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FACEBOOK IRELAND LTD.

AND

MAXIMILLIAN SCHREMS

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REGISTRAR: Matter at hearing, Data Protection 4 5 Commissioner -v- Facebook Ireland Ltd. 11:19 6 **MR. GALLAGHER:** Judge, before Mr. Cush begins his 7 submissions, I do want to mention, you remember there 8 was an issue about Mr. Robertson's evidence. We have identified the paragraphs, we haven't got formal 9 confirmation yet that there is no dispute with regard 10 11:20 11 to those paragraphs, but I just want to mention that 12 I'm sure it will be resolved before you, but now. I want to mention it before Mr. Cush makes his 13 14 submissions. 15 Certainly, Judge. We received them MR. MURRAY: Yes. 11:20 16 on Monday night, we haven't had a chance to review them 17 yet, but I expect that we will do it today or tonight and be able to advise Mr. Gallagher tomorrow. 18 19 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you. 20 11:20 21 SUBMISSION BY MR. CUSH: 22 23 MR. CUSH: May it please you, Judge. 24 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes. Judge, I am very grateful for this morning's 11:20 25 MR. CUSH: 26 accommodation. Judge, I appear with Ms. Nessa Cahill 27 instructed by A&L Goodbody for Digital Europe. 28 29 As I think you know Digital Europe is the principal

representative body of members of the digital
 technology industry in Europe, some 61 corporate
 members including some of the world's largest IT
 companies, telecoms and consumer electronic firms and,
 in addition, 37 national trade associations across 11:20
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8 Digital Europe and its members are extremely concerned 9 about the uncertainty and the risks created by these 10 proceedings in relation to the efficacy of SCCs as a 11:21 11 means of effecting essential data transfers beyond the 12 borders of the EEA, including in particular, and I do 13 emphasise this, to countries *other* than the United 14 States.

16 The key legal issue from the perspective of Digital 17 Europe is the interaction between Articles 25 and 26 of 18 the Directive. The Commissioner's doubts regarding the 19 validity of the SCC decisions are predicated upon her 20 interpretation of the interaction of those two Articles 11:21 21 and we, with respect, suggest that she is in error.

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23 Judge, I think the key or the core difference between 24 us is this, and I'm going to try and track this in a little bit more detail in a moment but to try and 25 11:21 26 summarise the core difference, we think it is this: 27 The Commissioner's essential argument is that the 28 object of Article 26 is to achieve the same adequate 29 level of protection as is required by Article 25. That

1 reasoning led her to conclude, having first concluded 2 the United States didn't provide an adequate level of 3 protection because of the absence of effective remedy. that the SCCs did not *address*, as she put it, that 4 5 inadequacy because they didn't bind the United States. 11:22 6 Now, I'll come back to that when we track that in the 7 dramatic decision in a little bit more detail in a 8 moment, but that's the reasoning that led her to that conclusion. 9

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11 Now Digital Europe, on the other hand, says the 12 Directive is not to be interpreted as requiring Article 26, Article 26(2) in particular, to provide the 13 14 same adequate level of protection required by 15 Article 25. Article 26 as a whole envisages something 11:22 different, we say, and Article 26(2) in particular 16 17 envisages something different to compensate for the absence of an adequate level of protection. And, as 18 19 you know, that absence of an adequate level of 20 protection is a given, it's a prerequisite to the 11:23 21 operation of Article 26.

So, Judge, I'm not proposing to open or refer to at all
the respective written submissions of the parties, save
to say this: You will find the Commissioner's
submissions on this topic, the interaction between
Articles 25 and 26, in paragraphs 37 to 67 of their
submissions and for us you'll find it in paragraphs 7
to 23.

1 So what I want to do, if you'll permit, Judge, is to 2 follow the argument as it is developed before the court 3 orally. I'm going to ask you, therefore, to look firstly to the Directive and then to three transcripts. 4 1, 2 and 6, if you have those. And I'm just going to 5 11:24 6 identify what we say is clearly the Commissioner's 7 reasoning, identify where we, with respect, say it's in 8 error and identify how that reasoning, although it's articulated after the Draft Decision obviously, but 9 that same reasoning led her to the error that we say is 11:24 10 11 inherent in the Draft Decision. So that's what I am 12 proposing to do for the submission, Judge. 13 14 So if I could ask you firstly to look to the Directive which is in Tab 1, I'm sure you have looked at it so 15 11:24 many times, sorry Tab 4 of Book 1 and internal page 45, 16 17 Judge. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I have actually got it on the 18 19 tablet, I'll try it for once to see if this works. 20 MR. CUSH: Yes. We are regrettably going to start here 11:25 21 and move backwards and come back to them, Judge. 22 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: That's okay. 23 MR. CUSH: If you have Article 25. 24 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes. Just for the moment, 25(1): 25 MR. CUSH: 11:25 26 27 "The Member States shall provide the transfer to a 28 third country of personal data which are undergoing 29 processing or intended for processing after transfer

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may take place only if, without prejudice to compliance with the national provisions adopted pursuant to the other provisions of this Directive, the third country in question ensures an <u>adequate</u> level of protection."

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And there's that reference to the contract, so only if that.

Then 26(1) says: "By way of derogation from Article 25 9 and save where otherwise provided by domestic law 10 11:25 11 governing particular cases Member States shall provide 12 that a transfer or a set of transfers of personal data to a third country which does not ensure an adequate 13 14 level of protection within the meaning of 25(2) may 15 take place on condition that". And there are six 11:25 conditions, the first being consent, and again I'll 16 17 come back to that but just to identify it for the 18 moment.

20 In Article 26(2) is something different: "Without 11:26 21 prejudice to paragraph 1, a Member State may authorise 22 a transfer or set of transfers of personal data to a third country which does not ensure an adequate level 23 of protection within the meaning of Article 25(2), 24 where the controller adduces adequate safeguards with 25 11:26 respect to the protection of the privacy and 26 27 fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals and as 28 regards the exercise of the corresponding rights; such 29 safeguards may in particular result from contractual

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3	All that you have seen. I just want to go back now to	
4	some of the recitals and to identify those which signal	
5	these Articles, if I may.	11:26
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7	If you turn backwards then to recital 56.	
8	MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.	
9	MR. CUSH: It's on page 36. It says: "Whereas	
10	cross-border flows of personal data are necessary to	11:26
11	the expansion of international trade; whereas the	
12	protection of individuals guaranteed in the Community	
13	by this Directive does not stand in the way of	
14	transfers of personal data to third countries which	
15	ensure an adequate level of protection; whereas the	
16	adequacy of the level of protection afforded by a third	
17	country must be assessed in the light of all the	
18	circumstances surrounding the transfer operation or set	
19	of transfer operations."	
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21	And then 57: "Whereas, on the other hand, the transfer	
22	of personal data to a third country which does not	
23	ensure an adequate level of protection must be	
24	prohibited."	
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26	Now those two recitals, 56 and 57, are clearly	
27	signalling Article 25.	
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29	And then there's 58, Judge:	

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1 "whereas provisions should be made for exemptions from 2 this prohibition in certain circumstances where the 3 data subject has given his consent" and it goes on. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 4 Hmm. MR. CUSH: And what you find there is reference to what 11:27 5 6 are the other six conditions that we saw in 26(1). SO 7 58 signals Article 26(1). 8 And then 59: "Whereas particular measures may be taken 9 to compensate for the lack of protection in a third 10 11:28 country in cases where the controller offers 11 12 appropriate safeguards; whereas, moreover, provision must be made for procedures for negotiations between 13 14 the Community and such third countries." 15 11:28 And that, Judge, is clearly referencing Article 26(2) 16 17 in particular, although, as you see also 26(4), that reference to the Community. And it's that phraseology 18 19 of "compensate for the lack of protection" that I just want to identify, Judge. 20 11:28 21 22 I want to suggest that there's nothing inherent in the 23 idea of compensation that the same thing is provided for that which is being compensated for. And if 24 25 I could just try and identify that with a few examples, 11:29 26 if I may. 27 28 In the law of contract we often say that the purpose of 29 the damage is to put the person back in the position

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1 they would have been but for the breach, and in many 2 examples that's exactly what happens. So the simple 3 example perhaps of a bank overcharging a customer That's a breach of contract, the customer is 4 interest. 5 at a loss of money and the court awards damages and 11:29 6 that's compensation which is providing the same thing 7 as the customer has lost.

But that actually, Judge, is rather unusual in 9 compensation generally. Much more likely is that the 10 11:29 11 compensation is the provision of something *different* to 12 that which has been lost, an injury, loss of a limb, any form of injury, the compensation is money. 13 14 Something different is provided to compensate for what 15 has been lost. 11:29

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17 In the parlance of the Commissioner, you may recall or we'll certainly see, the Commissioner spoke of "filling 18 19 the gap". Well, the gap is the loss of a limb, the filling it is the provision of money in the ordinary 20 11:30 21 scheme of compensation and it's the same for damage to 22 reputation, damage to property, all sorts of schemes of compensation involve the provision of something 23 24 different to which has been lost or that which has been compensated for. That's a concept that's familiar to 25 11:30 26 the national law of every Member State, there is 27 nothing unusual in that, that compensation is not 28 providing the same thing that's been lost, not 29 necessarily, Judge.

1That's important in my respectful submission when one2looks at what Article 26(2) is actually about, and it's3part of the error of reasoning of the Commissioner in4our respectful submission and I'll just detail that a5little further, if I may.

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7 So if I could ask you now, Judge, if you wouldn't mind, 8 to look to the transcript of Day 1 and pages 34 to 37. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Did you say 34? 9 10 **MR. CUSH:** Page 34, Judge, and just on line 13 the 11:31 11 Commissioner was taking up recital 56. 12 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. MR. CUSH: And it's there read and a number of 13 14 observations are made about it and, as you go down through 35, there's further reference to the other part 11:31 15 of 56 and, at the very bottom of page 35, you'll see 16 17 then a reference to 57. And 57, as we read it again: "whereas, on the other hand, the transfer of personal 18 19 data to a third country which does not ensure an 20 adequate level of protection must be prohibited." 11:31 21

And then the Commissioner said: "And so if you come to the view that, despite whatever arrangements are put in place such as the standard contractual clauses or whatever, that doesn't give an adequate level of protection to your data once it gets to the third country such as the US, well then you have to prohibit that transfer of data."

And that, with respect, and I'll just say this in passing in a moment because it features again later, that, with respect, is an error; 57 is only speaking of the inadequacy in the third country.

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But further down the page at line 19, the Commissioner comes to recital 59 and it is quoted. Then at line 24 the following is said:

"So I pause there. The controller is the person who is 11:32 10 11 in control of data, in this instance, for example, Facebook who have the data of EU citizens. If that 12 controller can offer appropriate safeguards so he can 13 14 say I know 'well maybe the law in the foreign country 15 doesn't have the necessary adequate protection but I'm 11:32 going to put in place certain safeguards as the 16 17 controller of the data and you can rest assured that by virtue of those safeguards you're going to get the same 18 19 equivalent level of protection you would get', well 20 this Directive is making allowance for that possibility 11:32 21 and lay down procedures for that to happen.

