quote.

In this case, the so-called double counting that Mr. Raniere objects to is contemplated by the Sentencing Guideline Section 2H4.1(b)(4)(B), and is a Guidelines calculation that, quote, "involves double counting in a literal sense, but does not involve impermissible double counting," end quote.

I agree with Mr. Raniere that the Government has not established by a preponderance of the evidence, that either Sylvie or additional DOS Victim 1 were victims of sex trafficking or a conspiracy to commit sex trafficking. I therefore decline to include those acts in the Guidelines Calculations.

I disagree with Mr. Raniere that he's entitled to a three-point reduction under the Sentencing Guideline Section 2X1.1(b)(1) with respect to his conviction attempted sex trafficking of Jane Doe 8. Section 2X1 -- 2X.1(b)(1) provides for a three-point reduction in the case of attempt convictions, quote, "unless the defendant completed all the acts the defendant believed necessary for successful completion of the substantive offense," end quote.

For the offense of conviction of sex trafficking, that exception would, therefore, apply if Mr. Raniere completed all the acts he believed necessary to, quote, "recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain,