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1. PAGE 7:19 TO 8:02 (RUNNING 00:00:20.812)

19 D I L L O N H O P P E R,  
20 called as a witness, having been  
21 first duly sworn by a Notary Public, was  
22 examined and testified as follows:  
23 EXAMINATION  
24 MR. SIEGEL:  
25 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hopper.  
00008:01 D. Hopper  
02 A. Good morning.

2. PAGE 9:21 TO 9:24 (RUNNING 00:00:08.094)

21 Q. Mr. Hopper, you understand you're  
22 testifying today as a third-party witness and  
23 representative of Vanguard America, agreed?  
24 A. Yes.

3. PAGE 12:17 TO 13:19 (RUNNING 00:01:23.973)

17 Q. Mr. Hopper, you said Vanguard had  
18 suffered severe damages from the Charlottesville  
19 rally.  
20 What do you mean by that?  
21 A. Well, what I mean is, you know, our  
22 organization -- during the Charlottesville rally,  
23 you know, I wasn't -- I wasn't even at  
24 Charlottesville, so an individual named Thomas  
25 Rousseau was there, and he was basically in charge  
00013:01 D. Hopper  
02 of the group.  
03 And, you know, he's the one who  
04 basically allowed James Fields to just come in  
05 and, you know, be a part of the group, even though  
06 he wasn't an actual member. So you have all of  
07 this media and all of this press, you know, being  
08 released, of James Fields being photographed with  
09 our group.  
10 And then, you know, the incident  
11 happened. And then a lot of flack came down on us  
12 because of that. And a lot of guys just -- they  
13 just wanted to disappear because they didn't want  
14 to be associated with that. They didn't want  
15 the -- how can I say this -- they didn't really  
16 want the attention in front of, you know, the  
17 world media. So, you know, we lost a lot of  
18 members after Charlottesville because a lot of  
19 guys got scared.

4. PAGE 66:16 TO 67:09 (RUNNING 00:00:42.605)

16 Q. I would like to show you a document  
17 that's been marked as Exhibit 6.  
18 (Exhibit 6 Hopper, Discord  
19 messages, 6-5-17,  
20 #White-PowerStroke(Dillon)#A6190,  
21 MatthewHeimbach#A4345, no Bates

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22 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
23 of identification.)  
24 Q. This is a series of private messages on  
25 Discord between you and Matthew Heimbach dated  
00067:01 D. Hopper  
02 June 5th, 2017, agreed?  
03 A. Yeah, I'm assuming so.  
04 Q. Matthew Heimbach is posting under the  
05 handle "MatthewHeimbach4345," right?  
06 A. Yeah.  
07 Q. And you post under the  
08 "White-PowerStroke(Dillon)6190," right?  
09 A. Yeah.

**5. PAGE 70:03 TO 71:10 (RUNNING 00:01:37.275)**

03 Q. Let me rephrase the question, then.  
04 So you, Mr. Heimbach, Jeff Schoep, and  
05 Michael Hill were the leaders of Nationalist  
06 Front?  
07 A. Yeah, basically.  
08 Q. If you look on -- if you scroll down a  
09 little bit, if you look at the last few messages,  
10 Mr. Heimbach says to you that "you and your boys  
11 deserve that higher level of recognition as part  
12 of the leadership team."  
13 "Now all we need is Spencer and Damigo."  
14 And then Heimbach responds, "Well, this  
15 is where Charlottesville comes in."  
16 Do you see that?  
17 A. Yeah.  
18 Q. So this is talking about the  
19 Charlottesville rally.  
20 A. Yeah, at that particular moment, but  
21 before that, he wasn't.  
22 So in this communication, when I said,  
23 "Now all we need is Spencer and Damigo," that's  
24 trying to get Mr. Spencer and Mr. Damigo on board  
25 with what we're trying to do.  
00071:01 D. Hopper  
02 And what Mr. Heimbach was referring to  
03 is like, "Hey, we can try to show them what we can  
04 do at the Charlottesville rally."  
05 Q. So Mr. Heimbach wanted to use the  
06 Charlottesville rally as --  
07 A. Yeah, to try to recruit, you know,  
08 Mr. Spencer and Mr. Damigo, to try to get them on  
09 board as a more dignified organization, rather  
10 than a culmination of different organizations.

**6. PAGE 76:13 TO 76:22 (RUNNING 00:00:28.929)**

13 Q. So at the time you said Thomas Rousseau  
14 was doing the planning or coordinating Vanguard  
15 with some of these other groups and getting  
16 everyone to Charlottesville for the rally, right?  
17 A. Yeah. At the time Thomas Rousseau  
18 was -- he was basically the commander in charge,  
19 you know, of the group.  
20 Q. And he was acting on behalf of Vanguard  
21 America when he was doing that?  
22 A. Yes, he was.

**7. PAGE 77:16 TO 78:12 (RUNNING 00:00:47.294)**

16 Q. One second. Let me just ask you a  
17 question, Mr. Hopper.  
18 Why did you --

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19 A. Yeah.  
20 Q. -- forget people's first names quickly?  
21 A. Well, because I didn't want, you know,  
22 to know anything about them. I wanted to keep  
23 that kind of anonymity. So if somebody would tell  
24 me their name, I would be like, "Hey, I don't want  
25 to hear your name. You know, let's just go by  
00078:01 D. Hopper  
02 these handles to maintain that kind of security  
03 and anonymity to where, you know, if anything  
04 happens, you know, they don't have your  
05 information and they only have my information."  
06 Q. And this is for other Vanguard members,  
07 right?  
08 A. Yeah.  
09 Q. So you wanted to make sure you didn't  
10 have any information about the real identity of  
11 the Vanguard members.  
12 A. For the most part, yes.

