K36nshuf 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2 3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 4 S2 17 Cr. 548 (PAC) V. 5 JOSHUA ADAM SCHULTE, 6 Defendant. Trial 7 -----x New York, N.Y. 8 March 6, 2020 9:45 a.m. 9 Before: 10 HON. PAUL A. CROTTY, District Judge 11 -and a jury-APPEARANCES 12 GEOFFREY S. BERMAN 13 United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York 14 BY: MATTHEW J. LAROCHE SIDHARDHA KAMARAJU 15 DAVID W. DENTON JR. Assistant United States Attorneys 16 SABRINA P. SHROFF 17 Attorney for Defendant -and-DAVID E. PATTON 18 Federal Defenders of New York, Inc. 19 BY: EDWARD S. ZAS Assistant Federal Defender 20 -and-JAMES M. BRANDEN 21 22 Also Present: Colleen Geier Morgan Hurst, Paralegal Specialists 23 Achal Fernando-Peiris, Paralegal John Lee, Litigation Support 24 Daniel Hartenstine, CISO, Department of Justice 25

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(Deliberations resumed) 1 2 (In open court; 9:46 a.m.) 3 (Defendant not present) 4 THE COURT: How do you want to proceed in light of 5 Mr. Schulte' absence? MS. SHROFF: We would have to wait for Mr. Schulte. 6 7 MR. ZAS: I don't think we have the authority to waive his appearance without talking to him. 8 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 THE COURT: Can we start gathering some of the 11 transcripts that may be relevant. 12 MR. KAMARAJU: Yes, your Honor. That is what we were 13 about to suggest. If we could use this time to look at the 14 transcript and see if there is anything. 15 MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, actually, the note itself, Mr. Schulte is not charged with any illegal act of removing 16 17 There is no charge. He's not charged with this Chris' access. conduct in the indictment at all. He's charged with adding 18 19 admin access for himself. He's not charged with removing any 20 access for OSB or Chris. So I think there is no testimony on 21 this point. 22 THE COURT: All right. 23 MS. SHROFF: Because the question is, is there 24 testimony about the legality or illegality of Schulte removing

Chris and OSB access. The answer is no.

MR. LAROCHE: Your Honor, I believe that conduct is covered by at least one of the 1030 charges, the removing of accesses. It was also identified in the bill of particulars.

MR. ZAS: Mr. Laroche, what count was that under the current indictment?

MR. LAROCHE: I would have to look back at the bill of particulars. This is referring to Brutal Kangaroo and conduct that was taken with respect to Brutal Kangaroo, and I know that was identified in the bill of particulars. We could pull that.

The only other testimony I think that would relate to this would be just that conduct saying that he removed other people's accesses from Brutal Kangaroo.

MS. SHROFF: It was not part of their theory at trial. It was not part of their opening. It was not part of their summation. There was no argument at all that this conduct was encompassed in the charges presented under this indictment at all. There is literally no testimony that Mr. Schulte did anything illegal vis-a-vis Chris or OSB libraries removal of access. That was not the theory of prosecution.

THE COURT: I guess we have to get out the indictment and the bill of particulars.

MS. SHROFF: Sure.

But I think if the Court could just take a look at the theory of conviction, there's no mention at all in a five-week trial of any illegal conduct by Mr. Schulte of removing Chris'

access or removing anybody else's access.

THE COURT: OK.

MR. LAROCHE: We did present evidence on that, your Honor. There was a lot of testimony about this memo that he received in May. That is that conduct. We presented forensic testimony about it and Mr. Leedom's presentation about him doing that conduct. So there certainly was evidence of that conduct throughout the trial.

MS. SHROFF: Of course, there's evidence of the conduct just as there's evidence of them shooting rubber bands at each other at the CIA. But that does not make that conduct charged as legal or illegal.

The question from the jury is -- and it would be nice if we could just focus on the very carefully written question -- is there testimony about the legality or illegality. It's not talking about a prior bad act. It's not talking about a wrongful act. This is whether or not the conduct was legal or illegal, and there was no testimony about it being legal or illegal. It wasn't charged. It's not part of the charge. It's not any part of the jury instruction.

THE COURT: I guess we need the indictment Counts one through Ten and the bill of particulars to see whether it is charged or not.

MS. SHROFF: And the jury charge, your Honor.

THE COURT: And the jury charge as well. Yes.

