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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH HACKETT, Defendant.))))) (CR No. 21-28-14) Washington, D.C.) June 24, 2021) 11:00 a.m.)))
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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Good morning, Your Honor. 3 This is Criminal Case No. 21-28-14, the United States of 4 America versus Joseph Hackett. 5 Jeffrey Nestler for the government. 6 Angela Halim for the defense. 7 The defendant is appearing via videoconference for 8 this hearing. 9 THE COURT: All right, Counsel. Good morning to 10 everyone. 11 Mr. Hackett, good morning. Can you hear me okay, 12 sir? 13 THE DEFENDANT: (Nodding head.) 14 THE COURT: All right. Great. 15 And I saw Mr. Hackett bobbed his head up and down. 16 So we're here to arraign Mr. Hackett and then 17 figure out a way forward. So why don't we start with the 18 arraignment. 19 Mr. Hackett, I'm going to ask you to please pay 20 attention to the Courtroom Deputy who is going to announce 21 the charges against you. And then, Ms. Halim, I'll turn to 22 you to see whether you waive a formal reading and enter a 23 plea for your client, all right? 24 MS. HALIM: Yes, Your Honor. DEPUTY CLERK: May the record reflect the 25

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defendant, through counsel, has received a copy of the
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     fourth superseding indictment.
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               Mr. Hackett, in Criminal Case No. 21-28-14, you
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     have been charged with the following:
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               Count 1, conspiracy, in violation of Title 18
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     United States Code Section 371;
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               Count 2, obstruction of an official proceeding and
     aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 18 United States
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     Code Sections 1512(c)(2) and Section 2;
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               Count 3, destruction of government property and
     aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 18 United States
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     Code Sections 1361 and Section 2;
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               And Count 4, restricted building or grounds, in
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     violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1752(a)(1).
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               Do you waive the formal reading of the indictment
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     and how do you wish to plea?
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               MS. HALIM: Your Honor, Mr. Hackett will waive a
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     formal reading of the indictment. He's prepared to enter a
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     plea of not quilty at this time.
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               THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Halim.
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               So we will -- the record will reflect the entry of
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     a not guilty plea as to each count against Mr. Hackett.
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               All right. So where do we stand, Mr. Nestler, in
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     terms of disclosures to Ms. Halim and Mr. Hackett?
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MR. NESTLER: Yes, Your Honor.
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               I've been in contact with Ms. Halim several times,
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     including yesterday. We have sent her a hard drive with all
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     of the discovery to date, including all of the other
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     defendants' cell phone extractions and all the discovery
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     given to other defendants to date. She should have that
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     momentarily. And with that, we believe she'll need some
     time -- it's a multi-terabyte hard dive -- to go through the
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     discovery, and then we ought to align this case with the
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     other co-defendants' cases for the July 2nd hearing.
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               THE COURT: And she's signed the protective order
     or she has sent in the protective order, Ms. Halim?
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               MR. NESTLER: She has sent in the protective
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     order. And with her informal consent, we sent her the
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     discovery.
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               THE COURT: All right. Very good.
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               Ms. Halim, anything you'd like to add?
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              MS. HALIM: No, that's all correct, Your Honor.
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               I am in the process of formally executing the
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    protective order, because I have to send it to Mr. Hackett
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     as well. So I'll get that as soon as I can to Mr. Nestler.
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     I do expect to receive the discovery momentarily.
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               I saw that there was a July 1st deadline for some
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    motions, and I just want to make sure that does not apply to
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    Mr. Hackett or to me.
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THE COURT: No.
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               MS. HALIM: Okay. Thank you.
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               THE COURT: No.
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               I was going to talk about that in a moment.
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               MS. HALIM:
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               THE COURT: Where is Mr. Hackett presently being
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    held?
               MS. HALIM: He is currently at the Grady County
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     facility out in Oklahoma.
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               MS. HALIM: And I don't have any information about
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     transport or timing.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Nor do I.
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               MS. HALIM:
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               THE COURT: So, Mr. Nestler, do you have any
     further information?
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               MR. NESTLER: Nor do I, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               All right. Well, so the Marshals will do their
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    best to get Mr. Hackett to the District of Columbia as soon
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     as possible.
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               In terms of next dates, Ms. Halim, you're
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    probably -- it sounds like you're already aware we have a
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    next date in this case already set for July the 2nd at
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     11:00 a.m. Hopefully you're available then.
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MS. HALIM: I am, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Good.
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               There is, as you've noted, a Scheduling Order for
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    motions -- for defense motions due July 1. That doesn't
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     apply to you and your client since Mr. Hackett has only
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     recently been added. And we can discuss next steps for your
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     client, and I think there are three others who were more
     recent additions to the indictment, in terms of how we
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     should proceed on a separate scheduling track as to their
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     cases.
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               I think that's it. Is there anything else anybody
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     wants to raise?
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              MS. HALIM: Nothing from the defense perspective,
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     Your Honor, at this time.
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              MR. NESTLER: No, Your Honor.
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               Just the speedy trial deadline between now and
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     July 2nd, but I don't believe anything else.
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               THE COURT: And, Ms. Halim, your client's position
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     with respect to speedy trial?
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              MS. HALIM: There's no objection through July 2nd,
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    the date of the next status conference.
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               THE COURT: All right. Very good.
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     I do find that it's in the interests of justice -- the
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     interests of justice outweigh the interests of the
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government -- excuse me, the public and the defendant in a
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     speedy trial. And specifically we will exclude time through
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     July the 2nd, and specifically that's to afford the defense
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     time to review the discovery received and review the
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     discovery, and, frankly, I think it's excluded because
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     Mr. Hackett is still outside the jurisdiction in any event.
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               So time will be excluded through July the 2nd so
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     we can get Mr. Hackett back on the schedule as all the other
     co-defendants in this case and we will then see everybody in
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     about a week and a day.
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               Anything else?
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               MS. HALIM: No, Your Honor.
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               MR. NESTLER: No, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right. Thank you all very much.
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               MS. HALIM: Thank you much.
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               MR. NESTLER:
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               (Proceedings concluded at 11:09 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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