23That compensates for the lack of protection in a third24country. So whatever these safeguards, as I say in25this case the standard contractual clauses, the SCCs,
they must be such as to compensate for the lack of26they must be such as to compensate for the lack of27protection. They are supposed to make up for the lack28of protection and bring you to the position that they29would be if there was the same level of protection or

an equivalent level of protection, so it fills the gap, 1 2 if I can use a colloquial term." 3 4 So there you see the beginning of this idea that what Article 26(2) envisages is the provision of the same, 5 11:33 6 subsequently slightly translated to "filling the gap". 7 8 And then, Judge, if I could ask you to go to page 52 --I am so sorry, Judge, page 47. 9 10 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you. 11:34 11 MR. CUSH: And at 47 then the Commissioner at the foot 12 of the page, line 20, comes then to address the relevant Articles and begins, line 23, with referring 13 14 to Article 25. It is there quoted and over the following pages, through to 52, Article 25 is opened to 11:34 15 you, Judge, and a number of observations are made in 16 17 relation to it. I have no particular issue with what is said about Article 25. 18 19 But then, Judge, if you come to 52, line 10, "so that's 11:34 20 21 Article 25" the Commissioner says. Then Article 26 is headed "Derogations" and "this says" and it is opened 22 23 there. Line 21: 24 "Then there are six conditions set out, alternative 25 11:35 conditions." 26 27 28 And then this submission is made, Judge: "Now before 29 I come to the conditions, Judge, the first thing to

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1 notice is Article 25 lays down the essential principle; 2 if it's not adequate protection in the third country, 3 you can't make the transfers. But you can make the transfers if you enter into some agreement or the 4 domestic law of the third country is such that it does 5 11:35 6 afford the necessary level of protection." 7 8 So that's other aspects of Article 25, those sentences are referring to, Judge. And then it is said: 9 10 11:35 11 "If that doesn't happen, here's an alternative way in 12 which you can make the transfers. And what it then does is sets out these six conditions." 13 14 15 Now reference is being made to Article 26(1): "But the 11:35 16 wording just before it is important; if you are in a 17 situation where the third country does not ensure an adequate level of protection within the meaning of 18 19 Article 25(2). So the object at all times in Article 26." 20 11:35 21 22 And that's 26 as a whole it is being said. 23 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. MR. CUSH: "Just as much as in Article 25, is to get to 24 25 the level of adequate protection that is provided for 11:36 26 in Article 25. It's the Article 25 adequate level of protection is the gold standard that you have to meet. 27 28 And you can meet it either by the sort of international 29 agreement or change in domestic law referred to in

Article 25 or you can meet it if you come within one of 1 2 these six conditions that are now referred to in 3 Article 26. But it must at all times get you to home base in terms of get you to the level of protection, 4 the adequate level of protection that is provided for 5 11:36 6 within the meaning of Article 25(2)." 7 Now, with respect, Judge, that's entirely in error. 8 If one looks to the six conditions in Article 26(1), not a 9 single one of them has anything to do with providing an 11:36 10 11 adequate level of protection. If you would just look 12 to them again, Judge. 13 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Oh I think we are chopping and 14 changing between the two I better get the hard copy 15 out. 11:37 MR. CUSH: 16 I am so sorry. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: No, no, not at all, between 17 transcripts. Which book is it again? 18 19 MR. CUSH: Book 1 Tab 4 (short pause) and internal page 20 46. 11:37 21 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I have it, thank you. 22 **MR. CUSH:** So the six conditions: "The data subject 23 has given his consent unambiguously to the proposed 24 transfer." 25 11:38 26 Now consent does not provide an adequate level of 27 protection, it's just something entirely different; 28 (b): "The transfer is necessary for the performance of 29 a contract between a data subject and the controller or

1 the implementation of pre-contractual measures taken in 2 response to data subject's request." Nothing to do 3 with providing adequate level of protection envisaged by 25: 4 5 11:38 "Transfer is necessary for the conclusion of 6 performance of a contract, including the interests of 7 8 the data subject between a controller and third party." 9 And it is true, Judge, if each one of the six 10 11:38 11 conditions, they are truly *exceptions* or *exemptions* 12 from Article 25 and it is significantly in error, I suggest, to advance the idea that they are there to 13 14 meet the same level of protection as Article 25. Thev 15 are just not. 11:38 16 17 And I think in fairness to the Commissioner the error of that proposition was probably quickly realised. 18 SO 19 if you can come back to the transcript, Judge. 20 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes. 11:39 21 MR. CUSH: Line 22, you see that a number of conditions 22 are set out: 23 24 "Consent; it's necessary for the performance of a contract between the data subject and the controller; 25 26 or, in the next one, between a controller and the third 27 party; it's necessary and important on public interest 28 grounds; or it's necessary to protect the vital 29 interests of the data subject; or the transfer is made

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from a register according to laws and regulations that is intended to provide information to the public."

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And so on. And those are specific exceptions that are set out there. But then the one, we're not concerned with any of those, Judge, none of those apply to the present case. But in paragraph 2 it says and then that's quoted. And then at line 20:

"So you have got in 26.1 perhaps a different type of 10 11:39 11 exception, the ones that are specifically there - for 12 example, somebody could give their consent to a transfer even though the third country doesn't achieve 13 14 the adequate level of protection, but because he's 15 consented to it, it's permitted. So there's a number of exceptions under 26(1). But 26(2) has a slightly 16 17 different criteria, it's not just a question of an exception. 26(2) is the one that has to achieve what 18 19 I've referred to as the gold standard of the adequate 20 protection under Article 25(2). And so you mightn't 21 achieve that under Article 26(1), for example, by way 22 of some of the specific exceptions that are there."

24 So fairly quickly the Commissioner moved from saying 26 25 in its entirety and meeting these conditions in 26(1) 11:40 26 is designed to achieve the adequate level of protection 27 envisaged by Article 25 to saying 'well that mightn't 28 be true of 26(1) but it's now true of Article 26(2)'. 29 But the error in my respectful submission, Judge, it's

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quite an important one in the context of the idea that somehow a harmonious interpretation of these Articles leads you to the conclusion that 26 in its entirety is designed to achieve what 25 sets out as the core principle. Quite clearly Article 26(1) has nothing to 11:41 do with achieving the level of protection envisaged by 25.

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9 Then, Judge, if I could just ask you to follow on. At 10 line 26 on page 54: "But 26(2) has a slightly 11:41 11 different criteria, it's not just a question of an 12 exception."

14 Oh sorry, I have read that, I beg your pardon. 15 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I think you had gone to page 55. 11:41 **MR. CUSH:** I had, and I am terribly sorry, Judge. 16 At 17 line 5, at the end of that line: "And that's an apparent just from its construction and its own 18 19 wording". In other words, Article 26(2) has to achieve 20 the level of protection envisaged by 25. "That's 11:42 21 apparent from its construction and its wording" and 22 then that's developed in the following passage.

24 "If you look at it; first of all, by definition you're
25 talking about transfers to a third country which does 11:42
26 <u>not</u> ensure an adequate level of protection within the
27 meaning of Article 25(2). And then, when can you make
28 the transfer? Where the controller adduces adequate 29 and that's emphasised -- safeguards." So there you

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have that *word* again, the *adequate* safeguards, which
 obviously means the same as *adequate* as used four or
 five words earlier in the same sentence.

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Judge, can I just ask you to look again at the 11:42 Directive and 26(2) and the emphasis that's here being placed:

9 "Without prejudice to paragraph 1, a Member State may 10 authorize a transfer or a set of transfers of personal 11:42 11 data to a third country which does not ensure an 12 adequate level of protection within the meaning of 13 25(2)."

15 Adequate level of protection is the phraseology of 25: 11:43 16 "where the controller adduces adequate safequards" and 17 the submission being made to you, Judge, is that use of the word *adequate* twice, one picking up what's said in 18 19 25 and then, secondly, here referring to the adequate 20 safeguards envisaged by Article 26(2), that that use of 11:43 21 the word is something to which you should attach 22 significance.

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Looking at the transcript again, line 15: "Which
obviously means the same as "adequate" as used four or
five words earlier in the same sentence - adequate

27 level of protection within the meaning of Article
28 25(2). That's not there, but the controller adduces
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the privacy and fundamental rights and freedoms of the
 individuals and as regards the exercise of the
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5 So it identifies the very specific rights that this 6 Directive is all about and it refers to the, in a sense, the failure to -- "failure" is perhaps the wrong 7 8 word, but the difference in the level of protection afforded in the third country, it's not adequate within 9 the meaning of Article 25(2), but the controller puts 10 11 in place some safeguards that are adequate for that 12 purpose. So you have to get back to the gold standard of Article 25 adequacy of protection by means of these 13 mechanisms under Article 26(2)." 14

And, Judge, could I just say to you that when you look 16 17 at the other language versions of the Directive, you'll see in the French, German, Spanish, and indeed others, 18 19 but just those three, and I will have them for you at 20 the end, Judge, that that word --11:44 21 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I have no fluency in those at 22 that level, certainly not Spanish, whatever about 23 German and French. Actually Spanish is perhaps one of the 24 MR. CUSH: 25 easiest because you can just see it. The point being, 11:44

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26a very simple one: The same word is not used, so27what's being emphasised to you is adequate is used28twice. What is used in the other languages is adequate29when referring to the level of protection, which is the

1 25 concept, but, in terms of the protections or 2 quarantees that are spoken of, it's *sufficient*, and you 3 can see that. It's a different word used. 4 5 So this is an instrument of Community law, you just 11:45 6 can't attach significance to a one language similarity, the use of an identical word in different lines when 7 8 that same identical word is not repeated in other languages. You just can't do that as a matter of 9 interpretation and that is a misplaced emphasis on the 10 11:45 11 part of the Commissioner. So I'll just identify the 12 factual basis of that for you, Judge, at the end, I have the book and you will actually be able to see it 13 14 quite clearly. 15 11:45 16 Then, Judge, if you just look to 56. 17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Page 56? MR. CUSH: Page 56, I am sorry, Judge, and line 19. 18 19 Subparagraph 4 of 26 has been opened. 20 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm. 11:46 **MR. CUSH:** "So the Commission can decide in particular 21 22 here are certain standard contractual clauses which will form part of an agreement between the controller 23 who's transmitting the data from the EU - Facebook 24 Ireland in this case - to the person who is receiving 25 the data in the United States - Facebook Inc. in this 26 27 particular case - and if that relationship is regulated 28 by these particular set of contractual clauses, well, then -- and the Commission then decides that that is 29

adequate safeguards within the meaning of adequacy of 1 2 protection under Article 25." 3 And, Judge, that's not what 26(4) says, if you would 4 just look at it again. 5 11:46 6 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes. 7 **MR. CUSH:** 26(4) is referencing the sufficient 8 safeguards as required by paragraph 2, that's 26(2). It is *not* a reference back to adequate level of 9 protection in 25. 10 11:47 11 12 Judge, if you go to 58, line 13: "So I respectfully submit that on any ordinary construction, therefore, of 13 14 Article 26(2), what you have to look at is to see whether or not these safeguards in the present case in 15 the form of the standard contractual clauses amount to 16 17 providing an adequate level of protection within the meaning of Article 25(2). And as you'll see from the 18 19 case law, that concept of an adequate level of 20 protection has been interpreted to mean a very high 11:47 21 level of protection." 22 23 So it's baldly asserted that any ordinary construction of 26(2) points you back to 25(2), the same thing. And 24 in our respectful submission no ordinary principle of 25 11:48 construction does anything of the sort. 26 27 28 And 59, Judge, line 4: "And we say no, the reference 29 to the controller adducing adequate safeguards in 26(2)