1 MS. SHROFF: Thank you. 2 THE COURT: OK. 3 MS. SHROFF: Could we have a break because our bill of 4 particulars, I think I have only a classified version so if I 5 could go down --6 THE COURT: I didn't hear the last part. 7 MS. SHROFF: I said I think I have both a classified and unclassified version of the bill of particulars in the 8 9 I could just go run up and get it. SCIF. 10 THE COURT: All right. 11 Do you want to get the papers, too? 12 MR. LAROCHE: Yes, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: OK. 14 MR. LAROCHE: Thank you. 15 (Recess) (In open court; 10:45 a.m.) 16 17 (Defendant present) THE COURT: Good morning. Please be seated. 18 Mr. Schulte is here. 19 20 THE COURT: We have two notes, 23 and 24. We've 21 already read or discussed 23: "Is there testimony about the 22 legality or illegality of Schulte removing Chris and OSB 23 access? Looking for targeted transcripts similar in format to 24 what we received this morning. Thank you." 25 Note 24, received 10:35 this morning: "Can we please

have the transcripts of Schulte's interviews with Leonard Small."

THE COURT: OK. We have had about a half an hour since we were together last.

Do the parties have suggestions for Note No. 23, removal of access?

MR. LAROCHE: The government's suggestion would be that the Court instruct them that it is the jury's job to determine whether conduct was illegal or not based on the jury charge and the indictment itself and then to say to them to the extent they are asking for testimony, factual testimony concerning those acts or what happened, we can provide that to them.

THE COURT: Mr. Zas?

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, our proposal is a little different. We think the answer here is a straightforward no, because there is no testimony about the legality or illegality. That would have been, had there been any such testimony, it would have been in proffer, because really only Congress and the Court can decide what conduct is illegal or legal. I think that is a fairly straightforward one. We are afraid that the jury is confused on this question and might think that they can convict Mr. Schulte of one or more crimes if they accept that he did remove Chris' access. So we would actually ask your Honor to give an instruction to make sure that that confusion

is eliminated. Something along the lines of this: Ladies and gentlemen, while you may consider evidence of Mr. Schulte's alleged conduct relating to Chris, you may not convict Mr. Schulte of any of the charges solely on the basis of that alleged conduct.

THE COURT: OK.

MR. LAROCHE: Your Honor, that's just simply incorrect. Count Seven of the indictment specifically talks about Schulte altering a computer system operated by the U.S. intelligence agency for the purpose of denying others access to the system. The charge itself also says with respect to damage that damage means any impairment to the integrity or availability of a program. That conduct was specifically identified in the charge. It was specifically identified in the bill of particulars. So that requested charge by the defense is incorrect.

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, if I may correct Mr. Laroche on this. We looked back at the bill of particulars.

THE COURT: Which portion of the bill of particulars?

MR. ZAS: Page 4.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZAS: It's the last sort of series of bullet points.

THE COURT: Yes. "In or about May and June 2016"?

MR. ZAS: Yes. That's the very final bullet point

which talks about this. If you go back to the introduction to the bullets --

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZAS: -- it's talking there about Counts Five and Six.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZAS: That was the original indictment.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. ZAS: Those counts are now Counts Four and Five.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. ZAS: But the government is now trying to use it to support Count Seven, so the bill of particulars doesn't tie this Chris information to Count Seven.

There is a more fundamental point on this. That is, if you recall the testimony, there's testimony from Dave, and I think also from Mr. Leedom that on May 26, Dave gives

Mr. Schulte administrative access back to Brutal Kangaroo, and then half an hour later he removers Chris' access. So I don't think from a sufficiency point of view a jury could find beyond a reasonable doubt that he either did not have authority to do that or certainly that he knowingly did something improper. He had permission given to him by Dave, and the government says, well, that was a mistake. That may well be it was a mistake, but he is someone who had either apparent or actual authority to give him permission back. So for that additional reason, it

would be improper to allow the jury to think that if they find that Mr. Schulte removed Chris' access on that day that that is a basis for convicting him of any of these charges.

THE COURT: Right.

Here's what I propose to do. I am going to read to the jury: The government in Count Seven charges Mr. Schulte with causing transmission of a harmful computer program, information, code, or command. We will provide with you relevant portions of the transcripts.

