                   Anyone else?
 7
                   (No response.)
                   MR. FREEDMAN: All right, with that,
 8
 9
     I'm gonna take you off speaker and put you back
     next to Mr. Andresen.
10
11
                    (Pause.)
12
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: At this point, I
     would like the court reporter to please swear in
13
14
     the witness, and we can get started.
15
                     GAVIN A. ANDRESEN,
16
     a witness called for examination by the Plaintiff,
     having been satisfactorily identified by the
17
18
     production of his Massachusetts driver's license,
     and duly sworn by the Notary Public, was examined
19
     and testified as follows:
20
21
                         EXAMINATION
22
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
23
               Good morning, Mr. Andresen. My name is
24
     Vel Freedman, I represent the Plaintiff in this
2.5
     action.
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Page 10 1 Have you ever been deposed before? 2 I have never been deposed before, no. 3 So I'm gonna go over some of the ground Q 4 rules so we can get through this easier and 5 quicker. 6 It's sometimes more natural for 7 people to respond with -- non-verbally with shaking 8 your head yes or no, but in order for the court 9 reporter to take down your answers, I need you to 10 try to remember to give a verbal "yes" or a verbal 11 "no" so we have a record of -- of the way you 12 responded. 13 Okay. Α 14 This is not a marathon. If you need a 15 break, let me know, we'll stop; you can go to the bathroom, take a drink, stretch your legs. 16 You understand that you're under oath 17 18 today, and the testimony that you're going to give 19 may be shown to a judge or jury, and they may rely 20 on that testimony? 21 Yes, I do. Α 22 And if you don't understand a question, I 23 need you to ask [verbatim] me that you didn't 24 understand the question. If you don't ask me and 25 you answer the question, I'm gonna assume you



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Page 11
 1
     understood it, and I'm gonna rely on that answer;
 2
     is that fair?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               Okay. With that, are there any
 5
     medications that you're taking today that would
 6
     affect your ability to testify or recall events?
 7
          Α
               No.
 8
               Okay. Thank you.
 9
                   Mr. Andresen, can you state your name
10
     and date of birth for the record.
11
          Α
               Gavin Alexander Andresen,
12
     1966.
13
              And is that your birth name?
          0
14
          Α
              That is the name on my birth certificate.
15
               That was an interesting response.
16
               It's complicated. I could get into it if
          Α
17
     you really want.
18
               Why don't you give me the 30-second
19
              We'll see if it has any relevance.
20
               The 30-second version is, actually I was
          Α
21
     born Gavin Alexander Andresen. My birth
22
     certificate was changed to Gavin Alexander Bell,
23
     when my mom married my dad way back in 1970 -- '70.
24
     And then it was changed back, again -- I actually
2.5
     changed my name back to Gavin Alexander Andresen.
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Page 12
 1
     So it's complicated.
 2
               Got it. And it sounds like it has no
 3
     relevance, so thank you for that.
 4
                   Can you tell us your residential
5
     address, please.
              45 High Street in Amherst, Massachusetts.
6
 7
               Okay. And do you have a business
          0
 8
     address?
9
               I have an office at AmherstWorks,
          Α
10
     11 Amity Street in Amherst, Massachusetts.
11
          Q
               Okay. And you were born where?
            Melbourne, Australia.
12
          Α
13
               And what -- sorry. You told me your date
14
     of birth, but I've forgotten it. What -- what was
15
     the year?
16
               1966.
          Α
               '66.
17
          0
18
                   And when did you leave Australia?
               1972.
19
          Α
20
               And where did you go from there?
          Q
21
          Α
              Seattle, Washington.
22
               And how long were you in Washington for?
23
               Let's see. Moved from Seattle to Alaska
24
     when I was in third grade, which would be '74,
25
    maybe '75.
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Page 13
 1
              And then...
          0
 2
               And then from Alaska, we moved to
 3
     southern California; that was in '76, I believe.
 4
              Okay. And were you in southern
 5
     California for a while, or did you --
 6
               I was in southern California, yeah,
7
     through most of high -- excuse me -- through most
8
     of school, although we did spend a couple months
9
     living in Arkansas --
10
              Okay.
          0
               -- when I was a freshman in high school.
11
     But most of that time was southern California.
12
13
               All right. And so when did you come to
     leave southern California?
14
15
               I went to college at Princeton University
16
     in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1984.
17
               Okay. And graduated...
18
          Α
               1988.
19
               Okay. And where did you go after you
     left Princeton?
20
21
               To -- let's see -- Mountain View,
22
     California.
23
          Q
            Okay.
24
            Silicon Valley.
          Α
2.5
             And were there until...
          0
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Page 14
               Well, I moved around different places in
 1
 2
     the Bay area from '88 until '96.
 3
               Okay. And in '96, where did you -- did
 4
     you -- were you still in California?
 5
          Α
               I was still in California, yeah.
 6
              Did there come a time you left
7
     California?
 8
              Yes. In '96 we moved from Palo Alto,
9
     California, to Madison, Wisconsin.
               Okay. And when you left Wisconsin -- did
10
     there come a time you left Wisconsin?
11
               I left -- left Wisconsin --
12
13
               You're here in Massachusetts. Certainly
14
     there came a time you left Wisconsin.
15
               Yeah. We moved from Madison, Wisconsin,
     to Amherst, Massachusetts --
16
17
               There we go.
              -- in 1999.
18
          Α
19
               Okay. And have you been in Amherst
     since 1999?
20
21
          Α
               I have.
22
               Okay. Thank you for that.
23
                   And so let me take you back a second
24
     to your Princeton education. Where -- what did you
25
    major in in Princeton?
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Page 15 1 I majored in computer science. 2 And then when you graduated in '88 and you moved to California, did you do that for job 3 4 purposes or --5 Yes, I was hired by Silicon Graphics 6 Computer Systems. 7 Okay. And did you work for Silicon 8 Graphics Computer Systems for a long time or --9 Eight years. Α 10 Eight years. 0 11 And what did you do for them? I wrote software. 12 Α 13 Got it. 0 14 And so that would bring us to '96, 15 when you moved to Wisconsin, also for job-related 16 purposes? 17 Α My wife got her PhD from Stanford. 18 Q Okay. 19 And we moved to Wisconsin because she got 20 a job at the University of Wisconsin. So that's 21 why we moved to Wisconsin. 22 And what about your job with Silicon 23 Graphics? 24 I left Silicon Graphics and started a 25 startup with a -- a former coworker from Silicon



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     Graphics that failed.
 1
              Okay. When -- when did it fail, what
 2
 3
     year?
 4
               It was clear that it failed probably a
          Α
 5
     year and a half, two years later.
              Like around '98?
 6
          0
 7
          Α
              Around '98.
 8
            And what did you do in '98?
9
              Let's see. At that time, we moved here
          Α
10
     to Amherst, and I joined a startup up in North
11
    Adams.
12
          Q
            What was the name of that startup?
13
              Resounding Technology.
          Α
14
               How long were you with Resounding
15
     Technology?
16
               Oh, gosh. They were -- two years.
     were purchased by another Silicon Valley company,
17
18
     Empath Entertainment.
              Okay. And what did you do for them?
19
20
               I wrote software again. I was the chief
21
     technical officer.
22
              And so when they sold, in about
     2000-ish --
23
24
          A It was 2000-ish, yeah.
2.5
              -- what did you -- did you leave at that
          Q
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Page 17 point? 1 2 At that point, actually, I worked 3 remotely for Empath for about a year. 4 Okay. 0 5 Α And then -- let's see. Our daughter was born around that time, and I stopped working for a 6 7 while. Got it. 8 0 9 And are you currently employed? 10 Α No. 11 Okay. Have you been employed since Q 12 Empath? 13 Α Yes. Okay. For who or in what capacity? 14 15 Let's see. After Empath -- I may get the 16 order of -- of -- of this wrong, because I've done a fair number of things. 17 18 I believe after Empath I joined two 19 University of Massachusetts graduates, and we formed a company called "Zform," which made games 20 21 for blind people and their sighted friends and 22 family. I was the -- again, the chief technical 23 officer and wrote a lot of the code. That company 24 eventually failed. I -- I -- I stayed there for I think it was three or four years. 25



Page 18 1 I worked halftime for a web 2 development company in Northampton, Massachusetts, called Gravity Switch --3 4 Um-hm. 0 5 -- doing kind of back-end web development 6 stuff, three years -- two years, three years, 7 something on that order. 8 Let's see. After that, I joined a 9 research group at UMass run by Andrew McCallum, who was a friend, doing machine learning stuff. 10 11 again, I was -- I was a programmer in that group 12 doing various programming tasks that their -- their 13 research group needed. That takes me up to, I believe, 2009. 14 15 And I quit that job in 2009 to go on a sabbatical 16 in Australia. Okay. And since 2009, have you worked 17 18 for anyone else, besides yourself? 19 Yes. I was hired by the Bitcoin Α Foundation as the chief scientist of the Bitcoin 20 21 Foundation in -- I forget which year -- 2012, 22 I would have to go back and -- and check 23 the years. I'm very good at forgetting dates. And 24 was the chief scientist at the Bitcoin Foundation 25 for several years.



Page 19 1 Okay. Thank you. That's very helpful. 0 2 Why don't we start with, can you tell 3 me when you first heard about Bitcoin? 4 I first heard about Bitcoin in May of 5 2010, after I had gotten back from sabbatical in 6 Australia. I was looking for something interesting to do, and I ran across a magazine article about 8 interesting open-source software projects, and I 9 think Bitcoin was one of seven or eight interesting 10 open-source software projects, and it struck my 11 interest, and that's how I became interested in it. 12 Can we take one step back before we 13 continue down this line, which is, would it be a fair -- would it be fair to say that the vast 14 15 majority of your professional career has been in 16 writing and developing code? 17 Α Yes. 18 So you find out about Bitcoin in a 19 magazine article in May of 2010. What do you do after that? 20 21 I remember reading the magazine article, and then finding the Bitcoin forum, which is where 22 23 all of the technical and other discussion about Bitcoin was happening at that time. Through that, 24 25 I found the source code, so I could actually



Page 20 download and read the source code. 1 2 Because, at first, I was skeptical 3 that it would work. It seemed like a crazy idea. 4 But I could see that there was real source code there; there was actually a program I could run. 5 6 So I downloaded it. I ran it. I tried it out. I 7 think I mined some Bitcoins. And then shortly after that I decided 8 9 I would do a little project involving Bitcoin, and so I created what's called the "Bitcoin faucet," 10 11 which is -- was a website that gave away Bitcoin to 12 anybody who wanted some. I think the faucet launched in June of 2010. 13 14 And how did the faucet get supplied with 15 Bitcoin? I bought \$50 worth of Bitcoin with my 16 17 very own money. 18 And when is the first time you had contact with Satoshi Nakamoto? 19 20 I think it was fairly early in -- again, Α 21 in -- in May of 2010, and I contacted him via the 22 Bitcointalk forums. 23 Did you -- so you mined Bitcoin in May of 2010, approximately; is that -- is that right? 24 2.5 I think so. I'd have to go back and Α



Page 21 check when I actually flipped the switch to mine 1 2 some Bitcoin. 3 And then did you ever mine Bitcoin again Q 4 after that? 5 Very briefly in, maybe, 2011. I got an early hardware miner and turned that on and ran it 6 7 for a little bit and measured its power consumption and realized I was spending more in electricity 8 9 than I was getting in Bitcoin, so then turned around and resold it. 10 So from -- from -- you mined some in May 11 of 2000 -- or about circa May of 2010, and then not 12 13 again until sometime in 2011? I think that's right. Again, I'd have to 14 15 go back and check when I actually got that 16 hardware. It might have been 2012. Okay. But at no point after that initial 17 18 mining -- strike that. 19 After that initial mining, you did 20 not mine again until you purchased the hardware, be that in 2011 or 2010 --21 22 A Correct. -- '12? I'm sorry. 23 24 That's correct. Okay. 2.5 So how did you come to be the --



Page 22 well, let me strike that. 1 2 Did there come a time when you became 3 the lead core developer of Bitcoin? 4 At the end of 2010, Satoshi -- the --5 the -- the pseudonym I was communicating with, 6 Satoshi, told me he was going to step back from 7 day-to-day Bitcoin stuff, and he left me with the 8 root privileges, with the -- with the 9 administrative privileges for the source code repository. So at that time only he and I had 10 11 access to the source forge -- source code 12 repository. And I had -- through 2010, I had 13 14 become more and more involved with developing code 15 for the core Bitcoin system. And then by the end of 2010, Satoshi stepped away, and I was left as 16 the -- the lead developer. 17 18 By default, because you were the only one 19 with access? 20 Α Yes. 21 And I'm handing you, Mr. Andresen, what 22 we're gonna mark as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1. Just 23 take a look at that for me. 24 (Exhibit 1 marked for 25 identification.)



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              Do you recognize this email?
          0
 2
          Α
               Yes, I do.
 3
               And this is an email from Satoshi
 4
     Nakamoto to you?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               Did you always communicate with Satoshi
7
     through the satoshin@gmx.com address?
 8
               Either -- yes, either through that email
9
     address or via private messages in the Bitcointalk
10
     forums.
11
          Q
              Did you ever use the Vistomail account?
12
            I don't think so.
               And is this the email that you've just
13
14
     described where Satoshi is leaving you the -- the
15
     access to the Bitcoin repository?
16
               No. So before this, there's a -- there's
     a -- there's a -- a website called "SourceForge"
17
18
     that a lot of open-source software projects use,
19
     and people can have administrative rights to be
20
     able to write to a source-code repository. And so
21
     that was a separate privilege that I got sometime
22
     in 2010.
23
                   This was the final -- this is about
     an -- an alert key that would allow anybody to send
24
25
     a message -- excuse me -- send a message over the
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- 1 network that would appear on everybody's Bitcoin
- 2 software warning them that they need to upgrade or
- 3 that there's some security bug, those kinds of
- 4 things.
- 5 Q Got it. So the adding to privileges of
- 6 SourceForge didn't necessarily come through an
- 7 email; it was just an action Satoshi took to give
- 8 you those privileges?
- 9 A Yeah, I don't remember exactly how that
- 10 happened. There was probably an email or a forum
- 11 message where he told me that he had done that,
- 12 but...
- 13 Q After this email from Satoshi, where I
- 14 think he -- he requests that you stop talking to
- 15 him as a myster -- about him as a mysterious
- 16 shadowy figure, and he says, "I've moved on to
- 17 other things and will probably be unavailable," did
- 18 you ever hear from Satoshi again through this email
- 19 account?
- 20 A I'd have to go back and look. I don't
- 21 know.
- Q Okay. Do you recall, sitting here today,
- 23 ever hearing from him again?
- Let me -- let me rephrase
- 25 the question.



Page 25 1 I want you to exclude for a moment 2 the conversations you've had with Craig Wright, and 3 I want to ask, subsequent to this email, have you 4 had, in your mind, conversations with Satoshi 5 Nakamoto subsequent to this email? 6 I don't know. The reason I --Α 7 Because people have reached out to you 0 claiming to be Satoshi --8 9 Α Yes. -- and you don't know if it's real? 10 11 Α Yes. Many people have -- have contacted 12 me claiming to be Satoshi Nakamoto, and I just don't know if any of them are. 13 14 Okay. Is it fair to say that no one 15 has -- and, again, I want to exclude the 16 conversations with Craig Wright in 2016 for 17 purposes of this question. 18 Is it -- is it fair to say that no 19 one has convinced you that they are Satoshi 20 Nakamoto -- you know what, strike that question. 21 Sitting here today, do you believe 22 you had communications with Satoshi Nakamoto after 23 this email? 24 Α No. 25 Okay. So you're, at this point in time, Q



Page 26 the lead core developer of Bitcoin; is that 2 correct? 3 Α At --At --0 Α Currently? So about April of 2011. 0 7 Α Oh, April of 2011, yes. 8 And when did -- when did you step back 9 from being the lead core -- or stop being the lead 10 core developer in Bitcoin? 11 Α Again, I'm very good at forgetting dates, 12 but it's been a few years. 13 Approximately. 2017. 14 Α 15 Okay. Why did you stop being the lead 16 core developer at Bitcoin? 17 The most immediate Several reasons. 18 reason was I believed that, for Bitcoin to grow, 19 there needed to be more than one implementation; 20 there needed -- needed to be more than one software 21 that people were using. 22 And so I had taken on the role of chief scientist of the Bitcoin Foundation, and I 23 24 wanted that role to be not working on one 25 particular implementation of Bitcoin, not one



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particular open-source software project, but to be 1 2 kind of bigger picture and try to encourage other 3 implementations of the Bitcoin protocol and to 4 think about kind of bigger issues facing Bitcoin. And the other reason I stepped away 6 is just because we had a -- a -- there was a team 7 of people who were able to do the job of working on 8 the open-source software. So I felt comfortable 9 stepping back and letting them take over the day-to-day software engineering of the project. 10 11 I think those are the two major reasons I -- I 12 stepped back as lead developer. 13 But you stayed on as the chief scientist of the Bitcoin Foundation? 14 15 Yes, I stayed on as chief scientist of 16 the Bitcoin Foundation. 17 Are you still the chief scientist of the 18 Bitcoin Foundation? 19 I resigned that position a year or Α 20 two ago. 21 Why did you resign that position? Q 22 The Bitcoin Foundation is a troubled 23 organization. We had two members of our board of directors go to jail, and I -- I believe the 24 2.5 Bitcoin Foundation lost the respect of the Bitcoin



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- 1 community, partly for that reason. Probably mostly
- 2 for -- for that reason, just the fact that the, you
- 3 know, members of the board of director turned out
- 4 not to be trustworthy.
- 5 Q Did you take part in forming the Bitcoin
- 6 Foundation when it -- in its -- when it was
- 7 originally formed?
- 8 A I did, yes.
- 9 Q And who did you do that with?
- 10 A Peter Vessenes, Roger Ver, Charlie Shrem.
- 11 I think those were the main people involved in the
- 12 formation. I could go back and check my notes, see
- 13 who else was on the -- the emails.
- 14 Q And -- and who were the members of the
- 15 board of directors that went to jail?
- 16 A Charlie Shrem and Mark Karpeles.
- 17 Q Do you -- I want to seque back -- well,
- 18 actually, strike that.
- Do you -- what is your current
- 20 involvement with the Bitcoin community?
- 21 A I have very little involvement with the
- 22 Bitcoin community, so I have shed all of my
- 23 responsibilities.
- 24 Q And are you doing anything
- 25 employment-wise now or...



Page 29 1 My only title is 2 Entrepreneur-in-Residence, UMass, Data Sciences. 3 That's an unpaid, volunteer position. So I -- I'm 4 not getting a paycheck from anybody. 5 Did you -- the -- approximately how much Q 6 Bitcoin did you mine in May of 2010? 7 I think I mined 11 blocks, each --8 which -- 50 Bitcoins per block, so that would be 9 550 Bitcoin. And have you moved those -- have you 10 11 spent those coin bases? 12 Α Probably. 13 All of them? 0 14 Α Probably. 15 Can you check, if I were to ask you to? 16 Yes, I could check if you asked me to. I could see what happened to them. 17 18 Can you do that, like, on a break, or would you need to go home and have access to your 19 20 computers? 21 I need to go home and have access to my 22 computers. I don't have those -- I -- you know, 23 I'd have to go back in it and dig out an old 24 wallet, find out what the Bitcoin addresses were, 25 find out where they moved, see if I'm still holding



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 1
     them in some cold wallet somewhere. I just don't
 2
     know.
 3
               Do you know the identity of any other
 4
     miners who mined Bitcoin prior to August 20th of
     2010?
 5
 6
          Α
               No.
 7
               Are you aware of any blocks that
 8
     Satoshi Nakamoto mined?
 9
               Yes. Block No. 10, I believe, is a
     famous Bitcoin block. Because Satoshi Nakamoto
10
11
     sent some Bitcoin to Hal Finney as, I believe, the
12
     first person-to-person Bitcoin transaction that we
     know about.
13
              Block 9 or block 10?
14
15
              Depends on if you start counting at zero
16
     or not.
17
               Interesting. So the genesis block is
18
     zero?
19
               The genesis block, I believe, is usually
20
     counted as zero.
21
               And then block 9, it could be 9 or 10,
22
     depending if you count the first -- zero block
23
     as -- as a -- as a block?
24
          Α
              Correct.
2.5
          Q
              Got it.
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Page 31
 1
                   Are you aware of any others that
 2
     Satoshi mined?
 3
          Α
               Not directly.
 4
               And did you ever send Bitcoin to Satoshi
     or receive Bitcoin from Satoshi?
 5
 6
               Not to my knowledge.
          Α
 7
               Are you aware of any patterns within the
 8
     blockchain that would reveal which blocks were
 9
     mined by Satoshi?
10
               There is a very interesting blog post by
     Sergio, Sergio Demian Lerner, where he found some
11
12
     patterns that are plausible that might be
     associated with Satoshi's mined Bitcoins.
13
               This is the Patoshi research? I think he
14
15
     calls it the Patoshi research?
16
               Maybe. I'm not familiar with that.
17
          0
               They call it the Patoshi --
18
          Α
               I'm not familiar with that term.
               Is it -- is it based on the Nonce value?
19
          0
20
               Yes, it's based on the Nonce values.
21
     I have --
22
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: The what value?
23
     Sorry.
24
                   THE WITNESS: Nonce, N-O-N-C-E.
2.5
     means number used once.
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Page 32 1 I have no direct knowledge of that, but his research seems plausible to me. 2 3 Okay. Is there any reason you can think 4 of that a miner would try to create a coin-based 5 transaction that did not hash to within a specific 6 range of values? 7 MR. KASS: Object to form. Do you understand the question? 8 Q 9 Α I'm not sure I understand the question. 10 Okay. Strike the question. 0 11 When did you first learn of Craig 12 Wright? 13 Again, I'm very bad with dates, but Jon Α Matonis sent me an email saying that I should pay 14 15 attention to this person, Craig Wright, back in whatever year that was -- sorry. 2020, '19 -- '17? 16 17 **'**18? 18 Did there come a time before that where 19 Craig Wright applied for a job at the Bitcoin 20 Foundation? 21 When I was responding to the 22 subpoena for this lawsuit, I went back through 23 my old emails, and I did get an email from a Craig Wright asking for a job at the Bitcoin 24 25 Foundation that I never responded to and,



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     frankly, I had not recalled until I went through
 1
 2
     my old emails.
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN: So I'm gonna hand you
     what's been marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2. And
 4
     it's -- for the record, it's Bates Gavin 1296.
 5
 6
                    (Exhibit 2 marked for
 7
                   identification.)
 8
          Q
               Do you recognize this email?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               And is it fair to say this is Jodie
11
     Brady, at the Bitcoin Foundation, forwarding you a
     job application that she had received?
12
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               And the job application is from
15
     Craig S. Wright with the email address
     craig@panopticrypt.com?
16
17
          Α
               That's --
18
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Wait. What's the
20
     address?
21
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Craig@panopticrypt.
22
     P-A-N-O-P-T-I-C-R-Y-P-T.
23
                   MR. KASS: And object to form.
24
               So, from time to time, either myself or
25
     Mr. Kass, depending on who's asking questions, may
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     object to form. You can just pause, let them
 1
 2
     object, and then you can answer the question.
 3
          Α
               Okay.
 4
                   Yes.
 5
          Q
               Okay. Do you -- did you review this job
 6
     application back in November 2014 when you got it?
 7
          Α
               No.
               You didn't even see it?
 8
 9
               I don't recall.
          Α
10
               Okay. It's fair to say he did not get a
     job with the Bitcoin Foundation?
11
               He did not.
12
          Α
13
               Looking back at it now, would he have fit
     the criteria you were looking for?
14
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
               We were not actively looking for people,
     there was no job opening, so there was no criteria.
17
18
               Fair enough.
19
                   So I want to jump back to the 2016
20
     contact that you received from Jon Matonis, and
21
     that was...
22
                    (Pause.)
23
               Let me hand you what's been marked as
24
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 3. And for the record, it's
     Gavin 796.
2.5
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 1
                    (Exhibit 3 marked for
 2
                   identification.)
 3
               Is this the email you received from
          Q
 4
     Jon Matonis in March -- on March 14, 2016?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               And in this email, Jon invites you to a
 7
     proof session in London?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And he ends the third paragraph saying, I
10
     per -- "I've never asked you for anything before,
11
     so you are just going to have to trust me on this
12
     and what I personally witnessed with the block
13
     No. 1 sign and verify"?
14
               What was the question?
15
               Is that -- I'm just taking you through
16
     the document, highlighting the portions of the
17
     document that I -- that -- that I'd like you to
18
     take a look at.
19
          Α
               Okay.
20
               And what did you take Jon as asking you
21
     to do here?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I believe Jon was asking me to physically
23
     go to London, and then witness the -- a
24
25
     cryptographic proof of possession of a private key
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Page 36 that corresponds to the public key of one of the 1 2 early Bitcoin blocks. 3 He says, "As we discussed" in the emails, 4 implying that there had been a previous telephonic 5 communication. 6 I believe we did have a telephone call. Α 7 Do you know what he said on the telephone 8 call? 9 Α I don't recall. 10 MR. KASS: Now, I'm just going to put 11 a standing objection out there to -- oh, well, if 12 you're gonna give it to me, so I don't have to 13 repeat it all the time. In this email it mentions there's a non-disclosure agreement. 14 15 non-disclosure agreement was executed. So to the 16 extent you're asking information that is protected by the non-disclosure agreement, I'm just putting a 17 18 standing objection that there is a non-disclosure 19 out there, agreement out there, and that 20 information needs to be protected. 21 What's the objection? MR. FREEDMAN: 22 I don't understand the basis of the objection. 23 MR. KASS: I'm just putting on the 24 record that --2.5 MR. FREEDMAN: Are you maintaining



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    Mr. Andresen --
 1
 2
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: One at a time.
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Are you maintaining
 4
     Mr. Andresen cannot respond to deposition
5
     questions?
 6
                   MR. KASS: I am not instructing him
 7
     not to answer. I'm just putting on the record that
 8
     there's a non-disclosure agreement, and that this
9
     testimony that you're asking may not be permitted
     under the non-disclosure.
10
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
11
                                 So you are entitled to
12
     seal this deposition and designate it confidential,
13
     and you can exercise your right to do so, but
     I'm -- I'm not sure what you -- I'm not sure what
14
15
     your objection is, so ....
16
                   MR. KASS: All right. It's on the
17
     record, it is what it is.
18
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
19
               Okay. We were talking about the
20
     telephonic communication between you and -- and
21
     Jon. You said you don't recall what he said?
22
               I don't recall.
23
               Did he mention Craig Wright during that
     phone call?
24
2.5
               I don't recall.
          Α
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 1
               Did he -- when you received this email,
 2
     were you aware that Craig Wright was the person
 3
     they wanted you to come meet?
 4
               I don't know.
 5
          0
               Okay.
 6
               I don't recall when the name "Craig
 7
     Wright" entered the conversation.
 8
               So what was your initial reaction to --
 9
     when you finally did find out that there was
     -- strike that.
10
11
                   What was your initial reaction to
12
     somebody claiming to be able to prove that they
     were Satoshi Nakamoto?
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               I was skeptical.
               Fair to say you were extremely skeptical?
16
17
               I think that's fair to say.
          Α
18
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4, I believe.
19
20
                    (Exhibit 4 marked for
21
                   identification.)
22
               Do you recognize this email
23
     correspondence? This is -- sorry -- for the
     record, Bates Gavin 1433.
24
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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Page 39 And if you look at the email from you --1 2 this is an email from you to Jon Matonis and then 3 Jon Matonis responding back? 4 Α Yes. 5 And in it you write to Jon Matonis that 6 you're seeing whispers that Craig Wright is the 7 real deal? 8 Α Yes. 9 So fair to say at this point you were 10 aware it was Craig Wright they were asking you to 11 come meet? 12 Yes. I'm trying to remember my state of mind at that time. 13 I don't know if Jon had mentioned the 14 15 name "Craig Wright," and I was just seeing Craig 16 Wright in others -- other venues and putting the 17 pieces together. But, yes, certainly the name 18 "Craig Wright" was -- was in the air at that time. 19 0 Got it. 20 And right there in the email you said, "I'm extremely skeptical"? 21 22 A Yes. Why were you extremely skeptical? 23 24 I have been contacted by many people 25 claiming to be Satoshi Nakamoto in the past. So



Page 40 yet another claimed Satoshi made me extremely 1 2 skeptical. 3 And in it you -- you lay out four Q 4 different things that you'd like to see any real Satoshi candidate do? 5 6 Α Yes. 7 And those were that you'd want to see a message signed with the same PGP key that Satoshi 8 9 used in 2010; is that correct? 10 Α Yes. 11 And a message signed with the keys from early Bitcoin blocks? 12 13 Α Yes. 14 And a copy of an email or private forum 15 post between you and Satoshi? 16 Α Yes. And you wanted to have a conversation 17 18 about technical things via email? 19 Α Yes. 20 MR. KASS: Object to form. 21 Did you get all four of those things 22 during your interactions with Craig Wright in 2016 23 and 2017? 24 No. Α 2.5 Which did you get and which did you not Q