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1 can only, on any ordinary principle of Community law 2 interpretation of the article, must mean the concept of 3 adequate level of protection within the meaning of Article 25(2), and that it would be almost 4 inconceivable that, having expressly referred to an 5 11:48 6 adequate level of protection within the meaning of 7 Article 25(2), when the very next phrase refers to the 8 controller adducing adequate safeguards, that the Commission was talking about something different and 9 some other concept of adequacy to the very concept of 10 11:48 11 adequacy that it's just identified, that within the meaning of Article 25(2)." 12 13 14 So this adequacy, the double use of the word *adequate* 15 in the English language version is core to the 11:49 Commissioner's suggestion of what are ordinary 16 17 principles of construction. 18 19 Then, Judge, if I could pass from that and just go to 20 Day 2, if you would permit me one extract. 11:49 21 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: What page? 22 MR. CUSH: Page 9, Judge. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you. 23 24 MR. CUSH: At line 22: 25 11:49 "You will recall the distinction I drew between 26(1) 26 27 and 26(2) yesterday. 26(1) contains certain exceptions 28 such as somebody consenting where you may not 29 necessarily meet the adequacy standard of Article 25,

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1 but Article 26(2) does refer to the adequacy standards 2 of Article 25 and I say that therefore, whatever the 3 procedure allowed for under Article 26(2) such as the 4 SCCs, must in substance amount to the same adequacy standard as Article 25." 5 11:50 6 7 Now just two observations about that, Judge. Α 8 distinction is being drawn between 26(1) and 26(2), clearly. 9 10 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm. 11:50 11 **MR. CUSH:** Not originally but now acknowledged. And it is said Article 26(2) *does* refer to the adequacy 12 13 standards of Article 25. But, Judge, Article 26(1) 14 makes exactly the same reference to the adequacy 15 standards of Article 25, if you wouldn't mind just 11:50 16 looking at it again. 17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm. MR. CUSH: Article 26(1) in the fourth line or third 18 19 line says: 20 11:51 21 "Member States shall provide that a transfer or set of 22 transfers of personal data to a third country which 23 does not ensure an adequate level of protection." 24 In other words, it's the same prerequisite to this 25 11:51 26 arising all, these exceptions. That's the reference, 27 "it does not ensure an adequate level of protection". 28 29 If you go to Article 26(2), third line: "Data to a

1 third country which does not ensure an adequate level 2 of protection". They make the identical reference to 3 25, and yet now it is being suggested in this passage that because Article 26(2), as it is said on line 26, 4 does refer to the adequacy stands of Article 25, well 5 11:51 6 it says but only to indicate that it's a prerequisite 7 to this arising at all and subject to Article 26(1), 8 but now it says that, therefore, it follows that it has 9 to be the same. The *same*. And again that reference to the same. 10 11:52 11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And is that the same, is he 12 referring there to the adequate safeguards, adequate as opposed to adequate level of protection, referring back 13 14 to Article 25(2)? MR. CUSH: If you look at the very last line: "Must in 11:52 15 substance amount to the same adequacy standard as in 16 17 Article 25". It's the same point again, Judge, forgive me for saying "same", it's a repeat of the point that 18 19 it has to be the same as Article 25. 20 11:52 21 And then, Judge, lastly on the transcripts, if I could 22 ask you to go to Day 6. What the Commissioner is 23 actually doing here is bringing the court to its own written submissions. I'm not going to go there, but 24 there are in the course of that some observations. So 25 11:52 page 78, Judge, I am so sorry. 26 27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you. 28 MR. CUSH: Line 9, just to identify where it begins. 29 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you.

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MR. CUSH: And we see there, the Commissioner is 1 2 turning to Article 25 and 26. And then, moving down to 3 79, you see that extracts from their own submissions are being referred to. And then Article 26 is referred 4 to on page 80, the terms, Judge. 5 11:53 6 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 7 MR. CUSH: And on page 81, it is said, line 1: 8 "Rather, where a data transfer is made pursuant to the 9 SCCs decisions, it's made on the premise that the SCCs 10 11:53 11 provide sufficient safeguards within the meaning of 26(4)." 12 13 14 That's absolutely right, that's a reference to 26: 15 "The safeguards provided by the SCCs must be, in turn, 11:54 be such as to enable the controller to adduce adequate 16 17 safeguards within the meaning the Article 26(1)." 18 19 Now I think that just might be a slip because there's 20 no reference to adequate safeguards in 26(1), but 11:54 21 leaving that to one side. Then it continues: 22 23 "So if adequate protection cannot be provided by the third country, it will have to be supplied by the 24 controller, including by way of adherence to the SCCs. 25 11:54 26 The underlying premise is, therefore, unequivocal; if 27 the third country does not provide adequate protection, the SCC has to match -- sorry, remedy the inadequacy." 28 29

Slight change: "Just to stop there. And that's why, 1 2 in the Commissioner's submission, you had to begin by 3 identifying what the inadequacy is, because it's only when you have done that that you can proceed to 4 consider the extent to which it is addressed by the SCC 11:54 5 __″ 6 7 8 And you intervene, Judge, picking up language from some days before, "if there is a gap and it says 'plug the 9

10gap'" and they said: "Exactly. Otherwise you're11:5511looking at the SCC divorced from its actual purpose and12intention."

14And that phraseology in line 19 "consider the extent to15which it is addressed by the SCC" is in fact picking up 11:5516the language of the Draft Decision, and I'll come to17that in a moment.

18 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm.

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MR. CUSH: And if you turn then, Judge, to page 86, line 18:

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22 "Now just perhaps to stop there, Judge. I mean, there 23 will, of course, be inadequacies that are or that may present themselves in third countries that can be 24 resolved by appropriate provision in an SCC - the 25 making available of claims and perhaps compensation is 26 27 one of them - which may not be available within the 28 State, or other deficiencies in entitlements to notification or rectification. You can perhaps 29

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But here the problem which was identified by the Commission - namely, the inadequacy defined by the US law's failure to provide the essentials of a legal remedy under Article 47 - is not something that <u>could</u> be remedied by the SCC; it is a deficiency in the remedial system in the United States itself."

10And there you have this analysis that says we have to11:5611analyse in detail the law of the foreign state to see12does it provide an adequate level of protection, we13have to identify with precision the inadequacy and then14we look to the SCCs to see does it fill that inadequacy15so that you can get back to the same, as it was put.

17 That's the whole purpose of 26(2) according to the Commission. And it's pursuit of the same that in our 18 19 respectful submission is so much in error and has led to an analysis which is completely misplaced, this 20 11:57 21 incredibly detailed analysis of the foreign law, 22 firstly done by the Commissioner, now the court has 23 engaged in it. What's to happen when the next complaint concern the transfer to India, China, Korea, 24 25 Russia. One of the disappointed amici applicants was 11:57 26 an Indian representative body, who came too late 27 perhaps, but expressing huge concern about the data 28 transfers to India and the importance of SCCs; is the 29 Commissioner on every occasion to endeavour to analyse

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the intricacies of the foreign law in detail to 1 2 identify precisely the inadequacy and then look to the 3 SCCs and say 'do you fill that particular gap'. Now that's unworkable, it's not what's envisaged. 4 5 11:58 6 And if I could just ask you at this point, Judge, to 7 look to the actual Draft Decision. You'll find it in 8 trial Book 1 at Tab 18. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Have we finished with the 9 10 transcripts? 11:58 11 MR. CUSH: Yes, Judge. Judge, if you have that, at 12 internal page 15, the Commission identified for herself 13 two questions: 14 15 "whether by reference to the adequacy criteria 11:59 identified the Article 25(2) of the Directive. the US 16 17 ensures adequate protection for the data protection rights of EU citizens; and (b) and if and to the extent 18 19 that the US does not ensure adequate protection, 20 whether it is open to FB-I to rely on one or more of 11:59 21 the derogations, provided for at Article 26 of the 22 Directive to legitimise the transfer of subscribers' personal data to the US, if indeed, if indeed such 23 transfers continue to take place." 24 25 11:59 26 And that's a perfectly appropriate set of questions, if 27 you like. Where we would part company, Judge, is of 28 course for 26(2) to arise at all it is a prerequisite 29 that there isn't an adequate level of protection, so

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1 that has to be at least identified as a matter of fact. 2 Where we part company is the extraordinary detailed 3 analysis engaged upon, we say that's wholly unnecessary, to identify precisely these inadequacies. 4 5 11:59 6 Then, Judge, if you looked at page 17, two questions 7 again, middle of the page: "Does the US ensure 8 adequate protection of the data protection rights of the EU citizens; if not, do the SCC decision in fact 9 offer adequate safeguards with respect to the privacy 10 12:00 11 and fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals as 12 regards the exercise of their corresponding rights." 13 14 And those are two perfectly appropriate questions. 15 12:00 16 On page 18 then, Judge, at paragraph 39 the 17 Commissioner considers the first of the questions about the US, and that analysis runs all the way to page 29. 18 19 And at paragraph 60 the Commissioner says: 20 12:00 "For all the reasons outlined above, therefore, I have 21 22 formed the view, subject to considerations of 23 submissions that may be submitted in due course by the complainant and Facebook Ireland, that, at least on the 24 question of redress, the objections raised by the CJEU 25 12:01 26 in its judgment in Schrems have not yet been answered." 27 28 So that's the analysis that leads to the conclusion 29 that those particular deficiencies still arise in US

law. And then in one paragraph the 26(2) analysis is
 dealt with. And the Commissioner says:

"It is also my view that the safeguards purportedly
constituted by the standard contract clauses set out in 12:01
the annexes to the SCCs decision do not address the
CJEU's objections concerning the absence of defective
remedy compatible with the requirement of Article 47 of
the chapter as outlined in <u>Schrems</u>, nor could they."