However, it is for you the jury to determine whether the remove of Chris and OSB access constitutes an unauthorized transmission of a program, information, code, or command to a protected computer. To constitute a violation of the statute, you must also determine that the government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant caused the transmission of a program, information, code, or command with the intent to damage or deny services to a computer or computer system; that the defendant thereby caused damage as defined on page 47 of my instructions, and that the defendant's actions resulted in damage to a computer system operated by the CIA. You may also refer to pages 44 through 47 of my jury instructions.

MR. LAROCHE: Yes, your Honor.

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, could I just ask you please to read that back one more time.

THE COURT: Yes.

THE COURT: I will do it more slowly, too.

The government in Count Seven charges Mr. Schulte with causing transmission of a harmful computer program, information, code, or command. We can provide you with the relevant portions of the transcripts.

However, it is for you the jury to determine whether the removal of Chris and OSB access constitutes an unauthorized transmission of the program, information, code, or command to a protected computer. To constitute a violation of the statute, you must also determine that the government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant caused the transmission of the program, information, code, or command with the intent to damage or deny service to a computer or computer system; that the defendant thereby caused damage as defined on page 47 of my instructions; and that the defendant's actions resulted in damage to a computer system operated by the CIA. You may also refer to pages 44 through 47 of my jury instructions.

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, we understand the ruling, but we would object. We don't think the jury should be permitted to convict on the basis of removal of Chris's access. That is not a permissible basis to convict.

THE COURT: The objection is noted.

Does the government have any objection?

MR. LAROCHE: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. That takes care of Note No.

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Note No. 24 is the transcripts of Mr. Schulte's interview with Leonard Small. Now, as I recall it, that was played from an audiotape.

MR. LAROCHE: That's correct, your Honor.

THE COURT: The audiotape is what's in evidence.

MR. LAROCHE: That's correct.

THE COURT: The transcripts that the jury read from were aids to the jury.

MR. LAROCHE: That's correct.

THE COURT: What do you want to do about that, Ms. Shroff?

MS. SHROFF: That was only on the government's direct case, your Honor. We read in transcripts on the cross. On Mr. Small's cross we read in transcripts, and we crossed him on other transcripts. That should also go back to the jury. I think that's --

THE COURT: The fundamental question is do we have to call them in and listen to it.

MS. SHROFF: I hope not. I mean whatever they want. It doesn't matter to me. But I just want to make sure that what goes in isn't just what Mr. Laroche alluded to, which is the actual recordings, because the jury note would encompass the cross which we read in --

THE COURT: It always includes direct and cross.

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what did you do Ms. Shroff?

1 MS. SHROFF: OK. THE COURT: I think we followed that procedure 2 3 throughout. 4 MR. LAROCHE: Your Honor, the transcripts are not in 5 evidence. 6 THE COURT: That's the problem. The transcripts are 7 not in evidence. MS. SHROFF: I don't understand what the government is 8 9 saying. Is the government saying that they want to send in a 10 computer with a recording of their direct? 11 MR. LAROCHE: No. What we're saying is, to the extent 12 they want the recordings for which they had transcripts, they 13 should listen to the recordings because the recordings are in 14 evidence. They cannot have things that are not in evidence in 15 the jury room. 16 MS. SHROFF: Right. But we didn't play recordings. 17 We merely read the transcript into the record. That is what I 18 am trying to figure out. Is Mr. Laroche saying they don't get that? 19 20 THE COURT: I don't think so. 21 MR. LAROCHE: They haven't asked for it, your Honor. 22 MS. SHROFF: They have asked for it. Of course 23 they've asked for it. 24 THE COURT: On your cross-examination of Mr. Small,

1 MS. SHROFF: I read the transcript in.

THE COURT: OK.

MS. SHROFF: Instead of playing it bit by bit, because of all of the classifications issues, we read the transcript in.

THE COURT: Of Mr. Small?

MS. SHROFF: No, of the recordings between Mr. Small and Mr. Schulte.

THE COURT: OK.

MS. SHROFF: What we did is, instead of actually playing it clip by clip, because we didn't want to give the government a heads-up for redirect, we simply read in portions of the transcript.

MR. LAROCHE: The defense did not read in portions of the transcript. They used portions of the transcript to ask
Mr. Small questions, and Mr. Small either said, yes, I remember him saying that or no. So the transcripts themselves are not into evidence in that way, your Honor. The only thing that is into evidence with respect to those recordings is what the government entered into evidence.

MS. SHROFF: That's not true.

MR. LAROCHE: The defense had an opportunity. We asked them numerous times to give us portions of the recordings that they wanted to have introduced. They did not take us up on it. So the only thing in evidence right now is the

recordings themselves.

