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DEAR JUDGE SULLIVAN,

I HAVE NOW HAD ALMOST THREE YEARS IN JAIL TO THINK ABOUT MY CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT. I HAVE RESTARTED THIS LETTER A DOZENS OF TIMES ON PAPER. IN MY MIND MAYBE A HUNDRED MORE. I HAVE BEEN TOLD TO TELL YOU WHERE MY HEAD IS AT BUT ALSO TO REMEMBER JUDGES HAVE LOTS TO READ. SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ AND CONSIDER THIS IN MAKING YOUR DECISION.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN IN JAIL FOR THREE YEARS, I FEEL SORT OF FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN WHERE I AM. I AM NOT ALLOWED TO GO ANYWHERE AT CTF, THERE'S NO MOVEMENT FOR COOPERATORS, SO WE HAVE NO SCHOOL, NOT EVEN LIBRARY PRIVILEGES. WE JUST READ WHAT WE GET FROM OUR FAMILY VIA AMAZON.COM OR FROM OUR ATTORNEYS, AND WHAT WE SHARE WITH OTHERS. BUT MY WIFE HAS BEEN ABLE TO VISIT ME EVERY WEEK. I CAN'T DO MUCH FOR HER NOW, EXCEPT LISTEN, OFFER MY TWO CENTS, AND CALL OTHERS WHEN I SEE THAT SHE NEEDS HELP. BUT BECAUSE I AM AT CTF, I ALSO CAN HUG HER. SHE STILL HUGS ME BACK ALTHOUGH I PROBABLY DON'T DESERVE IT. SHE HAS STUCK WITH ME THROUGH SEVERAL YEARS (TOUGH YEARS FOR BOTH OF US, AND THAT'S NOT JUST CONSIDERING THE LAST THREE AT CTF), I HAVE SERIOUSLY BETRAYED HER, MY FAMILY, AND ALL OF THE HONEST EMPLOYEES

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WHO ONCE WORKED AT NOVA DATA.COM. DURING THE YEARS I WAS INVOLVED IN BRIBERY, I HAD A FALSE SENSE OF WORTH BASED ON WHAT I COULD PURCHASE. MY WIFE'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ME, DESPITE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALMOST EVERYTHING WE ONCE HAD, HAS PROVED TO ME THAT THE MATERIAL THINGS I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE BARELY MATTERED TO HER. I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD, AND STILL HAVE, HER LOVE. I DON'T DESERVE HER DEVOTION BUT I WILL WORK HARD FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE TO KEEP IT.

I WISH I HAD BEEN A PERFECT COOPERATOR. I THINK THE FBI WOULD HAVE SPONSORED ME FOR CITIZENSHIP, BUT NOW THAT IS GONE. STILL, I DID HELP A LOT AND MY HELP WAS CRITICAL. I DON'T THINK KERRY KHAN WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED HOW MUCH HE AND HIS FAMILY HAD DEMANDED FROM ME AND MIKE ALEXANDER NEVER KNEW THAT KERRY KHAN HAD DEMANDED FAR MORE THAN HIM. MY MISCONDUCT, EVEN THOUGH UNDISCOVERED, WAS AFFECTING LOTS OF PEOPLE. CONTRACTORS WHO DID NOT AGREE TO PAY BRIBES WERE EXCLUDED FROM WORK. HONEST PEOPLE SUFFERED. AND LOTS OF EMPLOYEES WHO WERE PUTTING IN AN HONEST DAY'S WORK AT MY COMPANY WERE IDENTIFIED WITH A CORRUPT EMPLOYER.

BEING INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND TAKEDOWN BECAME PART OF MY HEALING. IN HELPING TO CATCH THE OTHERS, I WORKED THROUGH A NUMBER OF FEARS AND I AM NOW ALMOST AT PEACE, WHICH FOR SOMEONE WITH ADHD IS PRETTY GOOD. I REALLY CAME TO RESPECT THE AGENTS WHO WORKED HARD AND CUT NO CORNERS.

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WRITING THIS REMINDS ME HOW MUCH I FAILED FAMILY, FIRST BY PAYING BRIBES, THEN BY NOT STOPPING SOONER, AND EVENTUALLY BY TRYING TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION. MY FAMILY HAS SUFFERED AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER FOR THESE POOR DECISIONS. I WILL NEED TO START FROM SCRATCH, PROBABLY FROM KOREA, TO HELP PROVIDE FOR THEM. I CAME TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY WITH NOTHING, FORFEITED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN HERE, AND WILL PROBABLY LEAVE WITH NOTHING BUT RESPONSIBILITIES. BUT I GAVE UP SO MUCH. I GAVE UP MY COUNTRY AND I HURT LOTS OF GOOD PEOPLE.

I HAD NO IDEA THIS BRIBERY CASE WOULD CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS OR GET SO BIG. THIS WAS NEVER MY PLAN IF THERE EVER WAS "A PLAN." I STARTED SELLING USED TELECOM AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN 2002, AFTER I WAS LAID OFF FROM C-WIN (A SMALL SYSTEMS INTEGRATION THAT DID BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WORK). MY "LAUNCH" AS AN INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMAN WENT WELL, I PROBABLY MADE AS MUCH MONEY ON MY OWN THAT FIRST YEAR AS I HAD BEEN MAKING AT C-WIN. I WAS ABLE TO PAY OUR MORTGAGE ON OUR FIRST HOME IN ALEXANDRIA (MY WIFE'S PARENTS WERE LIVING WITH US THEN, THEY HAVE RETURNED TO LIVING WITH HER AGAIN NOW TO HELP OUT), AND I WAS SENDING MY PARENTS MONEY.