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11 And of course this is logically correct. But it's not 12 addressing the right question. It says: "On their terms the standard contract clause in question do no 13 14 more than establish a right in contract in favour of 15 data subjects to a remedy against either or both of the 12:02 16 data exporter and importer. Importantly for current 17 purposes there is no question but that the SCC decisions are not binding on any US government agency 18 19 or other US public body, nor do they purport to be so bindina." 20 12:02

Well of course they are not. How could they possibly be: "It follows that they make no provision whatsoever for a right in favour of a data subject to access to an effective remedy in the event that their data is or may 12:02 be the subject of interference by a US public authority."

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And that must be read as meaning as against the US.

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2 MR. CUSH: So there you have it, that whole emphasis on Because the contract can't 3 sameness has led to this. provide exactly what the foreign country does not 4 5 provide, it follows that 26(2) is no good and the 12:02 6 contracts are no good, and everything is predicated on 7 the idea that 26(2) has to provide the same and that's 8 not what compensation is about. There is different language in 26(2). It follows Article 26(1), which we 9 know has nothing to do with providing the same level of 12:03 10 11 protection, and it is designed to provide something by 12 way of compensation but it can be something different and it has to be analysed to see if it meets the 13 14 prerequisites of 26(2) itself, but there is no analysis 15 by the Commissioner. She has simply said what is 12:03 logically correct, it doesn't bind the United States 16 17 and therefore cannot fill the gap of providing an effective remedy against the United States and 18 19 therefore it's no good.

21 But it has never analysed in its own terms to see, if 22 by providing something different, it has provided sufficient safeguards. And that in our respectful 23 24 submission is the key error in the reasoning. 25 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** And you get the wording of 12:04 26 sufficient safeguards again from which? 27 MR. CUSH: 26(2). 28 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 26(2). Is that based on the --29 **MR. CUSH:** Actually, sorry, to be absolutely accurate,

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1 Article 26(2) refers to adequate safeguards. 2 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** That's what I was just thinking 3 and you are using "sufficient" from the other translations, is that it? 4 MR. CUSH: Yes. But actually 26(4) refers to, from 5 12:04 6 recollection, does refer to sufficiency. 7 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes, I have that. 8 **MR. CUSH:** Or sufficient protection, I can't remember. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: It says: "Sufficient safequards 9 10 as required by paragraph 2". 12:04 11 **MR. CUSH:** Yes. So adequacy and sufficiency are there 12 equated and in the other translations it is sufficiency. And in fact they speak of not protections 13 14 or safeguards but they sometimes speak of guarantees. But the whole emphasis on adequacy and the idea of the 12:04 15 sameness, that's misplaced in our respectful 16 17 submission. 18 19 So if this were the only issue in the case, Judge, and 20 I can readily see that it is not, this analysis of the 12:04 21 Commissioner, this suggestion that there is doubts 22 sufficient for you to refer the issue, Judge, if that 23 were the only debate in the case, in our respectful submission that would not warrant a reference, the 24 25 Commissioner is in error and clearly so. 12:05 26 27 But of course you have, and I'm not going to dwell on 28 this, but you have, somewhat strangely perhaps, the main protagonists, Mr. Schrems and Facebook, being of 29

1 the same view, albeit for different reasons, that there 2 shouldn't be a reference. Mr. Schrems is saying that 3 in fact his complaint is really centred upon non-compliance with the SCCs, and that's what he would 4 5 like to have resolved by the Commissioner and he says 12:05 6 there's no need for a reference to resolve that. 7 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I think he actually save that 8 I should, that the Commissioner should be prohibiting the data flows on the basis of the information she has 9 to date. 10 12:05 Exactly, yes. And then Facebook for a 11 MR. CUSH: 12 variety of reasons, including perhaps I think support for the one I have just advanced, I'm not sure that 13 14 that's so but I think it is so, but for other reasons 15 also the absence of any consideration of the Privacy 12:06 16 Shield, for example. But there are a whole series of 17 reasons being advanced to you why you shouldn't refer. And we are confining ourselves to this one and saying 18 19 if this is the only thing in the case but it's not then

in our respectful submission the Commissioner is clearly in error for the reasons outlined.

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MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you very much.

23 MR. CUSH: Thank you, Judge.

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24 **MS. BARRINGTON:** I'm going to perhaps going to allow

25 Mr. Cush to get out, Judge.

26 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Oh, is Mr. Maurice Collins
27 obviously?
28 MS. BARRINGTON: Oh we have switched order. I am

28MS. BARRINGTON: Oh we have switched order, I am29afraid, Judge. I am sorry, I should have told you

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2 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Not at all. (Short pause)

SUBMISSION BY MS. BARRINGTON:

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6 MS. BARRINGTON: Thank you, Judge. I think I indicated 7 to the court, I appear with Ms. Suzanne Kingston 8 instructed by McCann FitzGerald solicitors. Judae. I propose at the outset making, if I may, some general 9 observations before outlining to the court the matters 10 12:07 11 that I don't propose addressing and then setting out 12 the structure of the matters that I do propose 13 addressing.

15 I want to make two sets of general observations, if 12:07 16 I may. Judge: First, to discuss the unusual nature of 17 these proceedings; and, second, to suggest to the court that these proceedings have been entirely overtaken by 18 19 events by reason of the adoption of the Privacy Shield. 20 And ultimately I'll be saying to the court for a number 12:07 21 of reasons that this court should not refer any 22 question to the Court of Justice.

Judge, the court will know that a number of amici or proposed amici applied to be joined to the proceedings. 12:07 I think the United States were the first out of the traps and they outlined to the court that they were looking to join the proceedings because it's in the unusual position of being the sovereign state whose

laws are at the heart of this case and yet
 paradoxically it's perhaps confined to, for procedural
 reasons, a peripheral role as amicus and it's in an
 unusual position.

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6 I think it's also true to say that the United States 7 has rarely, if ever, applied to be joined as an amicus 8 in a foreign court. It has done that because it views these proceedings views as being of critical 9 significance. They are unique and unprecedented, 10 12:08 11 I would suggest to the court, involving a court of a 12 Member State reviewing or being asked to review in this level of detail the laws of a third country to assess 13 14 their adequacy, it is contended, from the perspective 15 And of course the United States is not just 12:08 of EU law. any third country, it's a third country that now 16 17 benefits from an Adequacy Decision decided upon after two and a half years of negotiation with the European 18 19 Commission.

The court may know, I think it's mentioned in the submissions, that there are a total of only eleven adequacy decisions that the Commission has adopted. And the court will see in due course that the Adequacy Decision relating to America is significantly greater, 12:09 more complex and more detailed than any of the other adequacy decisions.

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1 by extensive negotiations with the Commission, as 2 I have indicated some two and a half years, and in 3 those circumstances, because that Adequacy Decision was in train, because of its critical interest in the 4 proceedings, and because of the potential ramifications 12:10 5 6 of what this court is being asked to do, both from a 7 legal and a commercial perspective, the United States 8 asked to be joined to these proceedings. And I think the court knows from the interest of all the other 9 amici that the commercial implications of these 10 12:10 11 proceedings cannot be exaggerated.

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The United States was also conscious of the fact that 13 14 in <u>Schrems 1</u>, both the High Court decision and indeed 15 the decision of the Court of Justice proceeded without 12:10 any comprehensive evidential basis with the result 16 17 that, by the time the Court of Justice came to decide the matter, it had an incomplete, in our submission, 18 19 picture of the United States régime, and the United 20 States was extremely anxious to ensure that that did 12:11 21 not happen again. And that, in the event of a 22 reference, the full picture, the full panoply of 23 protections afforded by US law in this situation is comprehensively outlined to the Court of Justice, if 24 there were to be a reference. 25 12:11

And I said not only any third country, Judge, because
of the Adequacy Decision, but also because of the
constitutional tradition of the United States. And,

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Judge, I'm just going to allow the stenographer to
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The United States has, of course, the court will know, 4 5 its constitutional principles of the separation of 12:12 6 powers and, in this context, a sophisticated balance of 7 national security and privacy interests and a 8 sophisticated regime of checks and balances to ensure that the correct equilibrium is achieved and maintained 9 10 between those perhaps divergent interests. 12:12

12 Its privacy protection principles in part predate the EU data protection regime, which is perhaps one of the 13 14 problems, because one can see in the Adequacy Decisions 15 and in perhaps the criticisms of the Data Protection 12:12 16 Commissioner that if the United States had a regime 17 that perfectly mirrored the Data Protection Directive, certain of the issues that have cropped up might not be 18 19 articulated. And notwithstanding the antiquity of 20 certain of the protections provided, of course 12:13 21 post-Snowden then there were a number of very 22 significant systemic and remedial reforms, which of course weren't considered and, in fairness, not all of 23 24 which were in place at the time of the Schrems 1 decision. 25 12:13

All of which means that when *this* court is being asked to consider the adequacy of US law, if it has to *get* that far - and for various reasons, we'll say that it

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1doesn't - it must look in a holistic way at the2totality of the protections afforded by US law to3respond to privacy concerns.

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5 The court will have noted in its very many readings of 12:14 6 ACLU -v- Clapper that the Second Circuit said in that case that reconciling the clash between privacy and 7 8 security interests required productive contribution from all three branches of government. And that is 9 fundamentally our position, Judge, and something which 10 12:14 11 we contend that the Data Protection Commissioner, in 12 error, has not had regard to, by looking exclusively through a very narrow perspective of judicial remedies 13 14 only. And it's for that reason that the United States 15 considers that the draft decision is, unfortunately, 12:14 fatally flawed, because it fails to appreciate the 16 17 contribution from all of the three branches, which contribution is all the more significant *because* we're 18 19 talking about national security. And the European 20 Court of Human Rights, the Commission, the Fundamental 12:15 21 Rights Agency all acknowledge that in that particular 22 area, judicial remedies must be considered in a 23 contextual manner. And accordingly, by failing to do that, the Data Protection Commissioner has entirely 24 25 erred in her approach. 12:15

Judge, I think it's perhaps also perhaps unnecessary,
but useful to observe that it's inevitable that any
national legal system in this area will have its

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1 But these proceedings cannot be and are not critics. 2 to be, according to **<u>Schrems</u>**, about whether the American 3 system could be improved or whether there should be reforms. And certainly we've heard from some very 4 legitimate perspectives and strongly held views, and 5 12:16 6 the United States welcomes the fact that those views 7 have been aired, but they certainly don't, Judge, fall 8 into the court's consideration of the question of adequacy. Because that is not what European law 9 10 suggests the test should be. 12:16

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12 I think the court also, fundamentally, must not lose sight of the fact that the only expert to opine both on 13 14 American and US law, Prof. Swire, has given 15 uncontroverted evidence that the overall 12:16 intelligence-related safeguards for personal data held 16 17 in the US are *greater* than the safeguards available in the individual Member States. And he says that at 18 19 paragraph seven of his report. He hasn't been 20 challenged on that, Judge. That is simply a given. 12:17 21 And he cites Prof. Brown, in his 2015 Oxford study, who 22 says that the legal framework for foreign intelligence collection in the US - as enhanced, admittedly, by 23 24 PPD-28 - contains much clearer rules on the authorisation and limits on the collection. use. 25 12:17 26 sharing and oversight of data relating to foreign 27 nationals than the equivalent laws of almost all EU 28 Member States, such that the US now serves - and I think we heard this line from Prof. Swire - as a 29

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1 baseline for foreign intelligence standards. And again 2 there's no challenge, Judge, to that position. And it 3 is an extremely relevant factor when considering the question of adequacy and when considering as part of 4 5 that question what is the appropriate comparator. Mr. 12:18 6 Gallagher, in making his opening observations, did 7 touch upon that question, Judge; by reference to what 8 is the system in the United States to be compared?

we'll also, Judge, at the end of my submissions, be 10 12:18 11 asking the court to consider what the from a report, 12 which Mr. Gallagher also alluded to, which is a report conducted by the Fundamental Rights Agency, established 13 14 by a decision of EU law, has to say in its study of the 15 totality of the complex regimes provided for in the 12:18 16 individual Member States.