MS. SHROFF: That's not correct. Mr. Small was given portions of the actual recordings and asked questions about those recordings. The fact that we didn't want to take Mr. Denton up on his offer to clip and play certain portions is up to us.

THE COURT: Let's take this in simple steps. All right? Step No. 1, the tapes made by the government were in evidence. The transcripts of those conversations were distributed to the jury as an aid to their consideration so they could listen to the tapes and understand what was said.

Now, as to that component of the request, are you willing to send in the transcripts, which are not in evidence, or do we have to play the tapes here in the courtroom? Because the tapes that were played in the courtroom during trial are in evidence.

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, I think what we would propose, if the government is on board, is to give the jury both the recordings and the transcript as an aid for them so they don't have to keep playing it back and let the jury do what it will.

THE COURT: Here in the courtroom, Mr. Zas?

MR. ZAS: No, your Honor. We would just give it to them in the back.

MR. LAROCHE: If it is limited to the recordings that were entered into evidence and those transcripts relating to

those recordings, we don't object to that approach.

MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, we do want the testimony from Mr. Small on cross also to go to the jury. I am not following why I can't get the cross in or why one part of the direct would go in without the cross.

THE COURT: Because in the note they say they want the transcripts of Schulte's interviews with Leonard Small.

MS. SHROFF: OK. I would be just like five to ten minutes to see what my cross is.

THE COURT: You can have the five to ten minutes.

MS. SHROFF: I just didn't want their direct to go in without that time, your Honor.

THE COURT: Nothing is going until in we all agree on it.

MS. SHROFF: All right. Thank you, your Honor.

MR. ZAS: Your Honor, can I just go back to the prior note for one second?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZAS: Is your Honor going to wait for another request for some of those transcripts? I wasn't sure if you were saying you wanted us to give them transcripts about the removal of Chris's privileges now, or you wanted to see what they come back?

THE COURT: No, I want you to give them the transcripts relating to Count Seven and with Mr. Schulte

causing transmission of a harmful computer program with regard 1 to Chris and OSB access. 2 3 MR. ZAS: Understood. 4 MR. LAROCHE: Yes, your Honor. 5 THE COURT: OK. 6 THE COURT: So, if there's no objection, I'm going to 7 call the jury in and give them the answers on this. 8 MR. LAROCHE: No objection. 9 MR. ZAS: No objection, your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Did we get another note from the jury 11 while we were debating? 12 THE DEPUTY CLERK: No. 13 MR. ZAS: Your Honor, you might want to reiterate your 14 instruction, even though they're getting the transcripts, you 15 might want to tell them once again that it is the recording that is in evidence and the transcripts are only an aid. 16 17 THE COURT: Yes. Just to be clear, we're going to 18 play the tapes here in the courtroom? 19 MR. ZAS: Our proposal was to let the jury review them 20 in their deliberations. 21 THE COURT: Mr. Laroche, do you care one way or the 22 other? 23 MR. LAROCHE: I don't, your Honor. 24 THE COURT: OK. 25 (The jury entered the courtroom at 11:00 a.m.)

THE COURT: Please be seated.

THE COURT: We have a couple of jury notes.

The note that you sent in first thing this morning, at 9:31, it's Court Exhibit 23: "Is there testimony about the legality or illegality of Schulte removing Chris and OSB access? Looking for targeted transcripts similar in format to what we received this morning. Thank you."

Let me respond to Note No. 23.

The government in Count Seven charges Mr. Schulte with causing transmission of a harmful computer program, information, code, or command. We can provide you with the relevant portions of the transcripts, and will do that shortly as soon as we gather them up.

I want to remind you that it is your duty to determine whether the removal of Chris and OSB access constitutes an unauthorized transmission of a program, information, code, or command to a protected computer. To constitute a violation of the statute, you must also determine that the government has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant caused the transmission of the program, information, code, or command with the intent to damage or deny service to a computer or computer system; that the defendant thereby caused damage as defined on page 47 of my instructions that I gave to you on Monday of this week; and that the defendant's action resulted in damage to a computer system operated by the CIA. You may also refer to

pages 44 through 47 of my jury instructions.

Now, with regard to Note 24, "Can we please have the transcripts of Schulte's interviews with Leonard Small?" we'll provide you with the tapes, and remember you had transcripts. Those transcripts are not in evidence. They are just aids because the real evidence is contained on the tapes, the actual voices of Mr. Small and Mr. Schulte.