TO SAY IT MADE ME VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MY FAMILY WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. IN 1981 MY FAMILY

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(FATHER, MOTHER, OLDER BROTHER, OLDER SISTER) AND I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH \$300 WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD. IN MY HEART I KNOW MY PARENTS TRIED VERY HARD TO GIVE US THE BEST LIFE THEY COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE. STILL, WE WERE POOR. I SAW MY FATHER AND MOTHER WORK LONG HOURS SO THEY COULD PROVIDE FOR US. EVERYONE WORKED BUT WE STILL DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MONEY SO NOTHING MADE ME HAPPIER THAN TO BE ABLE TO TELL MY PARENTS THEY COULD RETIRE IN 2004.

FOR A WHILE I SEEMED TO BE DOING EVERYTHING RIGHT. THE USED EQUIPMENT I WAS SELLING WAS NOT JUNK AT ALL. THE MARGINS FOR USED EQUIPMENT WERE GOOD BECAUSE NEW EQUIPMENT WAS SO EXPENSIVE BUT NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THE EQUIPMENT IT WAS REPLACING. (SORT OF LIKE WINDOWS UPGRADES, WHERE EACH INCREMENTAL CHANGE ADDED LITTLE TO THE NEW PRODUCT.) I DECIDED TO INCORPORATE MY BUSINESS AS NOVA DATAUM IN 2004 AND BY 2007, NOVA DATAUM HAD THREE OTHER WELL-PAYED EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR ME. MY NET REVENUE WAS SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND PROSPECTS SEEMED UNLIMITED. I KNEW THE GOVERNMENT HAD SAID THAT NOVA DATAUM WAS BUILT ON GREED AND FRAUD. BUT IN MY CASE IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, ALTHOUGH GREED WAS PART OF MY FOOLISHNESS. BY 2011, WHEN I STARTED TO COOPERATE, MOST OF OUR REVENUE CAME FROM CONTRACTS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KERRY KHAN, MIKE ALEXANDER, OR ANYONE ELSE AT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BEFORE IT WAS SOLD TO COPPER RIVER (AFTER MY SISTER AND I PLED GUILTY), NOVA DATAUM HAD

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AROUND \$20 MILLION IN CONTRACT REVENUE THAT WAS UNRELATED TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. IN FACT, KNOWING THE VALUE OF THE EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND THE VALUE OF THE EQUIPMENT WE HAD WHEN I WAS LOCKED UP IN 2011, I TOLD MY ATTORNEY, AFTER HE TOLD ME THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE NO PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE TO COPPER RIVER, TO ASK WHY. NOVA DATAFORM'S ATTORNEY EVENTUALLY WROTE A LETTER, WHICH I SAW IN 2013, INDICATING THAT THERE WAS A \$611,000 RECEIVABLE. I DIDN'T "STOP COOPERATING" AFTER I WAS LOCKED UP. EVEN WHILE LOCKED UP, I ALSO WAS DEBRIEFED BY PROSECUTORS INVESTIGATING A CIVIL MATTER AND DCIS (DEFENSE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SERVICE) AGENTS. BEFORE I WAS LOCKED UP, I FULLY EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SENTENCING HAVING FULLY PAID BACK ALL THE MONEY THAT I (AND MY SISTER AND OUR COMPANY) OWED TO THE GOVERNMENT. I THOUGHT NOVA DATAFORM HAD PLENTY OF MONEY WHEN I WENT TO CALIFORNIA AND I ALSO HAD PLANNED TO EARN ANY REMAINING BALANCE BY SELLING USED EQUIPMENT AGAIN FROM CALIFORNIA WHILE AWAITING SENTENCING. I HAD ALREADY STARTED THE PROCESS OF EARNING MONEY AGAIN, AFTER THE TAKEOVER OCCURRED IN OCTOBER 2011. BEFORE THEN, BECAUSE I HAD BEEN COOPERATING ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS, I WAS UNABLE TO EARN ANY MONEY. IT WAS ALWAYS MY PLAN TO HAVE NO DEBT TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE TIME OF MY SENTENCING. IT LOOKS LIKE I WILL COME CLOSE.

I HAVE A NEW APPRECIATION FOR HOW IMPORTANT HELP FROM

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OTHERS IS. I HAVE HAD SOME GOOD MENTORS, SOMETIMES NOT SUCH GOOD ONES. I NOW APPRECIATE THAT MY WIFE IS A BETTER JUDGE OF CHARACTER THAN I AM. SHE ALWAYS SEEMED TO KNOW, BEFORE ME, WHO I SHOULD AVOID. I DID NOT ALWAYS LISTEN. WHEN I STARTED MY USED EQUIPMENT BUSINESS, OTHERS HELPED ME. I HAD NO SAVINGS OR LONG CREDIT HISTORY, BUT HAD TO PURCHASE PRODUCT FOR SALE. SOME OF THE FUNDING FOR THE INVENTORY CAME FROM MY WIFE'S PARENT'S LIFE SAVINGS. WHEN I NEEDED MORE MONEY, THOMAS KWON ALSO HELPED FINANCE ME. THOMAS WAS A FRIEND OF MY OLDER BROTHER, EDDIE. I HAD KNOWN THOMAS SINCE I WAS ABOUT 14 AND, GROWING UP, HE BECAME LIKE ANOTHER BROTHER TO ME. WHEN I NEEDED MONEY TO PAY FOR MY FIRST CRIMINAL ATTORNEY (WHO I BELIEVED SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DEMANDING EXTRA MONEY BECAUSE HE WAS COURT-APPOINTED), MY FAMILY WAS POOR. THOMAS KWON STEPPED FORWARD AGAIN WITH MONEY FOR MY ATTORNEY. HE HAD BEEN THERE FOR ME ON SO MANY OTHER OCCASIONS THAT, BEFORE I SOUGHT OUT THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY, I SOUGHT THOMAS KWON'S ADVICE. HOW STUPID WAS THAT "LOYALTY"? IT PROBABLY HAS COST ME THE ABILITY TO WATCH MY CHILDREN GROW UP HERE.