Page 41 1 get? 2 I believed I got a message signed with 3 keys from early Bitcoin blocks. 4 Q Okay. 5 And I did get a conversation about 6 technical stuff. I don't believe I got any email 7 or private forum posts. And I did not get any 8 messages signed with the PGP key that he was using 9 in 2010. 10 Okay. Did you ask for the PGP signature? 11 I vaguely recall a conversation about PGP 12 signatures, and I believe Craig gave me some reason 13 why he either did not have the key, or it would not 14 be good proof, but I don't recall the details. 15 And... 0 16 And the private posts, again, I think I recall him giving me -- I believe there was a claim 17 18 that all of those were deleted. Yeah, if I recall 19 correctly, he claimed that he had deleted those, 20 and they were unavailable. 21 Did you find that credible at the time? Q 22 Α Yes. 23 Q Do you still find that credible? 24 I have my doubts. Α 2.5 Q Okay. Jon Matonis responds, asking you



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     to -- or -- or suggesting that you forward your
 1
 2
     four expectations to Stefan in advance.
 3
                   Do you see that?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
          0
               Who is he talking about?
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
               Craig Wright was working with a couple of
          Α
     venture capital-type people. I've forgotten the
 8
9
     name of their company. Excuse me, I've forgotten
     who is who. But he was one of those venture
10
11
     capital-type people who, I believe, were interested
12
     in helping Craig through this whole process of
13
     claiming to be Satoshi Nakamoto.
14
               And did you -- had you had interactions
15
     with Stefan before this date?
16
               I -- there might have been emails before
17
     this date.
18
              Okay.
          Q
19
               I'd have to go back and check. I had not
20
     met him.
21
               And at this point, were you aware that
22
     they wanted you to participate in a public
23
     endorsement of Craig Wright as Satoshi?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
2.5
          Α
               I think so, yes.
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 1
               Okay. I'm gonna hand you what's been
     marked as -- sorry -- been marked as Plaintiffs'
 2
     Exhibit 5. And for the record, it's Gavin 1286.
 3
 4
                    (Exhibit 5 marked for
                   identification.)
 5
 6
               Take a moment to review that.
          0
 7
                   Do you recognize this email?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And is it an email from you to
     craig@ncrypt.com?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               This was Craig Wright?
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               And in it is it fair to say that you're
15
     asking Craig to give you some of his backstory and
16
     thoughts on the state of Bitcoin?
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               Okay. Did he give you his backstory and
19
     his thoughts on the state of Bitcoin?
               I don't recall.
20
          Α
21
              Do you --
          Q
22
               I'd have to go back and look at the email
23
     thread.
24
               Okay. Did -- did you have a telephonic
25
     communication with Craig Wright as of this date?
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 1
               I don't believe so, no.
 2
               Okay. And just -- this is about five
 3
     days or so before the proof session in London that
 4
     took place on April 7th?
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
          Α
               Correct.
 7
               Is -- so you don't believe you had spoken
          0
     to him telephonically yet?
 8
 9
               I don't believe so, but my recollection
10
     could be faulty.
11
          0
               Fair enough.
12
                    I'm gonna hand you what's been marked
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit --
13
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: 6.
14
15
               -- 6 -- thank you -- and for the record
     is Gavin 307.
16
17
                    (Exhibit 6 marked for
18
                   identification.)
19
               Do you recognize this email?
          0
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               It's an email from Craig to you?
          Q
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               In response to your last email on the
     state of affairs of Bitcoin?
2.5
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Page 45
 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               So he did respond to you. Does this help
 3
     refresh your recollection that he did respond to
 4
     you about the state of affairs of Bitcoin as of
     2016?
 5
 6
          Α
               Yes.
 7
               Okay. And did you read this email at the
 8
     time?
 9
              Yes, I did.
          Α
10
               Did you find it convincing?
               I found it convincing enough for me to
11
          Α
12
     get on an airplane to London.
13
               Fair enough.
          0
14
                    I'm handing you what's been marked as
15
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 7. And for the record, it's
     Gavin 1120.
16
17
                    (Exhibit 7 marked for
18
                   identification.)
19
               Do you recognize this email?
          0
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And it's one from Craig to you?
          Q
22
          Α
               Yes.
               And it -- it includes, underneath that,
23
24
     the thread of a -- of a message from you to Gav --
25
     from you to Craig and then, initially, from Craig
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     to you?
 1
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               And, actually, it includes that email way
     at the bottom where you're actually asking, that we
 4
 5
     looked at previously --
 6
          Α
               Yes.
               -- Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5?
 7
          0
 8
                   MR. KASS: Objection to form.
 9
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Wait, wait, wait.
10
               So if you take a look at the email from
11
     Craig to you, can you look at the -- the last line
12
     of that email? He tells you, "The backstory is
     long. You will have it in installments for this
13
14
     reason, but you will have it."
15
                   Do you see that?
16
          Α
               Yes.
17
          Q
               Did you end up having it?
               I -- some of it --
18
          Α
19
          0
               Okay.
               -- maybe. I have my doubts on -- I have
20
          Α
21
     many, many doubts in my head about what parts of --
22
     what things Craig told me are true and what are not
23
     true.
24
               Okay. Did he give you a long backstory?
          Q
2.5
               He gave me a fairly long backstory.
          Α
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 1
               Okay. And when did he give you that
 2
     fairly long backstory?
 3
               In London, in the -- the hotel room.
 4
          Q
               Okay.
 5
          Α
               Or the hotel basement.
 6
          0
               I'm gonna come back to that.
 7
                   In the interim, let me hand you
 8
     what's been marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit --
 9
                   MR. KASS: 8?
               -- 8. And for the record, it's Gavin
10
     1720.
11
12
                    (Exhibit 8 marked for
13
                   identification.)
14
               Do you recognize this email -- or these
15
     emails, I should say?
16
          Α
               Yes.
               And it's a -- it's a series of emails
17
18
     between you and Craig?
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               On or about April 6, 2016?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               And it looks like -- if you look on the
23
     midway point of page that's marked 1720 at the
24
     bottom, it looks like what you did is you responded
25
     to Craig's email by inserting your own comments in
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 1
     line with his email below?
 2
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 3
               Is that what happened?
          Q
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And if you look at the second paragraph
          Q
 6
     up from the bottom of that page, you state to
 7
     Craig, "I know nothing about your business. One
     question on my list of things to ask you: Why lots
 8
 9
     of businesses if you have lots of coin already?"
10
                   Do you see that?
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               That was from you?
          Q
13
            Yes, that was from me.
          Α
14
               Okay. Did he ever explain that to you?
15
               No.
          Α
16
               I am handing you what's been marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 9 --
17
18
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Yeah.
19
               -- 9, and I didn't -- accidentally did
     not print with the Bates label, but for the record,
20
     it should match to Bates Gavin 1077 -- 77.
21
22
                    (Exhibit 9 marked for
23
                   identification.)
24
               Do you recognize this email -- these
2.5
     emails?
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 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               And this, similarly, is a email chain
 3
     between you and Craig on or about April 6 of 2016?
 4
          Α
               No --
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
               -- this is between me and Andrew O'Hagan.
          Α
 7
               Maybe I handed you the wrong email. Can
          Q
 8
     I grab that back?
9
                   MR. KASS: Is this still Exhibit 9,
10
     though?
                   MR. FREEDMAN: No, that's not. We're
11
     gonna redo Exhibit 9. I gave you all the wrong
12
13
     email.
             Sorry.
14
                   (Pause.)
15
                   THE WITNESS:
                                 So many email.
16
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Yeah. I apologize.
     just used my printer this morning at the hotel.
17
18
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Do you want this
19
     on?
20
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Oh, actually, why
21
     don't we go off the record for two minutes.
22
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sure. The time
     now is 10:04 a.m. We're going off the record.
23
24
                   (Exhibit 9 marked for
25
                   identification.)
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 1
                   (Off record.)
 2
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
 3
     10:13 a.m. We're coming back on the record.
 4
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
 5
               Okay. I've now handed you the remarked
          Q
 6
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 9. Do you recognize this
 7
     email?
 8
          Α
              Yes.
 9
               And is this email an email exchange
10
     between you and Craig Wright?
11
          Α
              Yes.
12
            On or about April 6, 2016?
13
          Α
              Yes.
14
               I've handed you the correct exhibit this
15
     time.
16
                   So I want to -- I want to ask you
17
     some questions about some of the statements in
     this -- in this email.
18
19
                   In the first paragraph, Craig opens
     up, he says, "Only time will tell, but I" -- "I
20
21
     made some incredible mistakes."
22
                   Do you see that?
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
               The email doesn't say what those
25
     incredible mistakes are, as far as I'm aware, but
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     do you know what those incredible mistakes are?
 1
 2
          Α
               No.
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               Did you ever come to learn what those
          Q
     incredible mistakes were?
 5
 6
          Α
               No.
 7
               Okay. Did you ask him what he meant by
          0
     "incredible mistakes"?
 8
 9
               I don't think so, no.
10
               Okay. He then -- about halfway down the
11
     page, he quotes your email that says, "I know
     nothing about your businesses."
12
13
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
14
               Do you see that?
15
               Yes, I do.
16
               And then he responds, That was part of
     the idea. It was a front in some ways.
17
18
     made some really stupid mistakes.
19
                   Do you know what he meant by saying
     his businesses were a "front" in some ways?
20
21
                   MR. KASS: Object. Object to form.
22
          Α
               No.
23
          0
               Did you ever come to learn what he meant
24
     by that?
25
          Α
               No.
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               Did you ever ask him what he meant by the
 1
 2
     fact that his businesses were a "front"?
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
               Did you come to learn that he's claimed
     millions of dollars in tax rebates from the
 5
 6
     Australian Tax Office based on these businesses?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               I saw that in media reports.
 9
               Did it strike you as odd that he would be
10
     using a front to claim millions of dollars in tax
     rebates?
11
12
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
               I don't think I ever thought about it.
          Α
14
               So you didn't learn what the incredible
15
     mistakes were. Did you learn what the really
     stupid mistakes were?
16
17
          Α
               No.
18
               Did you ask him what really stupid
     mistakes he made?
19
20
          Α
               No.
21
               Then the next paragraph, he says, "The
22
     ones that matter remain hidden."
23
                   Did you take this to mean the really
24
     stupid mistakes that matter remain hidden?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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Page 53 1 Α Yes. 2 And then he says, "The media has grabbed 3 all of the shit and low-hanging fruit, and they 4 have done no real investigation. Thank God for the 5 laziness of human nature." 6 Do you know what he was concerned the 7 media would find out? 8 MR. KASS: I'm gonna object to form. 9 Α No. 10 Did you ever ask him what he was concerned the media would find out about? 11 12 Α No. 13 In the bottom paragraph on the page, he 14 says, "Now I am this guy who does what the hell he 15 likes, cannot be fired, and who has finally learnt 16 to delegate all he hates." 17 Did you ever ask him what it is he 18 likes to do? 19 Did I ever ask him? He told me what he 20 likes to do. 21 What did he say he likes to do? 22 He likes to get PhDs. He likes to do 23 research. He likes to write papers. 24 Okay. And then, if you turn to the next 25 page for me, marked Gavin 1078, on the top of the



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Page 54
     page, Craig guotes your email again that says, "One
 1
     question on my list of things to ask you: Why lots
 2
 3
     of businesses if you have lots of coin already?"
 4
                   Do you see that on the top?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
               And then he responds, "Bad decisions,"
          Q
 8
     full stop.
 9
                   Do you know what he meant by "bad
     decisions"?
10
11
          Α
               No.
12
               Did you ever ask him what he meant by
     "bad decisions"?
13
14
          Α
               No.
15
               You didn't ask him if stealing Bitcoin
     had anything to do with bad decisions?
16
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
          Α
               No.
19
               Then he says, "I was advised about risk
     diversification in the early days."
20
21
                   Did you ask him -- do -- do you know
22
     what he means there?
23
               No.
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
2.5
          Q
               Did you ask him what he meant?
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Page 55
 1
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Wait.
 2
          Α
               No.
 3
                   MR. KASS: Vel, if you could pause.
 4
     There's gonna be a lot of objections --
 5
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Yeah.
 6
                   MR. KASS: -- throughout the email.
 7
                   MR. FREEDMAN: No problem.
 8
                   THE WITNESS: Sorry.
 9
               Then, in the -- in the third paragraph
     down from the top, he says, "Then, none of this is
10
     about money."
11
12
                   Do you see that?
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               Did you ask him what he meant by none of
15
     it being about money?
16
          Α
               No.
               Did it strike you as odd that it was not
17
18
     at all about money?
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
          Α
               No.
21
               So he has a venture capital firm reach
22
     out to you; is that -- that's right?
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
               And paying for you to come to London,
25
     right?
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Page 56
 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               And funding your trip there?
          Q
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And coordinating an entire media blitz;
          0
 6
     is that an accurate statement?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And it didn't strike you as odd that none
10
     of this was about money?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
12
               Or, I mean, maybe it just didn't occur to
     you. I mean, like, tell me how -- what -- give me
13
14
     your reaction to the statement that none of this --
15
     this is -- "none of this is about money," and, yet,
     it apparently appears, at least to me, that a ton
16
     of it's about money.
17
18
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
               I -- yeah, I was not thinking about money
20
     when I received this email. I was thinking about,
21
     is this person Satoshi Nakamoto or not. And...
22
               That's fair.
23
               Yeah, that -- that's -- so, yeah, I was
     not thinking about the money.
24
2.5
               In retrospect, does it strike you as odd
          Q
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     that he said "none of this is about money"?
 1
 2
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
               Why?
          0
 5
          Α
               Being Satoshi Nakamoto is about much more
 6
     than money. He's almost a God-like figure in the
 7
     Bitcoin community. He's the holy founder of this
 8
     world-changing technology. So saying "this is not
9
     about money" did not strike me as strange because
     of that.
10
11
                   Because, you know, having been the
     chief scientist of the Bitcoin Foundation and the
12
13
     lead developer for the project, I had felt the kind
14
     of weight of that responsibility, and to take on
15
     the mantle of being Satoshi Nakamoto struck me as,
     you know, much more important than -- than the
16
     money. So that's where my head space was through
17
18
     this conversation.
19
               So consistent with something Satoshi
     might actually say?
20
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               Sitting here today, do you believe this
23
     was stated honestly, that it really wasn't about
24
     money?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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 1
          Α
               I don't know.
 2
               At the end of that paragraph, the
 3
     second-to-bottom line, he says, "I have access to
 4
     systems that transfer more value and transactions a
 5
     day than the existing BTC network does in a year."
 6
                   Do you understand what he meant by
 7
     t.hat.?
 8
          Α
               No.
 9
               Did you ever come to understand what he
10
     meant by that?
11
          Α
               No.
12
               Is this a statement that you think is --
     is -- is possible?
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               I don't know. I've never thought about
16
     it.
17
               And then if we go down, from there, two
18
     paragraphs, Craig tells you, "I want to stay as
19
     close to the edge as I can without going over."
20
                   Do you know what he meant by that?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               No. And I think that might be a quote
23
     from somebody. It sounds familiar.
24
               But you can't recall who?
          Q
2.5
          Α
               No.
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               And then if you go down, you'll see
 1
 2
     there's a line that begins with the word
 3
     "frustration"?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               He says, "Frustration should be my middle
 6
     name."
 7
                   Do you know why he said frustration
 8
     should be his middle name?
9
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
10
          Α
               No.
11
               What did you take that statement to mean?
               I can't put myself back when this email
12
          Α
13
     was received, so I am projecting backwards.
14
     don't know what I would have thought when I first
15
     read this email. Knowing what I know now, my
16
     assumption would be he was frustrated that he
17
     didn't have complete control over kind of the
18
     process.
19
                   Because, to me, he claimed that he
     had been extorted, and, basically, he was forced to
20
21
     step forward and reveal himself as Satoshi
22
     Nakamoto. I don't think I knew that when I first
23
     read this email, but if I project backwards, I'm --
24
     that -- that is what I would assume he meant.
               And then he says, "Here... well, I have a
2.5
          Q
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Page 60 plan that is likely to leave me more hated." 1 2 Do you know what he meant by that? 3 MR. KASS: Object to form. 4 Α No. 5 And then if you -- if you look down 6 toward the -- the end of the -- I quess it's one, 7 two, three, four up from the bottom, he says, "Your 8 mistake may have been the BTC Foundation, mine was 9 that bloody response to a DoS." 10 Do you know what a "DoS" is? DoS is a denial-of-service attack. 11 Α 12 Do you know what he meant by responding to denial-of-service attack? 13 14 MR. KASS: Object to form. 15 Wait. Yes, I think he was assuming 16 in 2010 there were denial-of-service attacks 17 against the Bitcoin network and what are called 18 "transaction spamming attacks," where somebody 19 floods the network with lots of tiny transactions. 20 And as part of that, that was --21 there was a technical change made by Satoshi to 22 limit the Bitcoin block size to 1 megabyte, and that had been, and is still, actually, hugely 23 24 controversial on whether to increase the block size to allow more transactions. So I believe that's 2.5



Page 61 what he was referring to. 1 2 Okay. If you turn to the next page, 3 Gavin 1079, and you look two down from the top, he 4 starts the paragraph with, "Some of all this is 5 stranger than fiction." 6 Do you agree with that statement? 7 "Some of all of this is stranger than Α 8 fiction." It's hard to agree with a statement 9 that's so vaque. 10 Fair enough. And then if you -- if you 11 go down to the -- I guess two paragraphs down from 12 that, he says, "Why? That is the question. Why 13 not have a life of leisure? Why not a yacht? Yada Yada Yada." 14 15 And then if you read the next 16 paragraph he says, "My wife and I spend time in Antiqua from time to time. We have friends who 17 18 live there. It becomes a life draining of vampiric 19 exercise fast. I do not relax well. As for the 20 boat, tried that, a hole in the water that you have 21 to maintain and my wife gets seasick." 22 What did you take these statements to 23 mean? 24 What did I take them to mean? 25 took them to be his way of telling me that he has



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     resources and -- and, again, trying to tell me that
 2
     it's not about money; that he has money already.
 3
     think that's probably the way I took it when I read
 4
     that email.
 5
               And then if you drop down, he quotes you
 6
     again, "Why lots of businesses if you have lots of
 7
     coin already."
 8
                   Do you see that?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
               And then he responds, "Lots is not the
          Q
     issue. Lots has allowed the media to focus in the
12
     wrong places. They have no idea what the main
13
     business is."
14
15
                   Did you ever get additional detail on
     what the main business is?
16
17
          Α
               No.
18
               Did you ask?
          Q
19
          Α
               No.
20
               Do you find that inconsistent with his
21
     statement that it's not about money?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
23
               Did I find it inconsistent -- I'm not
     sure I understand the -- the question.
24
2.5
               Aren't businesses usually about money?
          Q
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 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
               I think at the time I did not find it
 3
     inconsistent. I mean, if I think back on it now,
 4
     yeah, it might be inconsistent.
 5
          0
               He said that -- that the -- the lots of
 6
     coin or the -- the large amount of coin has allowed
 7
     the media to focus in the wrong places.
 8
                   Do you know what the right places
 9
     they should have focused on was?
10
          Α
               No.
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               And then he says, "They even missed that
12
13
     we paid out Hotwire and that none really failed,"
14
     smiley face.
15
                   Do you know what that meant -- means?
16
               No, I don't know.
          Α
               Did you ever get additional detail?
17
          Q
18
          Α
               No.
19
               All right. If you turn to page 1080 for
20
     me.
21
                   You see in the bottom of the page,
22
     this is -- I think now we're in an email that you
23
     sent that began on the previous page, and you,
     again, inserted your comments in line with his
24
     email; is that right?
25
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Page 64 1 MR. KASS: Object to form. 2 Α Let me see. Yes. 3 And then way at the bottom, you've told 4 him -- and this is a paraphrase, but let me know if 5 it's fair -- that you've given some thought to the 6 meeting with him tomorrow; you'll be bringing your 7 laptop and a new USB stick, and you'd like a couple 8 of things to verify, one being a PGP signed 9 message, like you had said earlier, and you even 10 gave the phrase "so it goes" as what you wanted him 11 to sign, right? 12 Α Yes. 13 MR. KASS: Object. 14 And then one or more messages signed 15 using keys from the early Bitcoin blocks, right? 16 Yes. 17 And then copies of never-before published 18 private emails or forum posts between you and 19 Satoshi? 20 Α Yes. 21 MR. KASS: Object to form. 22 And consistent with your -- would it be 23 consistent with your testimony earlier that you may have gotten No. 2, but you did not get No. 1 and 24 No. 3? 25



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          Α
               Yes.
 1
 2
               Okay. Thank you.
 3
                   And this was the day before you met
 4
     Craig in London for the proof session, right?
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
               Yes.
          Α
 7
               If -- if you look before -- no. Sorry.
 8
     Strike that.
 9
                   So the next day is April 7th, and you
10
     arrive in London for this proof session; is that
11
     right?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Can you walk -- you know what, why don't
14
     we -- it's not really a memory test, so let me give
15
     you back what we're now gonna call Plaintiffs'
     Exhibit 10. And this is missing the -- the Bates,
16
     but it is 10 -- no. I'm sorry. It's Gavin 810.
17
18
                    (Exhibit 10 marked for
19
                   identification.)
20
          Q
               Do you recognize this email?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               And is this correspondence between you
23
     and Andrew O'Hagan?
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
               And in it are you describing a meeting
          Q
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     you had this day, the April 7th day?
 1
 2
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               Okay. Do you want to take a minute to
5
     review it?
 6
                   (Witness perusing document.)
 7
                   MR. KASS: Vel, I'm just gonna raise
 8
     my same objection about the non-disclosure. Do you
9
     just agree I don't have to raise it again and
10
     whatever validity it has, it has?
                   MR. FREEDMAN: I don't understand.
11
12
     mean, you've -- you've made your statement before,
     and the witness --
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Fine.
15
                   MR. FREEDMAN: -- is under a subpoena
     to testify. There's no protective order granted
16
     for a nondisclosure. You didn't raise it in front
17
18
     of the Court. So I'm not sure what you're saying,
19
     but whatever you're saying, it's certainly there,
20
     you don't have to keep saying it.
21
                   MR. KASS: Okay. That's all I wanted
22
               I just wanted to avoid having to resay it
23
     if you agree it's kind of said in that still.
24
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Standing -- whatever
2.5
     you said is standing.
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 1
                   MR. KASS: Perfect. That's all I
 2
     wanted.
 3
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
 4
              Have you completed your review?
 5
          Α
            Yes.
 6
               So is it an accurate high-level summary
 7
     of what happened that day?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               I want to go into it in a little bit more
10
     detail with you, if that's all right.
11
          Α
               Okay.
12
               You got off the plane at around 11:00 or
13
     so; is that right?
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               Arrived at the hotel, I should say,
     around 11:00?
16
               That's probably correct.
17
18
               The email, "It was a red-eye flight, so I
     arrived at the hotel at 11:00 a.m."
19
20
                   We were not following you that day.
21
               It was a red-eye flight, so I was very
22
     tired.
23
               Yes.
                     And who -- who were the first folks
24
     that you met with that day?
2.5
               The venture capital people, who,
          Α
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Page 68 according to this email, are named Andrew and Rob. 1 2 Yeah, or -- right. And -- and what did 3 they -- where did that meeting take place? 4 That meeting took place in the -- in a 5 conference room in the basement of the hotel I was 6 staying at. 7 Okay. And what did they -- what did they 8 tell you? 9 They -- let's see. One of them said he 10 had known Craig for a long time, and that Craig had been talking to him about Bitcoin for a long time, 11 and that over time he had become convinced that 12 13 Craig was Satoshi and had invented Bitcoin. 14 And the other one, I believe -- I'm 15 trying to remember the conversation. It's been a 16 very long time. I don't recall the details of that 17 conversation, but it was also -- let's see, he 18 talked about how he was working with Craig 19 business-wise and, you know, was helping facilitate 20 everything that was happening. And, again, I -- I 21 have very little recollection of what exactly we 22 talked about. 23 Did they explain why they were involved? 24 MR. KASS: Object to form. 25 Yes. Again, one of them, I don't recall Α



Page 69 which, said he had been in -- a business partner or 1 2 a business associate or somehow involved in Craig's 3 businesses in the past. 4 And then the -- the other one, the 5 money person, I don't recall if he -- he mentioned 6 how he had gotten involved, if it was Craig or if 7 it was this other person who brought him in. 8 Frankly, I just don't recall. 9 Did there come a time when you learned 10 that this venture capital group intended to sell or 11 license many of Craig's purported intellectual 12 properties and patents under the Satoshi name to monetize those inventions? 13 14 MR. KASS: Object to form. 15 At some point, I learned that, I don't recall when. 16 17 0 Could it have been in this conversation? 18 MR. KASS: Object to form. 19 It's possible it was in that Α 20 conversation, yes. 21 In the email to Andrew O'Hagan you say, 22 "They gave me a lot of background and explained 23 their involvement before meeting with Craig." 24 Was that part of the background that 25 they gave you?



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 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               Was what part of the background?
 3
               That -- this investment and what they
          Q
 4
     were hoping to do with it.
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
               Possibly. Again, I don't -- I don't
          Α
7
     recall details of that conversation.
 8
               And then, from that meeting, did you go
9
     to meet Craig?
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
          Α
               That meeting I think -- I'm trying to
12
     recall physically where what happened. I believe I
13
     met them in the same room, and then Craig came into
14
     the room, and I met with Craig for the first time.
15
               And what did he tell you there?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
17
               What did he tell me? Again, I don't
18
     recall details. If you want to ask something
19
     specific, I might be able to --
20
               Did he say, "Hi, I'm Satoshi Nakamoto"?
21
     Like, do you remember, did he claim to be Satoshi
22
     in that -- in that conversation?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               I don't think he ever directly claimed to
25
     be Satoshi, although, I might be mistaken.
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 1
               Did you talk at all about Satoshi
     Nakamoto during that initial conversation?
 2
 3
               I don't recall.
 4
               Did he -- did you ask him about where all
     his coins were?
 5
 6
          Α
               No.
 7
               Did you discuss any of the trusts that
          0
 8
     had been set up?
 9
          Α
               No.
10
               Did you discuss the creation of Bitcoin
11
     at all during that initial conversation?
               I don't think so.
12
          Α
               Did he mention Dave Kleiman in that
13
     initial conversation?
14
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I -- I think he did, but I'm not certain.
16
     I remember him getting emotional. I believe -- I
17
18
     believe at one point there was some mention of Dave
19
     Kleiman, and I remember Craig being emotional.
2.0
               Emotional in what way?
21
          Α
               Sad about Dave's death. I did not press
22
     or ask.
23
               And do you know in what context Dave
24
     Kleiman was raised in this initial conversation?
25
               I think we had a conversation about the
          Α
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     person of Satoshi actually being three people --
 2
               Okay.
 3
               -- being Dave Kleiman, Craig Wright, and
     some other mysterious person, who I never asked
 4
5
     about.
 6
               And you say you think you had this
7
     conversation. Are you sure you had this
     conversation, or do you think you had this
 8
9
     conversation?
10
               I think I had this conversation. Again,
11
     I was jet lagged, and this was four years ago,
12
     so --
13
          O And is the doubt --
14
              -- my recollection is -- my recollection
15
     is very fuzzy.
16
               And this -- this conversation -- let me
17
     strike that.
18
                   Is the doubt that you don't know if
     it was during this conversation or a later
19
20
     conversation, or are you concerned you might be
21
     imagining the whole thing?
22
               Yeah, I'm -- I'm certain that, you know,
23
     it could have been this conversation or the
     following breakfast. It's also possible...
24
25
               So is it fair to say Craig told you this,
          0
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Page 73 you just don't remember when? 2 MR. KASS: Object to form. 3 Α Yes. 4 Okay. So after you -- you met with Craig 5 in this initial conversation, did you go right to 6 the proof section -- proof session? 7 MR. KASS: Object to form. 8 The proof session was -- it was one 9 continuous meeting in that room at the hotel. 10 Can you -- can you walk me through that 11 proof session? 12 Sure. I -- I do recall producing a 13 brand-new USB stick. So I had my laptop with me 14 and a -- put a brand-new, sealed-in-the-package USB 15 stick on the table, which I expected Craig to take 16 and produce some digital signatures that I could then verify on my laptop. That did not happen. 17 18 Instead, a laptop was procured, a brand-new laptop 19 was procured by an assistant. I think it was an 20 assistant for one of the -- I don't know whose 21 assistant it was. 22 Craig and I waited in the room while 23 the laptop was purchased. It was then unpacked and booted up for the first time in front of me. And 24 25 the proof then was Craig downloaded and installed



Page 74 1 software. And then, after some -- many hours, I 2 3 don't recall how many hours, but it took much 4 longer than -- than expected, at the end of that, I 5 was convinced that he had taken one of the early 6 blocks and signed a message using its private key. 7 Which block did he use? It was the block that -- I believe it was 8 9 block 10, the block that -- that had the 10 transaction from Satoshi to Hal Finney. 11 0 So the assistant that went to get the 12 computer -- sorry. Strike that. 13 Did you accompany the assistant to go purchase the new computer? 14 15 Α No. 16 When the computer came back, how -- did you verify that it was factory sealed? 17 18 Α No. When the -- when the computer started up, 19 20 did it boot up with the typical initial startup 21 that's required on a new computer? 22 Α Yes. 23 Which Bitcoin wallet did -- did 24 Dr. Wright use for the demonstration? 2.5 MR. KASS: Object to form.