**8. PAGE 78:23 TO 79:22 (RUNNING 00:01:15.133)**

23 Q. So you understood Thomas was telling you  
24 that Brandon and Aaron, who were Vanguard members,  
25 were in contact with the other planners of the  
00079:01 D. Hopper  
02 Charlottesville rally.  
03 A. Yes.  
04 Q. If you look at the last three messages,  
05 you say to Mr. Rousseau, "Big names are popping  
06 up."  
07 Then he responds, "Yes, I know."  
08 And then you respond, "Well, make sure  
09 we're on top."  
10 Do you see that?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. What big names were popping up?  
13 A. I'm assuming, you know, Richard Spencer,  
14 Nathan Damigo, Identity Evropa, you know, big-name  
15 organizations and big-name individuals, you know,  
16 that we could potentially get connections with,  
17 you know, and have them assist us in our  
18 operations, you know.  
19 So that's why I said, you know, "Well,  
20 make sure that we're on top," that we're up there  
21 with them, you know, so that we can rub elbows and  
22 try to, you know, schmooze into this crowd.

**9. PAGE 81:04 TO 81:20 (RUNNING 00:00:33.644)**

04 Q. Mr. Hopper, I'd like you to look at a  
05 document that is marked as Exhibit 8.  
06 (Exhibit 8 Hopper, Discord chats,  
07 Charlottesville 2.0,  
08 #vanguard\_america, 6-16-17, no  
09 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
10 purposes of identification.)  
11 Q. This is a series of chats on the  
12 Charlottesville 2.0 server under the hash tag  
13 "vanguard\_america" dated June 16th, 2017, and  
14 June 17th, 2017.  
15 Do you see that?  
16 A. Yeah.  
17 Q. And you posted on here, "You guys want  
18 me to get some shields?"  
19 Do you see that?  
20 A. Yeah.

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10. PAGE 85:19 TO 85:25 (RUNNING 00:00:23.135)

19 Q. So if you look at the last page, someone  
20 asks you, "Are you going to give a speech?" And  
21 you respond, "Maybe."  
22 And then your last statement is, "6 word  
23 speech, 'Gas the kikes. Race war now.'"  
24 Do you see that?  
25 A. Yeah.

11. PAGE 86:13 TO 86:21 (RUNNING 00:00:29.089)

13 The Charlottesville 2.0 server was used  
14 for planning the rally, right?  
15 A. I'm assuming so, yes.  
16 Q. And that's the server where you posted  
17 this message?  
18 A. Yeah, I'm assuming so.  
19 Q. And as of this date, June 8th, you were  
20 still the leader of Vanguard America, right?  
21 A. Yes.

12. PAGE 97:06 TO 97:07 (RUNNING 00:00:04.123)

06 Q. Was he a Vanguard America member?  
07 A. He was, yes.

13. PAGE 97:13 TO 97:17 (RUNNING 00:00:12.056)

13 Q. And the first message is -- he says to  
14 you, "Like it's cool and I like the solidarity of  
15 this torch lit march I'm seeing."  
16 Do you see that?  
17 A. Yeah.

14. PAGE 110:23 TO 110:25 (RUNNING 00:00:05.498)

23 Q. You were not in Charlottesville that  
24 day, correct?  
25 A. No, I wasn't.

15. PAGE 112:19 TO 114:05 (RUNNING 00:01:34.976)

19 Q. Who were the members who were there that  
20 day?  
21 A. I don't know. I don't have a count. I  
22 just know a general idea of who was there and that  
23 it, honestly, wasn't a lot of people.  
24 But I know that Thomas Rousseau was  
25 there, there were several members from Texas,  
00113:01 D. Hopper  
02 there were several local members that were there,  
03 and there were other -- several members that were  
04 from other places around the country.  
05 Q. What are their names?  
06 A. I do not know.  
07 Q. Did you ever --  
08 A. I --  
09 (Reporter clarification.)  
10 Q. Did you ever know their names?  
11 A. The only individuals whose names I knew  
12 were several individuals in Texas, to include  
13 Mr. Rousseau and two or three other members. But  
14 I can't remember their names off the top of my  
15 head. I have them on my phone, though.  
16 Q. So you knew the names of Mr. Rousseau  
17 and two or three other people, out of all of the  
18 people that were there for Vanguard that day?  
19 A. Yes.

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20 Q. And you've never known the names of the  
21 other people that were there for Vanguard.  
22 A. I'm not going to lie. I might have  
23 known their names but I've forgotten, because  
24 I'm --  
25 Q. Was there ever a time you knew all of  
00114:01 D. Hopper  
02 their names?  
03 A. No, I never knew all of everybody's  
04 names in Vanguard. I would try to maintain that  
05 kind of anonymity as much as I could.

16. PAGE 115:07 TO 115:14 (RUNNING 00:00:05.653)

07 Q. Mr. Hopper, I'd like to show you a  
08 document that's been marked as Exhibit 38.  
09 (Reporter clarification.)  
10 (Exhibit 38 Hopper, Discord  
11 messages, 8-1-17, Vanguard  
12 Liberation #general, Fox Tx#3768,  
13 no Bates stamps, was marked for the  
14 purposes of identification.)