LIKE THOMAS KWON, MY SISTER HAD ASSISTED ME WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE. SHE HELD TWO, SOMETIMES THREE JOBS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR FAMILY WHILE GOING TO SCHOOL AND SHE MADE THE THREE HOUR TRIP TO VISIT ME WHEN I WAS IN THE VIRGINIA PRISON MORE THAN ANYONE. EARLY ON, MY MISGUIDED EFFORT TO

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TO KEEP CERTAIN PEOPLE OUT OF TROUBLE SEEMED TO WORK BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE BRIBERY CASE. QUESTIONS GENERALLY FOCUSED ON OTHERS' INVOLVEMENT. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR TO ME THAT SOME OF WHAT I WAS REPORTING MADE NO SENSE, I TOLD MY SISTER (WHO ALREADY HAD AN ATTORNEY) WE NEEDED TO COME CLEAN. BY EARLY JUNE 2011, I ALSO HAD TOLD THE FBI WHAT I KNEW ABOUT THOMAS KUON'S INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING THAT HE OR HIS COMPANY HAD BRIBED ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, IN SEON LIM. BUT I DID NOT WANT TO WEAR A WIRE AGAINST THOMAS KUON. I BELIEVED IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF HE CAME IN VOLUNTARILY LIKE I AND MY SISTER HAD DONE. I WAS REPEATEDLY TOLD BY ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS THAT COMING IN VOLUNTARILY WOULD REALLY MATTER AT MY SENTENCING. JAY GREENBERG AND I HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT MY DESIRE FOR THOMAS KUON TO BE ABLE TO COME IN ON HIS OWN. SPECIAL AGENT GREENBERG NEVER TOLD ME THAT IT WOULD BE OKAY TO TELL MR. KUON THAT HE WAS A TARGET, HE JUST SAID WE ARE WORKING ON HOW HE COMES IN. WHEN I WAS TOLD, IN AUGUST 2011, THAT I WOULD BE WEARING A WIRE AGAINST THOMAS KUON DURING THE NEXT OPERATION, I ASKED MY ATTORNEY TO INTERVENE. I TOLD HIM I COULD NOT WEAR A WIRE AGAINST THOMAS KUON. HE YELLED AT ME AND HE TOLD ME I WOULD GO TO JAIL IF I DECLINED. I BELIEVE THAT IF JAY GREENBERG HAD BEEN THERE DURING THAT OPERATION, HE WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD. WHEN I ASKED WHERE JAY GREENBERG WAS THAT DAY, I WAS TOLD HE WAS GETTING A HAIRCUT. AT THE TIME I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. I THOUGHT JAY GREENBERG

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DELIBERATELY STAYED AWAY THAT MORNING BECAUSE HE KNEW I DID NOT WANT TO STING SOMEONE I FELT SO CLOSE TO. I FELT ABANDONED. DURING THE OPERATION, I EVEN CRIED. MY SISTER TRIED TO COVER FOR ME. BUT JAY GREENBERG DID HAVE A HAIRCUT THE NEXT TIME I SAW HIM, AND I NEVER HAD SHAKED ALL OF THE HISTORY WITH THOMAS KWON THAT CAUSED ME TO CONSIDER HIM LIKE A BROTHER. I AM PRETTY SURE MY ATTORNEY NEVER CALLED HIM, OR THE PROSECUTORS, TO DISCUSS MY CONCERNS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MADE A STUPID DISTINCTION BETWEEN MERELY DEBRIEFING ABOUT THOMAS KWON'S INVOLVEMENT AND WEARING A WIRE AGAINST HIM, BUT THOMAS KWON DID WALK IN, ACCEPTED HIS PLEA OFFER, AND COOPERATED, TOO. I KNEW HE WOULD. I TOLD THE GOVERNMENT THAT.

I HAD ALREADY INCRIMINATED THOMAS KWON AND WAS TRYING TO KEEP HIM FROM COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME. TELLING THE TRUTH IS EXACTLY WHAT I HAD TOLD TED HALLS TO DO WHEN HE TRIED TO "STING" ME. IN THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA MAGAZINE ARTICLE, THE GOVERNMENT EVEN SAYS I WAS REALLY GOOD AT WEARING THE WIRE, EXCEPT THIS ONE. IF I WAS GOOD, IT WASN'T BECAUSE I WASN'T SCARED. THIS ISN'T LIKE TV. BUT JAY GREENBERG WORKED WITH ME DURING ALMOST EVERY OTHER OPERATION TO MAKE SURE MY CONVERSATIONS SEEMED NATURAL. HE ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT WE COULD BACK DOWN IF I WASN'T READY. THE CONVERSATION I WAS SURPRISE TO FORCE ON THOMAS KWON WAS NOT NATURAL AT ALL.