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               Which -- I be -- I'm not sure -- do
 1
 2
     you -- do you mean which software did he use?
 3
               Meaning, yes, which software did Craig
 4
     use to -- to initiate the transaction, the signed
5
     transaction?
 6
               I went back and checked my notes this
7
     morning, and it was Electrum.
 8
              Do you have notes of that actual meeting
9
     somewhere?
               I don't have contemporaneous notes.
10
11
     best I have is a -- a Reddit private message thread
12
     that I had with a person on Reddit that -- that I
13
     gave up as part of discovery. Those are the
14
     best -- that's the best notes that I have.
15
               And whose -- did you suggest that he use
16
     Electrum?
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
          Α
               No.
19
               He chose Electrum?
          0
20
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
21
               He chose Electrum, yes.
          Α
22
               How was -- how was it -- how
23
     was it downloaded? How was it -- how did Electrum
     end up on the computer?
24
2.5
               It was downloaded via the hotel Wi-Fi
          Α
```



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 1
     from the -- and I don't recall if it was from the
     Electrum website or from GitHub.
 2
 3
               And did you verify -- did you watch the
 4
     laptop connect to the hotel's Wi-Fi?
 5
          Α
               I don't recall.
 6
               Did you see him input, like, the log-in
 7
     codes that are typically associated with a hotel
 8
     Wi-Fi?
 9
               I don't recall.
          Α
10
               Is it possible it was not the hotel's
     Wi-Fi?
11
            Yes, it --
12
          Α
13
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
14
          Α
               Yes, it is possible.
15
               When Electrum was downloaded either from
16
     GitHub or from Electrum's website, did you verify
     that it had the HTTPS security certificate on the
17
18
     website?
               I don't recall.
19
20
               Did you verify the hash digest of the
21
     download against something you had brought with you
22
     independently?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               The hash digest of the Electrum software?
25
     No, I did not.
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               And I understand you were jet lagged
 1
 2
     during this. Is it fair to say you were exhausted
 3
     at this point?
 4
               Yes, I was.
          Α
 5
               So how did -- as I understand it, Craig
 6
     signed the message on his own computer, and then
7
     you verified that signature on the new computer.
 8
     Is that -- is that right?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
9
10
               No. Everything happened on that new
11
     computer. That's not true. There had to be a
12
     private key involved.
                   I don't recall -- I don't recall if
13
     he signed a message on his computer and then
14
15
     transferred it to the new computer, or if he
     transferred the private key to that new computer.
16
     I don't recall which method was used.
17
18
                    (Pause.)
19
                   (Exhibit 11 marked for
20
                   identification.)
21
               So I'm handing you what's been marked as
22
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 11, and it's been produced by
23
     you as -- we've marked it as Gavin 2007.
24
                   Take a moment to familiarize yourself
25
     with it, and then, if you would, turn to 2009 at
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     the bottom.
 1
 2
                   Is this that Reddit private message
 3
     you discussed earlier?
 4
               Yes, it is.
          Α
 5
               And if you go to the bottom of page 2009,
 6
     do you see it says, CSW signed on his laptop using
 7
     Electrum. GA -- which I assume is Gavin Andresen
 8
     -- did not witness the procedure on CSW's screen.
9
     CSW put the signature in a text file and put the
     text file on GA's USB stick.
10
                   Does this help refresh your
11
     recollection of --
12
              2009.
13
          Α
14
               -- what happened? Sorry? Do you want to
15
     keep reading?
16
          Α
               Let me --
17
          0
              Yeah. Go ahead.
18
               -- find the...
19
                   MR. KASS: I'm just objecting to the
    use of this document.
20
21
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Okay. On what basis?
22
                   MR. KASS: It's not clear if this is
23
     a Reddit post. It looks like something that was
     copied and pasted into a Word document. Nothing
24
25
     has been established as to the providence of this
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 1
     document. So until that's established...
 2
                    (Pause.)
 3
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
 4
               All right. Let me take a step back,
          0
 5
     actually, before you do that and address Mr. Kass's
 6
     concern.
 7
                   Do you recognize this particular
 8
     document?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               Can you explain to me how I obtained
11
     possession of this document?
12
               I went into my Reddit account and went
13
     back through my Reddit private messages, and then I
14
     copied and pasted into a text document that I sent
15
     to you as part of my response to the subpoena I
16
     received.
17
               And is this an accurate copy and paste of
18
     the Reddit messages?
19
               Some of the formatting is a little weird,
     but, yes, all of the text is.
20
21
               The substance is accurate?
          0
22
               The substance is accurate, I believe.
23
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Okay. Still have an
24
     objection?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: We'll get to it on cross.
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 1
     I mean --
 2
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Okay.
 3
                   MR. KASS: -- a little better.
 4
               So, Mr. Andresen, does this help -- is
          0
5
     this a completely accurate description of exactly
 6
     what occurred in that demonstration?
 7
               The -- the text that we were talking
          Α
 8
     about, the -- let's see.
9
                   (Pause.)
10
               Yes. I believe at least everything on
11
     page 2009 and 2010, this person I was corresponding
12
     with put together from things I had said publicly
13
     around the time that this was being discussed.
14
               And there's a message here, it says you
15
     got -- are you Etmet -- Etmetm?
16
               No, I am not Etmetm. That was the person
17
     I was discussing with that. Etmetm is one of
18
     the -- I believe he says he's an Electrum
19
     developer.
20
               Got it. And there's a message on the --
21
     on page 2011, it says, "You got several details
22
             I'll correct when on my computer next."
     wrong.
23
                   Is that -- is that from you?
24
          Α
               That is from me, yes.
25
          Q
               Did you ever correct?
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 1
          Α
               No.
 2
          0
               Okay. What was wrong?
 3
               Oh, boy. Yeah, I don't recall what was
          Α
 4
     wrong.
 5
          Q
               Regardless, does this -- does this
 6
     exchange -- does this document help refresh your
7
     recollection as to whether the signature was -- the
 8
     sig -- the proof process was done completely on the
9
     new computer or whether it involved two computers?
10
               I have no memory of it. So this document
11
     is the best record of what probably happened.
12
               Okay. So you would defer to this
13
     document?
14
          Α
               Yes.
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
16
               Is one of the mistakes -- do you believe
     one of the mistakes in the document is that it was
17
18
     signed on Craig's laptop and transferred to yours
     with a USB stick?
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
21
               It's possible that that is one of the
22
     mistakes, because I don't remember the USB stick
23
     ever being removed from its bubble shell factory --
     but it might have been.
24
2.5
               So how did Craig get -- assuming that it
          Q
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Page 82 was all done on the new computer, how did Craig get 1 2 the private key to block 9 onto the new computer? 3 MR. KASS: Object to form. 4 I don't know. Α 5 And then what -- what would have been the 0 6 -- did you go ahead and verify it after he had 7 signed it? 8 MR. KASS: Object to form. 9 Did I? If I recall correctly, Craig 10 signed a message, and I saw him do the command to 11 -- to sign the message. I think it must have been 12 on his personal computer. And we probably did use 13 a USB stick to move it to the -- the fresh 14 computer. And then Craig typed on the fresh 15 computer the verify command, which failed initially. We did it a second time, and -- and 16 that verification succeeded. 17 18 What was different? Why did it fail and 19 then why did it succeed? 20 We were verifying a slightly different 21 message. I think that it was, you know, Gavin's 22 favorite number is 11, maybe, if I recall 23 correctly, dash, CSW versus Gavin's favorite number is 11. And we had just -- again, it had been a 24 25 long day. I was jet lagged. I think Craig was



Page 83 1 tired after wrestling with new computers and 2 software, and -- and, hence, the -- the failed 3 first attempt and the -- the successful second 4 attempt. 5 Wasn't the message copied from the Q 6 original signed message and then pasted and then 7 again copied and pasted to verify? 8 MR. KASS: Object to form. 9 I'm not sure I understand the question. 10 Was the message, Gavin's favorite -- so 11 we had the signed -- we had the signed message, 12 right? You have a message that you then sign and 13 Α 14 create a digital signature --15 Right. 16 -- yes. 17 Then how did you go about verifying that 18 signature? 19 You take the digital signature, you transfer it to -- well, you don't have to transfer 20 21 it to another computer, but you can then -- given the -- the public key, which -- which I knew from 22 23 the early Bitcoin block, public key, the signature, and the message that you signed, together, form a 24 25 verification, so you need those three things.



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               And so my question is: You didn't --
 1
     there -- there wasn't a copy and paste of the
 2
 3
    message you were signing, you didn't create a Word
 4
     file or a text file of "Gavin's favorite number is
 5
     11-CSW, " save that, put it on the USB, reopen that,
 6
     and use that as one of the three factors?
 7
               No, the --
          Α
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
 9
          Q
               Sorry. Go ahead.
10
          Α
               No. The message was --
11
          Q
               Retyped.
12
          Α
               -- entered, retyped.
13
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counsel, I'm sorry
14
     to interrupt. I have a bit of a technical issue.
15
     Could we go off the record --
16
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Sure.
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: -- for a moment?
17
18
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Time is 11:01.
19
     going off the record. This will mark the end of
     Media Unit No. 1. We're off the record.
20
21
                   (Off record.)
22
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
23
     11:10 a.m. We're coming back on the record.
24
     beginning Media Unit No. 2 in our deposition with
2.5
     Gavin Andresen. We're on the record.
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Page 85 1 BY MR. FREEDMAN: 2 Has this discussion at all refreshed your 3 recollection of whether there was, in fact, a 4 transfer of the signature from one computer to 5 another? 6 MR. KASS: Object to form. 7 No. Again, my -- I don't recollect that Α 8 level of detail. 9 Is it fair to say that if -- if there was 10 a transfer, you did not verify that there was no other software installed on the USB stick? 11 12 MR. KASS: Object to form. 13 Α Yes. 14 Can you guarantee there was an authentic 15 version of Electrum used for this signing event? MR. KASS: Object to form. 16 Can I quarantee? No. It's possible that 17 18 a roque version was downloaded. 19 Can you quarantee that no code under 20 Craig's control was installed on the computers used 21 to verify the message? 22 MR. KASS: Object to form. 23 No. 24 Did you verify the public address of 2.5 block 9 or 10 with the public address that had been



Page 86 used to sign the block? Did you go through every 1 2 letter and verify it matched? 3 I brought a list of all the early block 4 public addresses, and I did verify -- I don't 5 recall if I went through every single letter, but I 6 probably did at least the first four to six and the 7 last four to six, which is typically how I verify a 8 public address is -- is what I think it is. 9 During the public proof demonstration, was there any mention of a -- of needing a trust's 10 permission to use the private key? 11 I don't recall. 12 Α 13 Do you recall how the private key to 14 block 9 was stored on Craig's laptop in order for 15 him to sign? 16 MR. KASS: Object to form. 17 Let me strike that. 18 Do you recall how the pub -- the private key to block 9 was stored by Craig Wright? 19 20 Α No. 21 But if it was a valid signing, he had to 22 have had access to the private key of -- of 23 block 10? 24 MR. KASS: Object to form. 25 Α Yes.



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 1
               Okay. I think I said 9 before, but if
 2
     I'm saying block 9 or 10, I'm referring to the same
 3
     block, it's that one that Satoshi sent to Hal and
 4
     Hal sent back. 10 versus 9 being where you're
 5
     starting from counting, right?
 6
          Α
              Yes.
 7
          0
               Okay.
               And, again, my recollection of the block
 8
 9
     number could very well be incorrect.
10
               Did you choose the message you wanted
11
     signed?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Including the CSW at the end of the
14
     message?
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               No, I did not choose the including CSW at
16
     the end of the message.
17
18
          0
               So he added that on his own?
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               I think you've publicly stated that it's
22
     certainly possible you were bamboozled by Craig.
23
     Do you recall saying that?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
25
          Α
               Yes.
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1 What led to you thinking that it was 2 certainly possible you were -- well, let me take a 3 step back. 4 Sitting here today, do you believe 5 that you saw a proper signature with the private 6 key to block 9? 7 Sitting here today, I think it's more 8 likely than not that I saw a proper signature, but 9 I -- but I do have some doubt. 10 And what made you acknowledge that it's 11 certainly possible you were bamboozled? As I think I state in this kind of Reddit 12 Α private message, I did not expect the private 13 14 proving session to have as much weight as it did. 15 So there were certainly, you know, pos -- there are places in the private proving session where I could 16 have been fooled, where somebody could have 17 18 switched out the software that was being used or, 19 perhaps, the laptop that was delivered was not a 20 brand-new laptop, and it had been tampered with in 21 some way. I was also jet lagged. 22 And, again, I was not in the head 23 space of this is going to prove to the world that Craig Wright is Satoshi Nakamoto. I was in the 24



head space of, you know, this will prove to me

25

Page 89 beyond a reasonable doubt that Craig Wright is 1 2 Satoshi Nakamoto. 3 And my doubts arise because the proof 4 that was presented to me is very different from the 5 pseudo proof that was later presented to the world. 6 So after the -- after the proof session 7 was over, what happened next? 8 I went and got fish and chips, I had a 9 lovely fish-and-chips dinner, and then went to 10 sleep. 11 The next morning, met with Craig and 12 what's his name and who's his face, the money guys, 13 for a traditional English -- English breakfast at 14 the hotel, the hotel restaurant. 15 Okay. And during the proof session, did 16 Dave Kleiman get brought up at all? 17 MR. KASS: Object to form. 18 Again, I believe he was mentioned as one 19 of the three people. 20 Let's take that -- let's take that out of 21 it, 'cause I understand you're not sure whether 22 that was said in the first meeting at the proof 23 session or at the breakfast in the morning, so 24 let's take that out. 2.5 Aside for this conversation --



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 1
          Α
               Okay.
 2
               -- with Dave Kleiman being one of the
 3
     three people behind the Satoshi Nakamoto moniker,
 4
     was there any other mention of Dave Kleiman during
 5
     the proof session?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
 7
               I don't recall.
               So then you -- the next morning you had a
 8
 9
     proper English breakfast with the money men.
     Craig attend that meeting?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               So it was four people?
13
          Α
              Four people, yes.
14
          0
               Was it four people the entire time?
15
               Yes, I believe so.
16
               Okay. And aside for, again, the
17
     conversation, we don't know when it took place,
     about Dave Kleiman's involvement with Satoshi being
18
19
     one of the three people, was Dave Kleiman raised at
20
     that breakfast?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               I don't recall.
          Α
23
               Were the trusts raised at that breakfast?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
2.5
               I don't recall.
          Α
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 1
               Were any trusts raised at that breakfast?
          0
 2
                   MR. KASS: Same objection.
 3
               I don't recall.
          Α
 4
               During any of these three conversations
 5
     with Craig, did you ever talk to Craig about where
     all of his Bitcoin were?
 6
 7
          Α
               No.
                   MR. KASS: I'm gonna object to form.
 8
 9
               Can you tell me a bit more about the
10
     conversation, whenever it occurred, with Craig
11
     about the three people behind Satoshi Nakamoto?
12
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
               Can I tell you more about that
          Α
14
     conversation? I don't think so. My memory is very
15
             I believe we had a conversation, a short
     two sentences, about that, but I don't recall
16
     details.
17
18
              How did it come up?
19
               I don't recall.
               And -- and how did he reference the
20
21
     mysterious third character; what -- what did he --
     how did he refer to that character?
22
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               I think he just said, "And there was
25
     somebody else."
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               And -- sorry.
          0
               And that's it. I -- I did not -- it
 2
 3
     didn't seem to be any of my business to ask who the
 4
     other mysterious third person was.
 5
               And -- and what was the -- the statement,
 6
     that these three people what?
               That these three people were involved in
 8
     creating Bitcoin in 2009.
 9
               Did he --
          Q
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form, prior
11
     question.
               Did he describe what the duties of each
12
     of the three were?
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               Not that I recall, no.
16
               Did he claim one was more Satoshi than
17
     the rest?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
               I believe he claimed that he was the
19
     primary inventor.
20
21
               And what did you -- what did he mean by,
22
     or did he explain what he meant by, being the
23
     "primary inventor"?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
25
               I got the impression, or at least I
          Α
```



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 1
     believe he -- again, I don't recall details, but he
 2
     might have said something like, "It was my idea."
 3
               So did he claim credit for anything more
 4
     than just saying it was his idea or --
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object.
 6
               -- did he leave it at, "It was my idea"?
          0
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               I believe he left it at, "It was my
          Α
 9
     idea."
10
               During any of these conversations, did
     you ask him why he had disappeared in 2011?
11
12
               No.
          Α
13
               Did he explain why he disappeared in
14
     2011?
15
               I believe he said that he was, at that
16
     time, going through a divorce.
17
               Um-hm. And, therefore...
18
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
               That he was going through a divorce and
          Α
20
     just the personal stress of that contributed to him
21
     stepping back, away from the project.
22
               I think it was Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1 was
23
     Satoshi's message to you that he was moving on to
24
     other things. Do you recall that?
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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               Did you ask him what those other things
 1
 2
     were?
 3
               I don't recall. I don't think I did.
 4
               Did the topic of the other two members of
 5
     the Satoshi team ever come up in front of the money
 6
     men?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               They were there during all of my
 9
     conversations with Craig, at least one of them --
10
     one or the other of them were there, so, yes, it
     would have been in front of them.
11
12
               Do you remember which?
               No, I don't recall.
13
          Α
               Did they ever express concern about who
14
15
     might have the rights to Satoshi's work product?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
          Α
               No.
18
          Q
               Did that issue ever get discussed?
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
          Α
               No.
21
               During the conversations with Craig, did
22
     his wealth ever come up?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               Did his wealth ever come up? No.
          Α
25
               Did you ever ask him what he intended to
          Q
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     do with the fortune of Bitcoin he was sitting on?
 1
 2
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
               Did he say what he intended to do with
     the fortune of Bitcoin?
 5
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
               Not that I recall.
 8
               It seems you exercised extreme restraint
 9
     in not asking.
10
          Α
               Yes, I did.
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
12
                    (Exhibit 12 marked for
                    identification.)
13
14
               I want to pull you out of the timeline
15
     for a second, just so you see where I'm going with
16
     things.
17
                    I'm handing you what's been marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 12, and it is comprised of
18
     Gavin 683 and 684.
19
20
                   Do you recognize this email?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               To put this email -- and this is an email
23
     from Robert MacGregor to you and Jon Matonis?
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
          Q
               CC'ing Stefan Matthews from nCrypt?
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               Yes.
          Α
 2
          Q
               And these are the money men?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               Rob. Yes, I believe they are.
          Α
 5
               Okay. And 683 is the email, 684 is its
 6
     attachment?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               It's the next page.
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               Do you recall receiving this email and
     its attachment?
11
               I recall -- do I recall receiving it? I
12
          Α
     recall giving it to you as part of the discovery
13
14
     process for the subpoena.
15
               So at some point you received it?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object.
17
               At some point I did receive it, yes.
18
               Okay. And to put this in context, and
19
     we'll get back to the timeline in a minute, Craig
20
     attempts to prove to the world publicly that he is
21
     Satoshi, and provides less than perfect proof.
22
     that an accurate statement?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
               And when that proof fails to demonstrate
          Q
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     who he says he is, the money men go into crisis
 1
 2
     mode to save the day. Is that an accurate
 3
     paraphrase of what's going on?
 4
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               And as part of that saving of the day to
 7
     recover Craig's reputation, they propose that there
 8
     will be -- that Craig will actually send Bitcoin
 9
     from block 9 or block 10, that -- I think they're
10
     referring to it as block 9, but it's the same
11
     block, to you and Jon Matonis as unequivocal,
12
     uncontrovertible proof that he has the private key
     to block 9 --
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               -- is that fair?
16
               Yes.
          Α
17
               And in the attachment, it lays out kind
18
     of the process of what they're going to release --
19
     or, rather, it is, in fact, a blog post that they
20
     were going to post; is that right?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               And it was -- it was a draft blog post
24
     for Craig to post?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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Page 98 1 Α Yes. 2 And in it, it starts off saying, "While 3 Hal Finney was not the second person to actually 4 run Bitcoin as he had speculated, that distinction 5 goes to Dave Kleiman." You see that? 7 Yes, I see that. Α 8 Is this consistent with your 9 conversations with Craig that Dave Kleiman was the 10 second person to run Bitcoin? 11 MR. KASS: Object to form. I don't know that we ever discussed 12 Α 13 running Bitcoin. 14 0 Okay. 15 So, no, I don't think I ever had any discussion about who was running Bitcoin when with 16 17 Craig. 18 After you received this message, did you 19 communicate with Craig at all about Dave Kleiman 20 being the second person to run Bitcoin? 21 Α Not that I recall. 22 Did you understand that Craig had signed 23 off on this blog post? 24 MR. KASS: Object to form. 2.5 I don't think I had any knowledge about Α



Page 99 whether Craiq had seen this blog post prior to me 1 2 seeing this blog post. 3 And then if you look down at the fourth 4 paragraph, it says, "Obviously, I'm well aware of 5 the furore that has been created because I did not 6 immediately sign a message with the private key 7 from this block. I will make the reasons for this 8 clear and provide further context in an upcoming 9 post." 10 Do you see that? 11 Α Yes. Did he ever make the reasons for his 12 failure clear? 13 14 I don't think so, no. 15 And did he ever provide further context? 16 He wrote a lot -- he wrote a lot afterwards, and -- and a lot I didn't read, so I 17 18 don't know. 19 MR. FREEDMAN: Do we want to maybe take a minute and see if we can get them to quiet 20 21 down? 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Great idea. 23 The time is 11:31. We're going off 24 the record. 2.5 (Off record.)



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 1
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
     11:33 a.m. We're back on the record.
 2
 3
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
 4
               Are you aware that -- did Craig ever
 5
     mention Patrick Paige to you?
 6
               Not that I recall.
          Α
 7
               Are you aware that Patrick Paige is --
 8
     was one of Dave's best friends, Dave Kleiman's best
 9
     friends?
10
          Α
               No.
11
               Are you aware that he testified that in
12
     2014 Craig told him Craig was a part of a group of
     people that had created Bitcoin?
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               No.
16
               Is that consistent with what Craig told
17
     you?
18
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               Did you ever read Andrew -- did you ever
21
     come to meet Andrew O'Hagan -- or, sorry. Strike
22
     that.
23
                   Did you ever come to be introduced to
24
     Andrew O'Hagan?
2.5
          Α
               I don't think I've met him in person.
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 1
               But you spoke with him?
          0
 2
               I don't know if we ever had a phone
 3
     conversation. I've definitely emailed with him.
 4
               You've communicated with Andrew O'Hagan?
 5
          Α
               I have communicated with Andrew O'Hagan,
 6
     yes.
 7
               Did you ever come to read the story he
          0
 8
     put together called "The Satoshi Affair"?
 9
               Yes, I did.
10
               I'm gonna hand you what we're marking as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 13.
11
                    (Exhibit 13 marked for
12
13
                   identification.)
                   MR. FREEDMAN: I might have a second
14
15
     copy for you, but it's 83-1.
                   MR. KASS: Well, if you have one for
16
     me, that will be helpful.
17
18
                    (Pause.)
19
                    (Document exhibited to counsel.)
20
               Do you recognize -- do you recognize what
21
     I've just handed you as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 13?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               Okay. And can you turn -- and is this
24
     "The Satoshi Affair" article that Andrew O'Hagan
25
     drafted or wrote -- authored?
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Page 102
1
          Α
               I believe so, yes.
 2
               And is the characterization of the
 3
     signing session, the proof session, is that
 4
     accurate?
 5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
               I would have to go back and reread it.
          Α
 7
               All right. Well, let's come back to
          0
 8
     that.
 9
                   Can you page -- turn to page -- see
10
     on the top there's blue page numbers? Sorry.
11
     They're not blue in your copy.
12
                   Do you see in the top that there's a
     header, it says page X --
13
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               -- of Y?
          0
16
          Α
              Yes.
               Can you -- can you turn to page 26.
17
          0
18
          Α
               Yep.
19
               If you go to the middle paragraph, do you
20
     want to read that first sentence for the record?
21
               "Dave Kleiman was to become the most
          Α
22
     important person in Wright's professional life, the
23
     man he says helped him do Satoshi's work."
24
               Is this consistent with statements you
25
     heard from Craig?
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Page 103
 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               And can you turn to page 76.
          Q
 4
                   And way at the bottom, this is Andrew
 5
     O'Hagan recounting a conversation he had with
 6
     Craiq.
             Can you go ahead and read that back and
     forth?
               In a conversation I had, right?
 9
               No. Andrew O'Hagan with Craig Wright.
10
     Starting from "but you can say," can you read that
11
     for the record, please?
12
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
               "But you can say, hand on heart, I am
          Α
14
     Satoshi Nakamoto."
15
               And then Craig's response on the next
16
     page, 77.
17
                   MR. KASS: Same objection.
18
               "I was the main part of it. Other people
19
     helped. At the end of the day, none of this would
20
     have happened with Dave Kleiman, without Hal
21
     Finney, and without those who took over, like Gavin
22
     and Mike."
23
               Are these statements about Dave Kleiman
24
     consistent with other statements Craig has made to
25
     you?
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Page 104
 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               Can you turn back to page 27.
          Q
 4
                   And on page 27 -- sorry.
 5
                    (Pause.)
 6
               Do you see the paragraph that starts off,
 7
     "We needed people to respond to us"?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               Halfway through that paragraph there is a
     sentence that begins with "If"?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               It's a -- it's a quote from Craig. Can
     you read that for the record?
13
               "If I" -- "if I had come out originally
14
15
     as Satoshi, without Dave, I don't think it would
16
     have gone anywhere. I've had too many
17
     conversations with people who get annoyed because
18
     it's me."
19
               Is that also consistent with your
20
     conversations with Craig?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               And consistent with statements Craig has
24
     told you?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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Page 105
          Α
               Yes.
 2
          0
               Can you go to page 31 for me?
 3
               (Witness complied.)
          Α
 4
               And in the second paragraph of page 31,
 5
     Andrew O'Hagan quotes an email dated 12th
 6
     March 2008. Do you see that?
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               And can you read the -- can you read the
 9
     quote that he's quoting from that article -- I'm
10
     sorry -- can you read the quote of the email that
11
     he's quoting?
               That begins, "I need your help"?
12
13
          0
               Yes.
               "I need your help editing a paper I am
14
15
     going to release later this year. I have been
16
     working on a new form of electronic money, Bit
17
     cash, Bitcoin. You are always there for me, Dave.
18
     I want you to be part of it all. I cannot release
19
     it as me. GMX, Vistomail, and Tor, I need your
20
     help and I need a version of me to make this work
21
     that is better than me."
22
               Is this email consistent with the story
23
     Craig told you about his and Dave's collaboration?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
25
          Α
               Yes.
```



Page 106 1 (Discussion off the record.) 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: There's a signal 3 going through the audio that is disruptive, but it 4 doesn't prevent you from hearing everything. It's 5 just annoying. I don't know -- it just popped up. 6 I don't know where it's coming from. We could go 7 off the record, we could try to track it down, but 8 I don't know. 9 MR. FREEDMAN: How bad is it? 10 Maybe we should go off the record 11 while we're doing this. 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Let's go off, yeah. The time is 11:41. We're going off the 13 14 record. 15 (Off record.) 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 11:45 a.m. We're coming back on the record. 17 18 beginning -- no, continuing with Media Unit No. 2. 19 Sorry. We're on the record. 20 BY MR. FREEDMAN: 21 If you turn to page 36, and you go to the 22 bottom of the page, you'll see a sentence that says, "I asked Wright about this, and he told me it 23 was true, that his and Kleiman's mining activity 24 25 had led to a complicated trust."



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Page 107
 1
                    Did you discuss trusts at all with
 2
     Craig?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
          Α
               I don't recall.
 5
               Did you discuss his and Dave Kleiman's
          0
 6
     mining activity?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
          Α
               No.
 9
                    (Exhibit 14 marked for
                    identification.)
10
11
               I'm gonna hand you what has been marked
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 14. And for the record,
12
     it's Gavin 1007.
13
                    Do you recognize this email?
14
15
               Yes.
16
               And it's an email from Craig to you and
     Jon Matonis?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               On April 27, 2016?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               If you look three paragraphs down from
22
     the top, do you see where Craig writes to you, "In
23
     the past I would joke with Dave before he died
     about being Bond villains"?
2.5
               No, I'm not seeing that. Third paragraph
          Α
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Page 108
 1
     from the --
 2
                    (Counsel indicating.)
3
               Oh, there. Sorry. I was going from the
          Α
 4
     bottom. Yes, I see that.
 5
               So you understood this to be a reference
6
     to Dave Kleiman?
7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
          Α
               Yes.
9
               So, clearly, you had discussed Dave
    Kleiman before this date?
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Beyond the statements that he, Dave
14
     Kleiman, and a mysterious third person had created
15
     Bitcoin together, did the other -- did he make any
16
     other statements about Dave Kleiman?
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
               I don't recall.
               "Starting a Bitcoin company has meant
19
20
     dealing" --
21
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry.
22
     you start again?
23
               "Starting a Bitcoin company has meant
24
     dealing with so many people in the past that it
25
    made me feel that way."
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Page 109
                   Did you ever understand why he felt
 1
 2
     like a Bond villain starting a Bitcoin company?
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
               Do you see the paragraph that starts,
     "This time"?
 5
               Yes.
          Α
               The last sentence of it, can you read it
 8
     for the record?
 9
               "I wonder how long I can keep my other
     wallets secret. Soon it won't matter."
10
11
              Do you know what he meant here by "other
12
     wallets"?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
14
          Α
               No.
15
               Did you ever come to learn what he meant
     by "other wallets"?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
18
          Α
               No.
19
               Do you see the second-to-last sentence of
20
     the paragraph after that? It starts, "But most
21
     importantly," and then the whole sentence says,
22
     But, most importantly, I have capital?
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
               Did you understood -- did you ever come
2.5
     to understand where that capital came from?
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Page 110
 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               No.
 3
               Do you understand how much capital he
          Q
 4
     had?
 5
          Α
               No.
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
                   (Exhibit 15 marked for
 8
                   identification.)
 9
               I'm going to hand you what's been marked
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 15 and is Bates labeled
10
     Gavin 357.
11
12
                   Do you recognize this email?
13
          Α
            Yes.
14
               Can you explain what these emails were?
15
                    (Witness perusing document.)
16
               Let me -- let me parse out the thread.
     So I was contacted by Uyen Nguyen -- I don't know
17
18
     how you pronounce the name.
19
               I think that's right.
20
               -- Uyen Nguyen back in 2016. They were
21
     -- they claimed that they were trustee for some
22
     trust that Craig Wright had set up. And, if I
23
     recall correctly, they were -- they were asking if
     I could help put them in touch with Craig, because
24
25
     they were running into some issues with the IRS or
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Page 111 something. I think that's what the -- and I may be 1 2 misremembering, 'cause I may have had several 3 communications with them. 4 Third -- and then this particular 5 document is from Ian Grigg, who was asking me not 6 to make all of the information public about trusts 7 and -- and various other -- I guess about -- about 8 trusts. 9 0 Do you know Ian Grigg from before this 10 email? 11 Α No. 12 But did you know him by reputation? 13 I don't know if I knew him by reputation Α 14 before this email. 15 Do you know him now? I do know him now, yes. He's a technical 16 17 quy, cryptographer-type person. 18 Have you discussed this email with him? 19 I have not, no. 20 If you look on the page Bates-labeled 21 358, second page, maybe it's the third paragraph up 22 from the bottom, it says, "Craig Wright is 23 one-third of Satoshi Nakamoto. He is the only 24 survivor now." 2.5 Α I see that, yes.



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Page 112
 1
               Is that consistent with statements Craig
 2
     has made to you?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               I don't know that Craig ever talked about
 5
     the mysterious third person dying, but I suppose it
 6
     would be consistent.
 7
               Do you see in the first paragraph Uyen
     writes, "I was the one chosen, since I knew who and
 8
 9
     what they were back in 2010"?
10
          Α
               Where is that?
               It's in the first paragraph of her email.
11
          Q
12
          Α
               I see it, yes.
13
               Did you ever have a conversation with
14
     Uyen?
15
                    I think the email conversations that
     I produced as part of discovery was the only
16
17
     communications I've had with Uyen.
               Did you ever talk to Craig about these
18
19
     emails from Uyen?
20
          Α
               No.
21
               Did you keep the emails confidential?
          Q
22
               Until I was subpoenaed, yes.
23
                    (Exhibit 16 marked for
2.4
                    identification.)
2.5
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
          Q
```