17. PAGE 115:15 TO 117:15 (RUNNING 00:02:07.449)

15 Q. This is a series of chats on Discord in  
16 the Vanguard Liberation server, between you and  
17 several other Vanguard members, agreed?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. This is dated August 12th, 2017, right?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. This is the day Heather Heyer was  
22 killed, right?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. This is the day Mr. Fields ran his car  
25 into a group of counter-protestors, right?  
00116:01 D. Hopper  
02 A. Yes.  
03 Q. In the middle of this document you post,  
04 "Commies died. That's good enough for me."  
05 Do you see that?  
06 A. Yes.  
07 Q. You're referring to Heather Heyer being  
08 killed, right?  
09 A. Yes, but at the time I didn't know that  
10 it was her.  
11 Q. What do you mean?  
12 A. Well, at that point all I knew was that  
13 there was a car accident, a car had been driven  
14 into a group of protestors. I didn't know who the  
15 individual was. I didn't know that he was  
16 connected to our group. So I just thought it was  
17 some lone wolf who, you know, decided to perform  
18 this act.  
19 Q. But you said here, "Commies died,"  
20 right?  
21 A. "Commies died."  
22 Q. So you thought the person who got  
23 killed, Heather Heyer, was a commie?  
24 A. Absolutely.  
25 Q. Meaning communist. That's what you're  
00117:01 D. Hopper  
02 referring to, right?  
03 A. Yeah, a communist. More appropriately a  
04 Marxist, but, I mean, that's semantics.  
05 Q. And you thought Mr. Fields killing her  
06 and injuring a bunch of other protestors was good

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07 enough for you, right?  
08 A. Well, at the time, yes. But I didn't  
09 understand, you know, the fallout from that, I  
10 suppose, because I didn't know that, you know,  
11 Fields would be connected to our group.  
12 Q. So before you realized he was connected  
13 to your group, you were saying that that's good  
14 enough for you?  
15 A. Yeah, apparently so, yes.

**18. PAGE 118:09 TO 118:10 (RUNNING 00:00:03.904)**

09 Q. Okay. Let's go back to Exhibit 29,  
10 please.

**19. PAGE 118:11 TO 119:15 (RUNNING 00:00:58.056)**

11 This is a series of chats on the  
12 Vanguard Liberation server on Discord between you  
13 and other Vanguard America members, correct?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. And it's dated August 12th, 2017,  
16 correct?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. It's the day of the Charlottesville  
19 rally?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Do you see in the middle of the page,  
22 one of the members posts, "Bunch of people got ran  
23 over?"  
24 Do you see that?  
25 A. Yes.  
00119:01 D. Hopper  
02 Q. And you respond, "Yeah."  
03 Do you see that?  
04 A. Yeah. I was acknowledging that that's  
05 what had happened.  
06 Q. At the bottom of the page, you say,  
07 "They challenged a dodge challenger."  
08 Do you see that?  
09 A. Yes.  
10 Q. That's Mr. Fields' car, right?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. So you thought that the  
13 counter-protestors had challenged Mr. Fields' car  
14 and it was their fault for being hit?  
15 A. Oh, absolutely.

**20. PAGE 120:08 TO 121:21 (RUNNING 00:01:57.403)**

08 Q. And, again, do you see at the top of the  
09 page, there's two Vanguard members talking about  
10 Mr. Fields ramming his car into protestors.  
11 Do you see that?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. If you go to the bottom of the page, you  
14 post, "One person died, sheesh! There are  
15 315,000,000 more people in this country."  
16 Do you see that?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. So earlier when you said that you felt  
19 bad that Heather Heyer was killed, you didn't feel  
20 bad, did you?  
21 A. No, I legitimately felt bad that  
22 somebody had to die, you know? Somebody died.  
23 It's always a tragedy when somebody dies.  
24 But at the same time, I mean, you're at  
25 this rally where you know violent -- violence is

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00121:01 D. Hopper  
02 more than likely imminent, so you can't go there  
03 expecting to not be potentially injured.  
04 So the way I see it is it's kind of like  
05 a surfer. A surfer goes out into the ocean and  
06 surfs waves. He shouldn't be surprised if he gets  
07 attacked by a shark, because he chose to do that.  
08 That was that woman's choice, was to go  
09 out there, and it was that surfer's choice to go  
10 surfing in the ocean with sharks.  
11 So it's a tragedy that she had to lose  
12 her life, but at the same time, it shouldn't be a  
13 surprise to anybody.  
14 Q. So the counter-protestors who were  
15 attacked by Mr. Fields should not have been  
16 surprised that that's what happened because that's  
17 what they should have expected at the rally?  
18 A. Absolutely. You should always expect  
19 the worst situation possible. You expect and you  
20 plan for the worst and you hope for the best.  
21 That's what you should do.

**21. PAGE 123:19 TO 123:20 (RUNNING 00:00:05.257)**

19 Q. I'd like to show you a document that's  
20 been marked as Exhibit 39.

**22. PAGE 124:04 TO 125:06 (RUNNING 00:01:06.673)**

04 Q. Mr. Hopper, this is a series of chats on  
05 the Vanguard Liberation server on Discord between  
06 you and other Vanguard America members, agreed?  
07 A. Yes.  
08 Q. Dated August 12th, 2017, right?  
09 A. Yeah.  
10 Q. And, again, you're talking about people  
11 being killed or injured in the Charlottesville  
12 rally, right?  
13 A. Yeah.  
14 Q. As a result of James Fields?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. In the middle of the page, can you  
17 please read the comment you posted?  
18 A. In the middle of the page I said, "Kill  
19 all commies. Fuck um."  
20 Q. Was Heather Heyer a commie?  
21 A. I don't know what her personal  
22 ideologies were, but if she were there, you know,  
23 as a counter-protestor, I would personally  
24 consider her a communist.