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I KNOW THIS WOULD BE AN EASIER SENTENCE FOR ME IF I HAD BEEN TRUTHFUL FROM THE OUTSET OF MY COOPERATION, BUT THAT'S NOT ALWAYS A REALISTIC STANDARD. I DID SOME DUMB THINGS, BUT ALL OF THIS WAS NEW TO ME. THE ONLY OTHER TIME I COOPERATED, I WAS NOT LOOKING FOR A DEAL AND I DIDN'T HAVE AN ATTORNEY SUGGESTING THAT KEEPING IN THE DARK (AT LEAST HIM) WAS OKAY. WHEN I COOPERATED IN VIRGINIA, I JUST ASSISTED AGENTS AND DETECTIVES BY ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND CONFIRMING DEETS. I NEVER HAD TO WEAR A WIFE THEN, AND I WAS NOT ASKED TO INCRIMINATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR VERY CLOSE FRIENDS. THIS TIME, I WAS IN FRONT OF INVESTIGATORS JUST DAYS AFTER MEETING MY ATTORNEY AND EARLY ON, AS MY SENTENCING MEMO INDICATES, I WAS TOLD THAT I SHOULD NOT TELL HIM ANYTHING. I DID NOT WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO KNOW BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LET ME LIE TO THE GOVERNMENT. I DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT MADE NO SENSE. I FORFEITED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP MY FAMILY FINANCIALLY BEFORE GOING TO JAIL AND THE GOVERNMENT NO LONGER WANTS TO HELP ME FIX MY IMMIGRATION STATUS. I HAVE MADE MY, AND MY FAMILY'S FUTURE, FAR LESS CERTAIN AND FAR MORE STRESSFUL THAN THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED WHY I DIDN'T GET A DIFFERENT ATTORNEY IN 2011, AFTER THE RELATIONSHIP I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE WITH MY CHOSEN COUNSEL FELL APART. BUT I WAS ALREADY WELL INTO COOPERATING AND NOT SOPHISTICATED ABOUT HOW ALL OF THIS WORKS. BESIDES, I NEVER SAID "NO" TO KERRY KEAN'S

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ABSDURD DEMANDS. AS I TOLD AGENTS, HE ASKED ME ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO DRIVE 45 MINUTES, INCLUDING AT NIGHT, FROM MY HOME IN ASHBURN TO HIS ALEXANDRIA AND FALLS CHURCH HOMES TO UNBLOCK HIS TOILET, FIX HIS A/C, AND EVEN TO REPLACE HIS LIGHTBULBS. I REDIT KERRY KHAN'S BATHROOM, ACTED AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR RENOVATION OF HIS CONDOS, AND EVEN FUNCTIONED AS HIS TRAVEL AGENT. EVEN WHEN HE WAS GOING ON OFFICIAL CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUSINESS, HE TOLD ME TO MAKE HIS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. I DIDN'T LIKE CONFRONTATION AND ALL OF THESE OTHER MAKING DEMANDS SO HE MUST HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT, TOO. EVEN WHEN EMPLOYEES AT NOVA DATACOM NEEDED TO BE LET GO, I HAD TO ASK OTHERS TO DO IT. I WAS TRYING TO BE NICE, TO KEEP EVERYONE HAPPY. AFTER I MET WITH DR. EPSTEIN, I REALIZED THAT THERE WERE OTHER THINGS, BESIDES A FOOLISH DESIRE TO KEEP EVERYONE HAPPY, THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MY FEAR OF CONFRONTATION. HIS REPORT OPENED MY EYES. AFTER WORKING WITH JAY GREENBERG, AND OTHERS ON THIS CASE, AND AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. EPSTEIN, I REALIZE ITS BETTER TO CONFRONT ANXIETY THAN JUST TO DO WHATEVER I'M ASKED TO DO TO AVOID IT IN A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO KEEP EVERYONE HAPPY. WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T MAKE SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO PLANNED FOR VERY CUSHY RETIREMENTS HAPPY AT ALL.

MY WIFE OFTEN SAYS SHE WISHES I HAD WORKED AT

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HOME DEPOT. MAYBE SO DOES THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. BUT IF KERRY KHAN, MIKE ALEXANDER AND OTHERS HAD NOT BEEN DEMANDING MONEY FROM ME, IT'S LIKELY THEY WOULD HAVE DEMANDED IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE. THEY PROBABLY DID. I WAS TOLD BY NICK PARK GOING IN THAT I WOULD HAVE TO "PAY TO PLAY." I WAS TOLD EVERYBODY DOES IT (ALTHOUGH THAT PROVED TO BE NOT TRUE, BECAUSE WE HAD LOTS OF OTHER CONTRACTS, INCLUDING OTHER GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, WHERE BRIBES WERE NOT REQUESTED). NICK PARK'S KNOWLEDGE THAT BRIBERY EXISTED MUST HAVE BEEN BASED ON SOME PRIOR HISTORY OF KHAN BEING BRIBED. MAYBE OTHERS PAYING BRIBES WOULD NEVER HAVE COME FORWARD TO HELP STOP THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. MAYBE OTHERS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AFRAID TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH AND ENFORCE IT. I HAVE TO THINK THAT THE OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS WHO KHAN AND ALEXANDER INSISTED PAY THEM BRIBES NEVER DID COME FORWARD BECAUSE IF IT HAD OCCURRED KHAN AND ALEXANDER WOULD NOT HAVE REMAINED IN POSITIONS TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO ME OR OTHERS IN EXCHANGE FOR MORE BRIBES. I'M NO HERO BUT AT LEAST I DID THE RIGHT THING AFTER FEBRUARY 2011.