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Page 113
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 16, Bates 622.
 1
 2
                   Do you recognize this email?
 3
                    (Witness perusing document.)
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And do you see your email -- this is
 6
     the -- the email we just looked at a moment ago
 7
     from Uyen that was at the bottom of the chain of
 8
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 15, right?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               And then above that, you respond back to
11
     Uyen, right?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               And you say, "Is it possible there are no
14
     Bitcoins in the trust, and David and Craig were
15
     making up a story all along?"
16
                   Which trust are you referring to?
               The trust that Uyen Nguyen claimed they
17
18
     were a trustee for.
19
               But Craig had never mentioned a trustee
20
     before this?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               I don't recall.
               And then you say -- well, why don't you
23
     read the second paragraph for me, of your email.
24
               "Given his extreme efforts to avoid
2.5
          Α
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Page 114
     releasing a public signature, I'm starting to doubt
 1
 2
     that Craig actually possesses the key he claims he
 3
     has, and he did somehow manage to trick me and,
 4
     perhaps, has been deceiving people for many years."
 5
               What do you think now? Was -- let me
 6
     take a step back.
 7
                   Was that an accurate statement
 8
     when -- when you made it?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               And what do you think now?
          0
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I'm not sure what to think. I am -- I
12
          Α
13
     might have been bamboozled.
14
               In the email that Uyen responds back to
15
     your last email, she says, "The troublemaker is
     Craig himself, not Dave."
16
                   Do you see that? Top -- top -- or
17
18
     second sentence of the email.
19
               Yes, I see that.
20
          Q
               Do you know what she's referring to?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               No.
          Α
23
               Did you ever ask Craig what she was
24
     referring to?
2.5
          Α
               No.
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Page 115
               And she finishes the email with,
 1
 2
     "nLockTime is what controls the trust."
 3
                   Do you see that?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
          0
               Do you know what she means?
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
               Yes. NLockTime is a feature of Bitcoin
          Α
 8
     transactions that allows you to create a
 9
     transaction that cannot be published to the network
10
     to transfer Bitcoins from one person to another
     until sometime in the future.
11
12
               Okay. Did you ever get any more detail
     on what she means by "nLockTime is what controls
1.3
     the trust"?
14
15
          Α
               No.
                    (Exhibit 17 marked for
16
17
                   identification.)
18
               Okay. I'm gonna hand you what's been
19
     marked Plaintiffs' Exhibit 17, and it's been
     Bates-labeled Gavin 33.
20
21
                   Do you recognize this email?
22
          A
               Yes.
23
               What is this email?
24
               This is an email from me to Stefan
25
     Matthews about a blog post that I wrote saying that
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Page 116 I believe Craig Wright is Satoshi Nakamoto. 2 Did you end up publishing this blog post? 3 Yes, I did. Α 4 In this form? 5 Α Very close to this form. You can check 6 my blog, it's actually still there. 7 Okay. And that final form is obviously 0 what you, yourself, posted? 8 9 Α Yes. 10 In the draft, you write, on the second 11 paragraph, last sentence, "After spending an afternoon with him" -- him meaning Craig, right? 12 13 Α Yes. 14 MR. KASS: Object to form. 15 -- "I am convinced beyond a reasonable 16 doubt he is Satoshi." 17 What convinced you beyond a 18 reasonable doubt at the time? It was the combination of speaking with 19 him, communicating with him via email. It -- he 20 21 seemed to have the same prickly personality of the 22 person I was communicating with in 2010, combined 23 with a plausible backstory about why he would have stepped away, and then combined with -- I was 24 convinced that he actually did sign and verify a 25



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Page 117
     message using a key from one of the early Bitcoin
 1
              So those three things convinced me at the
 2
     blocks.
 3
     time.
 4
               And did the convincing -- the convincing
 5
     reason for why he stepped away was that he was
 6
     going through a divorce in 2011?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               Any -- anything else?
 9
          Α
               No.
               Can you look at the third -- or maybe
10
11
     it's fourth paragraph down, and the second sentence
     starts with "and." Can you read that for me?
12
13
               "And he cleared up a lot of mysteries,
          Α
14
     including why he disappeared when he did and what
15
     he's been busy with since 2011."
16
               So what are the mysteries he cleared up?
17
               I don't recall what exactly I was
18
     referring to then. Yeah, I don't recall.
19
               Is it fair to say that the -- the fact
20
     that Satoshi Nakamoto was a team of three
21
     individuals is one of those mysteries?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
23
               I guess that's fair to say, sure.
24
               We covered why he disappeared, right, it
25
     was the divorce?
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Page 118 1 Α Yes. 2 And then what he's been busy with since 3 2011? 4 Yes. I believe the academic study. From Α 5 previous emails, the -- the -- you know, busy 6 getting further degrees I assumed is what he had 7 been busy with. 8 So we've covered three things: Why he 9 disappeared, what he's been busy with, and the identity -- the tri-party identity of Satoshi 10 11 Nakamoto. He wrote, "A lot of mysteries." 12 13 there more you just don't recall? 14 Α There's more --15 MR. KASS: Object to form. 16 I'm just -- was it just an inaccurate statement? Why did you write, "A lot of 17 18 mysteries"? Because three strikes me as a few, not 19 a lot. 20 MR. KASS: Same objection. 21 Α I don't recall details. I mean, we 22 discussed some design decisions in Bitcoin software. And, again, I don't recall the details 23 of exactly which of those -- like, you know, why 24 25 did he choose C++? Why did he use Windows?



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Page 119
     why 21 million Bitcoin? Why -- why the name
 1
 2
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
 3
                   I believe we discussed some of those
 4
     things either in London or later in emails, and so
 5
     those were some of the types of mysteries that I
 6
     felt like had been cleared up.
 7
               Why did he choose Satoshi Nakamoto?
          0
 8
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 9
               He actually -- oh, he gave me a -- he
10
     gave me a -- a book, which I actually haven't read
11
     yet, it's a Japanese -- story about a Japanese
12
     merchant, I believe. Again, I haven't read the
13
     book. But the merchant is named Satoshi. And so
14
     that was his explanation for why he chose the name
15
     "Satoshi."
16
          0
               Got it.
17
                   So -- okay. I want to jump back into
18
     the timeline now. So we left it that you had just
     exited the proof session on April 7th, and you
19
20
     walked away from the meeting, beyond reasonable
21
     doubt, thinking Craig is Satoshi?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
          Q
               And that was April 7th?
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
               Craig's press conference was May 2nd.
          Q
```



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Page 120
 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
               So I want to cover the period between
 3
     your meeting Craig -- your meeting Craig for the
 4
     proof session, and then the ultimate failure of his
 5
     public proof session. Is that okay?
 6
          Α
               Okay.
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               So on April 12th, I believe, you get an
 8
 9
     email from Andrew O'Hagan asking whether or not --
     did I run out -- there I am, thank you -- asking
10
11
     whether or not you could talk.
12
                   This is Plaintiffs' Exhibit 18, and
13
     it's Bates labeled Gavin 1762.
14
                    (Exhibit 18 marked for
15
                   identification.)
16
               And in response -- so is that right, you
17
     get an email from Andrew O'Hagan asking if you can
18
     talk?
19
          Α
               Yes.
               In response, you forward this to the --
20
21
     the money men and Craig, right?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
23
               Yes.
24
               And you say, I'm not planning on talking
25
     to anyone, but let me know if you would like me to
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Page 121
     talk to him; is that fair?
 1
 2
          Α
               That's correct.
 3
               Did they end up asking you to talk to
          Q
 4
     him?
 5
          Α
               I don't recall.
 6
               And did they explain to you what Andrew
 7
     O'Hagan was there to do?
 8
               I don't think so.
          Α
 9
               Did you ever come --
10
               I don't recall them mentioning Andrew
11
     O'Hagan's name at all.
12
               Did Andrew O'Hagan ever explain to you
     what he was there to do?
13
               I don't think so. I think the -- the --
14
15
     the next time I -- I don't know. I wouldn't be
16
     surprised if the next time I heard of Andrew
     O'Hagan was when the big article was published.
17
18
              Okay. Well, you had that email exchange
     with him?
19
20
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
21
               We -- we looked at it earlier. It was --
22
     do you mind passing me your exhibits so I can find
23
     it for you?
24
          Α
               Sure.
2.5
               That's the downside of using electronic
          Q
```



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Page 122
 1
     exhibits.
 2
                   Here we are, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 10.
 3
                    (Document exhibited to witness.)
 4
               April 29th. I sit corrected.
          Α
               So do you recall ever getting explained
 5
          0
 6
     who Andrew O'Hagan was or what he was doing there?
 7
          Α
               No.
               Somebody must have authorized you to give
 8
 9
     this detailed account because you were otherwise
10
     under a embargo; isn't that right?
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I don't recall.
12
          Α
               And, in fact, an -- an NDA of some kind?
13
               I don't recall.
14
          Α
15
                    (Exhibit 19 marked for
16
                    identification.)
17
               Okay. Hand you what's been marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 19, and what is Bates-labeled
18
     Gavin 15.
19
20
                   Do you recognize this email?
21
                    (Witness perusing document.)
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               And this is you writing to Stefan
24
     Matthews, I believe; is that right?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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Page 123
               Probably. I -- I ma -- I don't know who
 1
 2
     srmatt@hushmail.com is.
 3
               He was one of the money men?
          Q
 4
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               Okay. And in the third paragraph down,
 7
     you tell him, "Convincing Andreas Antonopoulos that
 8
     Craig has possession of early-in-the-blockchain
 9
     keys, convincing him that Craig deeply understands
     Bitcoin would, I think, be very helpful."
10
11
                   Do you see that?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Why did you believe it would be helpful
14
     to convince Andreas Antonopoulos?
15
               An -- Andreas Antonopoulos is well-known
16
     in the Bitcoin community and is considered to be
     very trustworthy. He's also very knowledgeable
17
18
     about technical stuff.
19
               Do you consider him to be trustworthy?
          0
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               Do you consider him to be very
23
     knowledgeable about Bitcoin?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
25
          Α
               Yes.
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               Would you rank him in the top 10 people
 2
     in the world in terms of Bitcoin knowledge?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               Top 10?
          Α
 5
               Make it top 20.
          Q
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
7
               Top 20?
                       He wrote -- he wrote a whole
          Α
 8
     book about Bitcoin, so he's definitely an expert.
 9
     If it came to actually working on the code, like
     doing the software engineering, then he's probably
10
11
     not in the top 20, but, I mean, he definitely
     understands the Bitcoin system very well.
12
               Okay. So there are better coders than
13
          0
14
     him, you're saying?
15
               There are better coders than him, yes.
16
               Would you consider him to be an expert in
     Bitcoin technologies?
17
18
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               Did Craig convince Andreas Antonopoulos
21
     -- Andreas Antonopoulos that he had the keys to the
22
     early Bitcoin --
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               -- public addresses?
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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 1
          Α
               No.
 2
          0
               Why not?
 3
               I believe Andreas refused to meet with
          Α
 4
     Craig.
 5
          0
              Do you know why?
 6
          Α
               I don't know why.
 7
               Okay. And in this email you're
     referencing the blog post that we -- we took a look
 8
 9
     at earlier, right?
10
          Α
               Yes.
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
12
                   Vel, do you have an idea as to how
13
     much you have left? Because we have a cross-
14
     noticed deposition, and you're probably about three
15
     hours.
16
                   MR. FREEDMAN: I don't know, but we
     can take stock of that the next break.
17
18
                   MR. KASS: All right.
                                   I'm not sure how it
19
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
20
     helps, though. I've got to finish, and then we can
21
     see how we proceed.
22
                   MR. KASS: Well --
23
                    (Exhibit 20 marked for
24
                   identification.)
25
               I'm handing you Plaintiffs' Exhibit 20,
          Q
```



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     and it's Bates marked 1521.
 1
 2
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Let's discuss it
 3
     later.
 4
                   MR. KASS: Okay. I just want to make
 5
     clear, though, that we don't consent to you just
 6
     finishing and not leaving us sufficient time. We
 7
     can talk about it at the break, but I just wanted
     to make sure that I wasn't implicitly conceding to
 8
 9
     your statement.
10
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Okay. Your objection
11
     is noted.
12
                   MR. KASS: All right.
13
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
14
               All right. So I've just handed you
15
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 20 that is Bates-marked
     Gavin 1521.
16
17
                   Do you see that email?
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Okay. Do you recognize it?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And is it an email from Stefan Matthews
          Q
22
     to you?
23
          Α
              Yes, it is.
24
               Does it help you remember who
25
     srmatt@hushmail.com is?
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 1
          Α
               No.
 2
          Q
               Well, do you see the "from" email?
 3
               Oh, Stefan -- Stefan Matthews. Yes.
          Α
 4
     Okay.
 5
          Q
               So "srmatt" is Stefan Matthews?
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
7
               I think so.
          Α
               And one of the money men?
          Q
 9
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
10
          Α
               Yes.
          Q
               And what is this email?
11
12
          Α
               This is Stefan giving me -- encouraging
     me to communicate with Andrew about the whole
13
     Satoshi affair.
14
15
               So I quess it's fair to say this is the
     introductory explanation of who Andrew O'Hagan is
16
     vis-a-vis Craig Wright's coming out as Satoshi?
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               And then you went ahead and engaged
21
     Andrew O'Hagan as we saw in that email?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               But do you recall if you spoke to him on
24
     the phone yet?
2.5
               I don't recall.
          Α
```



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 1
                    (Exhibit 21 marked for
 2
                   identification.)
 3
               I'm handing you -- thank you.
          Q
 4
                   I'm handing you what we're marking as
 5
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 21, and it's Bates-labeled
     Gavin 1179.
 6
 7
                   Do you recognize this email?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               What is this email?
          0
10
               This is an email from Craig Wright to me,
11
     supposedly showing a screenshot that is some early
12
     Bitcoin debug logs from the Bitcoin software.
13
               And he says they have his name in it?
          0
14
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry?
15
               They say -- it says that -- sorry.
     says that these debug logs have his name in them;
16
     is that right?
17
18
          Α
               Yes, that's what he says.
19
               Do you see Craig. Wright in the debug --
20
     debug log?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form. Vel, it's
22
     not legible besides.
23
               Yeah, kind of. I think I do, actually,
24
     see it kind of at the beginning.
25
     C:\Users\craig.wright --
```



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 1
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                   I can zoom in on it
 2
     for you.
 3
          Α
               -- AppData.
 4
                   MR. KASS: Well, you don't -- well,
 5
     if the witness has better eyes than me, he can
 6
     testify.
 7
               See the --
          0
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               All right. There we go. This is an
10
     electronically zoomed-in version.
                   What is -- what is this debug log?
11
               The Bitcoin software can be run with a
12
          Α
13
     command line switch to write debugging information
14
     to a file, just to help developers to figure out if
15
     it makes a mistake.
16
               And does this show in any way that Craig
17
     is Satoshi?
18
          Α
               No.
19
               I mean, I could have run this debug log,
20
     right?
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               Yeah. Well, certainly anybody could
23
     produce a screenshot that claims anything, so...
24
               Well, that's certainly true, right?
25
     could be a doctored screenshot, right?
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1 Could be a doctored screenshot. I mean, it's possible -- I don't -- I can't read the dates 2 3 on here. Looks like block height. There's block 4 index, 12,000 -- I don't know. I mean, anybody could have been running Bitcoin very early, so it 5 6 doesn't really prove anything. 7 I mean, if -- if it is not doctored, is 8 it correct to say that it shows Craig was running 9 Bitcoin somewhere around the 12,000 block? 10 MR. KASS: Object to form. I think that's 12,914. I can -- the 11 0 block index says 12,914. I can kind of zoom in on 12 13 it on my... 14 Yeah, and I think 12 -- I -- block index, 15 I think that refers to which block is -is the latest block that it knows about. I'd have 16 to go back and -- and check to double -- make sure 17 18 it's not referring to some other index. 19 Okay. So when you received this, what 20 were your -- what were your mental impressions? 21 My only impression was that, I mean, he's 22 trying to add more evidence that he is Satoshi to 23 try to reassure me. But, I mean, frankly, again,

MAGNA

24

2.5

effect on me.

screenshots can be doctored, so it didn't have much

Page 131 So on -- on May 1st you -- you set your 1 2 blog post for release on May 2nd when the press 3 conference was gonna take place. You recall that? 4 Α Yes. MR. KASS: Object to form. 5 6 Α The idea was that the -- yeah, my blog 7 post and Craig's blog post would go out at the same 8 time. 9 I think you were at a ConsenSys event at 10 that time, right? 11 Α I was. I was at a ConsenSys New York 12 City conference. 13 What happened? 14 Bad things. So the blog post that Craig 15 released was not at all what I expected him to 16 I expected him to release a very simple, 17 you know, I am Satoshi, here is some -- here is a 18 simple message signed with an early key from an 19 early block. 20 Instead, he released a very wacky 21 supposed proof that actually wasn't a proof of 22 anything but was incredibly technical and hard to 23 follow, and I was as surprised as anybody to see 24 that. And it -- it took, I don't know, a few 25 hours, a day, for somebody to -- to figure out what



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     all that technical gobbledygook actually meant and
 1
 2
     to show that it wasn't actually a proof of
 3
     anything.
 4
               So he didn't even almost prove he was
 5
     Satoshi?
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
               Correct. Anybody could have produced
          Α
 8
     that gobbledygook proof.
 9
               Why didn't he release a simple signed
10
     message?
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
12
            I don't know.
          Α
13
               Did you ask him?
14
               I did not. At least I don't think I did.
15
     You're probably about to pull out an email where I
16
     ask him.
17
          Q
               Not yet. Maybe soon.
18
                    (Exhibit 22 marked for
                   identification.)
19
20
               I'm gonna hand you what's been marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 22, and it's Bates-labeled
21
22
     Gavin 5.
23
                   This is an email from the money man,
24
     Stefan Matthews; is that right?
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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 1
               To you?
          Q
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               On May 2nd, 2016?
          Q
               Yes.
          Α
 5
               So this is after the press release went
          0
 6
     south?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
               The demonstration went south.
 8
          0
 9
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
10
               And -- and he opens by telling you that
     Craig is working on several corrections to his blog
11
     post. Do you see that?
12
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               And he delivered some incorrect
15
     screenshots?
16
          Α
               Yes.
               Would there have been correct screenshots
17
18
     that could have fixed this proof?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
19
20
               Yeah, there could have been. I don't --
          Α
21
     let me say I don't recall exactly what was a
22
     screenshot in his blog post and what was not.
23
     it's also possible that no -- just new screenshots
24
     would not have done anything because he described
2.5
     what he did in text.
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               Right. Did he ever produce the
 1
 2
     screenshots to you?
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
               Publicly?
          0
 5
          Α
              Not that I know of.
 6
               And then in the fourth paragraph,
 7
     Matthews asks you, "If we were to be" -- "If we
 8
     were able to sign a transaction, say you sent BTC
 9
     to an address associated with block 9, and this was
     then sent back to you, would that" -- "that be
10
11
     something you would entertain?"
12
                   Do you see that?
13
          Α
              Yes.
14
               Was that something you'd entertain?
15
               Yes, I believe I actually did send a
     transaction to block 9.
16
               Did he ever send it back?
17
18
          Α
               No.
19
               He owes you money?
20
              Well, the money's still sitting there in
          Α
21
     block 9. So I think it was half -- .11 Bitcoin,
22
     because my favorite number's 11, I think.
23
          Q
               Okay.
24
               But, again, I -- I could go back and
2.5
     check the blockchain.
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               It's not an insignificant amount of
 1
          0
 2
     money.
 3
               Yeah.
          Α
 4
               Have you asked for it back?
 5
          Α
               I have not asked for it back.
 6
                    (Exhibit 23 marked for
                    identification.)
               So then --
          Q
 9
                    MR. FREEDMAN: Can I get another...
10
               I'm handing you what we've marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 23, and it's been Bates-labeled
11
12
     Gavin 47.
13
                    Do you recognize this email?
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               And this is, again, from Stefan Matthews
16
     to -- one of the money men, to you?
17
                    MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               On May 2nd, 2016?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And this is, again, after the fiasco of
          Q
22
     the public proof failed?
23
                    MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
          Q
               And Matthews, the money man, says to you,
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     "Hi Gavin, I've just spoken to CSW" -- that's Craig
 1
 2
     Steven Wright?
 3
          Α
               I believe so, yes.
 4
               "He has agreed to sign a new message
 5
     twice, once with block 9 and once with block 9" --
 6
     sorry -- "once with block 1 and once with block 9
 7
            It will include proof of date. Both signed
 8
     messages will be provided to each of you to give
 9
     additional evidence should you need it."
10
                    And it's sent to you and Jon Matonis,
11
     right?
12
          Α
               Yes.
               With Craig in CC?
13
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               Did Craig ever respond back and say, "I'm
16
     not gonna do this"?
               Not that I recall.
17
          Α
18
               Did he say, "I can't do it"?
          Q
19
               Not that I recall.
          Α
20
               Did he ever do it?
          0
21
          Α
               No.
22
               Why not?
          0
23
                    MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
               I don't know.
          Α
2.5
               I mean, he has -- if -- if the proof
          Q
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     session you saw was real, he has the key to
 1
     block 9 --
 2
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               -- is that a fair statement?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
                   MR. KASS: Same objection.
 7
               Would it have involved significant effort
          0
     for him to use that key he clearly has access to,
 8
 9
     to send you a message from at least block 9?
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
11
                   Vel, you're mixing up dates.
12
          Α
               No. It would be easy.
13
               It would be easy for him to have done
14
     that?
15
               Yes.
          Α
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
               But he didn't?
          0
18
          Α
               No.
19
               Why do you think he didn't?
          Q
20
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
21
               I don't really know. If you want me to
          Α
22
     speculate --
23
          Q
               Sure.
               Do you want me to speculate?
          Α
25
               Speculate for this question only.
          Q
```



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 1
                   MR. KASS: And I'm gonna object to
 2
     the speculation.
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                   Noted.
 4
               If the -- the Bitcoins were supposed to
          Α
 5
     be locked in a trust, but Craig kept the private
 6
     keys when he was not supposed to, then that would
 7
     be a good reason for him not to sign something with
 8
     a key that he is not supposed to have access to.
 9
     So that is the -- that is my speculation on why he
     might have been very resistant to signing any
10
11
     messages with those early keys.
12
               To show he has access to private keys he
     really shouldn't have access to?
13
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
                         Perhaps there is some legal
               Correct.
16
     reason he was not supposed to have kept the keys.
17
               Is that pure speculation, or can you base
18
     it on anything you've heard or seen from Craig or
19
     the money men?
20
               I would say that's mostly speculation.
21
     mean, the discussion of this mysterious trust, or
22
     trusts, kind of fed into that theory.
23
                    (Exhibit 24 marked for
24
                   identification.)
2.5
               So I am handing you what's been marked as
          Q
```



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     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 24, and it's Bates-labeled
 1
 2
     Gavin 161.
 3
                   And Craig says -- this is an
 4
     email from you -- do you recognize this email?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               It's an email from Craig to you?
 7
              Yes, and Jon Matonis.
          Α
 8
            And Stefan Matthews?
          Q
 9
              And Stefan Matthews.
          Α
               And he says, "Please hold that thought.
10
11
     I'm going to re-sign the message and post a new,
12
     never-used signature from 9."
13
                   So he has clearly committed to sign
14
     using the block key -- using the private key of
15
     block 9; is that right?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
          0
              Did he?
19
          Α
               No.
20
               Even though it would have been simple for
21
     him to do so?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
          Q
               Okay.
2.5
                    (Exhibit 25 marked for
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 1
                   identification.)
 2
               So I'm now handing you what's been marked
 3
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 25, and it is Gavin 371.
 4
                   Do you recognize this email?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               It is a -- it's an email, on the bottom,
 7
     from you -- it's an email chain that reflects,
 8
     first, an email from you to Craig on bottom and
 9
     then a response from Craig to you; do you see that?
10
          Α
               Yes.
11
               And you might have predicted this
12
     earlier, but do you see the opening sentence of
13
     your email?
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
               What does it say?
               "Why the OpenSSL hoop-jumping exercise
17
18
     and not just a simple Electrum-signed message?"
19
               Which, is it fair, in layman's speak to
          0
20
     say, Why didn't you just do the easy signature
21
     instead of some complex gobbledygook that turned
22
     out to be nothing?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
          Q
               Okay. What is his response to that?
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 1
               He claimed that he -- that the wrong blog
 2
     post was posted, and at the time that seemed
 3
     unlikely to me.
 4
               I mean, like, your question's very
 5
     understandable, right, why not just do the simple,
 6
     unequivocal proof?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And did you find his response
10
     unsatisfactory?
11
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I did. I mean, I -- I -- yes, I found it
12
          Α
13
     unsatisfactory.
14
                    (Exhibit 26 marked for
15
                    identification.)
16
               So I'm gonna hand you what we're marking
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 26, and it is Bates Gavin 4.
17
18
                   And this is an email that reflects a
     chain between you and Stefan Matthews; is that
19
20
     right?
21
               Yes.
          Α
22
               The money man?
23
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
               And Stefan Matthews says, "CSW" -- it's
          Q
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 1
     Craig Steven Wright -- "has committed to moving a
 2
     coin associated with block 9 address. The intent
 3
     is for you to send a coin to that address, and then
 4
     for CSW to return that coin to you."
 5
                   Do you see that?
 6
               Yes.
          Α
 7
               And you provided the address?
          0
 8
          Α
              Yes.
 9
            Did you send the coin?
          Q
               I did.
10
          Α
11
               And you never got 'em back. We covered
     that already, right?
12
13
               Correct.
          Α
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
                    (Exhibit 27 marked for
16
                    identification.)
17
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
18
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 27; it's Bates-labeled Gavin
19
          And this is a -- does this -- do you recognize
20
     this email?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               And does it reflect an email chain
     between you and Stefan Matthews and Craig Wright?
23
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
               And you initially reach out to the two of
          Q
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 1
     them saying that you have sent, at the time, $50
 2
     worth of Bitcoin to the block 9 address?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
          Α
               Yes.
               And Stefan Matthews, the money man,
 5
          0
 6
     writes back that he sees the transaction, and then
 7
     he says, "Will let you know when we do the
 8
     transfer. It could be several days before we get
 9
     the necessary authorization fully documented,"
10
     et cetera.
11
                   Do you see that?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Is this what you were basing your
14
     speculation on earlier?
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
               Yes.
               What did you understand them to mean when
17
     they said "necessary authorization"?
18
19
                   I mean, let me take a step back.
     Strike that question for a second.
20
21
                   If I have a private key to a Bitcoin
22
     block -- public address, do I need anyone's
23
     authorization to use that private key?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
2.5
          Α
               No.
```