25 Q. So you would personally consider the  
00125:01 D. Hopper  
02 counter-protestors to be communists?  
03 A. All of them. Every single one of them.  
04 Q. And here you wrote, "Kill all commies.  
05 Fuck um," right?  
06 A. Absolutely.

**23. PAGE 125:20 TO 125:22 (RUNNING 00:00:04.087)**

20 And you're saying this to other Vanguard  
21 members?  
22 A. Yeah.

**24. PAGE 126:12 TO 128:17 (RUNNING 00:02:29.616)**

12 Q. I'd like to show you a document that's  
13 been marked as Exhibit 32.

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14 (Reporter clarification.)  
15 (Exhibit 32 Hopper, Discord chats,  
16 2-2-17, with accompanying video,  
17 tradworker, #lobby, Alba#2646, no  
18 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
19 purposes of identification.)  
20 Q. This is a series of chats in a server  
21 called "tradworker" on Discord.  
22 Do you see that?  
23 A. Yeah.  
24 Q. Do you agree that's what this is?  
25 A. Yeah.  
00127:01 D. Hopper  
02 Q. What's the TradWorker server?  
03 A. TradWorker is White Traditionalist  
04 Workers party.  
05 Q. So this is a chat room run by that  
06 group?  
07 A. More than likely, yes.  
08 Q. Do you see at the top, the poster  
09 "Alba2646" is talking about a Berkeley riot.  
10 Do you see that?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Do you recall around this time, in  
13 February 2017, there were riots around the  
14 Berkeley campus?  
15 A. I believe so, yes, if I'm remembering  
16 the correct time.  
17 Q. Could you go to the next page, please,  
18 toward the bottom half.  
19 Somebody under the handle  
20 "Kombat-Unit484" posted a link to a Twitter video.  
21 It says, "I will never get tired of these."  
22 Do you see that?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 Q. Do you remember what that video was?  
25 A. No, I don't.  
00128:01 D. Hopper  
02 Q. Was it a video of cars speeding through  
03 police lines and hitting protestors?  
04 A. Okay.  
05 Q. I'm asking, do you remember that?  
06 A. No, I don't.  
07 Q. Let's look at the video.  
08 So this is a video that is linked in  
09 that Twitter link.  
10 (Video being played.)  
11 Q. Do you agree with me, Mr. Hopper, that  
12 that's a video of a car hitting protestors?  
13 A. I agree that that's a car being attacked  
14 by protestors and trying to escape.  
15 But, yes, I mean, I guess you could  
16 classify that as hitting protestors,  
17 quote/unquote.

25. PAGE 129:14 TO 130:09 (RUNNING 00:00:42.819)

14 Q. You would agree with me, at a certain  
15 point in this video, the car drives away with  
16 people on the hood of the car?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Let's go back to Exhibit 32, please.  
19 Do you see in response to Kombat-Unit484  
20 posting this video, Matthew Heimbach posts, "What  
21 a beautiful day."  
22 Do you see that?  
23 A. Yes.



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24 Q. That's Matthew Heimbach posting?  
25 A. Yes.  
00130:01 D. Hopper  
02 Q. After that, you post, "Don't block  
03 fucking traffic."  
04 Do you see that?  
05 A. Yes.  
06 Q. And so, in your view, if protestors are  
07 blocking traffic, then it's their fault if they  
08 get hit?  
09 A. Yes, absolutely.

26. PAGE 142:24 TO 143:15 (RUNNING 00:00:37.072)

24 Q. Okay. I'd like to show you a document  
25 that's been marked as Exhibit 37.  
00143:01 D. Hopper  
02 (Exhibit 37 Hopper, Discord chats,  
03 8-13-17, Vanguard Liberation,  
04 #general, Pizarro-TN#7965, no Bates  
05 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
06 of identification.)  
07 Q. This is a series of chats on the  
08 Vanguard Liberation server on Discord, right?  
09 A. Yes.  
10 Q. And these are dated August 13th, 2017,  
11 the day after the rally?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. And you can see in the first post  
14 they're talking about James Fields here, correct?  
15 A. Yes.

27. PAGE 145:05 TO 145:19 (RUNNING 00:00:34.127)

05 Q. Do you see a user going by the handle  
06 "Pizarro-TN7965"?  
07 A. Yes.  
08 Q. Do you know who that person is?  
09 A. No.  
10 Q. But they're a Vanguard member, right?  
11 A. Yeah.  
12 Q. And that person posted, "Alright, but he  
13 was surrounded by us? Wouldn't someone have  
14 noticed?"  
15 Do you see that?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Do you understand he's referring to  
18 Fields?  
19 A. Yes.

28. PAGE 145:23 TO 146:05 (RUNNING 00:00:12.586)

23 Q. So do you see the user Pizarro posts,  
24 "Because for all its (sic) worth, we fucking  
25 killed someone."  
00146:01 D. Hopper  
02 Do you see that?  
03 A. Yes.  
04 Q. So he thought Vanguard killed somebody?  
05 A. Yes.

29. PAGE 147:23 TO 148:03 (RUNNING 00:00:09.689)


23 Q. Mr. Hopper, do you see at the bottom  
24 here, the user Pizarro asks you, "So the official  
25 story is that he was a plant."  
00148:01 D. Hopper  
02 And you respond, "Yes."

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03 A. Yes.