I GOT INTO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AFTER SUFFERING TWO BIG SET BACKS WITH MY USED EQUIPMENT BUSINESS. I HAD BEEN DEFRANDED MYSELF AND THOUGHT THAT GETTING INTO THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING WOULD LESSEN MY RISK OF FRAUD. EVEN CALLING MY DECISION A RISK MINIMIZING STRATEGY SEEMS STUPID NOW, GIVEN THE EVENTS. BUT IN LATE 2005

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I HAD SENT \$275,000 TO A PERSON TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT THAT NEVER ARRIVED HE DIED AND I NEVER GOT THE MONEY BACK. IN 2006, I SENT \$600,000 TO COMPANIES FOR CISCO EQUIPMENT THAT THESE OTHER COMPANIES HAD NO RIGHT TO SELL UNDER THEIR OWN AGREEMENTS WITH CISCO. I LOST MONEY THERE TOO. I NEVER GOT THE MONEY BACK THAT I PAID FOR THE CISCO EQUIPMENT AND HAD TO RETURN THE EQUIPMENT TO CISCO. MY THINKING WAS THAT BRANCHED OUT INTO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING MADE SENSE, EVEN THOUGH I EXPECTED MARGINS TO BE LOWER, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT PAID ITS BILLS. IN PLANNING TO GET INTO THIS FIELD, I ACTUALLY THOUGHT I WOULD BE GETTING AWAY FROM DISHONESTY. I KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THE PROCESS, AND SOUGHT ADVICE FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO I THOUGHT WOULD GUIDE ME WELL. I COULD HAVE WALKED AWAY FROM THEM UPON DISCOVERING WHERE I WAS BEING LED. EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR HAVING MY WIFE INVOLVED IN DRUGS, WHICH I WAS FOR A TIME ADDICTED TO, NOT WALKING AWAY FROM THE BAD ADVICE IS THE WORST DECISION OF MY LIFE. ONE LESSON FOR ME AND MY SONS, WHICH MY WIFE HAD BEEN TELLING ME FOR YEARS, IS THAT WHO YOU CHOOSE TO HANG AROUND WITH REALLY CAN MATTER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

I HAD NO HISTORY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND NO HISTORY OF BRIBING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AT THE OUTSET, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT INVOLVE A COUPLE OF BRIBES TO GET MY FOOT IN THE DOOR, BUT ONCE THE CONTRACTING OFFICIALS

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SAW HOW GOOD WE WERE AT WHAT WE DID, WE WOULD GET CONTRACTS BASED ON ABILITY. IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY. THE CONTRACTS CAME IN, BUT SO DID THE DEMANDS FOR MORE BRIBES. WHEN I TRIED TO STOP PAYING BRIBES, KERRY KHAN TOLD ME IT WAS TOO LATE FOR ME TO GET OUT. FROM 2009 UNTIL 2011, I WAS EVEN BEING EXTORTED BY HIS SON, FEROSE KHAN, WHO WAS ALSO EXTORTING HIS FATHER. FEROSE KHAN THREATENED TO EXPOSE ME AND HIS FATHER UNLESS WE PAID HIM, TOO. AT ONE POINT ANOTHER BROTHER I WAS ALSO PAYING AT HIS FATHER'S REQUEST SUGGESTED THAT HIS BROTHER MIGHT NEED TO BE SILENCED. ONLY NOW HAVE I COME TO APPRECIATE THAT THIS ACTIVITY STOPPED WHEN IT DID. I CAN SEE A LIGHT AT THE END OF MY TUNNEL.

GOING OPERATIONAL WITH THE FBI WAS MENTALLY MORE DIFFICULT THAN I HAD IMAGINED. WHEN I HELPED THE FBI BEFORE, I WAS ONLY ASKED TO PROVIDE DETAILS. THIS TIME, I WAS WEARING MICROPHONES AND CAMERAS. I KNEW KERRY KHAN HAD WEAPONS AND ON MANY OCCASIONS I WAS ALONE WITH HIM ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF HIS HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM. MY CONSTANT THOUGHT WAS "WHAT IF THEY FIND THE MICROPHONES AND CAMERAS ON ME," AND IF THEY FIND THEM "WHAT IF GET SHOT OR STABBED." THE MONTHS OF GOING OPERATIONAL ALSO TOOK A TOLL ON MY MARRIAGE AND MY CHILDREN. I BECAME A DIFFERENT PERSON, SOMETIMES TAKING MY STRESS OUT ON THEM. MY WIFE (WHO WAS STILL IN THE DARK) ALMOST WALKED OUT ON ME, AND MY SONS WANDERING