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Judge, if I could move on then to saying why we believe 18 19 that these proceedings are entirely overtaken by 20 They're overtaken by events because of the events. 12:18 21 adoption of the Privacy Shield. I'm just going to 22 perhaps take the court through, if I may, the chronology of events, much of which will already be 23 24 clear to the court, and I'll do so briefly.

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26 Obviously Mr. Schrems, back in the summer of 2013, 27 brought his original complaint. That complaint has 28 been described by the Data Protection Commissioner in 29 her draft decision, I think it's at paragraph 19, as a

1full frontal challenge to the Safe Harbour decision.2And the Court of Justice, in October 2015, of course,3invalidated the Safe Harbour decision on the basis, the4procedural basis that the Commission hadn't indicated5in the context of its decision whether it had6determined that the United States provided an adequate7level of protection.

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The matter then was remitted by Hogan J. to the Data 9 Protection Commissioner for fresh consideration and 10 12:20 11 Mr. Schrems was afforded an opportunity to make what is 12 referred to as the reformulated complaint. And he submitted his reformulated complaint in December 2015. 13 14 And in effect, his complaint is that once transfers are 15 effected to the United States, Facebook Inc. in the 12:20 16 United States may be obliged to make his data available 17 to the US Government. It is important, Judge, I think, to recall the basis of the complaint, because certainly 18 19 we've heard a number of issues addressed by EPIC 20 vesterday, for example, which simply don't seem to fall 12:20 21 within the parameters of the complaint and of these 22 proceedings, Judge, as a result.

24 Mr. Schrems, in his letter, says a number of things 25 that we contend, Judge, are entirely *inaccurate* in 12:21 26 relation to the US, what is referred to as the SIGINT, 27 signals intelligence. What he says in relation to US 28 SIGINT is incorrect in a number of respects, Judge, but 29 I don't propose wearying the court with going through

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3 In February of 2016 the draft Privacy Shield decision was published by the Commission. And in that month the 4 United States, aware of the fact that Hogan J. had 5 12:21 remitted the matter back to the Data Protection 6 Commissioner for fresh consideration. but unaware of 7 8 Mr. Schrems' precise complaint, which it didn't see until it became involved in these proceedings, wrote to 9 the Data Protection Commissioner, indicating that it 10 12:21 11 wished to make a submission and indicating that it 12 wished to provide information in relation to the draft Privacy Shield. And these facts are deposed to by 13 14 Ms. Chapin in the affidavit grounding the application 15 to join the proceedings. 12:22

17 We know then that in April of 2016 the Article 29 Working Party published its opinion on the Privacy 18 19 Shield and expressed certain concerns and asked for certain clarifications. In the interim, of course, 20 12:22 21 there was significant interaction between not only the 22 United States and the Commission, but the United States and the Article 29 Committee itself - the Commerce 23 Secretary met directly with the Chair of the Article 29 24 Committee in April. 25 12:22

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In May, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on
transatlantic data flows. And on 16th May, the United
States submitted material relating to the Privacy

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Shield framework to the Data Protection Commissioner
 and outlining its desire to make submissions.

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The Data Protection Commissioner, the court will have 4 seen, notes at paragraph 42 of her decision that she 5 12:23 6 received unsolicited submissions from the United States. And it's apparent that while we received an 7 8 acknowledgment, this material in relation to the Privacy Shield wasn't considered and the Data 9 Protection Commissioner proceeded to make her decision, 12:23 10 11 or her draft decision without ever seeking or being provided with any submission by the United States in 12 relation to the consideration of *its* laws or the 13 14 question of the adequacy of its laws, or indeed even 15 the approach that might be taken to the question of 12:24 adequacy. And, Judge, it is, I think, surprising that 16 17 the Data Protection Commissioner, having regard to the significance of the draft decision, proceeded as she 18 19 did, with the input, it would appear, exclusively from 20 Mr. Serwin without seeking to consult with or hear from 12:24 21 the United States.

In the meantime, the Privacy Shield negotiations were
proceeding, Judge. The court will see from the Bob
Litt letters that I'm going to ask the court to look at 12:24
that additional information was provided by the United
States by way of assurances and reassurance to the
European Commission. Mr. Litt, the court will have
seen, was the General Counsel to the Office of the

1 Director of National Intelligence.

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3 On 1st July the Working Party issued the statement that was handed in to the court by Mr. Collins welcoming the 4 improvements brought about in the Privacy Shield and 5 12:25 6 commending the Commission and the United States for 7 having taken the Working Party's prior concerns into 8 account and requests for clarifications. I think there was one criticism that continued to be expressed in the 9 statement that was handed in, indicating that it 10 12:25 regretted the lack of concrete assurances that mass and 11 12 indiscriminate collection of personal data didn't take In fact the court will see that that assurance 13 place. 14 is provided in Mr. Litt's second letter.

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16 Then on 8th July, Judge, the committee composed of 17 representatives of the Member States, the Article 31 Committee, adopted the Privacy Shield Decision. 18 And 19 it's a matter of public record, I think, Judge, that 20 that decision was adopted on the basis of there having 12:26 21 been no votes against it. And in that regard, Judge, I 22 can hand in to the court a minute from the House of Commons Select Committee. The Commission statement 23 that was handed in to the court indicated that the vast 24 25 majority, I think was the wording, of the Member States 12:26 26 voted in favour of it (Same Handed). The court will 27 see that the House of Commons Select Committee wrote to 28 the Minister to inquire specifically in relation to the outcome of the vote and if the court looks at 29

two-thirds of the way down the page, the Minister's
 letter of 26th October 2016 records:

"The Minister responds to the questions we asked in our 4 5 report as follows. The text was adopted by the 12:26 6 Commission on 12th July. This followed approval by the 7 Article 31 Committee at its meeting on 8th July. Α 8 formal vote was taken by Member States, through their representatives, with 24 members in favour, including 9 the UK, none against and four abstentions." 10 12:27

12 At that stage, Judge, the DPC, notwithstanding her *involvement* in this process as a member of the Article 13 14 29 Working Party and in clear *knowledge* of the 15 developments in relation to the Privacy Shield, had 12:27 proceeded to adopt the decision on 24th -- or her draft 16 17 decision - I'm sorry, I keep referring to it as a decision. And no indication, Judge, is given in the 18 19 draft decision as to why she decided to push ahead with her draft, which, of course, she describes as being 20 12:28 21 something that in respect of which further submissions 22 might be received and considered by her. And it is, in our submission, unusual that she chose this 23 precipitated route, in circumstances where she knew the 24 25 significance of what was happening in the European 12:28 26 parallel process.

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28The draft decision is stated to be subject to further29submissions, but the court will know that these

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1 proceedings issued within a week of the adoption of the 2 draft decision. And Mr. Collins, on day one, indicated 3 that the Commissioner's concern was simply to get it right and suggested that these weren't usual 4 proceedings - and that's certainly true - and the 5 12:28 6 Commissioner wasn't advocating any particular result. But I think the court will have noted that the 7 8 proceedings have certainly taken on all the hallmarks 9 of adversarial proceedings. And accordingly, there 10 hasn't *been* any consultation or further submission, as 12:29 11 was seemingly envisaged by the Data Protection 12 Commissioner, who got her proceedings out within a week. And she got her proceedings out in circumstances 13 14 where, on the same day, she had got the revised 15 memorandum of Mr. Serwin, although he clarified in his 12:29 evidence that he had provided the same report, absent a 16 17 brief consideration of **Spokeo**, two weeks earlier.

19 Mr. Serwin, of course, doesn't practice in the area of national surveillance, which he clarified during the 20 12:30 21 course of his evidence. And I don't propose going 22 through, Judge, what Mr. Serwin says in his report and the court will have heard all of his evidence in 23 Ms. Hyland's cross-examination. But no indication is 24 25 given in the decision as to why it was exclusively 12:30 26 Mr. Serwin's report that provided the basis for her 27 draft decision, or perhaps more importantly, why was it 28 that Mr. Serwin was *only* asked about remedies? Because 29 that is the significant problem here, as I think I've

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1 probably said already a number of times, Judge.

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3 Mr. Serwin is asked for his view on remedies and the DPC says because he has indicated that the remedies are 4 5 perhaps sectoral and that the remedies are attached by 12:31 6 a degree of unsurprising conditionality in respect of 7 some of them, that she didn't need to go any further, 8 because it was apparent that the remedies were deficient. Well, one wonders how she knew that in 9 advance of receipt of Mr. Serwin's advice, because it's 12:31 10 11 not apparent that she asked for any additional input in 12 relation to the descriptions of the US regime that are now before this court. 13

15 So, Judge, we immediately applied to be joined to these 12:31 proceedings and we indicated not only our concerns 16 17 about the proceedings and their ramifications, their implications, but also advised the court of the 18 19 developments in relation to the Privacy Shield. And 20 the court will note that in the reply delivered by the 12:32 21 Data Protection Commissioner on 30th September - I'm 22 not asking the court to look at the pleadings now, but 23 simply to note that at paragraph 6.1 the Data 24 Protection Commissioner says the draft decision needs to be read in the light of the Privacy Shield and that 25 12:32 26 the Commissioner will refer to the Privacy Shield 27 Decision at the hearing of the action for its true 28 meaning and effect. And the use of that standard 29 formula in this context doesn't avoid the prompting,

1Judge, of the question: What true meaning and effect2will the Data Protection Commissioner say that the3binding EU measure has on these proceedings?