30. PAGE 233:22 TO 235:07 (RUNNING 00:01:25.198)

22 Q. I'd like to show you a document that's  
23 been marked as Exhibit 57, please.  
24 (Exhibit 57 Hopper, Feuerkrieg  
25 Division chat, Bates stamped  
00234:01 D. Hopper  
02 NOCUSTODIAN00044738, was marked for  
03 the purposes of identification.)  
04 Q. This is a post you made on a Feuerkrieg  
05 Division chat under the handle  
06 "White\_PowerStroke," agreed?  
07 A. Yeah, it appears so.  
08 Q. Could you please read what you posted.  
09 A. "We have to not only push forward, but  
10 we must also push back and from all sides. We  
11 must fight for our entire survival and if that  
12 means killing every single non-white on the face  
13 of the earth, then so be it. If anything, every  
14 single nigger, chink and pajeet needs to die  
15 simply to save the earth from a near ecological  
16 collapse due to the millions of tons of waste they  
17 produce which is killing the oceans."  
18 Q. And a person under the handle "Commander  
19 FKD" responded to you, is that --  
20 A. Yeah.  
21 Q. And is this the leader of the Feuerkrieg  
22 Division?  
23 A. Yeah, it is.  
24 Q. And he responded with the words, "Total  
25 Aryan victory."  
00235:01 D. Hopper  
02 Do you see that?  
03 A. Yes.  
04 Q. And can you please read your response to  
05 him?  
06 A. I said, "Total and complete. The earth  
07 is not safe if even one Jew is left alive."

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1. PAGE 11:01 TO 11:12 (RUNNING 00:00:13.682)

00011:01 D. HOPPER  
02 WHEREUPON:  
03 DILLON HOPPER,  
04 called as a witness herein, having been first  
05 duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
06 follows:  
07 EXAMINATION  
08 BY MR. LEVINE:  
09 Q. State your name.  
10 A. Dillon Hopper.  
11 Q. What's your full name?  
12 A. Dillon Ulysses Hopper.

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**2. PAGE 19:24 TO 20:11 (RUNNING 00:00:38.965)**

24 Q. You know an organization called  
25 Vanguard America?  
00020:01 D. HOPPER  
02 A. Yes.  
03 Q. And when did you first start your  
04 association with Vanguard America?  
05 A. I first started my association with  
06 Vanguard America in November of 2016 whenever  
07 I -- whenever I was on -- not convalescent  
08 leave but terminal leave.  
09 Q. Okay. Terminal leave from the  
10 Marine Corps?  
11 A. Yes.

**3. PAGE 20:23 TO 21:08 (RUNNING 00:00:39.086)**

23 Q. And how did you get familiar with  
24 Vanguard America?  
25 A. I was introduced to the individual  
00021:01 D. HOPPER  
02 who started the organization. We spoke --  
03 Q. When?  
04 A. Oh, goodness. I would have to say  
05 around the same time, November of 2016.  
06 Q. And who was the fellow?  
07 A. What was his name? His first name  
08 was Ryan. And I forgot his last name.

**4. PAGE 24:17 TO 25:21 (RUNNING 00:01:16.782)**

17 Q. Did he give you any list of who the  
18 members were?  
19 A. No. We never kept --  
20 Q. How did you --  
21 A. We never kept a list of any of the  
22 members, and all of the members were strictly  
23 working on confidentiality so they would only  
24 go by aliases. They wouldn't ...  
25 Q. So when you recruited somebody to  
00025:01 D. HOPPER  
02 join the company, to join the organization, did  
03 you keep a record of who you were recruiting?  
04 A. No.  
05 Q. And did you have any understanding  
06 of their real names?  
07 A. Me personally, no. Some individuals  
08 would go by aliases that were names. But we  
09 assumed that they were not their real names  
10 because we would tell them, Hey, don't use your  
11 real name.  
12 Q. And you ended up taking over  
13 Vanguard America at some point?  
14 A. Yes. I --  
15 Q. Did you -- did you ever change the  
16 practice of confidentiality?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. Did you ever change the practice of  
19 keeping a list of members?  
20 A. No. We never -- I made sure that we  
21 never kept a list of members.

**5. PAGE 30:03 TO 30:06 (RUNNING 00:00:10.734)**

03 Q. And at a certain point, you took  
04 over Vanguard America?  
05 A. Yes. I took over Vanguard America,

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06 I want to say, in April of 2017.

6. PAGE 39:06 TO 40:15 (RUNNING 00:01:53.157)

06 Let's mark this as Exhibit Hopper 3.  
07 (Hopper Exhibit Number 3 marked for  
08 identification.)

09 Q. Take a look at Hopper 3. This  
10 is another comment by  
11 White-PowerStroke(Dillon)#6190, which -- on  
12 August 13, 2017. Do you see that, Mr. Hopper?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And it says, I was the leader for  
15 over a year and got us to where we were. So  
16 that's the day after Charlottesville 2.0,  
17 you're saying, I was the leader for over a year  
18 and got us to where we were; is that right?

19 A. It appears so, yes.

20 Q. Okay. So does that refresh your  
21 recollection of when you ended up taking over  
22 Vanguard America? Because you just testified a  
23 few minutes ago, you thought it was in or about  
24 April. But you testified earlier that you got  
25 involved with Ryan at the end of November

00040:01 D. HOPPER

02 and --

03 A. No, it was -- it was the beginning  
04 of November.

05 Q. Beginning of November?

06 A. Yes.

07 Q. And here you're saying you were in  
08 charge of it for over a year. And you're  
09 saying that in August of 2017.