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR NICE DAD. JAY GREENBERG KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT HOME AND OFFERED TO SIT DULAN WITH MY WIFE TO HELP ME EXPLAIN THAT I HAD MADE A MISTAKE BUT WAS ON "TEAM AMERICA" NOW. MY ATTORNEY TOLD ME NOT TO TELL HER, FOR 6 MONTHS IN 2011, I LIED TO HER. I REGRET THAT EVERY DAY. I NEEDED HER ADVICE. I WAS AWAY FROM HOME AND OFFICE FOR SO LONG AND AT SUCH WEIRD TIMES WHILE I WAS WORKING WITH THE AGENTS DURING MOST OF 2011 THAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS WORKING HARD, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO STAY WITH HER WHEN THIS WAS OVER, MY WIFE ACTUALLY THOUGHT I WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR AND WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE HER. I REMEMBER JAY GREENBERG TELLING ME THAT STRONG RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT ON TRUST AND THAT HE DID NOT KEEP SECRETS FROM HIS SPOUSE. MY RELATIONSHIP IS MUCH BETTER NOW THAN IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF 2011 BECAUSE MY WIFE KNOWS I AM NOT HIDING THINGS FROM HER. STILL I AM TRYING TO BE OPTIMISTIC DESPITE FEARS ABOUT MY SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM FUTURE, AND HOW THEY WILL IMPACT MY FAMILY.

YOUR HONOR, I ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO COMMIT A SERIOUS CRIME. I ALWAYS KNEW IT WAS WRONG. WHEN THE BRIBERY STARTED, I HAD NO IDEA THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS OR GROW AS LARGE AS IT DID. I WAS PAYING SO MUCH MONEY IN BRIBES THAT NOVA DATHEM EVEN LOST MONEY ON SOME CONTRACTS. BY THE TIME I CAME FORWARD, IN EARLY 2011, I HAD PAID OR PROMISED TO MEET DEMANDS THAT EXCEEDED \$15 MILLION. FBI AGENT

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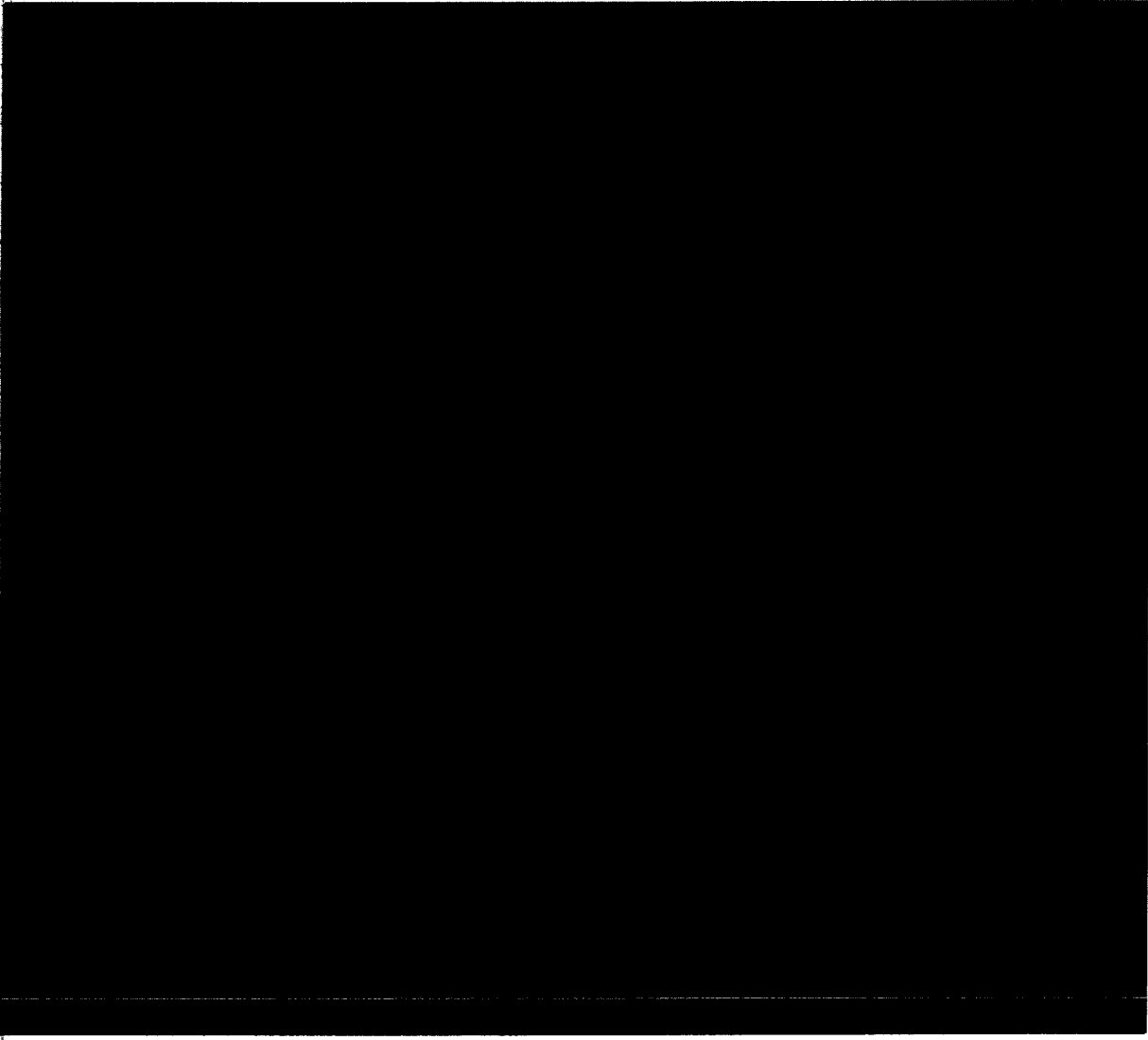
JAY GREENBERG ASKED ME WHY I KEPT MEETING EVERYONE'S DEMANDS. I TOLD HIM I HAD TO. I TOLD HIM I HAD NEVER SAID NO TO KHAN. I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT MY EFFORT TO KEEP HIM HAPPY, TOO, WAS NOT JUST FOOLISH BUT UTTERLY WRONG.