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5 It's equally striking, Judge, that when one considers 12:33 the Data Protection Commissioner's submissions -6 detailed submissions - they make, I think, a glancing 7 8 reference to the Privacy Shield at page 37, paragraph 9 110, where the issue as to whether the Ombudsperson is a judicial officer is addressed. And when the 10 12:33 11 proceedings opened by Mr. Collins, it wasn't until day three that any reference was made to the Privacy 12 And I'll come on, Judge, to a consideration of 13 Shield. 14 what he *said* on day three in relation to the Privacy 15 Shield. 12:33

17 One can perhaps readily understand that the Data Protection Commissioner is in an unusual position, 18 19 having issued her proceedings so quickly; 20 notwithstanding the European law developments, she now 12:33 21 has a binding measure of EU law to deal with and its 22 impact on the proceedings. But in our submission, the issue simply hasn't been addressed in a satisfactory 23 way. And accordingly, Judge, we support the position 24 that no reference to the Court of Justice is required, 25 12:34 26 because the proceedings have been overtaken by events. 27

And even if they *weren't* overtaken by events, Judge,
fundamentally - and our written submissions focus on

the assumption that the court *is* to engage in the question of adequacy; but if the court *does* engage in the question of adequacy and does so properly, taking account of a holistic assessment, the court can *only* conclude that US law *is* adequate and shouldn't, accordingly, make a reference. And for completeness, I add --

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: When you say "adequate" in that 8 sense, are you using it in the sense of the decision 9 adopting Privacy Shield or the way it was being 10 12:35 11 explored by Mr. Cush earlier this morning? 12 MS. BARRINGTON: Well, yes, I'm in fact using it in the Privacy Shield way. Because I'm not going to address, 13 14 Judge, the question of Article 25/26 in any detail. SO 15 I'm making a number of procedural assumptions before we 12:35 get to this submission, Judge. But it is a fundamental 16 17 one that, measured and assessed properly, as the Commission has done, and taking the approach taken by 18 19 the Commission, the court can't but conclude that US 20 law provides adequate protection. 12:35

22 If the court were nonetheless minded ultimately to make 23 a reference - and this is a very caveated submission, Judge - we do consider it absolutely vital that this 24 court should do the difficult task of providing the 25 12:36 Court of Justice with an extensive overview of American 26 27 law, and that it would be quite wrong to provide the 28 court with an analysis that dealt exclusively with the 29 question of remedies, because it would presuppose that

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1 an examination of remedies only was the appropriate way 2 to proceed in respect of the question of adequacy. And 3 that, we will submit, is not the appropriate way to proceed. And - fear of endless repetition - the United 4 5 States is *most* concerned that the Court of Justice 12:37 6 should have a complete picture, unlike the situation 7 that arose in Schrems 1.

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Judge, if I could then outline what I'm not going to 9 I'm not going to address, Judge, the national 12:37 10 address. 11 security exemption and leave that essentially to the 12 parties, although we support Facebook's position in that regard. And similarly, the question of the 13 14 interpretation of Article 25 and 26 of the Directive; 15 we entirely support what Mr. Cush has said and I think 12:37 it's what Mr. Collins, for the BSA, will be saying 16 17 also. We believe, Judge, that there's a fundamental error of interpretation insofar as the analysis of 18 19 Article 25 and 26 is concerned and that Facebook and the amicis' interpretation of Article 26 is compelling 20 12:37 21 and consistent with both the teleological 22 interpretation which applies in the European law 23 context, with the literal interpretation and with a consideration of the other linguistic versions of the 24 Directive, to which it's not apparent that in making 25 12:38 their submissions the Data Protection Commissioner had 26 27 any particular regard - no reference is made to 28 anything other English. And the court knows that all 29 of the languages have equally binding force.

2 The issue then that I will then turn to, Judge, is the 3 approach to adequacy. And I'm going to ask the court to look in the first instance at the Schrems test, I'm 4 going to ask the court to look at the draft decision, 5 12:38 6 the Privacy Shield and then to deal with adequacy in a So if I could turn first to little more detail. 7 8 **Schrems.** because it. of course. provides the essential framework to any consideration of this -- to be carried 9 out by this court. That's in the European books, 10 12:39 11 Judge, the core books, tab three of five -- I'm sorry, book three of five, at tab 36. And I'll hope to 12 through **Schrems** as quickly as I can, Judge, emphasising 13 14 the aspects that we consider to be of significance 15 insofar as the consideration of adequacy is concerned. 12:39 16

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17 The judgment of the court is behind tab 36. And if I
18 could ask the court, in the first instance, to turn to
19 paragraph 31. And the court there makes reference to
20 the High Court - if the court has that?
21 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.
22 MS. BARRINGTON: Makes reference to the High Court and,

just in the last line, reference to indiscriminate 23 surveillance and, at paragraph 33, reference to the 24 25 mass and undifferentiated accessing of personal data 12:40 26 Just where is that again? MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: That's just at the first line of 27 MS. BARRINGTON: 28 paragraph 33, Judge. And the court will know by now 29 that the US does not agree that that is the correct

characterisation of its signals intelligence activities, which, for the reasons the court has already heard, and I *am* going to ask the court to look at the PCLOB report, is inaccurate, because what takes place is, in our submission, and as I think the PCLOB 12:41 report shows, *targeted* surveillance. And yet this was the factual predicate of the <u>Schrems</u> determination.

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Paragraph 35, Judge. The Court of Justice notes that 9 the High Court had observed that in his action, 10 12:41 11 Mr. Schrems, in reality, raises the legality of the 12 Safe Harbour regime. And I think the court will recall that Hogan J. had indicated that the issues that were 13 raised before him were *not* in fact full-on challenging 14 15 the legality of the Safe Harbour regime, but it was an 12:41 inevitable corollary of the consideration of whether 16 17 the European measure was fully binding or not. That's how it's understood by the Court of Justice, that's how 18 19 it's understood by the Data Protection Commissioner - a 20 full frontal challenge to the Safe Harbour regime. 12:42

Judge, if the court then turns on to paragraph 52, just the last three lines of the page there, Judge, the court emphasises that which this court is well aware of, that:

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"Measures of the EU institutions are in principle presumed to be lawful and accordingly produce legal effects until such time as they are withdrawn, annulled

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in an action for annulment or declared invalid
 following a reference for a preliminary ruling."

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So the Privacy Shield Decision is legally binding and 4 produces those effects, Judge, unless somebody is going 12:43 5 to be asked to declare it invalid and does so. 6 And 7 it's in this regard, Judge, that the position taken by 8 the Data Protection Commissioner is somewhat puzzling. And I'm going to ask the court to look at some of the 9 transcript references of what Mr. Collins said in 10 12:43 11 relation to the Privacy Shield. I have a little book 12 of transcript references I've excerpted --MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank vou. 13 **MS. BARRINGTON:** -- it may be a bit quicker than using 14 15 the tablet (Same Handed). And if the court looks 12:43 16 behind tab one - this is day three, Mr. Collins' 17 opening - page 89. And at this stage he refers in the second paragraph, he's turned on to the Privacy Shield 18 19 and he says: 20 12:44 21 "So that's, of course, acknowledging the point decided 22 in **Schrems** - Commission decisions are binding." 23 24 And over the page at page 90, he discusses that what this court is being asked to do and he says from line 25 12:44 five: 26 27 28 "... secondly, this is then a factor that one takes 29 into account and one says, you conceivably could say

'Actually, in light of all of this, I'm completely
satisfied that there's no doubt whatsoever that there's
adequate compliance and I'm not going to make a
reference to the European Court'. And you could do
that, that's the argument Mr. Gallagher will be urging 12:16
upon you, and some of the amici" - including, of
course, my client.

"But equally you have to look at it from the viewpoint 9 that even within the Privacy Shield decision itself, 10 12:16 11 the Commission has expressly adverted to the fact that 12 notwithstanding that Commission decisions are binding in what they've said, there is still this obligation 13 14 to, if the complaint is made, to bring it before the 15 court and for the court to refer it to the European 12:16 Court of Justice if it still considers there are 16 17 concerns."

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19 And of course, that's the <u>Schrems</u> test, Judge. SO 20 Mr. Collins is correctly articulating the Privacy 12:45 21 Shield Decision is binding, the **<u>Schrems</u>** test is still 22 there, *if* a complaint is made. But this complaint, Judge, was made well ahead of the adoption of the 23 Privacy Shield agreement. And the court asked 24 25 Mr. Gallagher, when he made his statement, 'What's the 12:45 26 difference between Schrems 1 and now?' Well, the 27 difference is in **Schrems 1** Mr. Schrems is mounting what the Data Protection Commissioner characterises as a 28 full frontal challenge. And that's not the case here, 29

1 Judge. And binding measures of EU law can't be 2 challenged or questioned as to their validity on the 3 basis of a side wind, and yet that's precisely what the Data Protection Commissioner is asking this court to 4 5 do, Judge. 12:46 6 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Can you just elaborate on that 7 point? Because you might be making an argument in 8 relation to some complaint, a complaint about X, but in order to make a decision about X, it might necessarily 9 10 involve attacking an underlying or a justifying 12:46 11 provision Y. So in order to decide on the question X, you necessarily have to decide on the question Y. In 12 other words, if Privacy Shield is binding on the court 13 14 and binding on the Commission and we can't look any 15 further in the context of Mr. Schrems' existing 12:46 16 complaint, that involves deciding his complaint against 17 him in that sense, doesn't it? MS. BARRINGTON: Well --18 19 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: What I'm saying is do you not 20 have to look at it, or why are you saying you can't 12:47 21 look at it? 22 well, you can't look at it unless MS. BARRINGTON: 23 somebody is, in accordance with the **Schrems** logic, raising concerns in relation to the validity of the 24 25 Privacy Shield, that the Data Protection Commissioner 12:47 26 believes those concerns to be well founded, brings 27 those concerns to this court and this court shares 28 those well founded concerns. The difficulty --29 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So then I've a second question

-- sorry, I understand what you're saying there. Let's
 say we run with your pieces and argument that it's *not* directly raised by Mr. Schrems in his complaint.

4 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Yes.

5 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** But in her examination of it, is 12:47 6 she not allowed to sort of say 'Well, in my independent 7 assessment, I think this necessarily involves deciding 8 issue Y'?

9 MS. BARRINGTON: But she hasn't said that, Judge.
10 She's said in her decision that she's not examining the 12:47
11 Privacy Shield.

12 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Okay.