10 So is it -- is your recollection  
11 refreshed that it was more like the beginning  
12 of 2017, the end of 2016, when you took over  
13 VA?

14 A. Yes, 20- -- 20- -- end of 2016,  
15 beginning of 2017.

7. PAGE 49:03 TO 50:06 (RUNNING 00:01:22.476)

03 Q. So how did you -- how did you ever  
04 have any idea how many members Vanguard America  
05 had?

06 A. We had a general idea of how many  
07 members Vanguard America had via our -- how  
08 many people were in the servers. So we would  
09 just take tallies of all the people that were  
10 in the individual servers and we'd just add  
11 them up.

12 Q. And the people that were -- that  
13 came on the individual servers would use  
14 confidential forms of identification on the  
15 server, correct?

16 A. Yeah. They would use aliases or  
17 just pin names or --

18 Q. So for many of the people -- and for  
19 many of these people who were on the servers --  
20 withdrawn.

21 Did you know personally the people  
22 that were on the servers that were associated  
23 with Vanguard America?

24 A. Not until April of -- well, May?  
25 Yeah, May. Well, no, it was April because

00050:01 D. HOPPER

02 whenever I went to Pikeville, I met those four

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03 guys. And then I kind of put those -- like, I  
04 can't remember anyone's name. Like, I don't  
05 remember anyone's name in this room right now.  
06 I have a really terrible memory.

**8. PAGE 52:22 TO 53:11 (RUNNING 00:01:07.978)**

22 Q. I want to -- the Vanguard America  
23 members, when you got together, dressed in  
24 white -- white shirts and khaki pants, correct?  
25 A. Yes, white polo shirts and khaki  
00053:01 D. HOPPER  
02 pants.  
03 Q. And was that your idea?  
04 A. It was partially my idea, partially  
05 Thomas's idea. I wanted a more casual look to  
06 the organization, but I also wanted it to be  
07 comfortable and also inexpensive. So ...  
08 Q. And was that partly to create an  
09 image, a paramilitary more formal appearance?  
10 A. Yeah, a more well-organized  
11 organization. Excuse me.

**9. PAGE 57:09 TO 57:21 (RUNNING 00:00:28.591)**

09 Q. Okay. And people could -- and the  
10 uniform, if you will, wasn't issued by Vanguard  
11 America --  
12 A. No.  
13 Q. -- right?  
14 A. No, it wasn't issued.  
15 Q. So anybody -- anybody could go  
16 participate with Vanguard America in any  
17 particular district for any particular event  
18 that they decided politically or for whatever  
19 reason they wanted to associate with; isn't  
20 that right?  
21 A. Yes. One of the reasons --

**10. PAGE 59:03 TO 59:11 (RUNNING 00:00:28.837)**

03 Q. And are of these -- each page of  
04 Hopper Exhibit 7 is another Vanguard America  
05 banner; is that right?  
06 A. It appears so, yes.  
07 Q. And these were banners that were  
08 used by Vanguard America to -- when it -- when  
09 it got together or when it appeared at  
10 different events; is that right?  
11 A. Yes.

**11. PAGE 60:06 TO 60:11 (RUNNING 00:00:23.078)**

06 Q. And you're familiar with the -- the  
07 first banner says as an organizat- -- has the  
08 label bloodandsoil.org. That was one of the  
09 ways that Vanguard America identified itself,  
10 correct?  
11 A. Yes. That was our website.

**12. PAGE 60:14 TO 61:09 (RUNNING 00:00:47.815)**

14 Q. And you're familiar with what blood  
15 and soil is -- where that derives?  
16 A. Yes, I'm familiar with that.  
17 Q. And that's a Nazi slogan?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. In fact, it's a pretty serious Nazi  
20 slogan from the 1930s that was used by the

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21 Third Reich; isn't that right?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. It was one of the virulent  
24 anti-Semitic slogans; isn't that right?  
25 A. I mean, you could picture it like  
00061:01 D. HOPPER  
02 that. I mean, I would say it's more --  
03 Q. Well, that's the way it was used in  
04 the Third Reich; isn't that right?  
05 A. Yes, pro German, you know --  
06 Q. Anti-Jew?  
07 A. Anti-non-German.  
08 Q. Anti-Jewish; isn't that right?  
09 A. Yeah, anti-Jewish, right.

13. PAGE 61:25 TO 62:04 (RUNNING 00:00:14.102)

25 Q. And that's one of the objectives and  
00062:01 D. HOPPER  
02 purposes of Vanguard America, is to promote a  
03 white -- a white America, correct?  
04 A. Yes.

14. PAGE 68:06 TO 68:15 (RUNNING 00:00:19.500)

06 (Hopper Exhibit Number 9 marked for  
07 identification.)  
08 Q. I'm showing you what we're going to  
09 mark as Hopper 9.  
10 Is that you?  
11 A. Yep.  
12 Q. And where is that taken? Where is  
13 that picture taken?  
14 A. That's in a Pikeville rally in  
15 Kentucky.