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               Okay. So what did you take this to mean,
 1
     that he needed necessary authorization?
 2
 3
               I'm trying to -- I don't remember what I
 4
     knew or thought I knew at that time. So I think
 5
     the best answer would be I don't recall if -- it
 6
     might have been -- I might have imagined that there
7
     was some trustee that would have to sign off on any
 8
     use of those private keys. But, again, I don't
9
     recall at what point I learned about the trust.
                   MR. KASS: So, Vel, we have to
10
11
     resolve the timing issue. I'm happy to go off the
12
     record if you want to.
13
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Let's take a break.
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
14
15
                We're now off the record.
     12:34 p.m.
16
                   (Off record.)
17
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
18
     12:44 p.m. We're coming back on the record,
19
     continuing Media No. 2.
20
                   (Exhibit 28 marked for
21
                   identification.)
22
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
23
               I'm now handing you what's been marked as
24
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 28, which is Bates-marked
25
     Gavin 1708, but I've printed out the wrong version,
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     it doesn't have the Bates marking.
 2
                   Do you recognize this email?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
               Is this an email from Craig to you?
          Α
               Yes.
               And you start off by saying to him, "I'm
 6
7
     starting to doubt myself and imagining clever ways
 8
     you could have tricked me."
 9
                   Well, let me take that back.
10
     wrote you an email on May 2nd saying, We F'd up and
11
     I loaded the wrong post. I'll be loading the
12
     correct one shortly.
13
                   And then you respond the next day, on
14
     May 3rd, saying, "Today, pretty please. I'm
15
     starting to doubt myself and imagining clever ways
16
     you could have tricked me."
17
                   Is that accurate?
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               And what does Craig say in response?
20
          Α
               Do you want me to read that?
21
               Sure.
          Q
22
               He says, "There will be a post soon.
23
     is in review to ensure it is all okay.
     going to move coin as well, but we need to get the
     trust permissions in place. Lawyers..."
25
```



Page 146 So was it really speculation? 2 About permissions from trusts? 3 apparently not. Apparently Craig told me that that 4 was the reason permission was needed. So it's your understanding that Craig is Q 6 refusing to publicly prove that he holds the private keys to block 9 because it would show he 8 inappropriately kept private keys from the trust? 9 Or used them in a way that was outside of 10 some legal agreement in the trust, yes. 11 So that he has them, as he signed with 12 them, but isn't allowed to move coin with them? 13 MR. KASS: Object to form. 14 Α Yes. 15 Okay. 16 (Pause.) 17 MR. FREEDMAN: I seem to be missing a 18 document. No, it's just out of order. 19 (Pause.) So as things currently stand, Craig has 20 21 provided a public proof that failed; the money men 22 are attempting to arrange for Craig to send you 23 Bitcoin from block 9, and they are saying they need 24 authorization from a trust to do this, even though 25 he has the private key. Is that all correct?



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 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
               I believe Craig said he needs trust
 3
     permission.
 4
               That's right.
          Q
 5
          Α
            I'm not sure the money men --
 6
              Craig said he needs --
          0
 7
               -- ever said --
          Α
 8
               Right. So modify my -- my question to
 9
     say Craig said he needed authorization from the
     trust; is that correct?
10
11
                   MR. KASS: Same -- same objection.
12
          Α
               Yes.
                   (Exhibit 29 marked for
13
14
                   identification.)
15
               Okay. And I'm handing you what's been
     marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 29, which is
16
     Bates-labeled Gavin 1206.
17
18
                   Do you recognize these emails?
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               So if -- if you go to the back of the
21
     email, so the beginning of the email chain, and the
22
     one sent on May 4th, 2016, and it's Robert
23
     MacGregor. He's one of the money men, correct?
24
          Α
               Okay.
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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 1
               Do you not recall who --
          0
 2
               I don't recall what Rob -- Robert and
 3
     Stefan's exact roles were. I don't -- and I don't
 4
     recall who had known Craig for years and who was
     owner of the -- the VC, but if you want to call all
 5
 6
     of them --
 7
              Part of --
          0
 8
               -- money men, sure.
 9
                             Okay. He -- he writes and
               Yeah.
                      Sure.
     says that Rory from the BBC has asked if he could
10
     have a one-liner from interviews, that he is
11
12
     comfortable that you are participating, and this
13
     isn't yet -- isn't a yet more fantastical hoax.
                   So the BBC wanted to know that this
14
15
     coin was really gonna get sent, right?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               And Jon Matonis says, "I will call Rory"?
19
              Yes, I see that.
               And then Stefan says, "Gavin, can you
20
21
     please call Rory"?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               And then Jon -- and then Robert MacGregor
24
     says, "Gavin replied via email, Stefan."
2.5
                   So do you remember reaching out to
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     Rory at the BBC?
 1
 2
          Α
               I don't recall.
 3
               Do you have any reason to doubt that you
          Q
 4
     didn't?
 5
          Α
               No.
 6
               Jon Matonis said, "I just got off the
 7
     phone with Rory at the BBC, " right?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And then Robert MacGregor sends a message
10
     on May 4th, 2016, you're all waiting for Craig to
     send this transaction, and can you read what he
11
12
     says to you?
13
               "All Stop. Craig has just tried to
          Α
14
     injure himself and is bleeding badly in the
     washroom. Stefan is there with him and Ramona and
15
16
     I am en route. Ambulance is on its way."
17
               So Craig tried to hurt himself?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
19
               That was my understanding, yes.
          Α
20
               Did you get any more details then beyond
21
     this email?
22
               I believe there was a phone call, I don't
23
     recall with who, who said that -- were they at
24
     Craig's house? I don't recall the location, but
2.5
     they were somewhere. Craig disappeared upstairs
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     and then was found bleeding with cuts to his neck,
 1
 2
     and then was taken to the hospital in -- in an
 3
     ambulance with an apparent suicide attempt.
 4
     think the word "suicide" was -- was used.
 5
               And this was by someone who was at the
          Q
 6
     locale?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               If I recall correctly, yes.
 9
               And they were describing what was going
     on at the time?
10
11
          Α
               I believe this happened -- several days
12
     or maybe a week or more later, the phone call
     happened recounting events.
13
14
               That had -- that had happened --
15
               That had happened in the past, on
          Α
16
     May 4th.
17
          Q
               But you don't recall who that was?
18
               No, I don't recall.
19
               Did you ever talk to Craig about this?
20
          Α
               No.
21
                    Things get dark.
22
               This stopped the public proof -- this
     stopped the transfer of Bitcoin?
23
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
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 1
                    (Exhibit 30 marked for
 2
                    identification.)
 3
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
 4
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 30, and it's been Bates-labeled
     Gavin 769.
 5
                   Do you recognize this email chain?
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               This is an email between you and Robert
 9
     MacGregor?
10
          Α
               Yes.
11
          Q
               One of the money men group?
12
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               Okay. And in it you say to Robert
15
     MacGregor that you see two possibilities about
16
     what's going on, either Craig is Satoshi and is
17
     under incredible pressure not to provide proof --
18
     or, rather, the pressure of providing proof is too
19
     much?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               Or he's lying to everyone for many years,
22
     perhaps from evidence -- perhaps with evidence that
23
     he obtained from the real deal?
24
               Yes.
25
          Q
               So maybe Dave Kleiman was Satoshi, he got
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     the keys, and he used one of the keys but doesn't
 2
     have more?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               Sure. Possibly.
          Α
 5
               Possibly. And in response, one of --
 6
     Robert MacGregor, who has been working with Craig
 7
     for at least a few months now on this coming out as
 8
     Satoshi -- is that accurate?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
              -- says, "I agree completely"?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               Okay. Do you remember receiving an email
13
     from Stefan Matthews telling you that there was no
14
     indication Craiq would default until a minute
15
     before, and that they are checking their public
16
     position and so should you?
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
               No, I don't recall.
19
               Did you ever have any conversations with
     any of the money men or Craig about why this
20
21
     default happened?
22
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
23
               No.
2.4
                    (Exhibit 31 marked for
2.5
                   identification.)
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 1
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
 2
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 31. It's Gavin 41.
 3
                   Do you recognize this email?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               It's an apology email from Craig Wright
          Q
 6
     to you?
 7
               Yes.
          Α
               Sent May 7, 2016?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               And in the third paragraph down, it
11
     says -- Craig tells you, "At no point did I lie to
12
     you nor deceive you, but it is better that I am a
     hoaxer"?
13
14
          Α
               Yes, I see that he said that.
15
               Do you believe that?
16
               No.
          Α
               What do you really believe?
17
18
               He certainly deceived me about what kind
19
     of blog post he was going to publish, and that
20
     gobbledygook proof that he published was certainly
21
     deception, if not an outright lie. So at the very
22
     least, that, I consider, you know, that -- he
23
     bamboozled me there.
24
               And had you known -- strike that.
2.5
                   As I understand your testimony, you
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     went into the proof session as kind of one element
 1
 2
     of due diligence, but expecting there to be a real
 3
     public proof posted afterwards; is that fair?
 4
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               And so you were maybe less than careful
 7
     -- strike that.
 8
                   In reliance on what you knew would be
 9
     coming out, or what you assumed would be coming out
     based on his word, you weren't as diligent as you
10
11
     might have been otherwise in checking that the
12
     proof was truly proof --
13
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
14
               -- is that fair?
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
               Yes.
          Α
17
               And if you were to do it again today, you
18
     might require much more stringent circumstances for
19
     that proof?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               So he almost socially engineered you in a
23
     way?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
25
          Q
               Social hacking?
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 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 2
          Α
               I don't think I would use that term.
 3
               How would you describe it?
          Q
 4
               Maybe -- maybe that's accurate. I mean,
          Α
 5
     he certainly misled me. He -- he -- he wanted
     something from me, and he wasn't clear about what
 6
7
     he actually wanted from me. He -- he led me to
 8
     believe he wanted one thing when I -- I suspect he
9
     wanted something else. I'm not sure what that
10
     other thing...
11
               Well, I mean, you carried a lot of
12
     credibility, you still do, within the Bitcoin
13
     community; is that fair?
14
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
15
               That's -- yes, that's fair.
16
               And your endorsement of him as Satoshi
     would -- would carry a significant amount of
17
18
     weight?
19
               Yes. I definitely --
20
                   MR. KASS: Object to the form, but,
21
     yeah.
22
                   THE WITNESS:
                                 Sorry.
23
                   MR. KASS: That's okay.
24
               I definitely knew he wanted that from me.
25
     But I guess, you know, now, looking back on it, I
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Page 156 wonder, you know, was he also trying to impress the 1 2 money men, was that part of what he was trying to 3 get out of it? And I don't know. 4 That he could bring -- bring down --5 bring over Gavin Andresen onto his side? 6 MR. KASS: Object to form. 7 That that would, you know, maybe Α Right. 8 help him with his relationship with -- with the 9 money men. 10 At the time, and you tell me if this is a fair characterization, you were probably -- if not 11 the -- one of the most prominent members of the 12 13 Bitcoin community? 14 MR. KASS: Object to form. 15 Α Yes. 16 You were lead core developer? 17 Was I still at that time? I think I had 18 stepped away from that role, and I was just chief scientist at the Bitcoin Foundation. 19 20 I think you stepped down after, but I 21 could be misremembering the time frame. 22 MR. KASS: Object to form. 23 You were certainly chief scientist of the 24 Bitcoin Foundation? 2.5 Α Yes.



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               And you had been -- you were, and are,
 1
 2
     the person Craig -- Satoshi Nakamoto had handed
     over control of Bitcoin to?
 3
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               You were the best replacement to Satoshi
 6
     the world had at the moment?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
               You don't have to agree with that
 9
     statement. I mean, strike that.
10
               I sure was the best.
11
               So you certainly brought objective value
12
     -- your endorsement certainly brought objective
     value; is that fair?
13
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               And do you think that's what he wanted
     from you?
16
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               And what did he lead you to believe that
     he really wanted from you?
20
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               You said that he -- he led you to believe
23
     he wanted one thing from you, and really you
     thought he really wanted something else.
24
2.5
               I suspect -- yeah, I mean, I guess, you
          Α
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- 1 know, I -- I thought that my piece would be part of
- 2 a larger whole of him proving beyond a reasonable
- 3 doubt to the world that he was Satoshi Nakamoto.
- 4 And I thought that that's what he wanted from me.
- 5 And then he did not complete the rest
- of the puzzle, and so that makes me wonder, is that
- 7 really what he wanted from me, or did he have some
- 8 other ulterior motive for flying me to London and
- 9 -- and doing this -- the proof session? And I
- 10 don't know what that other motive would be.
- 11 Q Did you ever -- did you ever talk to
- 12 Ira Kleiman?
- 13 A I believe I've received email from
- 14 Ira Kleiman, but I don't believe I've ever spoken
- 15 to him.
- 16 Q Did you ever -- beyond the emails that
- 17 we've reviewed from Uyen Nguyen to you with
- 18 Ian Grigg on them, have you heard from Uyen Nguyen
- 19 since?
- 20 A I don't believe so. There might have
- 21 been another -- she might have reached --
- 22 she/he/them? Them. I'll use them. They might
- 23 have reached out to me again. I seem to recall two
- 24 sets of emails separated in time, but I have no
- 25 idea when.



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 1
               Have you spoken with Craig Wright or
 2
     emailed with Craig Wright in the past year?
               I'd have to go back and check my email.
 3
 4
     I'm not sure when my last -- when he last contacted
     me via email was.
 5
 6
          0
               Have you --
 7
               It might have been more than a year.
          Α
 8
               Have you responded to him within the past
 9
     year?
10
               I don't believe I've responded to him in
11
     the past year, no.
12
               Have you spoken with any of his
13
     attorneys?
14
          Α
               No.
15
                   THE WITNESS: Oh, wait. Are you...
16
                   MR. KASS: Well, yes.
17
          Α
               Okay.
18
               Before today.
          Q
19
               Before today.
          Α
20
                   MR. KASS: I don't think you got a
21
     good answer to your question.
22
               Have you spoken with any of Craig
23
     Wright's attorneys before today?
24
               No.
          Α
2.5
          Q
               Thank you.
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 1
                    (Exhibit 32 marked for
 2
                    identification.)
 3
               I am handing you what's been marked as
 4
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 32, and it's Bates-labeled
     1512.
 5
 6
                   Do you recognize this email?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
               And is it a email from Craig to you?
 8
          Q
 9
          Α
               Yes.
                    (Exhibit 33 marked for
10
                   identification.)
11
               I am handing you an e -- a document
12
     labeled Plaintiffs' Exhibit 33. It is
13
14
     Bates-labeled Gavin 344.
15
                   Do you recognize this email?
16
          Α
               Yes.
17
               And is it a email from Craig to you?
               Yes. I think so. It's a different email
18
19
     address, craig@rcjbr.org, but I believe it's from
20
     Craig to me.
21
                   MR. KASS: And, also, object to form.
     There's two emails in here.
22
23
               Okay. Is this an email chain between you
24
     and Craig where Craig is forwarding you an email?
25
          Α
               Yes.
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               And it appears Craig has forwarded you an
 2
     email that he received from the Australian Tax
 3
     Office; is that accurate?
 4
               Yes.
          Α
 5
               And in it he says to you, "They left the
 6
     audit open"?
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               And he says, "High-wealth individuals are
 9
     taxed differently. As I have over 100 million,
10
     they can assess Bitcoin as a ForEx bank holding."
11
                   Do you see that?
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               So Craig did, at some point, tell you
     about his net worth --
14
15
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
16
               -- is that an accurate statement?
17
               Sure. I mean, this email claims to have
18
     over a hundred million somethings.
19
               He says he has over a hundred million.
20
     Well, it can't be Bitcoin.
21
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
               Correct, it could not be Bitcoin.
23
     are only -- there are fewer than 21 million
24
     Bitcoin.
2.5
          Q
              Okay.
```



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 1
                    (Exhibit 34 marked for
 2
                   identification.)
 3
               Did you ever ask him how he got a
          Q
     hundred -- over a hundred million dollars in net
 4
 5
     worth?
 6
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 7
          Α
               No.
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
 8
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 34, it's Gavin 732.
 9
                   Do you recognize this email?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
               Also from Craig Wright to you?
12
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               And this has below it -- it's a chain,
15
     actually, between you and Craig, right?
16
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               And he says in the original email to you,
19
     "I am sorry for last year, but I cannot sign."
20
                   You see that?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               And then you insert in line in response,
23
     Okay. Don't worry about me. I'm enjoying
     semi-retirement. All the people I care about still
24
25
     love and respect me and don't care that you
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     bamboozled me, and you did, just not in the way
 1
 2
     most people think.
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               What did you mean by that?
 5
          Α
               I meant that he bamboozled me about the
 6
     gobbledygook proof, but I still think it's most
 7
     likely that he did not bamboozle me during the
 8
     signing ceremony.
 9
               And he really does have possession of the
10
     private key to block 9?
11
               I still think it's more likely than not
12
     that he does.
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
13
               And then he says, "I have sufficient
14
15
     funds that they can force me to sell."
16
                   Do you see that?
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               And you say, "I am not" -- "I am not sure
     I want to know, but who is "they"? You can be
19
20
     vaque: former business partner? Australian
21
     government? Somebody else? And sell to pay what?"
22
                   Right?
23
               Yes.
24
               And he tells you, "They is part a few
25
     people, not all, in the tax office"?
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 1
                   MR. KASS: Object to the form.
 2
               You see that? If you jump back up to the
 3
     top of the email.
 4
               "They is part a few people, not all."
          Α
 5
     Yes, I see that.
 6
               And did you take this to mean that there
7
     were people not in the tax office that was trying
8
     to force him to sell?
9
                   MR. KASS: Object to the form.
10
               Yes.
          Α
11
                   MR. KASS: Vel, with regards to the
12
     time, I have a proposal.
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Let's deal with it at
13
14
     lunch.
15
                   MR. KASS: No, no, but I just want to
16
     see if we get this on the record.
17
                   Why don't we ask the witness how long
18
     he can stay today, and then we just divide it?
19
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                  No.
20
                   MR. KASS: What do you mean "No"?
21
                   MR. FREEDMAN: I mean no. I'm gonna
22
              I'm almost finished, but I'm gonna finish,
     and then you can have the rest of the time and --
23
24
                   MR. KASS: Right. So then I'll have
2.5
     seven hours after that. But I want to make sure
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     the witness is able to stay, because, if not, I may
 1
    have to get relief. So --
 2
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN: You can ask for
 4
     relief.
                   MR. KASS: Well, I'm gonna ask the
5
 6
     witness right now how long he can stay today.
 7
                   Mr. Andresen, how long are you able
     to stay today?
8
9
                   THE WITNESS: Let me check my
10
     calendar.
                   MR. KASS: Okay.
11
12
                   (Pause.)
13
                   THE WITNESS: I can stay till 6:00.
14
                   MR. KASS: Until 6:00. Okay.
15
                   And then just one other question.
16
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Zalman?
17
                   MR. KASS: What? One other quick
18
     question. I just want to -- I just want to
19
     under --
20
                   MR. FREEDMAN: One last question.
21
                   MR. KASS: That's all I'm asking.
22
                   MR. FREEDMAN: All right.
23
                   MR. KASS: Okay. Would you be -- if
     necessary, would you be able to come back tomorrow
24
25
     to continue the deposition?
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 1
                   THE WITNESS: I have -- I'm giving a
 2
     lecture in the afternoon, but I believe I'm free
 3
     tomorrow morning.
 4
                   MR. KASS: Okay.
 5
                   THE WITNESS: Let me double check.
 6
                   MR. KASS: Yeah, could you just check
7
     what your schedule is like tomorrow morning?
 8
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Check by lunch.
9
                   THE WITNESS: I'm supposed to have a
10
     workout from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., and then my
     lecture is at 2:30 in the afternoon.
11
                   MR. KASS: Okay. So 2:30. And you
12
13
    would be willing to come back?
14
                   THE WITNESS: Yes.
15
                   MR. KASS: Okay. Back to you, Vel.
16
     I just wanted to make sure the witness was...
17
                   (Exhibit 35 marked for
18
                   identification.)
19
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
20
               Okay. I am handing you what's been
21
     marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 35 and Bates-labeled
22
     Gavin 1274.
23
                   Do you recognize that email?
24
          Α
               Yes.
25
          Q
               That's an email from Craig to you?
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 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               And in it Craig says he has -- "I have
 3
     sufficient funds that they can force me to sell.
 4
     Signing proves control."
                    See that?
 6
               Yes.
          Α
               Did you ever find out how much sufficient
 8
     funds would be?
 9
          Α
               No.
10
               But then he says, "Right now it would
     mean dumping 400 million in coin to pay. I will
11
     not do that."
12
13
                    Do you see that?
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               Did you take this to mean that Craig was
     telling you he had over $400 million in Bitcoin?
16
17
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Does that strike you as odd?
20
                     If he's Satoshi, that would not be
          Α
21
     an unreasonable amount.
22
               Okay. Then he says, "I will not do
23
     that."
24
          Α
               Yep.
2.5
               Did you ask him why he didn't say "I
          Q
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     cannot do that" if he was having a problem with the
 1
 2
     trust allowing him to move coins?
 3
               I don't recall pressing him on that.
 4
               Do you know what he meant by "signing
 5
     proves control"?
 6
               Sure. If you create a message signed
7
     with a private key, it -- it -- it proves that you
 8
     have control of that key, that you own that key,
9
     that you have access to that key.
               Unless there's a mysterious trust that
10
11
     prevents you from using it.
                   MR. KASS: Object to the form.
12
                   (Exhibit 36 marked for
13
                   identification.)
14
15
               I'm handing you what's marked as
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 36, Bates-labeled Gavin 1439.
16
                   Do you recognize this email?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               And it reflects an exchange between you
     and Craig. I believe this is, again, another --
20
21
     another instance where you've inserted your
22
     comments into his below, right?
23
               Yes.
24
               And he's saying, "I would need to pay tax
25
     in fiat on the gains at a rate of 51 percent."
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Page 169 1 You say that's nasty. It's a lot --2 lot of tax. But then you say, My advice would be 3 to pay it and move on. What is the use of being 4 wealthy if you have to spend your time talking to 5 lawyers or worrying about what your family will do 6 if you die and leave them with a gazillion BTC and 7 a big financial mess to clean up? 8 What -- what was his response to the 9 suggestion that he just pay the tax and move on? I don't recall. I'm not sure I received 10 11 any response. 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're at the 13 half-hour point. I don't know if it matters 14 anymore, but --15 MR. KASS: So, Vel, I just want -- do 16 I have an agreement with you to stay until 6:00 17 today or tomorrow morning, if necessary, to 18 complete my deposition? 19 MR. FREEDMAN: We'll talk about it on 20 the break. 21 (Exhibit 37 marked for 22 identification.) 23 BY MR. FREEDMAN: 24 I'm handing you what's marked as 25 Exhibit 37, which is Gavin 869.



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 1
                   MR. KASS: I suggest we should take a
 2
     break after this 'cause it's the half point.
 3
     ask your questions, but then I'm gonna go off.
 4
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
               Do you recognize this email?
 6
               Yes.
          Α
               This is an email from Craig Wright to
 8
     you?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
               And here he's sig -- he's sig -- he's
10
11
     telling you that he is an individual with over a
     hundred million dollars in net worth -- wealth?
12
13
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               Over a hundred million net wealth. I'm
14
          Α
15
     not sure -- yes.
16
               He says --
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               -- "That was the point of the trust, but
19
     it means that I cannot have control"?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And then if you look at the second to
22
     last and last lines of the typed email, do you see
23
     where he says, "A forced sale of 400 million in BTC
24
     would be a mess, especially mine"?
25
          Α
               Yes.
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1
              Do you take this to say Craig is telling
2
     you that he has at least 400 million BTC to sell?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
4
          Α
               Yes.
5
               And at a rate of 51 percent, that means
6
     he has over 800 million?
 7
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I'm not sure where you're getting
 8
9
     51 percent.
               On the previous email, we saw the -- the
10
     tax amount would be 51 percent, right?
11
12
          Α
               Yeah, but he would need to pay 51 percent
     of the $400 million sale is what I would understand
13
     the tax.
14
15
            So the total amount being 400 million?
            I think, yeah.
16
          Α
17
              And he says, "400 million is too much"?
          Q
18
          Α
              Yes.
19
               "I am Antiguan now... So in a few years
20
     I will pay a lot less"?
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               Did you ever follow up on this, where the
23
    money was, where the Bitcoin was?
24
               No.
2.5
               Did he ever tell you more about this?
          Q
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 1
          Α
               No.
 2
                   MR. KASS: Okay, Vel, let's go off
 3
     the record.
 4
                    (Exhibit 38 marked for
                   identification.)
 5
 6
          0
               I'm handing you what's been marked --
                   MR. KASS: Vel --
               -- as Plaintiffs' --
 8
 9
                   MR. FREEDMAN: We're not going off
10
     the record, Zalman.
11
                   MR. KASS: You're running out of
12
     tape.
13
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I need to switch
     disks in about 4 minutes.
14
15
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Perfect.
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
16
               I'm handing you what's been marked as
17
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 38, which is Bates-labeled
18
     Gavin 1974.
19
20
                   Do you recognize this email?
21
          Α
              Yes.
22
               And is this an email from Craig to you?
23
               Yes.
               And do you see at the bottom he says, "I
25
     am a fraud, but I am a fraud that is free to work
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     on what I need to do"?
2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               How -- what did you take that to mean?
          Q
               I don't think I know.
          Α
 5
               Did you ever follow up on it with him?
          0
 6
          Α
               Not that I recall, no.
 7
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Why don't we stop now.
 8
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The time
9
     now is 1:19 p.m.
                       We've come to the end of Media
     Unit No. 2. We're now off the record.
10
                   (Off record.)
11
12
                   (Lunch recess taken from 1:19 p.m. to
                   2:23 p.m.)
13
14
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
15
     2:23 p.m. We're coming back on the record.
16
     beginning Media Unit No. 3 at deposition with Gavin
     Andresen. We're on the record.
17
18
                   MR. KASS: Vel, I just wanted to
19
     really quickly get on the record where we are with
20
     the cross-noticing and the continuation of
21
     Mr. Andresen's deposition.
22
                   We've agreed that we can go until
23
     6:00 p.m. tonight. It's my position that we should
24
     continue tomorrow as the witness is available.
2.5
                   My understanding is I don't have a
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Page 174 firm commitment from you, but that you're open to 1 2 the idea, maybe if you want to just put your --3 your position on the record. 4 MR. FREEDMAN: Position is you don't 5 have a valid subpoena, since you didn't notice the 6 deposition in time under the local rules; but that 7 we're trying to accommodate you, nonetheless, and 8 Mr. Andresen, so he doesn't have to come back. 9 I will let you know who and if we can cover the 10 deposition tomorrow morning once I can finish this 11 and get into my calendar and make some calls. MR. KASS: Okay. My position is 12 13 that -- I'll make this really quick -- that it wasn't invalid; you were here anyways; that you 14 15 didn't need any additional notice under; it. 16 didn't object until now; so if there was any objection, you've waived it by now. 17 18 Now let's get on with the depo. 19 MR. FREEDMAN: Okay. BY MR. FREEDMAN: 20 21 Mr. Andresen, before we get back into the 22 documents, I want to just talk a little bit more broadly about Bitcoin for a second. Is that okay? 23 24 Sure.



2.5

Q

So can Bitcoin function without miners?