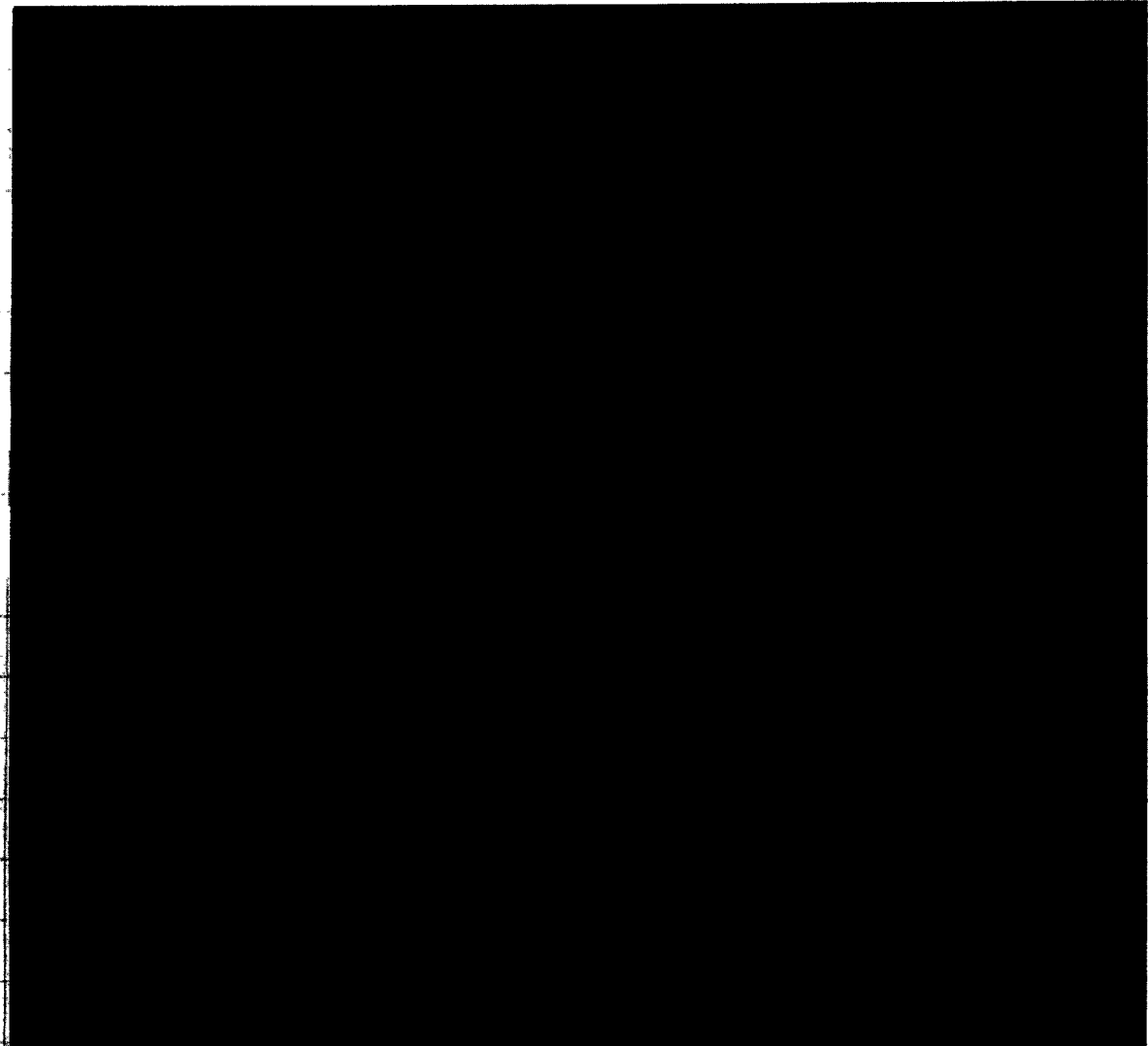
BUT, BACK IN EARLY 2011, I DON'T THINK THE GOVERNMENT EVEN BELIEVED SOME OF THE DEMANDS BEING MADE OF ME UNTIL KERRY KHAN SENT ME A TEXT MESSAGE, WHILE I WAS COOPERATING. HE TOLD ME THAT A LIGHT IN HIS CONDO WAS OUT. WHILE WORKING WITH ME, JAY GREENBERG SAID HE'D LEARNED THAT I DON'T LIKE TO BE CONFRONTATIONAL. HE SAID THAT I SEEMED TO WANT TO MAKE SURE KHAN WAS HAPPY. JAY GREENBERG IDENTIFIED THIS FAULT BEFORE DR. EPSTEIN EXPLAINED THE PSYCHOLOGY BEHIND MY DESIRE TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY. THE AGENTS HELPED ME SAY NO. THEY SAID I HAD TO, NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY WANTED MY MEETINGS WITH KHAN TO OCCUR ON THEIR SCHEDULES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE TOO MUCH MONEY THAT THEY MIGHT NOT GET BACK WAS BEING DEMANDED.