15. PAGE 70:06 TO 71:22 (RUNNING 00:01:36.937)

06 Q. And do you see the shields in front?  
07 A. Yes.  
08 Q. Whose shields are those?  
09 A. I want to say those are -- oh,  
10 goodness. I don't know. They're not our  
11 shields. We didn't have shields at that time.  
12 Q. When did you first start using  
13 shields?  
14 A. Charlottesville.  
15 Q. And who designed the shield?  
16 A. That was ...  
17 Q. Did you design it?  
18 A. No.  
19 Q. Did you participate in the designing  
20 it?  
21 A. No, I didn't participate in the  
22 designing it.  
23 Q. Did you approve it, though?  
24 A. Yeah, you know, the little -- the  
25 little round shields and the larger shields.  
00071:01 D. HOPPER  
02 Basically, I mean, the only thing that I told  
03 them is like, Hey, just put our logo on it.  
04 But mainly all of that was all designed by  
05 Thomas Rousseau.  
06 Q. And where were the shields made that  
07 were used at Charlottesville?  
08 A. They were made by individuals, like,  
09 Hey, this is how to make a shield. We had a  
10 few guys that would make a bunch of shields and

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11 then they would just bring them, you know, if  
12 they had the extra material. But they were  
13 usually just made out like pallets.  
14 Q. And when you say you -- you said we  
15 had a bunch of -- we had a few guys that would  
16 make shields and just bring them if they had  
17 extra material. When you said you were telling  
18 people how to make them, was all of that  
19 conversation and instruction on the Discord  
20 channel and server that Vanguard America was  
21 using?  
22 A. Yeah.

**16. PAGE 80:20 TO 80:22 (RUNNING 00:00:05.886)**

20 Q. And Matthew Heimbach, have you  
21 talked to him? Do you know him?  
22 A. Yeah, yeah, I know Matt.

**17. PAGE 82:03 TO 82:19 (RUNNING 00:00:39.182)**

03 Isn't it a fact you talked to  
04 Heimbach in June of 2017 about going to  
05 Charlottesville 2.0?  
06 A. I most likely did, you know, just  
07 asking him, it's like, Hey, is this a thing?  
08 Are you going to this? I mean, who's  
09 organizing it? Who's representing it? You  
10 know, if you're going, you know, how many  
11 people do you plan on going? You know, I'm  
12 just asking basic questions and seeing if we  
13 could match.  
14 Q. With Heimbach?  
15 A. Yeah, seeing if we could match that.  
16 Q. And would those conversations with  
17 Heimbach been by text?  
18 A. No. At that time all of those  
19 conversations were via Discord.

**18. PAGE 85:03 TO 85:21 (RUNNING 00:00:32.854)**

03 Q. So the business -- the business  
04 conversations with Heimbach in connection with  
05 Charlottesville 2.0 were about your  
06 organization participating and attending  
07 Charlottesville 2.0, correct?  
08 A. Yes.  
09 Q. They weren't personal. They were  
10 about --  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. They were with you as the leader of  
13 Vanguard America?  
14 A. Yeah.  
15 Q. Okay.  
16 A. Yeah.  
17 Q. And he was encouraging you as the  
18 leader of Vanguard America to attend --  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. -- correct?  
21 A. Yeah.

**19. PAGE 88:04 TO 88:19 (RUNNING 00:00:44.841)**

04 Q. What about Jeff Schoep?  
05 A. Oh, Jeff Schoep, yeah. I met him at  
06 Pikeville. Wait. Did I meet -- Did I meet the  
07 League of the South guys at Pikeville? Yeah, I  
08 did too. Yeah, I met them at Pikeville. My

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09 bad. Yeah, I met all those guys at Pikeville.  
10 I mean, it was fleeting. I mean, they didn't  
11 really make a big impression on me. I didn't  
12 really make a big impression on them.  
13 Q. Who else was at Pikeville --  
14 Pikeville, what organizations besides Vanguard  
15 America?  
16 A. Vanguard, TWP, Traditional Worker  
17 Party, and League of the South and National  
18 Socialist Movement. And I want to say those  
19 were it -- that's it.

20. PAGE 149:08 TO 149:10 (RUNNING 00:00:06.924)

08 Q. And you have the email address  
09 dillon\_hopper@protonmail.com, correct?  
10 A. Yes.

21. PAGE 151:21 TO 152:19 (RUNNING 00:01:15.691)

21 Q. And what's the email Tutanota? Is  
22 that the one you're talking about?  
23 A. Yeah, the Tutamail or Tutanota.  
24 Q. And what's the email address?  
25 A. I don't know.  
00152:01 D. HOPPER  
02 Q. What is the email address for --  
03 that's associated with Tutanota?  
04 A. It might be du\_hopper or it might be  
05 dillon\_hopper or it might be something  
06 completely different. It might be dillon1488,  
07 I don't ...  
08 Q. What does 1488 stand for?  
09 A. The 14 -- 14 words, and then it's  
10 just neo-Nazi garbage, you know. I just use  
11 that as a joke, really. But 14 words, it was  
12 devised by -- who was it? I don't know. But  
13 it basically says we must secure the existence  
14 of our people and a future for white children.  
15 And then the 88 is for Heil Hitler. And that  
16 was -- I think that stuff is funny, you know.  
17 Because people go off the rails over that  
18 stuff, and it's just poking them in the ribs,  
19 you know.

22. PAGE 153:02 TO 153:06 (RUNNING 00:00:13.675)

02 Q. So one of your email addresses that  
03 you've historically used takes on Third Reich  
04 kind of nomenclature?  
05 A. Well, yeah. But, I mean, it all  
06 depends on what your perception is.

23. PAGE 183:10 TO 183:12 (RUNNING 00:00:14.305)

10 Q. So you were keeping track of events  
11 on August 11, 12th, and 13th?  
12 A. Yeah, I assume so.

24. PAGE 184:12 TO 185:10 (RUNNING 00:00:44.194)

12 Q. You had shields being made for the  
13 purpose of the event; isn't that right? Didn't  
14 you know that?  
15 A. Well, yes. But I didn't know that  
16 they were there. I wasn't directly told, hey,  
17 we're going to have shields.  
18 Q. But you knew the plan was that they  
19 were going to go with shields?