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Page 175
 1
          Α
               No.
 2
               So it -- it needs someone to actively
     mine in order to function?
 3
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And in the beginning of Bitcoin's life,
 6
     is it fair to say that Satoshi was one of the only
 7
     active miners?
 8
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 9
               We assumed that -- yes, we assumed that
     he was the first miner. Well, we know that he
10
     created the -- the very first genesis block, and
11
12
     it's fair to assume that he might have been the
13
     only miner for a while.
14
               And thereby -- and, therefore, through
15
     launching the system -- strike that.
16
                   And -- and mining Bitcoin was,
17
     therefore, integral to the creation and sustaining
18
     of this new creation; is that a fair statement?
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
                   (Exhibit 39 marked for
22
                   identification.)
23
               I am going to hand you what's been marked
24
     as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 39, and it is Bates-labeled
2.5
     Gavin 1075.
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 1
                   Do you recognize this email?
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               And it's an email from you to Craiq?
          Q
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And on the -- in it you say that you are
          Q
 6
     not angry at him?
 7
               Yes.
          Α
 8
               Is that true?
 9
          Α
               Yeah, I don't think I was angry. I was
10
     disappointed, but I wasn't angry.
11
          Q
               Are you angry at him now?
12
               I tend not to get angry, so I wouldn't
13
     say I'm angry.
14
               Still just disappointed?
15
               Still just disappointed, yeah.
16
               And then you say, "If you ever need or
     want to talk, I'll be happy to listen"?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Did he ever take you up on that?
20
               No, not really. I mean, he did send me
21
     some emails after this, but it was -- and I think
22
     they're all in the -- in the record. But we
23
     certainly never had a phone conversation or
     anything.
24
25
          Q
               Is it -- is it fair to say that every
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 1
     email that you've produced to us is an accurate
 2
     representation of the email you received?
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
                   (Exhibit 71 marked for
                   identification.)
 7
               I'm gonna hand you what's been marked as
 8
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 40, which is Bates-labeled
 9
     Gavin 1334.
10
                   Do you recognize this email chain?
     Just to help you out, I think it's a continuation
11
12
     of that original chain you received from Uyen about
     the trusts.
13
14
          Α
              Yes.
15
               But I have a particular question -- so do
16
     you recognize this chain now?
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               I have a particular question about the
19
     May 4th email from Uyen to you. She says, "You
     deserve the truth. Do not share."
20
21
                   And then you say, "I will not share,
22
     I will destroy."
23
                   What did she -- did she attach
24
     something to that email?
2.5
               She did.
          Α
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 1
              What did she attach?
 2
          Α
               I think it was a document related to the
 3
     Tulip Trust.
 4
          0
               Okay.
 5
               But I did destroy it. So I read it once
 6
     and then destroyed it, and I have little
 7
     recollection of what it -- what the details of it
 8
     were.
 9
          Q
               Was it an actual trust document?
10
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               I don't know.
11
          Α
12
               Do you think you would recognize it if
13
     you saw it?
14
          Α
               No.
15
               Do you remember anything about its
     contents?
16
17
          Α
               No.
18
               Do you remember if it talked about who
     owned or controlled Bitcoin at all?
19
20
          Α
               No.
21
                    (Exhibit 41 marked for
22
                    identification.)
23
               I am handing you Plaintiffs' Exhibit 41.
24
     And I have neglected to print out the version with
     the Bates label, and I can't tell you which it is,
25
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     unfortunately. Exhibit -- Plaintiffs' Exhibit 41.
 1
 2
                   Mr. Andresen, do you recognize this
 3
     email chain?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               And it's a -- an email from Stefan
          0
 6
     Matthews, a/k/a the money man, to you; is that
 7
     correct --
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 8
 9
               -- with a chain back and forth below
10
     that?
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               And in it Stefan Matthews says to you --
13
     and I asked you about this email earlier, but you
14
     said you didn't recall it -- "The situation that
15
     unfolded this week was horrific. I will say no
16
     more other than to say till one minute prior to
     Craig's actions there was no indication that he
17
18
     would default. You have a public position on this
19
     that you will need to correct for sure. And we are
20
     looking at our business position today."
21
                   And then at the end it says, "CSW
22
     defaulted for reasons unknown to us at this stage,
23
     other than the conversation we had yesterday."
24
                   Do you see that?
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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               Do you recall that conversation?
 1
          0
 2
          Α
               No.
 3
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 4
               I believe he's referring to, perhaps, an
          Α
 5
     email that -- exchange we had the previous day, but
 6
     I'm not positive about that.
 7
               And what -- do you remember what that
 8
     email exchange was about?
 9
               I think that was the email exchange where
10
     I put forward the two possibilities of maybe Craig
     had been conning people for years, or maybe he just
11
     couldn't handle the pressure.
12
13
               Got it.
          0
                    (Exhibit 42 marked for
14
15
                    identification.)
16
               All right. I'm handing you what's been
     marked as Plaintiffs' Exhibit 42. Again, I did not
17
18
     print out the Bates labels.
19
                   Do you recognize this email?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               This is an email from Craig Wright to you
22
     and Roger Ver; is that right?
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
               In mid 2018?
          Q
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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 1
               It starts, "I have solved Blacknet"?
          Q
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               Do you know what that means?
          Q
 4
               No clue.
          Α
 5
               He then says, "Atlas has alread" -- I'm
          Q
 6
     assuming that's "already" -- "shrugged."
 7
                   Do you see that?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
          Q
               Do you know what he means there?
10
               I'm assuming he's referring to the
     Ayn Rand novel "Atlas Shrugged." But, yeah, no, I
11
     don't know what he's referring to.
12
13
               Okay. Did you respond to this?
          Q
14
          Α
               No, I did not.
15
               Did you talk to Roger about it?
               No, I didn't.
16
          Α
               You just ignore it?
17
          Q
18
               I believe I ignored it. I know you
19
     maybe -- you have an email where I responded.
20
          Q
               Whatever you recall.
21
          Α
               But I don't recall --
22
               I'm not --
          0
23
          Α
               -- responding to it.
24
               -- setting you up for any traps. I'm
          Q
25
     just --
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 1
          Α
               Okay.
 2
               -- asking your recollection.
 3
               No, I -- I -- and it is a very cryptic
 4
     email, and I don't recall thinking anything other
 5
     than maybe Craig Wright is crazy.
 6
                    (Exhibit 43 marked for
 7
                    identification.)
 8
                I am handing you what's been marked as
 9
     Plaintiffs' Exhibit 43 Bates-labeled 1482.
10
                    Do you recognize this email?
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               It's an email from Craig to you?
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               In May of 2017?
          0
15
               Yes.
          Α
16
                He says, "The trust is all cleaned up
     now."
17
18
                    You see that?
19
                I see that.
          Α
20
                What was unclean about the trust before?
          Q
21
                    MR. KASS: Object to form.
22
                I don't know.
          Α
23
          Q
               Did you ever ask him?
24
          Α
               No.
2.5
          Q
                Did you ever get information -- any
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- 1 information from Craig about the trust after this
- 2 email that you can recall?
- 3 A Not that I recall, no.
- 4 Q Has anyone else, beyond Craig, told you
- 5 about his relationship with Dave Kleiman?
- A Possibly Ian Grigg, but I'm not sure
- 7 about that -- oh, and perhaps one of the money men.
- 8 Yeah, and, again, I'm not sure about that. I'm not
- 9 sure who told me what.
- 10 Q So you said you thought that maybe Craig
- 11 Wright is a crazy person. Have you given any more
- 12 thought to that since that email, and where do you
- 13 come out?
- MR. KASS: Object to form.
- 15 A Yeah, I've wondered if maybe Craig is
- 16 paranoid; that he might have, you know, the -- the
- 17 psychological condition of paranoia. I'm not a
- 18 psychologist, but it -- it seems like it would fit
- 19 some of the -- the behavior I've -- I've seen from
- 20 Craiq.
- 21 Q Are you aware that in this lawsuit the
- 22 Court has found that Craig committed perjury under
- 23 oath?
- MR. KASS: Object to form.
- 25 A No, I am not aware of that.



Page 184 And are you aware that the Court has also 1 found he submitted forged documents to the Court? 2 3 MR. KASS: Object to form. 4 I think I did see media reports about Α 5 that. 6 That change your opinion of him at all? 0 7 No, I don't think it does. Α 8 Why? 9 Α Because I think even before that, you 10 know, once he bamboozled me about what he was going 11 to come out with when we were supposed to have 12 these simultaneous blog posts where he announced 13 himself to the world, you know, I realized he -- he 14 was lying at least about that, and so -- and -- and 15 I think in some of our conversations he had said he had lied about things in the past. He had maybe 16 done things to muddy up the record. He didn't go 17 18 into any specifics. So, you know, I think even 19 before then I got the impression, you know, he's a 20 person who's not a hundred percent honest all the 21 time. So it -- it didn't really change. 22 Were there times that he struck you as 23 honest and others that he struck you as dishonest, 24 or you were unable to tell when you were speaking 2.5 with him?



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 1
          Α
               I don't --
 2
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 3
               I don't think I am able to tell.
          Α
 4
          Q
               Okay.
 5
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Let's take a
 6
     two-minute break, and I think I'm done, but I just
 7
     want to circle back with my notes, and we'll finish
 8
     up our -- our deposition. Thank you.
 9
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
10
     2:37 p.m. We are off the record.
                   (Off record.)
11
12
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
     2:50 p.m. We're coming back on the record.
13
14
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Oh, wait. Hold on.
15
     Sorry. Go back off.
16
                    (Off record.)
17
                   MR. FREEDMAN: All right. We've got
18
     an official conference line, so I hope that's
     better for anyone who's on the line.
19
20
                   Are we still on the record?
21
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes.
22
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Still on the record.
23
     Okay.
24
     BY MR. FREEDMAN:
2.5
               I just want to go back to the
          Q
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     conversations you had with Craig and request
 1
 2
     whether or not you had -- recall -- strike that.
 3
                   Do you recall in any of your
 4
     conversations with Craig Wright him referring to
 5
     Dave Kleiman as his partner?
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
 6
7
               I don't recall.
          Α
               It's possible he did?
 9
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
               It's possible.
10
          Α
11
               Beyond the time that he got emotional
12
     about Dave Kleiman, do you remember any other
13
     reference to Dave Kleiman?
                   MR. KASS: Object.
14
15
               I don't recall.
16
               When he told you about the three people
17
     behind Satoshi, was that the same time he got
     emotional about Dave?
18
19
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
20
          Α
               I think so, but I'm not certain.
21
               And do you recall -- can you do your best
22
     to tell me the words you recall him using when he
23
     -- when he told you that?
24
                   MR. KASS: Object to form.
2.5
          Α
               No, I'm sorry, I don't think I can.
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 1
               The -- did he -- do you recall Craig ever
 2
     mentioning the Tulip Trust to you?
 3
               I think he did say the words "Tulip
 4
     Trust," although it might have been one of the
 5
     money men who mentioned a Tulip Trust. Again, my
 6
     recollection is very fuzzy, so...
 7
                   MR. FREEDMAN: All right. No further
 8
     questions.
 9
                         EXAMINATION
10
     BY MR. KASS:
11
          0
               Well, Mr. Andresen, my name is Zalman
12
     Kass, I represent Dr. Craig Wright.
                   The previous instructions that you
13
14
     received from Mr. Freedman, ask if you don't
15
     understand any questions or if you need a
16
     clarification, if you need a break, just let me
17
     know, those will still apply.
18
                   Do you recall opposing counsel asking
19
     whether sometimes Dr. Wright lied?
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And your response was you believe he --
22
     he did lie in the past, correct?
23
          Α
               Yes.
24
               Now, to the extent Dr. Wright told you
25
     anything about Dave Kleiman, could he have been
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 1
     lying?
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
                    (Pause.)
 4
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection to form.
 5
          Q
               Mr. Andresen, did you do anything to
 6
     prepare for today's deposition?
 7
               The only thing I did to prepare was this
 8
     morning I did go back and look at that Reddit
 9
     private message thread, just to refresh my memory a
     little bit about what might have -- what happened
10
     during the so-called proving ceremony in London.
11
12
               Okay. And do you recall anything else
13
     that you did to prepare?
14
          Α
               No, nothing else.
15
               All right. Did you speak to anybody in
16
     advance of this deposition related to the
     deposition?
17
18
          Α
               I certainly told my wife that I was gonna
     be at a deposition today --
19
20
          Q
               Okay.
21
               -- but, no. Other than that, no.
22
               All right. I'm gonna introduce as
23
     Exhibit 44 a document.
24
                    (Exhibit 44 marked for
2.5
                   identification.)
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 1
               Can you let me know if you recognize this
 2
     document? And take your time to look through it.
 3
                    (Witness perusing document.)
 4
               Yes, this is the subpoena I received last
          Α
 5
     year.
 6
               Okay.
          0
 7
          Α
               Last year? I think it was last year.
     Yeah, last year.
 8
 9
               And did you produce documents in response
10
     to the subpoena?
11
          Α
               Yes, I did.
12
               Did you produce all the documents that
13
     you had responsive to these requests?
14
          Α
               Yes, I did.
15
               And, for example, in Request No. 4, that
     includes documents related to Craig Wright, Satoshi
16
     Nakamoto, or Dave Kleiman?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Okay. So would it be accurate to state
20
     that all those documents have already been produced
21
     in this case by you --
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               -- that you have in your possession?
24
               Yes. As far as I know, yes.
          Α
2.5
               And how did you go about ensuring that
          Q
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Page 190 you found those documents? 1 Most of the documents -- well, I mean, 2 3 there are -- there are -- let me back up. 4 So Craig Wright, Satoshi Nakamoto, 5 and David Kleiman -- Satoshi I only ever 6 communicated via either email or BitcoinTalk 7 private forum messages. 8 Um-hm. 9 And so all of those documents -- and the same thing for -- well, besides the in-person 10 11 meeting with Craig Wright, all of our communications were via email. And so I -- I 12 13 performed search over all of my Gmail inbox, like 14 all -- you know, all mail sent, all mail received 15 for Craig Wright, Satoshi Nakamoto, and David Kleiman. And then I also did some manual searches 16 17 in BitcoinTalk private messages, and the Reddit 18 private messages I -- I -- I had related to -- to 19 this matter. Okay. Could we just actually switch 20 21 exhibits out. I should have given you the marked 22 one. 23 Α Sure. 24 When did you first learn of Dave 2.5 Kleiman's existence?



Page 191 1 Α I'm not sure. 2 Okay. Do you know if you learned of Dave 3 Kleiman's existence before you learned of Craig 4 Wright's existence? 5 Α Again, I'm not sure. 6 Okay. Have you ever communicated with 7 Dave Kleiman? 8 Not that I know of. 9 Okay. Other than conversations that you 10 may have had with Craig Wright or other people on Craig's -- you know, related to Craig's -- Craig 11 12 Wright, has anybody ever -- else spoken to you about Dave Kleiman? 13 14 I believe Ira Kleiman contacted me. 15 not sure anybody else has ever spoken to me about 16 Dave Kleiman. 17 Okay. So would it be fair to say that 18 any information that you have related to Dave 19 Kleiman would either come from Ira, Craig, or 20 somebody close to Craig? 21 I mean, there's certain -- there have 22 been reports in -- in media that I've read that -that talk about Dave Kleiman. So it's, again, 23 24 possible I've -- I heard about him through some 25 Reddit post or something that appeared in public



Page 192 1 media. 2 Other -- if we were to exclude online 3 media or some sort of posting, as far as like 4 one-on-one conversations with somebody, any 5 information would have come from either Craig --6 Dr. Craig Wright, Ira Kleiman, or someone close to 7 Craig Wright; is that correct? 8 Α Yes. 9 Are you familiar with the term "firsthand 10 knowledge"? 11 Α Vaguely. 12 Okay. What does it mean to you? 13 Firsthand knowledge, it means you Α 14 actually witnessed something happening; you didn't 15 hear about it from somebody who witnessed a thing 16 happening. 17 Okay. So we're gonna use that definition 18 going forward. 19 Α Okay. 20 Do you have any firsthand knowledge about 21 a partnership between Dr. Wright and Craig -- I'm 22 sorry -- Dr. Wright and Dave? 23 No. 24 Okay. Do you have any firsthand 25 knowledge about any intellectual property that Dave



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Page 193
 1
     Kleiman developed?
 2
          Α
               No.
 3
               Do you have any firsthand knowledge as to
 4
     any Bitcoin that Dave Kleiman may have mined?
 5
          Α
               No.
 6
               Do you have any firsthand knowledge about
 7
     a purported theft of Dave Kleiman's Bitcoin?
 8
          Α
               No.
 9
               Do you have any firsthand knowledge about
     Bitcoin that Dr. Wright may have mined?
10
11
          Α
               No.
               Do you have any firsthand knowledge about
12
13
     Dr. Wright's wealth?
14
               I'm not sure how to -- I certainly have
15
     emails, from an email address that I assumed was
16
     Craig Wright, talking about his wealth. Given the
     definition of firsthand knowledge, I -- that we
17
18
     were discussing --
19
          0
               Correct.
20
               -- I don't know how an email fits into
21
     that definition, but that's the only knowledge I
22
     have.
23
               Okay. Well, let me ask you, those emails
24
     mention large sums, correct?
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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               All right. I believe there was one about
 1
 2
     millions -- million something, correct?
 3
               Hundreds of millions of somethings, yes.
 4
               Somethings, yes. Okay. Right.
          0
 5
                   Now, you haven't -- have you seen any
 6
     bank account statements where you could see
7
     hundreds of millions of something?
 8
          Α
               No.
 9
               Okay. So any information -- is it fair
10
     to say that any information that you would have
     about Dave Kleiman's wealth is based on an email
11
     that seems to come from Dave Kleiman's email inbox?
12
13
               You mean Craig Wright's email?
          Α
               Craig -- yes. I'm sorry.
14
          0
15
                   That seems to come from Craig
16
     Wright's email account, correct?
17
               Yes, correct.
18
               All right. But you haven't verified
     whether or not -- whether that's accurate?
19
20
          Α
               Correct, I have not.
21
               Okay. So would it be fair to say that
22
     you don't have firsthand knowledge as to whether
23
     that wealth, in fact, exists?
24
               I think that's fair to say, yes.
2.5
               And do you have any firsthand knowledge
          Q
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Page 195 about whether Dave Kleiman -- Ira Kleiman -- Craig 1 2 Wright has any trusts? 3 No, I don't think I do. 4 Have you seen any trust documents? 5 Α I'm not sure. 6 Okay. Do you recall having seen any 7 trust documents? 8 The only trust document I would have seen 9 might have been that attachment that I said that I 10 destroyed in an email exchange with Uyen Nguyen. 11 But is it accurate to state you don't 12 really recall what -- it could have been a trust document, but you're just not -- you don't recall? 13 14 That's correct, it could have been a 15 trust document, but I don't recall. 16 Okay. And you weren't a party to setting 17 up of any trusts? 18 No, I was not. 19 And do you have any firsthand knowledge 20 of any trusts that Dave Kleiman may have been part 21 of? 22 Α No. 23 Now, I just asked you a whole bunch of 24 questions, whether you had firsthand knowledge 25 about many different subjects, correct?



Page 196 1 Α Yes. To the extent you have any knowledge 2 about those -- those subjects that is not firsthand 3 4 knowledge, what would the source of that knowledge 5 be? And we can go one by one if that's easier for 6 you. 7 I mean, the -- the -- the sources of any Α 8 of those would be emails from Craig Wright, emails 9 from Uyen Nguyen, emails from the so-called money 10 guys who are part of the -- the London proving 11 session I was part of, and then any court documents or other things that I've seen reported in -- in 12 13 public media. 14 Okay. And do you know whether those 15 emails were, in fact, sent by Craiq Wright or any 16 of those other parties? Do I know for a hundred percent sure? 17 18 Emails can be forged. 19 Sure. And they -- they could also be 20 sent from an email address, but the person sending 21 it is not actually the one who typed up the 22 message, right? 23 That is possible, yes. 24 At most we know it's from -- would it be



fair to say that the most we know, it's from an

25

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     email address that is consistent with an email
 1
 2
     address that we believe those people use?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               Okay. Now, you previously testified
 5
     about a cryptographic proof session in London. Do
 6
     you recall that?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
               And that cryptographic proof was related
 8
 9
     to either block 9 or 10, depending on how you
10
     count, correct?
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               Did -- did Dr. Wright show you any
     cryptographic proofs for any other blocks?
13
14
          Α
               No.
15
               Do you have any knowledge as to whether
     he has the ability to control any other Bitcoin
16
     blocks?
17
18
          Α
               No.
19
               Now, if somebody had access to a Bitcoin
     private key in the past, does it mean they still
20
21
     have access to a Bitcoin private key?
22
          Α
               No.
23
               Is it possible to have access one day and
     access not the other day?
24
2.5
               Yes, keys can be lost or stolen.
          Α
```



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 1
               Okay. Do you recall the date that you
 2
     had the proof session with Dr. Wright in London?
 3
          Α
               That was one of the things I looked at --
 4
                    (Brief interruption.)
 5
                    (Phone connection disconnected.)
 6
               That was one of the things I looked at
          Α
 7
     this morning, and I believe it was April 7th.
 8
               Okay. All right. And do you recall what
 9
     time of day it was that the actual proof was shown
10
     to you?
               I think it was late afternoon.
11
          Α
12
               Okay. So would it be fair to say that,
13
     at most, you can know that in the late afternoon of
14
     April 7th, Dr. Wright could have had the private
     key to block 9 or block 10, correct?
15
16
               Yeah. Yes.
               You don't know if he had the private key
17
18
     prior to that, correct?
19
          A
               Correct.
20
               And you don't know if he had the private
21
     key after that?
22
          Α
               Correct.
               And you don't know if -- when there were
23
24
     those email conversations going back and forth
25
     where people made representations on behalf of
```



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     Dr. Wright, that he would transfer money from a
 1
 2
     certain Bitcoin address, you don't know if he still
 3
     had the key at that point in time?
 4
          Α
               Correct.
 5
               And if he didn't have the key, it
 6
     wouldn't be a very easy matter to make a transfer,
 7
     correct?
 8
          Α
               It -- it would be impossible.
 9
          Q
               Okay.
10
                    (Calling conference line.)
               And it's -- and it's also possible that
11
          0
     Dr. Wright did not, in fact, have the key in the
12
     evening of April 7th, 2016, right?
13
               Correct.
14
          Α
15
                    (Reconnecting into conference line.)
               You testified before that you
16
     corresponded with Satoshi in 2010, correct?
17
18
          Α
               Correct.
19
               And what was the nature of your
20
     relationship with Satoshi?
21
               It was very businesslike, very -- you
22
     know, one programming geek talking to another
23
     programming geek.
24
               Okay. So would it be fair to say that
25
     large parts of your conversations were about
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- 1 programming stuff?
- 2 A Yeah, basically all of our conversations
- 3 were about programming stuff. My conversations in
- 4 2010 never really delved into anything personal.
- 5 Yeah, it was all the bus -- about the business of
- 6 making the Bitcoin software successful.
- 7 Q Okay. And did Satoshi ever share code
- 8 with you?
- 9 A Did he share -- yes, he did share code
- 10 with me.
- 11 Q And did you ever share code with Satoshi?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And did you have conversations with
- 14 Satoshi about the code?
- 15 A Yes. We had back and forth about how
- 16 things should be implemented.
- 17 O And would it be accurate to state that
- 18 you're familiar with Satoshi's programming
- 19 abilities?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 O And that would be based on the email
- 22 conversations that you had with Satoshi, correct?
- 23 A Yes, and also the -- the code
- 24 in -- that is in the Bitcoin repository, that
- open-source software code, that we know was written



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     by Satoshi.
 1
               Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit 48.
 2
          Q
 3
                    (Exhibit 48 marked for
 4
                   identification.)
 5
               And, Mr. Andresen, do you recognize this
          0
 6
     document?
 7
               2010. Yeah.
          Α
               What -- what -- what do you believe it
 8
 9
     is?
10
               Let's see, what were we doing here?
11
               Well, I'm fine with the higher level
12
     understanding; like, for example, are you talking
13
     code with Satoshi? Let's start, is this an email
     with Satoshi?
14
15
               Yes, this is an email with Satoshi.
16
               And are you talking about coding things?
               Yes, we're talking about coding things.
17
18
     I believe this is the new -- yes, this is the new
19
     RPC methods for talking to the -- the Bitcoin
20
     software and controlling the Bitcoin software.
21
               Okay. Now, I'm going to introduce
22
     Exhibit 49.
23
                    (Exhibit 49 marked for
24
                   identification.)
2.5
               And do you recognize this document?
          Q
```



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Page 202
 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               And is it an email between you and
 3
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
 4
              Yes, it is.
          Α
 5
               And are you talking about coding things
          Q
 6
     and programming?
 7
          Α
               Yes, we are.
               Okay. And I'm going to introduce as
 8
 9
     Exhibit 45 this document.
10
                    (Exhibit 45 marked for
                   identification.)
11
12
               And if you look at the prior exhibit that
13
     I showed you, which was 49, there is an attachment
14
     to it. Do you have any knowledge as to whether
     this attachment is what's referred to in that
15
     email?
16
17
                    (Witness perusing document.)
18
               If it does help, the -- the Bates numbers
19
     are sequential.
20
               Yes, I think this is the attachment that
21
     would go with that email.
22
               Okay. Thank you.
23
                   And, again, so not only are you
24
     talking about coding stuff in the -- the body of
25
     the email, you're actually exchanging code with
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 1
     Satoshi?
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
                   (Exhibit 46 marked for
 4
                   identification.)
 5
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit 46. And
          Q
 6
     do you recognize this document?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               And are -- it's a Satoshi email --
 9
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Zalman, you said 46.
10
     It's 51, I think.
11
                   MR. KASS: What -- what was I saying,
12
     please?
13
                   THE WITNESS: This says Exhibit 46.
14
                   MR. KASS: 46. I had jumped five by
15
     mistake, so I just kind of went back to -- to fill
     in the numbers I didn't have. There were two rows
16
     of stickies.
17
18
                   MR. FREEDMAN: This is going to
     become your new trademark, Mr. Kass.
19
20
                   MR. KASS: Are you confused yet?
21
     BY MR. KASS:
22
               Okay. Exhibit 46, is this an email
23
     between you and Satoshi?
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
               And what's -- is this email about coding
          0
```



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     and programming things?
 1
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
          Q
               Okay.
 4
                    (Exhibit 47 marked for
                    identification.)
 5
               I am introducing Exhibit 47. And do you
 6
 7
     recognize this document?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               Is it an email conversation between you
     and Satoshi Nakamoto?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               Are you talking about programming and
13
     coding things?
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               All right.
          0
16
                    (Exhibit 50 marked for
17
                    identification.)
18
               Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit 50.
     Do you recognize this email?
19
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               Is this a conversation between you and
22
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
23
               Yes.
24
               Is it about coding and programming?
          Q
2.5
               Yeah. A particularly annoying one, yes.
          Α
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 1
               I'm just curious, what was particularly
 2
     annoying about this one?
 3
          Α
               Just the -- cleanly shutting down the
 4
     application took many revisions. It seems like it
 5
     should be a very simple thing to do, but it was
 6
     much more complicated.
 7
               And did you work with Satoshi on that?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
                    (Exhibit 51 marked for
                   identification.)
10
11
               Now, I'm going to introduce Exhibit 51,
12
     which is a sequential Bates number from the prior
13
     email that I sent to you. If you could take a peek
14
     at it, and let me know if that is an attachment in
15
     Exhibit 50.
16
               Yes, it is.
          Α
17
               So would it be fair to say that, in
18
     addition to speaking about coding in the body of
19
     Exhibit 50, you are also sharing code, actual code,
20
     with Satoshi?
21
               Yes.
          Α
22
               And Satoshi was sharing code with you as
23
     kind of back --
24
          Α
               Yes --
2.5
          Q
               -- you know, a two-way street?
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Page 206
 1
               -- we would trade what are called
 2
     "patches" back and forth.
 3
                    (Exhibit 52 marked for
 4
                    identification.)
               Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit 52.
 5
          Q
     Do you recognize this document?
 6
 7
          Α
               Satoshi to me. Yes.
 8
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
 9
     Nakamoto?
10
          Α
               Yes.
               Are you talking about programming and
11
          Q
12
     coding?
13
               Yes.
          Α
               Okay. And -- okay.
14
          0
15
                    (Exhibit 53 marked for
16
                    identification.)
17
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit 53. Do
18
     you recognize this document?
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               Is it a conversation between you and
21
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
          Q
               Is it related to programming and coding?
24
          Α
               Yes.
2.5
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit No. 54.
          Q
```



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Page 207
 1
                    (Exhibit 54 marked for
 2
                    identification.)
 3
               Do you recognize this email?
          Q
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
          Q
               Is it an email between you and
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
 6
 7
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               Is it related to programming and coding?
          Q
 9
          Α
            Yes.
10
          0
               Okay.
11
                    (Exhibit 55 marked for
12
                    identification.)
13
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit 55. Do
          0
     you recognize this document?
14
15
          Α
               Yes.
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
16
     Nakamoto?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Is it related to programming and coding?
               Yes. I'm detecting a pattern.
20
          Α
21
               Yes. We're getting to the end of it.
          Q
22
                    (Exhibit 56 marked for
23
                    identification.)
24
               I'm introducing Exhibit No. 56. Do you
25
     recognize this document?
```



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Page 208
 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
 3
     Nakamoto?
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               Does it relate to coding -- coding and
          Q
 6
     programming?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
               All right. Is it -- is it fair to say we
 8
 9
     just looked at a large number of documents that are
     communications between you and Satoshi Nakamoto
10
     related to programming and coding?
11
12
          Α
               Yes.
               As it related to the Bitcoin software?
13
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               Okav. And based on all those emails, did
     you form an opinion as to Satoshi's coding or
16
     programming abilities?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               And how would you describe his
20
     programming and coding abilities?
21
               I would say he's a very good coder,
22
     although a little bit old-fashioned.
23
               Okay. I actually have two more exhibits
24
     we've got to do.
2.5
                    (Exhibit 57 marked for
```



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Page 209
 1
                    identification.)
 2
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit 57. Do
     you recognize this document?
 3
 4
          Α
               Yes.
 5
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
 6
     Nakamoto?
 7
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               Does it relate to programming and coding?
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               And, again, I am going to introduce now
     as Exhibit 58, which is sequentially marked.
11
12
                    (Exhibit 58 marked for
13
                    identification.)
14
               And do you recognize this to be the -- do
15
     you recognize 58 to be the attachment from
     Exhibit 57?
16
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               And what is attached, would you -- would
19
     it be fair to say, is coding and programming
     related?
20
21
          Α
              Yes.
22
               Is it actual code?
               It's actual code.
23
24
               And this is actual code from Satoshi
2.5
     Nakamoto?
```