EVEN THOUGH I AM VERY NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT MY SENTENCE WILL BE, MY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT IT IS. MY WIFE NEEDS TO BEGIN TO PLAN AROUND THE END OF MY INCARCERATION. WE MAY NEED TO START PLANNING FOR MY DEPORTATION, AND WHAT IT WILL MEAN FOR US, BUT AT LEAST FOR NOW WE ARE HOPING TO HEAR THAT I AM ON THE BACK SIDE OF MY SENTENCE, NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE MORE TIME BEFORE EVEN BEING HALFWAY FINISHED. MY WIFE HAS STRUGGLED EMOTIONALLY WITH A SITUATION

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THAT I DROPPED ON HER LAP, AFTER THE 2013 INCIDENT SHE HAD, WHICH THE COURT IS ALREADY AWARE OF, SHE HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AGAIN, EARLIER THIS YEAR. FORTUNATELY, WITH ALL OF THE HELP SHE HAS RECEIVED FROM OTHERS, SHE IS MUCH BETTER NOW. WATCHING HER RECENT PROGRESS AND SEEING DR. EPSTEIN'S CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ME, I AM CONVINCED THERE IS MORE SCIENCE TO MENTAL HEALTH THAN I HAD EVER IMAGINED BEFORE. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.





I KNOW WHAT I DID WAS WRONG. I AM TRULY SORRY FOR THE
SHAME IT HAS BRILICHT ON ME AND MY FAMILY. I HAVE WORKED
HARD TO MAKE AMENDS AND I HOPE MY GOOD WORK IS NOT MASKED
BY TWO MISTAKES. I HELPED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE
EVERYONE INVOLVED AND TO GET AS MUCH MONEY BACK AS POSSIBLE.
I WAS THE FIRST COOPERATOR TO IDENTIFY THE BRIBERY AND I
WAS THE KEY TO THE BRIBE AMOUNTS. I HELPED GATHER MOST OF
THE EVIDENCE. BEFORE HE LEARNED THAT I TIPPED OFF THOMAS
KROON, AFTER HE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH ME FOR MONTHS,

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JAY GREENBERG TOLD ME I "BROUGHT THIS CASE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON A SILVER PLATE." THOMAS KNOWS PLED GUILTY AND COOPERATED, TOO. NOW, I HAVE BEEN A MODEL INMATE AT CTF. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I HAVE WORKED THE VISITATION HALL BECAUSE THE GUARDS TRUST THAT I WILL NOT FACILITATE ANY VISITOR'S INTRODUCTION OF ANY CONTRABAND INTO CTF. KNOWING THAT MY SENTENCING IS PENDING, THEY HAVE EVEN ASKED ME FOR ADVICE AS TO MY SUITABLE REPLACEMENT. MANY HAVE OFFERED TO WRITE LETTERS ON MY BEHALF, BUT THE WARDEN HAS TOLD THEM THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO OPEN THAT INVITATION TO ALL. I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.

FROM EVERYTHING I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO READ AND HEAR AT CTF OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT NUMEROUS OTHER COOPERATORS, THE 100 MONTHS THAT THE PROSECUTORS ARE RECOMMENDING HERE-OVER 8 YEARS - IS EXCESSIVE. I HOPE YOUR HONOR AGREES.

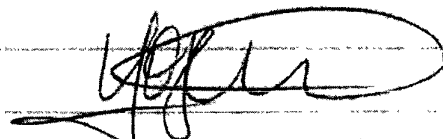
I AM TRULY SORRY THAT I COMPROMISED MY PRINCIPLES. I WAS RAISED IN A FAMILY OF HARD WORKERS, NOT CHEATERS. I AM WORKING HARD NOW TO UNDERSTAND MY FEARS, AND USING MY EDUCATION TO IMPROVE OTHERS' CONDITIONS HERE. I AM SMART, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE DONE STUPID THINGS, AND I WILL BOUNCE BACK FROM THIS. WITH MY HELP SO WILL MY FAMILY. I HOPE THE COURT LETS US BEGIN TO BOUNCE BACK SOONER THAN LATER. MY ATTORNEY TOLD ME THE U.S. ATTORNEY

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PROMISED TO INTERVENE WITH A PERSONAL CALL TO IMMIGRATION ON MY BEHALF. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WHAT I WAS TOLD WAS TRUE I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT MICHAEL ATKINSON AND BRYAN SEELY WOULD HAVE HELPED MORE UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. I LET THEM DOWN TOO. IF I GO TO KOREA (WHERE I HAVE NOT BEEN SINCE I WAS THREE YEARS OLD), MY SISTER IN LAW HAS PROMISED TO ASSIST ME IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT. FORTUNATELY, MY EXPERTISE, IN COMPUTER NETWORKING/DATA TECHNOLOGY IS VERY MUCH IN DEMAND ~~HERE~~ THERE. MY WIFE SAYS SHE WILL COME, BUT WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OUR BOYS, TOO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MY PLACEMENT AT CTE DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND THE COURTESY THE COURT HAS SHOWN TO ME AS I PREPARED FOR THIS DAY. IF SENTENCED TO ADDITIONAL TIME, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE COURT RECOMMEND PLACEMENT AT FCI PETERSBURG OR FCI LORETO (IN THAT ORDER). THESE FACILITIES ARE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO MY FAMILY AND THOSE VISITS HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MANY LONG, LONELY WEEKS I HAVE BEEN IN JAIL.

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