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RB01 10 SEGMENTS (RUNNING 00:06:59.385)

1. PAGE 10:14 TO 10:19 (RUNNING 00:00:15.453)

14 Q. Can you please state your full legal
15 name?
16 A. Robert Isaac Shelby Baker.
17 Q. Have you ever had a different legal
18 name?
19 A. Yes.

2. PAGE 17:11 TO 19:18 (RUNNING 00:02:45.674)

11 Q. Are you familiar with the organization
12 League of the South?
13 A. Please repeat that? I missed the
14 beginning.
15 Q. Are you familiar with the organization
16 League of the South?
17 A. Here again, I'm going to ask for a
18 simple clarification of "familiar," ma'am.
19 Q. Have you heard of League of the South?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Are you a member of the League?
22 A. I'm going to ask you to clarify
23 "member."
24 Q. Are you affiliated with the league in
25 any way?
00018:01 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs
02 A. Yes.
03 Q. Can you describe the nature of your
04 affiliation?
05 A. Based on your clarification, I'm a
06 member.
07 Q. Do you hold any formal role in the
08 league?
09 A. Currently I do.
10 Q. What is that role?
11 A. Chief of operations.
12 Q. When did you become chief of operations?
13 A. I believe it was September of 2017.
14 Q. Did you have a position in the League
15 before that?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Who appointed you chief of operations?
18 A. Michael Hill.
19 Q. Did you report to anyone as chief of
20 operations?
21 A. I'm going to ask you the clarify
22 "report," please.
23 Q. Did you receive assignments from anyone
24 as chief of operations?
25 A. Yes.
00019:01 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs
02 Q. Who did you receive assignments from?
03 A. Michael Hill.
04 Q. When you completed those assignments,
05 did you report back to Mr. Hill?
06 A. Yes.

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07 Q. While you were in the process of doing
08 those assignments, did you report on the progress
09 to Mr. Hill?
10 A. No.
11 Q. Is there anyone else at the League that
12 you report to?
13 A. Not formally, although as a courtesy,
14 yes.
15 Q. And who were those individuals?
16 A. Michael Tubbs.
17 Q. Anyone else?
18 A. No.

3. PAGE 61:22 TO 62:08 (RUNNING 00:00:32.058)

22 Q. You're familiar with the events of
23 August 11th and August 12th, 2017, in
24 Charlottesville?
00062:01 A. August 12th, not August 11th. I was not
02 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs
02 there on August the 11th.
03 Q. August 12th was the Unite the Right
04 rally, correct?
05 A. Yes, ma'am.
06 Q. When did you arrive in Charlottesville?
07 A. On the afternoon of Friday, the 11th, I
08 passed through Charlottesville.

4. PAGE 69:08 TO 69:13 (RUNNING 00:00:15.883)

08 Q. And, in fact, Mr. Hill did direct
09 certain tasks to Mr. Tubbs, correct?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. And Mr. Hill directed you to perform
12 certain tasks, correct?
13 A. Yes.

5. PAGE 69:15 TO 69:19 (RUNNING 00:00:03.607)

15 MS. RUSE: Tab 18 will be Exhibit 16.
16 (Exhibit 16 Plaintiffs, E-mail,
17 7-12-17, Bates stamped MH00015493,
18 was marked for the purposes of
19 identification.)

6. PAGE 70:05 TO 70:22 (RUNNING 00:00:58.617)

05 Q. It says, "Had a good talk with Ike Baker
06 tonight. On-the-ground planning for
07 Charlottesville is coming along nicely. Still a
08 lot to do, but the Pikeville template, on a larger
09 scale, looks like it will work well there. He
10 will be in touch with us both as things progress."
11 Do you see that?
12 A. I'm sorry. Was there a question?
13 Q. Do you see that?
14 A. Oh, yes. Yes, I do.
15 Q. Do you recall having talks with Michael
16 Hill about planning for Charlottesville?
17 A. I don't recall, no, I don't. We're
18 going back three years at this point. So, no, I
19 don't recall.
20 I won't dispute the authenticity of this
21 e-mail, but I don't recall the conversations three
22 years ago.

7. PAGE 71:04 TO 71:17 (RUNNING 00:00:41.844)

04 Q. Did you handle on-the-ground planning

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05 for Charlottesville?
06 A. "On-the-ground" would denote physical
07 presence. And, no, Charlottesville was way too
08 far for me to drive over and actually look around.
09 What I did is study the aerial
10 photographs, study the maps. I tried my best to
11 learn that warren of one-way streets in that part
12 of Charlottesville.
13 I located what seemed like a direct
14 route into that part of Charlottesville, and then
15 a direct route out of that part of
16 Charlottesville. That was my responsibility,
17 along with securing a secure parking area.

8. PAGE 134:21 TO 135:08 (RUNNING 00:00:29.244)

21 Q. The League assembled on Saturday
22 morning, correct?
23 A. That's correct.
24 Q. And was that at the staging area that
25 you informed this National Socialist Workers
00135:01 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs
02 Movement of?
03 A. Yes.
04 Q. And did they, in fact, show up there?
05 A. Yes.
06 Q. Were you in contact with the police on
07 Saturday morning at all?
08 A. No.

9. PAGE 141:16 TO 142:07 (RUNNING 00:00:39.070)

16 Q. Mr. Baker, you previously testified that
17 you reached out to the Charlottesville police.
18 You only recall one actual conversation, and that
19 the great majority of your calls were never
20 returned.
21 Do you remember testifying to that?
22 A. That's correct. That's the -- yes.
23 Q. You said that you spoke to a police
24 sergeant. His name was either Dewberry or
25 Newberry.
00142:01 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs
02 Do you remember saying that?
03 A. Newbury or Dewberry, I don't -- yes, I
04 do recall saying that.
05 Q. You said he provided no cooperation at
06 all, no guidance whatsoever, is that correct?
07 A. That's correct.

10. PAGE 142:08 TO 142:14 (RUNNING 00:00:17.935)

08 Q. Mr. Baker, based on the fact that the
09 Charlottesville police were not cooperating and
10 were not returning your calls, why did you think
11 that they were going to be of assistance on the
12 12th?
13 A. We expected no assistance. We simply
14 expected lawful treatment.

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