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Page 210
 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
               Okay. Would you consider Satoshi a
 3
     brilliant programmer?
 4
               Definitely a top 10 percent programmer.
          Α
 5
          0
               All right. And when you say "top" --
 6
     "top 10 percent," is that in the world? In the US?
 7
     I just want to understand a little bit more what
 8
     you mean.
 9
               Among all the programmers that I've
          Α
10
     interacted with, he's definitely in the top
     10 percent. I've known better programmers. I've
11
12
     known a lot of worse programmers.
13
               Sure. Okay. And how would you rank
          0
14
     yourself in the -- in the hierarchy of programmers?
15
               I'd say I'm in the top 10 percent also.
16
               All right. So --
17
          Α
               I'm a little slower than most
18
     programmers, but I'm -- I think I have fewer bugs.
19
               Okay. So would you consider yourself on
20
     equal footing with Satoshi?
21
               It depends on what we were programming,
22
     but, yeah, roughly equal.
23
               Okay.
24
                    (Exhibit 59 marked for
2.5
                   identification.)
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 1
          0
               I am going to introduce Exhibit 59.
                   Now, I'm gonna ask you to turn to the
 2
 3
     second page of the exhibit. And then I'm going to
 4
     ask you to look at the fifth paragraph from the
 5
     bottom, and the paragraph starts with "Over."
 6
          Α
               Sure.
 7
               Okay. And then do you see on the second
     line it says, "I mean, Satoshi is a brilliant
 8
 9
     programmer, but he also acts like a lone wolf."
10
                   And then if you go on a little
11
     further, this statement is attributed to you.
12
                   Do you recall making that statement?
13
              Yes, I believe I did.
          Α
14
               Okay.
15
               I've said similar statements in the past.
16
               All right. So -- and is that an accurate
17
     statement?
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Okay. So based on your interactions with
20
     Satoshi, it's your belief that he was a brilliant
21
     programmer?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               So would it be fair to say that Satoshi
     would know how to create a simple programmer --
24
25
     program?
```



Page 212 1 Α Yes. 2 And if someone told you that Satoshi 3 needed help creating a simple program, what would 4 your reaction be? 5 Α I would need to know a little bit more. 6 I mean, certainly if it was an unfamiliar 7 programming language or unfamiliar programming 8 environment, then I could imagine needing help. 9 Even I would need help writing Ruby code, for example; I don't know the programming language 10 11 Ruby. But if it wasn't an issue of --12 Um-hm. 13 of languaging, if you -- if -- if Satoshi was able to use whatever code -- programming language he 14 15 wanted, would you be surprised that he had 16 difficulty creating a simple program? 17 Yes, I would be surprised. 18 All right. And would you be surprised if 19 he would have to reach out to his best friend, who 20 was a programmer, and ask him to create simple 21 programs? 22 Α Yes. 23 What's a -- are you familiar with the 24 term "simple script"? 2.5 "Simple script"? Α



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 1
               Yeah.
          0
 2
               No, I don't think so, at least not as
 3
     a -- not as a term.
 4
               Okay. Well, if I were to define a simple
 5
     script as a series of moderately simple commands,
 6
     sort of like a macro in Excel --
 7
          Α
               Sure.
               -- would you understand what that is?
 8
 9
          Α
               Absolutely, yes.
10
               Yeah. Would you consider that
11
     programming?
12
          Α
               It's a kind of programming.
13
               Do you believe Satoshi's skills were in
14
     excess of writing simple scripts?
15
               Again, it depends. I mean, for example,
16
     the first version of Bitcoin ran on Windows, and if
     Satoshi was a Windows programmer that needed to
17
18
     write some UNIX scripts on a server, then I could
19
     imagine him reaching out to somebody to help out
20
     with -- with that kind of task. Again, it would be
21
     like -- it's -- it's basically a different
22
     programming language.
23
               Okay. Well, if somebody were to state
     that Satoshi only knew how to write simple scripts,
24
2.5
     as a blanket statement, would that be consistent
```



Page 214 with your interactions with Satoshi? 1 2 No. The Satoshi I was interacting with 3 had a demonstrated ability to produce code. 4 least, you know, I received code in emails. I have 5 no firsthand knowledge that the person I was 6 communicating via email actually wrote the code. 7 Q Okay. 8 But I assume that it -- that it was the 9 same person. 10 Well, let me ask you. In the emails that 11 we've looked at, in the body of the emails, are there discussions about code? 12 13 Α Yes. 14 Okay. So based on those -- the messages 15 in the body of the email, would it be accurate to state that this Satoshi, or the person who held 16 17 himself out as Satoshi that you were speaking with, 18 was a programmer? 19 Yes. Α 20 And a coder? 21 Α Yes. 22 And able to do things more advanced than 23 simple scripts? 24 Α Yes. 2.5 Okay. Do you recall testifying earlier



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     on that somebody reached out to you regarding
 1
 2
     Craig Wright showing himself as Satoshi, correct?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               And your initial reaction was skepticism?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
               I believe you said highly skeptical?
 6
 7
          Α
               Yes.
 8
               Okay. And that was because other people
 9
     in the past had claimed they were Satoshi?
10
               Quite a few, yes.
11
               Okay. And, in fact, you said I'm not
12
     getting on that plane until I'm -- a plane to
     London until I'm reasonably certain that Craig
13
14
     Wright is Satoshi?
15
               Yes.
          Α
16
               Okay. And there was an email with four
17
     different ways that you could be reasonably certain
18
     that you were speaking with Satoshi, correct?
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               All right. And if you could take a look
21
     at Exhibit 4, previously marked.
22
               (Witness complied.)
23
               Now -- all right, if you look at the
     bottom, it says, "I want to see" and then you have
24
25
     one, two, three, four. Do you recall if it was
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- 1 that you wanted to see all four or if one of them
- 2 was sufficient?
- 3 A The more, the better. The more, the more
- 4 certain I felt I would be.
- 5 Q Okay. Now, if you look at all of those
- 6 four options, or at least the first three of them,
- 7 there's some language in parentheticals. Do you
- 8 see that?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. And the first one, where you ask
- 11 for a PGP key that Satoshi used, what do you --
- 12 what do you state in parentheticals?
- 13 A "But his computer could have been
- 14 hacked."
- 15 Q And what's the import of that?
- 16 A The import is that a PGP key can be
- 17 stolen, and somebody else can use it to impersonate
- 18 somebody if they have access to that piece of data.
- 19 Q All right. And, therefore, it's not a
- 20 perfect proof; is that fair?
- 21 A That's fair, yeah, it's not a perfect
- 22 proof.
- 23 Q All right. And then we go down to the
- 24 second one, which is a message signed with the keys
- 25 from the early Bitcoin blocks. And, again, there's



Page 217 something in parentheticals. Could you read that? 1 2 "But his wallet could have been stolen." 3 And what's the import of that? Q 4 Again, I mean, the keys are pieces of Α 5 data. 6 Um-hm. 0 7 The fact that you have a key, it doesn't Α 8 tell you anything about how you obtained that key, 9 so keys can be stolen. And so, again, somebody 10 could have stolen those keys and used them to 11 pretend to be the person who actually mined the 12 blocks way back in 2009. 13 Okay. Now, the third one on that list is 14 an email or private forum post he sent to me in 15 And, again, you have a parenthetical. 16 What's that parenthetical? "But email could have been hacked." 17 18 And, again, what's the import of that? 19 Again, email is just data. So if you 20 hack into a computer, you could steal somebody's 21 emails and then present them as if they were your 22 own. 23 Okay. And then there's the fourth one, 24 which is a conversation about technical stuff, 25 ideally via email, so I can see if it feels like



Page 218 the same person I communicated with in 2010? 1 2 Α Yes. 3 Is there any parenthetical after that? Q 4 Α No. 5 All right. So would it be fair to say, 6 out of those four options, the fourth option would 7 be the most convincing? 8 I mean, I -- I'm not sure I would say the 9 most convincing. I mean, certainly if -- if you 10 could produce the other three, I think they would 11 have more weight. I think any individual one --12 yeah, no, I don't think I -- I don't think it's --13 it's the one that would be most convincing to me. I think the other three, if you could 14 15 produce them, would be more convincing, just 16 because I don't trust myself to -- to judge 17 whether, you know, two documents are produced by 18 the same person. That's just not a skill that I 19 feel like, you know, I'm -- I'm super great at. 20 All right. Well, let me ask you. 21 the fourth one, which was this email conversation, 22 you didn't identify any downsides over there? 23 That's correct. 24 All right. And so would it be fair to 25 say that at that point in time, which, based on the



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Page 219
     email, is March 29, 2016, you didn't identify that
 1
 2
     as a downside?
 3
          Α
               I didn't identify what as a downside?
 4
               Your inability to adequately --
 5
          Α
               -- judge whether I'm communicating with
 6
     the same --
 7
              Yes.
          0
 8
               -- person I was in the past? Correct.
 9
     Yes.
               Okay. Now, which of the four did
10
     Dr. Wright eventually end up using?
11
12
          Α
               I believe a message signed with a key
13
     from the early Bitcoin block is the only one.
14
               That was a poor question. Sorry. Can I
15
     take that back?
16
          Α
               Sure.
17
               You can -- I don't want to interrupt.
18
     You can answer, but I'm gonna change the question
19
     anyways.
20
                   Before you got on the plane to go to
21
     London, which one of those four did Dr. Wright use?
22
               The conversation about technical stuff.
23
     So we did have a back-and-forth conversation about
24
     the state of Bitcoin --
2.5
               All right.
          Q
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 1
               -- and what his thoughts were.
          Α
 2
          0
               And was that conversation through email?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               Was there a phone conversation?
          Q
 5
          Α
               I don't think so, no.
 6
          0
               Okay.
 7
               I -- I might be -- I might be
          Α
     misremembering, but I don't think there was.
 8
 9
               I'm going to introduce Exhibit 60.
                    (Exhibit 60 marked for
10
                    identification.)
11
12
          Q
               Do you recognize that document?
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               Is it an email that appears to be from
15
     Stefan Matthews to you?
16
          Α
               Yes.
17
               Okay. And what does it say about --
18
     like, do you -- do you know what the purpose of
     this email was?
19
20
          Α
               It was part of the logistics of me
21
     traveling to London --
22
               Um-hm.
          0
23
               -- to witness signing of an early Bitcoin
24
     block.
2.5
               Okay. And if you look at the third
          Q
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Page 221 paragraph, the one that starts with, I am looping 1 2 Craig into this email so that the two of you have 3 the necessary email contact information for the 4 exchange of information prior to the substantial 5 discussion information exchange in London. 6 Reading that, do you have any 7 additional recollection as to what the purpose of 8 this email was? 9 (Pause.) 10 I can re-ask it. Was one of the reasons of this email 11 12 so that Craig could be in contact with you to then give you the fourth -- the fourth option of the 13 list of proofs? 14 15 Yes, probably. And that would just be based on reading 16 17 that paragraph, what I just read to you? 18 Α Exactly, yes. 19 Okay. 20 I mean, I have -- I have very little 21 recollection of exactly what happened when. 22 All right. But this is consistent with 23 what you recall? 24 Α Yes. 2.5 Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit 67. Q



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Page 222
 1
          Α
               This says --
               I'm sorry --
 2
          0
 3
               -- 61.
          Α
 4
               -- 61. I misread. Thank you.
          Q
                    (Exhibit 61 marked for
 5
                    identification.)
 6
 7
               Do you recognize this document?
          Q
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               Okay. And is it an email between
          Q
     Dr. Craig Wright and yourself?
10
          Α
11
               Yes.
               Okay. Now, I'm gonna introduce another
12
     exhibit, and this exhibit is going to be Exhibit
13
14
     No. 62.
15
                    (Exhibit 62 marked for
16
                    identification.)
               All right. Do you recognize this
17
18
     document?
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               Is it an email between you and Craig
21
     Wright?
22
          Α
               Yes.
               What is the time -- what -- when was the
23
24
     email sent, what time?
2.5
               It says April 3rd, 2016, 11:06 a.m.
          Α
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               All right. And then if you look at the
 1
 2
     other email, which is Exhibit 61, what's the time
     on that email?
 3
 4
               It says April 3rd, 2016, 11:53 a.m.
          Α
 5
               All right. So would it be fair to say
          0
 6
     that these emails are about 50 minutes apart,
 7
     slightly less?
 8
                   MR. KASS: 50.
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               Now, could you just take a minute to
11
     quickly look over the two emails, because I'm going
     to be asking you questions. I just want to make
12
13
     sure you're familiar with it.
14
                    (Witness perusing documents.)
15
               And that's fine if you just read the
     first page of both emails.
16
17
               I'll skim.
          Α
18
          0
               That's fine.
19
                    (Witness perusing document.)
20
          Α
               Okay.
21
               And would it be fair to say that there
22
     are similarities between these two emails?
23
               Yeah.
24
               Okay. And would it be fair to say that,
2.5
     for the most part, it's the same substance, but
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     they're in different writing styles?
 1
 2
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form.
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               All right. Now, let's go to Exhibit 61.
 5
     If you look at the first paragraph, does Dr. Wright
 6
     give any explanation as to why he sent you two
7
     emails less than 50 minutes apart with similar
 8
     substance?
9
                    (Witness perusing document.)
10
               Well, the first paragraph says, Using
11
     this style, I've written many blog posts. Has a
12
     few minor alterations to my standard prose.
13
     following is more in line to how I naturally write.
14
               Okay. Now, when he says, "Using this" --
15
     so he says, "The first email I send to you a few
     moments back." Do you understand that to mean
16
     Exhibit 62?
17
18
          Α
               I'm not sure.
19
               Okay. Well, was that email sent a few
     moments back?
20
21
               According to the dates in the sent, then,
22
     yes, it was sent 50 minutes before the --
23
          0
               Okay.
24
            -- before Exhibit 61.
2.5
              And it has similar content?
          Q
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Page 225 1 Α It does have similar content, yes. 2 0 But a different writing style? 3 Different words, certainly, yes. Α 4 All right. So would you be comfortable 0 5 stating that it's probable that is the 6 communication Dr. Wright was referring to? 7 Α Yes. Okay. And if -- if there were no other 8 9 emails between -- in that 50-minute span, would you 10 be very convinced that that is the actual -- that Dr. Wright is referring to Exhibit 62 when he says, 11 "The email I send to you a few moments back"? 12 13 Α Yes. 14 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection to form. 15 Okay. Now, was part of this, these two 16 emails, did you understand it that Dr. Wright was trying to show you that he could write like Satoshi 17 18 Nakamoto? 19 I hadn't thought about it until now, 20 frankly. 21 All right. And now that you've thought 22 about it... 23 Now that I've thought about it, yeah, 24 that seems to be what he's doing here. 2.5 And you, in fact, were familiar with Q



Page 226 Satoshi's writing style, correct? 1 2 Yes. I think I probably read everything 3 that he wrote publicly. 4 Sure. And, in addition to what Satoshi 5 had -- had written publicly, you had also had a 6 series of email conversations with Satoshi, 7 correct? 8 Α Yes. 9 Now, we've seen a lot of them related to 10 coding-type things and programming, correct? 11 Α Yes. But would it be accurate to state that 12 13 some of those conversations were more expansive than that? 14 15 Yes, we'd talk about things related to making the Bitcoin project succes -- successful. 16 17 (Pause.) 18 MR. KASS: We're gonna take a 19 five-minute break. Off the record. 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 21 3:46 p.m. We're going off the record. 22 (Off record.) 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is 24 3:51 p.m. We're back on the record. 2.5 (Exhibit 63 marked for



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 1
                   identification.)
 2
     BY MR. KASS:
 3
               I'm introducing Exhibit 63. Do you
          Q
 4
     recognize that document?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               It is an email conversation between you
 7
     and Satoshi Nakamoto?
 8
          Α
               Yes.
 9
               And in this email, it's -- are you
10
     talking about more than just coding?
              Well --
11
          Α
12
            Let me rephrase that question.
13
                   More than just code?
14
               More than just code. Yeah, we're talking
     about user interface for the Bitcoin software and
15
     how it should work.
16
17
                    (Exhibit 64 marked for
18
                   identification.)
               And I'm going to introduce Exhibit 64.
19
     Do you recognize this document?
20
21
          Α
               Yes.
22
               And is it an email between you and
23
     Satoshi Nakamoto?
24
               Yes.
          Α
2.5
               And are you talking about more -- or is
          Q
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     Satoshi talking to you more than just about code?
 1
 2
               Yeah, he's talking about -- well, he's
 3
     talking about the design of the -- of the software
 4
     and how it should work.
 5
                    (Exhibit 65 marked for
 6
                   identification.)
 7
               And I'm going to introduce Exhibit 65.
          0
     Do you recognize this document?
 8
 9
          Α
               Yes.
10
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
11
     Nakamoto?
12
          Α
              Yes.
13
               And are you talking about more than just
14
     code?
15
          Α
               Yes.
               Okay. And would it be fair to -- and
16
     would it be fair to say it's a fairly lengthy email
17
18
     from Satoshi Nakamoto to yourself?
19
               Yeah, it's mostly about code, but there
20
     are -- I mean, we do talk about team members and --
21
     and kind of higher level software development
22
     stuff.
               Okay. And I'm going to introduce
23
24
     Exhibit 66.
2.5
                    (Exhibit 66 marked for
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Page 229
 1
                   identification.)
               Do you recognize this document?
 2
          0
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               Is it an email between you and Satoshi
 5
     Nakamoto?
 6
          Α
              Yes.
 7
               Are you talking about anything in
     addition to code? And by "you," I also mean
 8
 9
     Satoshi. The conversation, does it involve things
     in addition to code?
10
               Yeah, we're talking about potential
11
          Α
     attacks on the Bitcoin software.
12
               All right. So I just showed you four
13
14
     exhibits, and would it be accurate to state that in
15
     the last four exhibits that I just showed you,
     those are examples of conversations you had with
16
     Satoshi Nakamoto that encompassed things in
17
18
     addition to coding and programming language?
19
          Α
               Yes.
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Object to form.
20
21
               So based on that, would -- would it be
22
     fair to state that you had an understanding as to
23
     Satoshi's writing style?
24
               I think I had a --
2.5
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection to form.
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- 1 A I would say I had a feeling for Satoshi's
- 2 writing style. I'm not sure I would say
- 3 understanding.
- 4 Q And do you recall if, after receiving
- 5 the -- the two emails from Dr. Wright that were
- 6 about 50 minutes apart, if that was sufficient to
- 7 convince you to go on a plane to London to meet
- 8 him?
- 9 A Yes, I believe that was sufficient to
- 10 convince me to get on an airplane.
- 11 Q Okay. So would it be fair to state that
- 12 you believed that that writing style was consistent
- with the previous writing style of Satoshi?
- 14 A Yes. I felt like it could be the same
- 15 person.
- 16 Q Okay. And when Dr. Wright sent you those
- 17 emails, what year was it in?
- 18 A When Dr. Wright sent me those emails, I
- 19 would have to go back and look at the -- the -- the
- 20 email headers. 2016, was it? Again, I have a
- 21 terrible memory for dates.
- 23 few back.
- 24 A 2016.
- 25 Q Okay. Could -- do you know if Dave



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     Wright -- Dave Kleiman wrote those emails for
 1
 2
     Dr. Wright?
 3
          Α
               I'm sorry. Ask that again.
 4
               Do you know if -- if Dave Kleiman wrote
 5
     those emails for Dr. Wright, those two emails that
 6
     were -- that were 50 minutes apart?
 7
               I -- I don't know.
          Α
               Do you know if he could have written
 8
 9
     those emails?
10
               I don't know.
          Α
11
               Do you know if he was alive at that point
          Q
12
     in time?
               I don't know.
13
          Α
14
               If I were to tell you he passed away in
15
     2013, would that affect your answer?
16
               If you tell me he died in 2013, then I
17
     don't believe in ghosts.
18
               So you don't believe it was Dave Kleiman
19
     who was communicating with you in 2016?
20
          Α
               Correct. I believe it was Craig Wright.
21
          Q
               Okay.
22
               Maybe there are ghosts.
23
               How would you describe your relationship
24
     -- your current -- your current relationship with
25
     Craig Wright?
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Page 232 1 I don't think I have a relationship with 2 Craig Wright at the moment. 3 Okay. How would you describe your 4 relationship with Craig Wright after you flew to London? 5 6 I would say we had a cordial 7 relationship. 8 Okay. And were you shown emails earlier 9 on today where you continued communicating with Dr. Craig Wright after that public session, correct 10 -- or after the -- after the -- Dr. Wright released 11 12 that -- what appeared -- what he stated was the --13 the transaction, correct --14 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection to form. 15 -- publicly? 16 Yes, we continued to have some email conversations sporadically after that whole proving 17 18 session and then blog post and then mess. 19 Sure. And were there some sort of 0 apologies going back and forth? 20 21 Α Yes. 22 Okay. And did you tell him that you 23 understood, and you didn't really hold hard 24 feelings? 2.5 I -- well, it's what I said in the email,



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     which I -- I don't recall exactly what I said, but
 1
 2
     it is in the email.
 3
          Q
               Okay.
 4
               I believe I said I was not angry, but I
 5
     was disappointed, and I certainly, personally, took
 6
     a lot of heat and abuse.
 7
               But -- but you weren't angry with him?
 8
               No, I don't think I was angry.
 9
               Okay. Now, you've testified previously
     this morning that you've been doing coding for
10
     quite a while?
11
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               And how many years have you been doing
14
     codina?
15
               Well, let's see.
                                  I graduated from high
16
     school in 1984. I got my first -- I saved up when
     I was a freshman in high school for my
17
18
     Commodore 64, which would have been 1980 -- about
19
     1980.
20
               Um-hm.
          0
21
               So since 1980, probably, I've been
22
     programming.
23
               Okay. And was a portion of that
24
     programming professionally?
2.5
               Yes.
          Α
```



Page 234 1 Would it be fair to say that you have 2 sufficient skills to look at code that was written 3 and have an understanding as to the coder's coding 4 style? 5 Α Yes. 6 And have you looked at the original 7 Bitcoin software code? 8 Α Yes. 9 Have you read the entire code of the original release? 10 11 Α I don't think I've read every single 12 line, but I've read large portions of it. 13 Okay. And have you reached any opinion 14 as to how many people wrote the code? 15 My impression is that a small number of people, possibly one, wrote the code, just because, 16 in a large programming project, you have to do a --17 18 a good job of documenting what you're doing and kind of coordinating among multiple people, and the 19 20 original Bitcoin code didn't have kind of any of 21 It was dense and -- and not a lot of 22 comments, not a lot of explanation of, you know, 23 what different pieces of the code were doing. 24 that -- that gave me the impression that it was a



small number of people, maybe one person.

25

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               Okay. Would you state that it was likely
 1
 2
     by one person?
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                 Objection, form.
 4
               It could be. I mean, any piece of code,
          Α
 5
     you know, there are -- it wouldn't surprise me at
 6
     all if -- if different parts were written by
 7
     different people. I mean, it's -- it's a large --
 8
     well, it's a moderate size code base --
 9
               Um-hm.
10
               -- but a lot of different parts. And so
11
     it wouldn't surprise me at all if, you know, some
12
     of the networking code was written by a different
13
     person, for example.
14
               Right. So a discrete portion of it could
15
     have been written by someone else?
16
               Yes.
          Α
               Okay. But as far as the general body of
17
18
     it, would it be fair to say, based on actually
19
     looking at the code, that it appears that it likely
20
     was one person who did the bulk of the work?
21
               Probably.
          Α
22
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection to form.
23
               It's possible it was multiple people who
24
     just had the same coding style.
2.5
               Um-hm.
          Q
```



Page 236 1 You know, certainly like if people work 2 together at a company, there's usually a company 3 coding style, and, you know, it is possible to 4 create, you know, a body of code that has a very 5 consistent coding style that's written by more than 6 one person. 7 And if you were to do that, would the coders have to have similar skill sets as far as 8 9 coding goes? 10 Α No. 11 Okay. So could you have a coder who only 12 knows how to write BASIC script drafting code 13 together with someone who's a brilliant coder? 14 Yeah, I'd say that's possible. 15 And -- and how would that work? Well --16 Α 17 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. 18 -- in any piece of software, there will 19 be parts of the software that are critical --20 Um-hm. 0



if you get something wrong. You know, a junior

that there will be other parts of the software that

just aren't critical. For example, you know, like

you might write code that prints out a help message

-- that have to be absolutely right, and



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22

23

24

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     programmer could very easily be in charge of doing
 1
 2
     all the help messages or something.
 3
               Right. But would that junior programmer
          Q
     at least need to know how to code and program; that
 4
 5
     be fair?
 6
          Α
               Sure, yes.
 7
          Q
               Okay.
               It's not that hard.
 8
          Α
 9
          Q
              Hey, to me this is...
10
               I'm sure I could teach you.
          Α
11
               All right. Okay. Now, if we could go
          Q
12
     back to -- I need to find an exhibit. Sorry.
13
                    (Pause.)
14
               All right. If you could go back to
15
     Exhibit 59.
               (Witness complied.)
16
17
               And if you could go to the last page, so
18
     it's 3 of 3.
19
               Yeah.
          Α
               And do you see where it says, "If you ask
20
21
     a geek to look at some of the code I've written in
22
     the past, and look at Satoshi's early code, they
23
     can tell it's written by two different people, a
     different writing style," right? You could tell.
24
2.5
     "I mean, you could tell the difference between a
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 1
     Kurt" --
 2
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Excuse me?
 3
                   MR. KASS: I'm sorry.
               "You could tell the difference between a
 4
          0
5
     Kurt Vonnegut novel and a Jackie Collins novel, or
 6
     whatever."
 7
                   Do you recall stating that?
 8
               I don't recall it, but I believe that I
     did.
 9
10
               Okay. So would it be fair to state, at
11
     least based on that comment, that you believe there
12
     was one person who wrote the Bitcoin code?
13
          Α
               No.
14
               Okay. And why, why not?
15
               Again, you can have multiple people who
16
     have the same coding style.
17
               Okay. So other than -- okay. Let me
18
     rephrase that question.
19
                   So would it be fair to state that you
20
     believed that the Bitcoin software was written in
21
     one style -- coding style?
22
          Α
               Yes.
23
               Okay. And that could either mean that
24
     one person wrote it, or that more than one person
25
     wrote it but that they all had the same coding
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     style?
 1
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
          Q
               Okay. Got it.
 4
                   Now, I want to go to when you flew to
5
     London to attend the private proof session with
     Dr. Wright.
 6
 7
                   You stated that you met Dr. Wright I
 8
     believe it was maybe two hours after you got off
9
     the flight. Do you recall something along those
     lines?
10
               If I recall correctly, I got a little bit
11
          Α
     of sleep at the hotel room.
12
13
               Um-hm.
          0
14
               And then I met with the, quote-unquote,
15
     money guys; and then, yeah, an hour or two after
     meeting with them, Craig Wright came into the room.
16
               Okay. And do you recall how much sleep
17
18
     you got?
19
               Just a couple of hours, one or two hours.
20
               Okay. So -- and you had previously
21
     testified that you were jet lagged?
22
               Yes. Yes, I -- I -- I can't sleep on
23
     airplanes very well, so...
24
               Okay. And you had also testified that
2.5
     you don't remember a lot of specific details of
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Page 240 1 that day? 2 Α Correct. I remember a few details, but 3 not many at all. 4 All right. And, for example, you 5 couldn't remember exactly how the signing took 6 place? 7 Correct. Α And you couldn't remember how the hotel 8 9 Wi-Fi was accessed? 10 Α Correct. 11 And I'm not gonna go through every single 12 one, but you would agree that today you -- you 13 acknowledge that there are multiple things you 14 could not remember about that, right? 15 Yes. Like I wouldn't be able to tell you 16 what brand of laptop was purchased. I just -- I don't remember. I don't know. 17 18 Okay. And is one reason for that because 19 you were jet lagged? 20 Yes, probably. I mean, the other reason 21 would be I -- I tend to have a bad memory for 22 details. Good memory for numbers --23 Okay. 24 -- but bad memory for dates, proper 25 names, details of what happened last week, last