MS. BARRINGTON: And that's the difficulty; she hasn't 13 14 articulated in the decision that's brought before this 15 court as the transcript of the well founded concerns, 12:48 the Privacy Shield isn't in there. And so what the 16 17 Data Protection Commissioner has to say to the court is what they have said in day three of the opening of the 18 19 case is somehow such as transmogrify the Commissioner's decision into an articulation of well founded concerns 20 12:48 21 in relation to the Privacy Shield. And if the court 22 doesn't *share* the concerns, even assuming the court could consider that a complaint that predated the 23 Privacy Shield was somehow a complaint about it, if the 24 court doesn't share the concerns, it certainly 25 12:48 shouldn't be making a reference, Judge. 26

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28 So there are a number of significant difficulties 29 attaching to what the Data Protection Commissioner is

asking this court to do. And Mr. Collins, with all due
 respect to him and to his agility, skirts around it,
 Judge, and he says at page 90, just reading from the
 bottom of the page:

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6 "So one way perhaps to look at it, Judge, is to 7 consider, leaving aside the point that I rely upon that 8 this postdates the Commissioner's decision and the analysis in terms of the Standard Contractual Clauses, 9 10 one way to look at it is to say supposing you were 12:17 11 satisfied, absent the Privacy Shield, that there wasn't in fact, or there's certainly a question that deserved 12 13 to be referred to the European Court about adequacy, 14 does this Ombudsperson mechanism remedy the concerns and satisfy all those concerns or is there still a 15 12:17 concern that's worthy of reference?" 16

18 And, Judge, that, we contend, is an erroneous 19 presentation of the matter, because it fails to take 20 account that this court is *bound* by the Privacy Shield 12:49 21 decision *unless* the <u>Schrems</u> test is met. And it hasn't 22 been, on the basis of what's occurred

Then he comes back to it at page 105, Judge. And at
this point he's outlined the Ombudsperson mechanism. 12:50
And he says in the middle of the page, if the court has
that, page 105:

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"The issue in present circumstances, Judge, is, when

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1 one is looking at the question of adequacy and in terms 2 of analysing whether the legal rules that are referred 3 to and the mechanisms of compliance with those legal rules as contemplated... whether this has any 4 significant impact on that analysis. 5 12:34 6 7 we respectfully say, Judge, that first of all, the 8 Privacy Shield mechanism is not a matter of law within the United States." 9 10 12:50 11 And that, with respect, is an odd observation. Because 12 the issue is: Is it a matter of binding law on this court? Which, of course, it is. And he says it's a 13 14 series of commitments. Well, they are solemn 15 commitments, Judge, from the United States that have 12:51 16 been given to the European Commission, which the 17 European Commission have said that they rely upon, but reserve the right to repeal, which he seems to consider 18 19 is of some significance. And: 20 12:51 "... if it looks as if those policies are not being 21 22 implemented... significant reliance is, of course, 23 placed on... PPD-28 and the way... the US Government is going to approach it... and matters of that sort. 24 25 12:35 26 So I respectfully say that while undoubtedly it would 27 be wrong to proceed without knowledge of the Privacy 28 Shield mechanism that is there, the essential question 29 remains as I've outlined to you at the start of these

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And the court only has to consider, well, what well founded concerns in relation to the Privacy Shield did the Data Protection Commissioner outline at the start of the proceedings? And the answer is none.

8 So, Judge, just coming back to **Schrems**. The mechanism for protection is outlined having regard to the 9 possibility of making a complaint. The test in that 10 12:52 11 regard is at paragraph 65. The issue is whether Mr. Schrems has advanced objections that the Data 12 Protection Commissioner believes to be well founded and 13 14 then whether the court, if the Data Protection 15 Commissioner comes to court, if the court shares its 12:52 16 doubts.

Now, it's been suggested at some point that if the 18 19 court has any doubts, that that's sufficient, that 20 deference should be afforded to the Data Protection 12:52 21 Commissioner. And certainly there, I've no doubt, are 22 areas in which the Data Protection Commissioner is entitled to deference, but not this, Judge, where the 23 24 Data Protection Commissioner has acted *exclusively*, it 25 seems, on Mr. Serwin's advice - because she, of course, 12:53 26 can't be expert in American law. So without wishing to 27 sound in any way pejorative, she's not entitled to 28 deference in respect of this decision. And it's not a 29 question of sharing any doubt, it's a question of this

court sharing the well founded doubts in relation to
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The court then considers, at paragraph 70, the matters 4 to which account has to be taken in Article 25(2). 5 And 12:53 6 the court will recall perhaps just from Mr. Cush's 7 dealing with it that 25(2) states, addresses the 8 question of adequacy in the third party country, which is to be assessed in the light of all of the 9 circumstances surrounding a data transfer operation and 12:54 10 11 lists, on a non-exhaustive basis, the circumstances to 12 which consideration must be given when carrying out such an assessment. And the court will recall that the 13 14 non-exhaustive list includes the circumstances in the 15 Member State of origin and the circumstances in the 12:54 16 third party country.

18So we say two things flow from this, Judge: First,19you're certainly entitled to take account of the Member20States of the European Union and their regimes; and21second, 25(2) requires an understanding of the totality22of the circumstances which, even insofar as the23Directive is concerned, Schrems has confirmed is24non-exhaustive, Judge.

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At paragraph 73 the court puts in place the essential equivalence test. And again, Judge, the wording of the Court of Justice is significant in this regard. Because perhaps an impression has crept in that what

1 <u>Schrems</u> requires is an *identical* regime between the EU 2 and the US, and of course, that's not what's envisaged. At paragraph 73 the court says that - and I'm reading 3 from the first sentence, Judge: 4 5 "The word 'adequate' in Article 25(6) of [the 6 Directive] admittedly signifies that a third country 7 8 cannot be required to ensure a level of protection identical to that guaranteed in the EU legal order." 9 10 11 And at paragraph 74, Judge, reference is made - and I'm 12 just looking at the second sentence: 13 "Even though the means... that third country has 14 15 recourse... for the purpose of ensuring such a level of 16 protection may differ from those employed within the 17 European Union." 18 19 But they are nonetheless, the court goes on to say, to 20 be sufficient to provide effective protection. But the 12:56 21 court, understandably, considers that to be considered 22 as essentially equivalent, that is *not* the same as requiring absolutely identical protections to those 23 24 provided within the European Union or within the Member States of the European Union. 25 12:56 26 27 Judge, at paragraph 75 then the court goes on to say: 28 29 "... when examining the level of protection afforded by

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1 a third country, the Commission is obliged to assess 2 the content of the applicable rules in that country 3 resulting from its domestic law or international commitments and the practice designed to ensure 4 compliance with those rules, since it must, under 5 6 Article 25(2)... take account of all the circumstances 7 surrounding a transfer of personal data to a third 8 country."

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Yet again, Judge, an emphasis of the global nature of 12:57
the assessment to be conducted, which we contend hasn't
been conducted, Judge.

14 Then the court goes on to deal with the national 15 security exemption provided for at paragraph -- this is 12:57 at paragraph 86, that was put in place by the Safe 16 Harbour regime. And there there was just, I think it's 17 fair to say, a fairly bald derogation for national 18 19 security. And at paragraph 87 then is one of the 20 critical paragraphs in the judgment, because it's 12:57 21 seemingly one of the significant bases of the Data 22 Protection Commissioner's decision. And Mr. Collins 23 made repeated reference to paragraph 87. Judge, I see the type, I wonder if perhaps it's... 24 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Well, I did indicate I would sit 12:58 25 a little longer. 26 27 MS. BARRINGTON: Oh, yes, I'm very happy, Judge, to do 28 that and then I might conclude Schrems. So at 29 paragraph 87, the court says that - and I'm reading

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"To establish the existence of an interference with the fundamental right to respect for private life, it does not matter whether the information in question relating to private life is sensitive or whether the persons concerned have suffered any adverse consequences on account of that interference."

- And reference is made to **Digital Rights Ireland**. 10 12:58 11 Mr. Collins *repeatedly* said that the standing rules in 12 the United States meant that paragraph 87 wasn't met. And one could be forgiven for thinking that Schrems had 13 14 abolished domestic standing rules and that this 15 paragraph was designed somehow to deal with the 12:59 16 question of standing or procedural rules. In fact the DPC's submissions, Judge, you'll recall, suggest at one 17 point that European law has established a standing test 18 19 and the standing test is whether you have a feeling 20 that you've been under surveillance. And as we'll see, 12:59 21 Judge, that's completely wrong. Paragraph 87 is dealing with the question of the interference with the 22 23 It may then be a *justified* interference, having right. 24 regard to the proportionality analysis that's then envisaged by the court to follow. 25 12:59 26
- And the court then does precisely that; paragraph 88,
 the first step of a proportionality analysis is set
 out. So you may have an interference, but do you have

1a justification for that? Is this a measure that2pursues a legitimate objective such as national3security? That's dealt with at 88, the first step.

5 The court goes on then to consider the question of 13:00 6 minimum safeguards at paragraph 91 and, at paragraphs 7 92 and 93, continues with the building blocks of a 8 proportionality analysis, Judge. And at paragraph 93 the court says legislation isn't limited to what is 9 strictly necessary - of course, that's an ingredient of 13:00 10 11 a proportionality analysis - where it authorises, on a 12 generalised basis, storage of all of the persons -- of the data of the persons whose data has been transferred 13 14 from the EU.

16That reference to "generalised basis" is something that17seems to subtend the court's analysis. And this court18will, of course, well know that this isn't a data19retention case in the way that **Digital Rights** is20dealing with, there isn't a generalised retention of21all data, although that may have been a misapprehension22that the court harboured.

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24 At paragraph 94, Judge:

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26 "In particular, legislation permitting the public
27 authorities to have access on a generalised basis to
28 the content of electronic communications must be
29 regarded as compromising the essence of the fundamental

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2 3 So insofar as reference is made at paragraph 93 and 94 to a generalised basis, we submit to the court, Judge, 4 that that's certainly not what's happening in this 5 13:02 6 case. 7 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Can you just explain to me about 8 Upstream? 9 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Because in order to effect --10 13:02 11 the first step in giving effect to your Upstream 12 searches - I'm not quite sure whether they're searches or seizures, but we'll leave that particular nuance to 13 14 one side for a moment; as I understand, some of the evidence is that you have to somehow assess - I'll use 15 13:02 16 a neutral sense - everything that goes through the backbone for Upstream and then you apply your filters. 17 18 MS. BARRINGTON: Hmm. 19 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And Upstream, as far as I can 20 recollect, is authorised by 702, so it's authorised by 13:02 21 ___ 22 MS. BARRINGTON: It's authorised by 702, Judge. 23 -- by legislation. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 24 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So how does that fit into what 25 13:02 you're submitting here in relation to, was it paragraph 26 27 94?

