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Interview of:
JEREMY BERTINO

June 9

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SPECIAL AGENT NICHOLAS HANAK
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21 A. Yes.

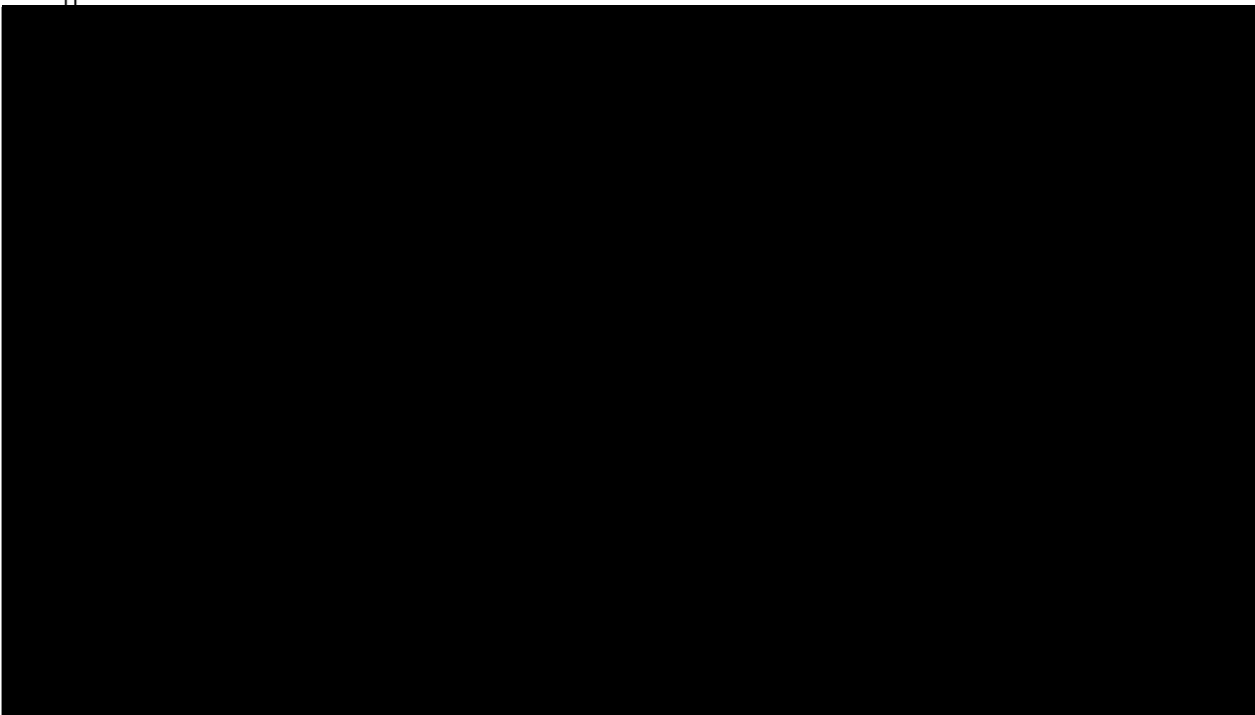
22 Q. So, again, I just want to get a sense of -- at
23 least to start with, not what anyone's actual written down
24 plan is, but like where your head was at, at the time.
25 If -- what would you have expected to happen? Let's say

1 everyone goes up there and they're marching around D.C.
2 chanting and the certification is going to go forward.
3 Would people have accepted that or what would happen at that
4 point?

5 A. In my head?

6 Q. Yeah.

7 A. Honestly, I've been to 100 rallies. Well, not
8 100, but you know what I mean? I've been to multiple
9 rallies. I've never seen conservatives or people that are
10 Trump supporters or anything act out in violence like that.
11 So, that's why when I say that I never thought for a second
12 that that was going to happen, I really, truly do mean that.
13 I never thought for a second that was gonna happen.



11 AGENT MILLER: So, your guys aside, though, there
12 still are some guys within this MOSD chat who are violent,
13 who are known to kind of take it a step further than the
14 normal just everyday Proud Boy hanging a sign at a rally.

15 They go to D.C. These guys are still part of the
16 Boots on the Ground, so they're in D.C. Would it be
17 farfetched to say that these guys are not willing to go that
18 extra mile to basically stop -- do whatever they can to stop
19 the election if that included also being violent?

20 MR. BERTINO: I wouldn't say that's out of the
21 realm. Yeah, I wouldn't say that's out of the realm. I'd
22 say that's -- yeah, that's a possibility. Yeah.

23 BY AUSA KENERSON:

24 Q. And what? I suppose what -- you say that's a
25 possibility. What -- where do you draw that from? Like

1 what interactions in the past or what experience in the past
2 makes you say that's a possibility?

3 A. Just thing -- I mean, being around my culture for
4 so long, you know, things people say, you know, and then it
5 gets -- it gradually got worse and worse and gradually got
6 more extreme and more extreme as -- because, like I said,
7 when we first started, we were a drinking club, and it just
8 kind of gradually gained steam and you would get more
9 extreme guys that were coming in because [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]
11 And then so you get the extreme guys that would
12 join, not tell you they're extreme until they get in there
13 and then they start spouting off. So, yeah, based on things
14 people had said, yeah, that's -- that was definitely a
15 possibility.