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    month, last year.
 1
 2
               And could another reason also be the
 3
     passage of time?
 4
               Absolutely.
          Α
 5
               Because all this took place in 2016,
 6
     correct?
 7
          Α
               Correct.
            So almost five years ago?
 8
 9
          Α
            2020. Four years.
10
              Four years. Yeah, almost four years ago?
          0
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               Now, you initially stated that you
     recalled some sort of conversation about Dave
13
14
    Kleiman?
15
          Α
               Yes.
16
               But initially you weren't very convinced
     -- or very -- weren't very -- would it -- would it
17
     be fair to say that -- that you weren't very sure
18
19
     in your memories?
20
               Yes. I certainly -- I don't remember
21
     what I heard when or what I have read in public
22
     accounts.
               Okay. And is it possible that what you
23
24
     know about Satosh -- Craig's involvement or Dave's
25
     purported involvement in -- at Satoshi came from a
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     source other than Dr. Craig Wright?
 1
 2
               I think that's unlikely, because I do
 3
     have that memory of -- of Craig being emotional
 4
     around the subject of Dave.
 5
               Okay. So you have in your mind that
          Q
 6
     Dr. Wright was emotional about Craig, and that
 7
     happened in London, correct?
 8
               Dr. Wright was emotional about --
 9
          0
               -- Dave.
10
          Α
               -- Dave.
11
              And it happened --
          Q
12
          Α
            That happened in London, yes.
13
              Okay. Around the proof session time?
          0
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               Okay. But -- and that's -- is that
     because -- and why -- why, in particular, does that
16
17
     stick out in your mind?
18
               I think it just sticks out because when
     you see somebody acting obviously emotional, sad,
19
20
     choked up, that's the kind of thing that just
21
     sticks in your memory.
22
          0
               Okay.
               You know, it's -- it's unusual; you don't
23
24
     generally see a grown man almost crying.
               So would it be fair to state that
2.5
          Q
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     Dr. Wright was upset about the passing of Dave
 1
 2
     Kleiman?
 3
          Α
               Yes, that -- he appeared to be, yes.
 4
              And he was emotional about that?
 5
          Α
               Yes.
 6
               Now -- but as far as the actual -- actual
 7
     substance of the conversation that Dr. Wright said
     about Dave Kleiman, do you recall much about that?
 8
 9
               No, I don't.
10
               Okay. So what you really remember most
     is his emotions?
11
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               And that there was a conversation about
     Dave Kleiman?
14
15
               A conversation. Yeah, some discuss --
     some mention.
16
17
              A mentioning?
18
          Α
               Yes.
19
               Okay. All right. But -- but you can't
20
     state for certain that at that point in time he --
21
     Dr. Wright said Dave Kleiman was the third Satoshi?
22
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form.
23
               I do seem to recall him saying that there
24
     were three people involved, and that Dave was one
25
     of the three people involved.
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1
               Okay. So now you do recall that that
2
     happened at that conversation?
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection.
 4
               I believe that did -- that did happen
5
     around -- yes.
 6
               All right. Could it have been that
7
     somebody else had said it --
 8
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection.
9
               -- other than Dr. Wright?
10
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection.
11
          Α
               It's possible.
12
               And is it possible -- do you recall that
13
     there was a chain of emails from somebody called
     "Uyen Nguyen"?
14
15
          Α
               Yes.
16
               And do you recall if she talked about
     Dave Kleiman in those emails?
17
               I don't recall. I'd have to go back and
18
     read those emails.
19
20
               Okay. So if I were to show you an email
21
     where she's talking about Dave's involvement in
22
     Satoshi, could -- could that be the source of your
     memory as to Dave's involvement?
23
24
               It's possible, but I think unlikely.
2.5
               Okay. Well, how about we look at the
          Q
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     emails.
 1
 2
          Α
               Okay.
 3
               It's not a memory test.
 4
               Good, because I would fail, miserably.
          Α
                    (Exhibit 68 marked for
 5
                    identification.)
 6
 7
          Q
               Okay. I'm going to introduce for the
     record -- I'm jumping one 'cause I mislabeled --
 8
 9
     we'll get back to it maybe -- but I'm introducing
10
     68.
                   Do you recognize this email?
11
12
          Α
               Yes.
13
               Is it an email between Uyen Nguyen and
     yourself?
14
15
          Α
               Yes.
16
               Okay. Now, do you see in the first
     paragraph how she is mentioning Dave Kleiman?
17
18
          Α
               Yes.
              And -- and Craig Wright?
19
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
               And then if you go down to the paragraph
22
     that "I write this letter"; you see that?
23
               Yes.
24
               And there it says, "Craig is one-third
2.5
     Satoshi"?
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 1
          Α
               Yes.
 2
          0
               And, "He is the only survivor now"?
 3
          Α
               Yes.
 4
               All right. And do you understand if --
          0
     if Dave Kleiman was alive in 2016?
 5
 6
               You have told me he was not.
          Α
 7
               Okay. Now, would it be fair to state
          0
 8
     that, based on this email at least, Uyen Nguyen is
 9
     stating that Craig Wright was only one-third of
     Satoshi?
10
11
          Α
               Yes.
12
               And that there were other people, I
     presume, with the other two-thirds?
13
14
          Α
               Yes.
15
               Could this have been the source of your
     memory that Craig was only a third of Satoshi?
16
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form.
17
18
               May 3rd, 2016. I suppose it's possible.
19
               Now, I think this actually might help us
20
     a lot.
            Okay.
21
                    (Exhibit 69 marked for
22
                    identification.)
23
          Q
               I am going to introduce Exhibit 69.
24
                   Do you recognize this document?
2.5
          Α
               Yes.
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               What is it?
 1
          0
 2
               This is the blog post I wrote in 2016
 3
     saying that I believe Craig Wright is Satoshi
 4
     Nakamoto.
 5
              And what month did you write it in?
          0
 6
               May -- I posted it on May of 2016.
 7
               That's fair.
          0
                   And that was after you met with
 8
 9
     Dr. Wright in London, correct?
10
               Yes, that's correct.
          Α
               And that -- that was a few weeks after?
11
          Q
12
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection.
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
                   MR. FREEDMAN: A month.
15
               And did you do your best to make sure
16
     that what you posted on the blog was as accurate
     that you believed could be?
17
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form.
18
19
          Α
               Yes.
20
               Let me ask -- let me ask it another way.
21
                   Would you write something on your
22
     blog that you had doubts as to the veracity?
23
               No.
24
               Now, could you read the first sentence of
25
     the blog?
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               "I believe Craig Steven Wright is the
 1
 2
     person who invented Bitcoin."
 3
               Now, I want you to focus on the word
 4
     "the," okay? If you had been told that Craig -- by
 5
     Craig Wright that he was only one -- a third of
 6
     Bitcoin, would you have written, "I believe
 7
     Dr. Craig Wright is 'the' person who invented
 8
     Bitcoin"?
 9
          Α
               Maybe.
10
               Okay. Do you care to explain?
11
          Α
               Yeah. Because, if I recall correctly,
12
     and it's very possible that I don't, Craig had said
13
     that he was the primary creator, the inventor of
14
     Bitcoin, the system, but he had help from other
15
     people in the beginning to actually make it happen.
16
               So when did that -- if that -- if that
17
     conversation took place, which we're not sure,
18
     wouldn't it have been more accurate to state that I
19
     believe Craig Steven Wright is one of the people
     who invented Bitcoin?
20
21
               Inventing means you came up with the
22
     idea.
23
          Q
               Okay.
               So if I had said, you know, I think it --
24
25
     I could say I believe Craig Wright is one of the
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- 1 people who developed the first version of the
- 2 Bitcoin software, you know, I think that's what I
- 3 would have said.
- But, I mean, the word "invented"
- 5 means came up with the idea, sprang out of your
- 6 head, and so that's what I mean there.
- 7 O Okay. So would it be fair to say that
- 8 regardless of what conversation you had with Craig
- 9 Wright in -- in London, which, you know, we
- 10 understand there's some clouds surrounding it, but
- 11 whatever had happened, at a minimum, you still
- 12 believe that Craig Wright was the brain child, the
- one who came up with the idea?
- 14 A I have my doubts at this point.
- 15 Q Correct. But at this point, I just want
- 16 to know --
- 17 A When I wrote the blog post, yes, I
- 18 believed that he was the primary --
- 19 O Sure.
- 20 A -- inventor of the idea of Bitcoin.
- 21 Q Right. And just to clarify, I'm just
- 22 trying to work backwards, just to figure out what
- 23 that conversation could have been. Because we know
- 24 for sure what you wrote, and we know that you were
- 25 trying to do your best to make sure it was



Page 250 accurate. So I'm trying to figure out what the 1 2 parameters of your conversation could have been. 3 Α Okay. 4 Okay. So would it be fair to state that 5 Dr. Wright didn't tell you that Dave Kleiman was an inventor of Bitcoin? 6 7 Α Correct. 8 Okay. And that, at most, he had an 9 assisting role, if that conversation happened? MR. FREEDMAN: Objection. 10 11 Α Yes. And I think, for example, he said 12 the third mysterious person -- if I recall 13 correctly --Um-hm. 14 0 15 -- this third mysterious person helped 16 out with the cryptography. Okay. Do you recall, if this 17 18 conversation happened, what Dave's role would have 19 been? 20 Α No. 21 We know it could have been something, but 22 not the invention portion of it? 23 Α Sure. 24 Okay. You've been involved in Bitcoin 2.5 since around 2010; is that accurate?



Page 251 1 Α Yes. 2 Would it be fair to state that certain 3 people may have very strong opinions as to how 4 Bitcoin should look or function? 5 Α Yes. Yes. Many people have many 6 opinions on how Bitcoin should function. 7 And that some people have done pretty 8 drastic things to try and get their way? 9 That's fair to say. Α Okay. Do you know if people have ever 10 been hacked in the controversy -- in the Bitcoin 11 12 controversies? 13 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. 14 I don't know if people have been hacked. 15 I don't have any firsthand knowledge that people 16 have been hacked. Sure. Did there come a point in time 17 18 where -- are you familiar with -- I believe it's called "Bitcoin XT"? 19 20 Α Yes. 21 Are you familiar with it? 22 Yes. I was one of the creators of 23 Bitcoin XT. 24 Sure. And does Bitcoin XT currently 2.5 exist?



Page 252 1 Α No. 2 What happened to Bitcoin XT? 3 Bitcoin XT was a project that, if I Α 4 recall correctly, Mike Hearn and I launched to try to increase the Bitcoin block size to allow more 5 6 transactions on the Bitcoin network. And it failed 7 to get enough miner support. The Bitcoin miners did not go along with it, and it was extremely 8 9 controversial when we launched it. There also -- it was attacked by 10 11 denial-of-service attacks; and, certainly, Mike and 12 I took a lot of heat for trying to make that change to the Bitcoin software. 13 14 And do you consider a denial-of-service 15 attack a kind of hack? 16 It's -- it's a kind of hack. 17 So would it be fair to say that a hacker 18 worked hard to take down Bitcoin XT? 19 Α Yes. 20 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. 21 All right. And do you recall if 22 Satoshi's email accounts were ever hacked? 23 There was an incident, which I don't have 24 firsthand knowledge of, but I believe the GMX --25 the reports I saw said that the satoshin@gmx.com



Page 253 email expired and then was taken over by somebody. 1 2 All right. I want to show you Exhibit 70, and we'll see if that could refresh 3 4 your recollection. 5 (Exhibit 70 marked for 6 identification.) 7 Oh, I forgot about this. Α Does it -- let's start off with, what is 8 9 this exhibit, do you recognize it? Yes. This is an email from me to the 10 11 rest of the -- the key Bitcoin developers in 2014. 12 Q Sure. And does this refresh your 13 recollection as to whether the Satoshi account was 14 hacked? 15 Yes. Somebody did get ahold of Satoshi's Α 16 email address and took over control of the old Bitcoin source repository, which, happily, we had 17 18 moved away from. So it had no practical --19 practical effect, but it was not a good thing to 20 happen. 21 Okay. So we just discussed two instances 22 of hacking in the Bitcoin community; is that fair 23 to say? 24 Ye -- hacking? Α 2.5 The denial of service and then the email. Q



Page 254 Yeah, hacking doesn't have a clear 1 2 definition; but, yes, those were attacks. 3 Q Okay. 4 Sorry. As a security-conscious person, 5 like, the word "hacking" is very fuzzy, and I much 6 prefer the term "attack." 7 Fine. Attack. Okay. So there were two Q 8 attacks, computer cyber attacks? 9 Α Yes. 10 And at least in one of those attacks, 11 somebody got access to Satoshi's email account? 12 Α Yes. 13 Are you aware of any other cyber attacks 14 or hacking, however you want to define it, related 15 to Bitcoin? Yes. There have been several over the 16 Α 17 years. 18 Do you care to list -- or please list the 19 ones that you recall. 20 Gosh. Somebody in 2010 created a Bitcoin 21 transaction that created 4 billion Bitcoins --22 Um-hm. 0 23 -- leveraged a bug in the Bitcoin software. Satoshi responded to that by rolling 24 25 back the chain, as they say, invalidating that



Page 255 transaction and putting -- putting things back to 1 2 rights and patching the code. 3 Um-hm. Q 4 We had transaction-spamming attacks in Α 5 2010, where people would send millions upon 6 millions of tiny transactions to try to flood the 7 Bitcoin network --8 Um-hm. 9 -- and cause everybody to do a lot of 10 extra work validating those transactions. We had 11 to respond to those. 12 I don't know. I'd have to go down -there's a -- there's a list on the Bitcoin wiki of 13 14 all the ways, you know, the -- the core Bitcoin has 15 either had bugs or been hacked. And I'd have to go 16 back and look at that if you want more, but there are -- there are a few more. 17 18 That's fine. So would it be fair to say that hacking is kind of part of the Bitcoin story? 19 20 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. 21 Certainly, yes, attacks and security 22 incidents are definitely part of the -- of the 23 Bitcoin story. 24 Now, you testified earlier on today that 2.5 you had, some -- I believe it was sometime in 2010,



- 1 but correct me, created something called the
- 2 "Bitcoin faucet"?
- 3 A Yes, I created the Bitcoin faucet as my
- 4 first Bitcoin programming project.
- 5 Q Okay. And what was the Bitcoin faucet?
- 6 A The Bitcoin faucet was a website, anybody
- 7 could go and ask for some Bitcoins, and it would
- 8 give you some Bitcoin.
- 9 Q Was there a limit to how many Bitcoin you
- 10 could ask for?
- 11 A Yes. You were limited to -- when I
- 12 started, it was limited to five Bitcoins per person
- 13 per day.
- 14 Q Okay. And how long did the Bitcoin
- 15 faucet run for?
- 16 A I'd have to go back and check when I
- 17 eventually had to shut it down. About two years
- 18 maybe, a year and a half.
- 19 Q Okay. So if you started it sometime in
- 20 2010, so maybe sometime 2012 you shut it down; is
- 21 that fair?
- 22 A Yeah. And, again, I'd have to go back
- 23 and check. My memory is terrible for dates.
- 24 Q That's fine. And when you got involved
- 25 in -- in Bitcoin in 2010, did you believe -- what



- 1 did you believe as to its potential?
- 2 A I actually gave an Ignite talk in Amherst
- 3 in, I think -- it was either late 2010 or maybe
- 4 2011, where I talked about that.
- 5 I thought it had the potential to be
- 6 a major world currency to compete with the dollar
- 7 or the Euro or the Yen. I thought it had a small
- 8 chance of becoming the world's reserve currency,
- 9 replacing the U.S. dollar, as kind of the currency
- 10 used for international payments.
- I didn't think that that would happen
- 12 quickly, but I thought that there was a fair chance
- 13 that that could happen.
- 14 Q Considering that, wouldn't it have made
- 15 more sense to just hold onto your Bitcoin for when
- they're valuable, and then you could be immensely
- 17 wealthy?
- 18 A Money is not useful unless -- money is
- 19 not valuable unless people use it.
- $0 \quad \text{Um-hm}$.
- 21 A And it seemed to me the best way to make
- 22 Bitcoin valuable was to get people using it. So
- 23 that was the purpose of the faucet, was to give
- 24 people some Bitcoin so they could have some
- 25 experience using it. And I didn't give away all of



Page 258 my Bitcoin through the Bitcoin faucet, I did hold 1 2 some for myself. 3 All right. And if I were to ask what Q 4 percentage of your Bitcoin you gave away through 5 the Bitcoin faucet, do you know that answer? 6 I have -- I'm not sure I understand the 7 question. 8 MR. FREEDMAN: Object. 9 You stated you gave away Bitcoin through the Bitcoin faucet? 10 11 Α Yes. 12 You also stated that you held onto some 13 Bitcoin? 14 Α Yes. 15 All right. Do you know the -- the relationship between the percentages of Bitcoin 16 17 that you held onto versus the amount of Bitcoin 18 that you gave away? 19 A Yes. 20 And what would it be? 21 I've given away more Bitcoin than I held. 22 Okay. Do you recall ever stating that 23 not all the people who were involved in early Bitcoin are necessarily wealthy? 24



Yes, I wrote a blog post about that not

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Page 259 1 too long ago. 2 0 Okay. Let me actually see if I can pull 3 that up. 4 THE STENOGRAPHER: Can we take a 5 quick break? 6 MR. KASS: Sure. 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is -- the 8 time is 4:34 p.m. We've now reached the end of 9 Media Unit No. 3, and we're off the record. 10 (Off record.) 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is 4:44 p.m. We're coming back on the record. Now 12 13 beginning Media Unit 4 in a deposition with Gavin 14 Andresen. We're on the record. 15 MR. KASS: All right. I'm just going 16 to put on the record the agreement that I have with 17 Mr. Freedman, and if it's inaccurate in any way, 18 Mr. Freedman, please chime in, is that we will be 19 stopping the deposition at 5:00 so Mr. Freedman can 20 catch his flight. We will resume the deposition 21 tomorrow morning at 11:00, and I will have two and 22 a half hours to continue the deposition, which will 23 take us to 1:30, after which Mr. Freedman will have 24 a half hour for cross or redirect. 2.5 Do you agree, Mr. Freedman?



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                   MR. FREEDMAN: Yes, as long as you
 2
     help me with the exhibits like you promised.
 3
                   MR. KASS: Yes, I did, and the
 4
     witness has indicated that he is -- will show up
5
     tomorrow, and he is accommodating us and we
 6
     appreciate that.
 7
                   MR. FREEDMAN: Accommodating you.
 8
                   MR. KASS: We have enough things to
9
     arque about.
10
                   All right. Let's go.
                   (Exhibit 71 marked for
11
                   identification.)
12
13
     BY MR. KASS:
               I'm introducing Exhibit -- sorry. What
14
15
     exhibit was that, 71?
16
               71.
          Α
17
               71. All right. Do you recognize this
18
     document?
19
               Yes. This is a blog post I wrote,
     apparently a while ago, in 2018.
20
21
               But it's fresh in your mind?
22
               It is somewhat fresh in my mind, yeah.
23
     Actually, I wrote another blog post recently and
     went back and read a couple other of my older blog
24
25
    posts.
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Page 261 Okay. Got it. And what's the substance 1 of this blog post? 2 3 A lot of people assume that if you were Α 4 working on Bitcoin early in 2010, 2011 that you 5 must be fantastically wealthy and have hundreds of millions of dollars. 6 7 Um-hm. 0 And this just goes through reasons why 8 9 that's a bad assumption and why probably a lot of people who -- who were working on Bitcoin that 10 11 early do not have as much money as people think. 12 And what are the reasons that you lay out 13 in your blog post? 14 The reasons are, you know, back then, 15 people were very free with their Bitcoin, so they 16 weren't worth very much. When I funded the Bitcoins that I gave away in the Bitcoin faucet, I 17 18 purchased them -- I purchased 10,000 Bitcoins for \$50. 19 20 0 Okay. 21 So they were worth half a penny apiece, 22 one-half of one cent per Bitcoin, which is why I 23 could give away five of them, because they were only worth two and a half cents. 24



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Um-hm.

1 And which is why when the Bitcoin faucet 2 got hacked and I lost, I think, 10 Bitcoins that 3 were sitting in the Bitcoin faucet, I didn't cry, 4 because at that time they were worth \$20 or 5 something. Now those Bitcoins would be worth a hundred thousand dollars, so it would be something 6 7 to cry -- cry about now. 8 But people confound the value of Bitcoin today with the value of Bitcoin back then. 9 So people were doing things like buying alpaca 10 11 socks from the alpaca farmer that is across the river here --12 13 Um-hm. 0 14 -- for 50 Bitcoin. So people would spend 15 50 Bitcoin on a pair of socks. Which, again, at a price of \$10,000 for Bitcoin, you don't want to do 16 that math. That's a very expensive pair of socks. 17 18 But that's what people did. 19 I know Jeff Garzik, one of the other 20 core developers who I worked with early on, I think 21 he's pretty public about using -- like spending 22 10,000 Bitcoin on -- I forget exactly what it was, 23 but some -- he paid 10,000 Bitcoin to somebody to 24 open source some piece of software. Because,



again, 10,000 Bitcoins back then wasn't worth that

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1 much. 2 And the other big reason why people 3 don't have as much as you think is because if you 4 did buy 10,000 Bitcoins for \$50, and then Bitcoin 5 goes up to \$10 a piece, suddenly you're sitting on 6 a hundred thousand dollars worth of capital gains, 7 and it -- you -- probably crosses your mind that, 8 well, maybe I'd like to spend \$50,000 and pay down 9 my mortgage or -- or spend them some other way. as Bitcoin rises in price, there's more and more an 10 11 incentive to -- to sell those Bitcoins that you --12 you purchased earlier. 13 And so I think most people did not hold on to every Bitcoin that they had. 14 15 either spent them or exchanged them and, you know, bought something nice for themselves. 16 17 Sure. And, you know, based on your --18 your understanding and everything that you just 19 stated, would -- would you believe it would be 20 inconsistent for someone to be sitting on a large 21 stash of -- stash of Bitcoin worth a couple of 22 hundred million dollars but be in foreclosure and 23 unable to pay a cell phone bill? 24 Α Yes.



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Okay.

Page 264 1 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. 2 Now, I -- I just want to -- one other 3 thing that you just mentioned, I believe you 4 mentioned that Bitcoin faucet was hacked? 5 Α Yes, the Bitcoin faucet was hacked. 6 So is that another instance of hacking? 7 Sure. Yes. Α 8 And that happened to you personally? 9 Α That happened to me personally, yes. 10 The -- well, and, technically, it was the web 11 hosting company that hosted the Bitcoin faucet was 12 hacked, and so the Bitcoin faucet, plus a couple 13 other Bitcoin businesses, were hacked. And, happily, the Bitcoin faucet didn't have many 14 15 Bitcoins, so I didn't lose much, but one of the others did, and it did lose a significant amount of 16 Bitcoins out of their wallet. 17 18 All right. So that's another instance of 19 hacking. So, actually, we know at least of -- of 20 two people that were attacked in that hack? 21 Α Yes. 22 Okay. Now, I believe you testified 23 earlier that early on Bitcoin mining was necessary to maintain the -- the blockchain network, the 24 2.5 Bitcoin network?



Page 265 1 Α Yes, it still is. 2 Okay. And if somebody was participating 3 in mining because they wanted to keep the network 4 alive, would kind of a by-product of it be that 5 they would -- would receive Bitcoin? 6 Yes, that's correct. Α 7 And not necessarily were they actually mining to hold those Bitcoin? 8 9 Correct. If there's --Or -- or -- or for the value, whatever 10 value it was in those Bitcoins, correct? 11 12 Α Sure. Yes. 13 Okay. So if -- and do you have an 14 understanding as to what the value of Bitcoin was 15 in 2010? At the beginning of 2010, Bitcoin had no 16 value because there was no way to sell it. 17 18 How about around August of 2010? 19 I'd have to go back and look. And, 20 again, I know May of 2010 I purchased Bitcoins for 21 Bitcoin faucet at about a half a penny apiece. By 22 August, I don't think it had yet reached a dollar, 23 but I don't know. I'd have to go back and -- and 24 I don't -- I don't remember. 2.5 Okay. So if somebody were -- were mining Q



- 1 primarily to keep the network alive, and Bitcoin
- 2 weren't valued very much, would you be surprised if
- 3 that person would put the Bitcoin in an encrypted
- 4 drive and just kind of forget about it for the time
- 5 being?
- 6 A No, that would not surprise me, and I
- 7 think I've heard stories of people who mined
- 8 Bitcoin for a little while and then just turned off
- 9 their machines and reformatted their hard drive and
- 10 the Bitcoins are lost forever.
- 11 Q Okay. Are you familiar with what is
- 12 called the "genesis" block?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q What's the genesis block?
- 15 A The genesis block is basically a piece of
- 16 data that's hard-coded, so it's in the software
- 17 code, that is kind of the beginning of this chain
- 18 of what are called "blocks." So chains of -- of
- 19 Bitcoin containing transaction -- Bitcoin block
- 20 contains transactions, and the genesis block is --
- 21 is the very first block that everything chains
- 22 from.
- 23 Q So if somebody were to say that the
- 24 genesis block was mined, would that be an accurate
- 25 description?



Page 267 No. No, the genesis block was created. 1 2 It didn't have to be mined in the same way --3 Q Okay. 4 -- as the rest of the blocks. 5 And if somebody made that statement, 0 6 would you believe that person has a thorough 7 understanding of how the Bitcoin network works? 8 Yeah, I mean, the -- you do have to do 9 some work to create a -- a genesis block. 10 know, I would -- I would -- yes, I think you could 11 say it was mined when it wasn't actually mined in 12 the traditional way, and it -- you know, it would 13 be okay. It's a fuzzy enough idea of, you know, 14 what mining is. 15 Well, what if somebody were to say that 16 it was mined in the traditional way; would you 17 consider that person knowledgeable as to the 18 Bitcoin network? 19 Well, it's tricky. I mean, I -- I mined 20 the genesis block -- or I created the genesis block 21 for the test network, and it is a very similar 22 process to traditional, you know, Bitcoin mining. So, I mean, there's enough similarity there that I 23 -- you know, I think it is possible to -- to -- to 24



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say that. And you're being a little bit fuzzy,

- but, yeah, I think it's -- it's -- you could say
- 2 that and still be an expert in -- in Bitcoin.
- 3 O And how are the two -- how -- how was the
- 4 creation of the genesis block different than the
- 5 mining of a non-genesis block?
- 6 A It's just the -- the -- I mean,
- 7 the process for creating it requires some technical
- 8 ability. So, you know, to be -- to mine a regular
- 9 Bitcoin block, all you needed to do was download
- 10 the software and there was a menu item that said
- "start mining," and that's all you had to do.
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A To actually create a new genesis block,
- 14 you know, when I created the test network, I
- 15 actually had to write some code that would arrange
- 16 things in the right way and then do some
- 17 proof-of-work calculations to create appropriate
- 18 proof of work for a new genesis block.
- And so, you know, it's just -- it
- 20 takes more -- at that time it took more technical
- 21 skill to create a genesis block, and it was kind of
- 22 not built into the software as it -- as it was.
- 23 Q All right. When you say "hard-coded,"
- 24 was it just kind of -- you did your stuff on your
- 25 computer and then you kind of, like, inserted it,



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 1
     is that --
 2
          Α
               Yes.
 3
               Okay. And -- but it didn't involve,
          Q
 4
     like, a network or other computers and mining?
 5
          Α
               No, it's all on a single computer.
 6
               And it's not passing around --
 7
               No. No, everything's done kind of
          Α
 8
     privately on your own computer.
 9
               Okay. In -- in comparison with -- well,
     in contrast to regular mining, where it's generally
10
     a collaborative effort?
11
12
          Α
               Yes, you have to build on other people's
     blocks or your block will be rejected.
13
14
               Okay. So there are, you know, some
15
     distinctions between the genesis block being
     hard-coded versus a regular?
16
17
          Α
               Yes.
18
               Now, are you familiar with the term
     "Bitcoin private key"?
19
20
          Α
               Yes.
21
                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Private key?
22
                   MR. KASS: Bitcoin private key, yes.
               And the term "Bitcoin public key"?
23
          Q
24
          Α
               Yes.
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               What is a "Bitcoin private key"?
          Q
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Page 270 A Bitcoin private key is a -- is a very 1 2 long number that -- that you keep private as --3 as it -- as it says. And, basically, private keys 4 correspond to Bitcoins. So if you own a private 5 key, you have the ability to transfer the Bitcoins. 6 It's -- it's -- is that good enough? 7 That's good enough. I know it's a very 8 touchy subject, but for my purposes, it's enough. 9 Now, if I have a private key -- what you define as a private key, which is a -- assume 10 11 -- let's assume the definition of a private key --12 well, no, I don't -- I don't want to give you anything -- as you understand a private key to 13 14 be, okay? 15 Now, if I have a private key and I share it with you -- correct? 16 17 Α Yes. 18 -- what is that called now? Q 19 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form.

Q So would it be fair to say that whether

with it or can -- if there are Bitcoin associated

with that private key, could spend the Bitcoin.

Well, I mean, it's still a private key.

But multiple people now can sign messages

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Α

Q

Um-hm.



Page 271 something is a private key does not depend on 1 2 whether I actually keep it private? 3 Α Yes. 4 0 Okay. 5 Α Best practice is you should keep it 6 private if you want control. 7 Okay. And if somebody were to state that 8 once a private key is shared, it no longer is a 9 private key, would you consider that an accurate 10 statement? 11 Α I think it still qualifies as a --12 as a private key. 13 Okay. Would you consider that person 14 very knowledgeable in Bitcoin terminology? 15 MR. FREEDMAN: Objection, form. I -- I think possibly. I mean, you know, 16 your definition of private key may vary from the 17 18 commonly held idea of what a private key is. 19 All right. So you would at least agree 20 that person's definition is not consistent with 21 what the general Bitcoin community believes? 22 I think that would be true, although I 23 haven't polled the Bitcoin community on exactly, you know, Do you call a private key something else 24 25 if it's been revealed to multiple people?



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                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                 Objection.
 2
          Q
               Based on your --
 3
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                 Objection.
 4
               Based on your understanding of your
          0
     involvement of the Bitcoin -- in the Bitcoin
 5
 6
     community, it's a basic general understanding?
 7
               Yes, I mean -- yes.
 8
                                 It's almost 5:00.
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                                      So
9
     do you want to stop now?
10
                   MR. KASS: Want to stop now?
11
                   MR. FREEDMAN:
                                  Yeah.
12
                   MR. KASS: Okay. So we're going to
     go off the record now. We will resume tomorrow at
13
14
     11:00 a.m. here.
15
                   THE WITNESS: Oh, 11's my favorite
16
     number.
17
                   MR. KASS: Oh, yes, there we go.
18
                   THE WITNESS: Perfect.
19
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I'm going to read
20
     off the record and close out for today.
21
                   MR. KASS: Okay.
22
                   THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
23
     5:00 p.m., and we have reached the end of today's
24
     deposition and Media Unit No. 4. We are off the
25
     record, and this deposition will continue tomorrow.
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     We're off the record.
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                      (Off record.)
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1	CERTIFICATE
2	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
3	BRISTOL, SS
4	I, Lori-Ann London, Registered
5	Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for
6	the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby
7	certify:
8	That, GAVIN A. ANDRESEN, the witness whose
9	deposition is hereinbefore set forth, was duly
10	sworn by me and that such deposition is a true
11	record of the testimony given by the witness to the
12	best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.
13	I further certify that I am neither
14	related to, nor employed by, any of the parties in
15	or counsel to this action, nor am I financially
16	interested in the outcome of this action.
17	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
18	hand and seal of office this 3rd day of March 2020.
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23	Lori-Ann London, RPR
24	Notary Public
25	My commission expires: 5/29/2026



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