There may be excerpts that we submit as well, transcripts of the testimony that was given on cross-examination. If that's appropriate we will send that in to you as well. You may resume your deliberations.

Thank you very much.

(The jury left the courtroom at 11:03 a.m.)

THE COURT: Please be seated.

All right. With regard to Note 23 and Note 24 about Leonard Small, if there's any dispute about the submissions that Ms. Shroff wants to make, you'll let me know. Otherwise, you can send in the tapes and the transcript of that interview between Mr. Small and Mr. Schulte.

The same goes for the note response to Chris and OSB access. If there's any dispute about the testimony, let me know, but we should be able to resolve that promptly and get these materials in to the jury room quickly.

MR. LAROCHE: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Anything else?

1	MR. LAROCHE: No, your Honor.
2	THE COURT: Thank you.
3	(Recess pending verdict)
4	(In open court, 3:18 p.m.)
5	THE COURT: I have a note from the jury. This is note
6	25. "We are aligned on two counts; we are at an impasse on the
7	remaining counts. Do you have any guidance for us on how to
8	move forward with deliberations?"
9	Have you given copies to the parties?
10	THE DEPUTY CLERK: Yes.
11	MR. LAROCHE: Your Honor, we are already at 3:30
12	today, so I propose just sending them home for the day and we
13	can come back on Monday and consider whether a charge is
14	appropriate when they arrive on Monday morning.
15	MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, may I just have a minute to
16	talk to Mr. Zas some more, and Mr. Schulte?
17	THE COURT: Yes.
18	MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, I think it is prudent to let
19	them go home. They had said they wanted to stop on Friday at
20	3:30. We're fairly close. We can figure out what we want to
21	do and see where we are on Monday morning.
22	THE COURT: All right.
23	MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, did the Court have an
24	inclination?
25	THE COURT: No.

1 MS. SHROFF: OK. THE COURT: Under Rule 31, I am not to have any 2 3 inclination. 4 MS. SHROFF: Mr. Zas made me ask the question. 5 MR. ZAS: She throws me under the bus now. 6 THE COURT: Yes. 7 (The jury entered the courtroom at 3:20 p.m.) THE COURT: Please be seated. We have your note 8 9 indicating that you have reached an agreement on two counts and 10 you are at an impasse on the remaining counts. What we're 11 going to ask you to do is return on Monday and we'll have 12 further instructions for you at that time. So, if you will 13 resume your deliberations on Monday at 9 o'clock, we will have 14 instructions for you then on how you should proceed. 15 In the meantime, I hope you take care of yourself with the coronavirus. Make sure you wash your hands and stay away 16 17 from crowds. We will see you on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. 18 Thank you very much. Have a nice weekend. 19 (The jury left the courtroom at 3:22 p.m.) 20 THE COURT: Please be seated. 21 I will await your instructions and suggestions. 22 would suggest we get together on Monday morning around 8:30. 23 MR. LAROCHE: Yes, your Honor. 24 THE COURT: OK. 25 MS. SHROFF: Yes, your Honor.

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THE COURT: Now, we know that Juror No. 4, 1 Ms. Thompson, has an appointment with the housing court at 2:30 2 3 on Monday. 4 MS. SHROFF: OK. 5 THE COURT: I have to see what we can't do in terms of 6 adjourning that on her behalf. Otherwise, she's going to have 7 to break around 2 o'clock to make her court appearance. Anything else to take up? 8 9 MR. LAROCHE: No, your Honor. Thank you. 10 MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, may I just have one second. 11 The marshal is trying to tell me something. Could I just have 12 a minute. 13 THE COURT: Yes. 14 MS. SHROFF: Your Honor, the marshal informs me that 15 they may have a hard time getting Mr. Schulte here by 8:30. Could we compromise on 8:45? 16 17 THE COURT: Why don't we say 8:30, and the marshal will do the best he can in the circumstances. I know that 18 there is an awful lot of stress over at MCC now. 19 20 THE MARSHAL: Yes, your Honor. 21 THE COURT: You do the best you can. If it's 8:30, 22 fine. If it's not 8:30, that's fine, too. 23 THE MARSHAL: Understood, your Honor. THE COURT: Maybe we can get together preliminarily 24

and discuss some matters as well.

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               MS. SHROFF: That's fine, your Honor.
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