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20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Okay.  
22 A. But I don't know if that plan was  
23 executed or not.  
24 Q. So you knew on August 11 and 12 --  
25 even if Rousseau was at that point the nominal  
00185:01 D. HOPPER  
02 head of Vanguard, you knew you still associated  
03 yourself with Vanguard, correct?  
04 A. Well, I wanted to.  
05 Q. Right. And you knew there were  
06 people there with Vanguard uniforms, correct?  
07 A. Yes.  
08 Q. And Vanguard was going to have a  
09 presence there, correct?  
10 A. Yes.

25. PAGE 193:19 TO 194:11 (RUNNING 00:00:50.222)

19 Q. And so you were involved in the  
20 planning conversations?  
21 A. I suppose I was.  
22 Q. And, in fact, you -- you were using  
23 the channels under Charlottesville 2.0 that  
24 were involved in the planning activities,  
25 right?  
00194:01 D. HOPPER  
02 A. Yeah, I want to say only briefly,  
03 though. I mean, I don't think I was involved  
04 with them after I got kicked out of Vanguard.  
05 I don't remember.  
06 Q. But whether you were or weren't, the  
07 planning took place over several months. So  
08 for a period of months, until you claim that  
09 you were removed, you were involved in the  
10 planning?  
11 A. Well, according to this, yeah.

26. PAGE 196:17 TO 196:25 (RUNNING 00:00:40.679)

17 (Hopper Exhibit Number 31 marked for  
18 identification.)  
19 Q. I'm showing you Hopper 31. First go  
20 to the last page. Is this a comment by you on  
21 August 12th from  
22 White-PowerStroke(Dillon)#6190, quote: You  
23 don't total a 2010 Dodge Challenger SE for  
24 shits and giggles even if it's only a bitch V6?  
25 A. Yeah.

27. PAGE 197:12 TO 198:02 (RUNNING 00:00:57.389)

12 Q. And the -- that -- your comment  
13 related to Fields's Dodge Challenger running  
14 into the crowd of spectators, right?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. And you were looking at the time at  
17 a picture, which is on the top page of the  
18 exhibit, of 30- -- 31, of the Challenger with  
19 the front window smashed, right?  
20 A. Yeah. I mean, what I was trying to  
21 convey was -- I mean, you don't do that to, you  
22 know, a Dodge Challenger just to do it. I  
23 mean, if you're going do it to a Dodge  
24 Challenger, you better have a reason to, unless  
25 it's a V6, because I don't care about V6s, it's  
00198:01 D. HOPPER  
02 all about the V8s. That's just a car joke.

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28. PAGE 200:15 TO 200:18 (RUNNING 00:00:16.985)

15 Q. Mr. Hopper, I'm showing you Hopper  
16 Exhibit 32, which is the answer to the  
17 plaintiffs' first amended complaint, which  
18 includes answer on behalf of Vanguard America.

29. PAGE 201:22 TO 202:02 (RUNNING 00:00:18.941)

22 Q. So in Paragraph 197, Vanguard  
23 America states -- Vanguard America admits,  
24 quote, a nonmember James Field marched with  
25 them, close quote?  
00202:01 D. HOPPER  
02 A. Yes.

30. PAGE 202:21 TO 203:10 (RUNNING 00:00:35.310)

21 Q. And isn't it a fact based on your  
22 testimony earlier today that there are no  
23 records of who the members are of Vanguard  
24 America?  
00203:01 A. Physical records, no, there are  
02 D. HOPPER  
02 no --  
03 Q. Isn't it a fact --  
04 A. Physical records.  
05 Q. Isn't it a fact that there are no  
06 lists of who the members are?  
07 A. Not to my knowledge, no.  
08 Q. Isn't it a fact that there are no  
09 records of who was vetted for Vanguard America?  
10 A. To my knowledge, no, unless --

31. PAGE 205:14 TO 207:05 (RUNNING 00:01:41.292)

14 Q. And so you have not spoken to  
15 Mr. Rousseau about Mr. Fields; isn't that  
16 right?  
17 A. From the day that this was filed  
18 onward, no. But I did speak with him directly  
19 after this happened. And I did speak with him  
20 whenever I began to regain control of Vanguard  
21 America and, you know, we were trying to figure  
22 out, you know, like what they want, what we  
23 want, and it was just a lot of nonsense. But I  
24 basically told him like, Hey, look, you really  
25 messed up. You know, you're telling me -- he  
00206:01 D. HOPPER  
02 told me that he let James fields into Vanguard  
03 America's formation at Charlottesville when  
04 nobody knew who he was. He didn't come with  
05 anybody. And they just gave him a shield and  
06 said, Hey, march with us. And Thomas  
07 Rousseau's reasoning was to make Vanguard look  
08 like a larger organization in front of the news  
09 media.  
10 Q. So he did allow Fields to march with  
11 the group, yes?  
12 A. He did, yes.  
13 Q. In the uniform?  
14 A. In a polo, yes; but a polo with the  
15 Vanguard logo, no.  
16 Q. In khakis?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. And the shield?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Now -- so Mr. -- Mr. Rousseau

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21 actually invited Mr. --  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. -- Mr. Fields into the Vanguard  
24 group?  
25 A. Yes.  
00207:01 D. HOPPER  
02 Q. For the event?  
03 A. Uh-huh.  
04 Q. Yes?  
05 A. Yes, that's correct.

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