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28 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. Well, I'll come back to that,
29 Judge. I'll address that question now, but I will come

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back to it also, because I'm going to ask the court to 1 2 look in due course at the PCLOB report --3 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Well, if you want to deal with it then, that's fine, just carry on with Schrems if you 4 wish. 5 13:03 6 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. But I can say, I suppose, this 7 very briefly: First, the definitions of the FISA act 8 kick in prior to any surveillance under Upstream. SO you have the circumscription of is it foreign 9 intelligence, is it a foreign person, all of those 10 13:03 11 definitions that the court has gone through --12 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** But necessarily, didn't they have to sort of scan - well, you'll tell me when you 13 14 come to PCLOB - in order to ascertain whether or not to, if you like - de-Americanisate it or whatever they 15 13:03 16 were doing when they were weeding out the US citizens? 17 I don't like to use the word "scan". MS. BARRINGTON: Judge, because I think the evidence has established 18 19 that that isn't, or can't be said to be --20 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Oh, no, I accept that "scan" is 13:03 21 not the word we should use. But assess in some way. 22 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Yes. But perhaps one filters from a 23 The mass is not retained, Judge. So there isn't mass. 24 generalised retention. What is retained is the product 25 of the filtration process. And that's retained in, as 13:04 we'll see, a manner that's highly regulated. 26 But 27 nothing is retained that doesn't -- isn't thrown up by 28 the filtering process.

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So there can be no question that there's generalised 1 2 storage or generalised retention in the way that an 3 across-the-board data retention requirement, such as exists in the Member States --4 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: But is paragraph 94 concerned 5 13:04 6 with retention? It says: "In particular, legislation 7 permitting the public authorities to have access" --8 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** -- "on a generalised basis to 9 the content". 10 13:04 11 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. But there *is* no access on a 12 generalised basis to the content, Judge, having regard 13 to the fact that something must be done to extract the 14 filtered data. 15 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I was thinking of the "about" 13:05 16 communications. It was submitted that you can't filter 17 your "about" communications unless you access the 18 content. 19 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, in the filtration process you 20 can't filter out initial -- what's thrown up by the 13:05 21 process, Judge, includes "about" communications, if 22 you're talking about Upstream, which is less than 10% of the method of collection. And undoubtedly, a 23 computer does the exercise of reviewing, however it 24 25 happens, the data to extract the "to", the "from" or 13:05 the information that might include "about". That's not 26 27 done by any analyst or any human. And the stream of 28 information - which somebody described it as the data 29 in the pipe - is not being retained or being accessed

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So I think what the court is looking at in the first 4 5 instance is generalised accessing, generalised storage. 13:06 6 And that is not what's happening, Judge, in this 7 regime. Paragraph 93 is dealing with storage, 8 paragraph 94 is dealing with generalised access to the content. And while I appreciate that the argument may 9 have been made that the retrieval process involves 10 13:06 11 reviewing a mass of data, that's something quite 12 different, in my submission, to what the court is looking to address at paragraph 94. 13

Then critically, Judge, paragraph 95 is the paragraph 13:07
 that addresses remedies and is the paragraph that
 encompasses the EU law position on standing. So
 paragraph 95 provides:

20 "Likewise, legislation not providing for any 21 possibility for an individual to pursue legal remedies 22 in order to have access to personal data relating to 23 him, or to obtain the rectification or erasure of such 24 data, does not respect the essence of the fundamental 25 right to effective... protection, as enshrined in 26 Article 47 of the Charter."

And I'm skipping on to the next sentence:

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"The very existence of effective judicial review designed to ensure compliance with provisions of EU law is inherent in the existence of the rule of law."

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5 And various authorities are cited, Judge, that are well 13:08 6 established, including **Johnston**. Now, Judge, in our 7 submission, when it comes on to looking at the Data Protection Commissioner's decision, she's misunderstood 8 the position on standing both as a matter of European 9 law and as a matter of American law. Because as a 10 13:08 11 matter of European law, the standing rules are 12 encompassed by the reference at paragraph 95 to Article 47 of the Charter. It's well established as a matter 13 14 of European law that standing rules are to be 15 determined by the Member States, or remedies to be 13:08 16 determined by the Member States, *subject* - subject, of 17 course - to what are generally referred to as the twin principles of equivalence and effectiveness; you must 18 19 provide the same remedy for somebody seeking to invoke 20 an EU right as a domestic law right and your remedy 13:09 21 must be effective, in that there is -- you're not left 22 without any possibility to pursue a legal remedy.

And if one applies that test then to the Data Protection Commissioner's decision, it's clear that she 13:09 has misunderstood that, Judge. And in that regard, I'm going to ask the court at this stage to come on to the data protection draft decision, and when I've done that, I'll open briefly two authorities in relation to

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1 standing, **Digital Rights Ireland**, which helpfully 2 summarises the law in relation to standing in McKechnie J's judgment, including the paragraph on 3 Unibet, and a decision that isn't in the books that I'm 4 5 going to hand in to the court, which is a decision 13:10 6 called **Inuit**. And those two decisions make it quite 7 clear that you're not required to have a remedy for 8 every situation, which is what the Data Protection Commissioner, in error, seems to believe. 9

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11 Judge, if I could ask you now to turn to the draft 12 It's in book one of the pleadings, tab 18. decision. And perhaps I could just outline, before plunging into 13 14 it, what we say at a very broad level is notable from 15 the decision. It's notable for what it *doesn't* refer 13:10 16 It *doesn't* refer to the systemic protections to. 17 provided by American law and focuses only on ex post remedies. 18

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19 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: By "systemic remedies"? 20 MS. BARRINGTON: So a panoply of them: Ex ante 13:11 21 protections such as those provided by the FISC court; 22 protections provided by the foreseeability and clarity of its legislative regime and the procedures adopted 23 under the legislative regime; protections afforded by 24 the oversight mechanisms existing within American law, 25 13:11 26 including Congressional oversight, including oversight 27 from PCLOB, including institutional oversight within 28 the various bodies charged with carrying out 29 intelligence activities, including the Inspectors

General. I'm sure I'm missing quite a number of them,
 Judge, but they're all set out in Mr. Litt's letters
 and I'm going to ask the court to look at them.

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Those are all factors that are absent from the Data 5 13:11 6 Protection Commissioner's decision and which we say should've been taken into account. 7 And no 8 consideration was given to the national security context, no consideration was given to Article 47 case 9 law - on what basis exactly does the Data Protection 10 13:12 11 Commissioner think that Article 47 has been breached? 12 No consideration is given to a proportionality analysis. And Mr. Murray said 'Well, we don't need to 13 14 do a proportionality analysis, because we know already 15 from just looking at remedies, we know that the essence 13:12 of the right is impaired and, accordingly, we're not 16 17 required to do any balancing exercise'. And that, Judge, is equally, we say, an error of reasoning, in 18 19 that the national security context was absolutely to be 20 taken into account and considered. If you consider the 13:12 21 structure of the <u>Schrems</u> analysis, is there an 22 interference? Is there a justification for the 23 interference? Does it pursue a legitimate end? Is it necessary? Is it proportionate with, at the end result, 24 25 the protection of the core of a right? But you don't 13:13 26 get to a consideration of the core of the right until 27 you've carefully calibrated those various factors. 28

And Mr. Murray says 'No, no, no, we don't have to do

1 that exercise at all. We start at the end and we 2 conclude, looking only at remedies, that the core of 3 the right, the essence has been interfered with, without ever putting into the equation or into the 4 5 balance the significant factors, contextual factors', 13:13 6 which in this case are, of course, national security. 7 8 Judge, she starts her analysis insofar as the relevant issues are concerned at paragraph 43. 9 She says at paragraph 43 that her investigation's ongoing, but she 10 13:13 11 expresses her concern that even now - and I'm just 12 reading from the last lines -- I'm sorry, the court may 13 not have that yet. 14 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I have it, yes. 15 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Oh, I beg your pardon. 13:14 16 17 "It remains the case that, even now, a legal remedy compatible with Article 47 of the Charter is not 18 19 available in the US to EU citizens whose data is transferred... where it may be at risk of being 20 21 accessed and processed by US State agencies." 22 23 So that's her analysis of the issue - accessing and 24 processing by US state agencies. And she says at paragraph 44, critically: 25 13:14 26 27 "It is important to note that EU citizens are not 28 completely without redress in the US... a number of remedial mechanisms are available under US law." 29

2 So that's the starting point, we have a number of 3 remedial mechanisms. But she says there's specific and general deficiencies in those mechanisms. First, from 4 a specific perspective - it's not quite clear what that 13:15 5 6 means - from a specific perspective, the remedies are 7 fragmented and subject to limitations that impact on 8 their effectiveness to a material extent. Well, Judge, insofar as fragmentation is concerned, certainly if one 9 had a data protection regime such as one has in this 10 13:15 11 jurisdiction, you'd have one statute that deals with 12 data protection. Of course, that statute would exempt 13 national security, as the Directive does. 14 15 So it's difficult to understand the criticism that the 13:15 16 protections are fragmented. What perspective is it 17 that the Data Protection Commissioner is looking through? That that is a matter of concern. 18 They are 19 fragmented; Prof. Vladeck said there's no one meta 20 remedy. And that's true. But there are a number of 13:16 21 remedies, as she has outlined. And --22 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: We might take it up at two 23 o'clock. 24 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. Thank you, Judge. 25 MS. CAHILL: Judge, I wonder before the court rises, 13:16 26 there was a small book of documents prepared containing 27 different language versions of --28 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Oh, yes, I was going to ask you 29 about my linguistic homework.

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MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Good afternoon. 4 5 **REGISTRAR:** Matter of Data Protection Commissioner -v-14:03 Facebook Ireland Ltd. and another. 6 7 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Thank you, Judge. Judge, if I may, if 8 the court forgives me momentarily, go backwards and just say something that I perhaps should have said in 9 relation to **Schrems**, and the court needn't take it out 10 14:04 11 but paragraphs 93 and 94.

On looking at them again, Judge, I think it's clear 13 14 that paragraphs 93 and 94 are quoting from the **Digital** 15 **<u>Rights</u>** case and the **<u>Digital Rights</u>** case of course 14:04 related to a data *retention* régime, a régime whereby 16 17 the Directive imposed on companies a requirement to retain data. So I think those paragraphs are clearly 18 19 addressing a scenario where there has been a retention 20 and then accessing a storage of retained data. 14:04

And I should perhaps also have said, Judge, there is no such equivalent provision in American law, there isn't a generalised data retention obligation imposed on companies such as was to be found in the Data Retention 14:04 Directive.

28Now, Judge, if I may take up where I was in the Draft29Decision, I think I was looking at paragraph 45 page 20

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1 and the Data Protection Commissioner's concerns set out 2 there that the remedies were fragmented and didn't 3 apply in every situation. And I was emphasising in the first instance. Judge, the fact that many of the 4 5 American remedies that we're concerned with predate the 14:05 6 European data protection régime. We know that we have 7 the FISA Act, it's 1978; the Privacy Act is '74; the 8 Wiretap Act is '68; and ECPA '86, I think Prof. Richards described as a far-sighted measure then. 9 10 14:05 So it can come as no surprise that the sectoral 11 12 protections afforded by American law don't perfectly mirror the postdated European data protection régime. 13 14 15 Judge, she then goes on to address what she describes 14:06 16 as the limitations of the remedies she acknowledges do 17 exist and they are set out, Judge, at paragraph 47. 18 19 I don't propose going through them at any great, in any great detail. The court will have seen from 20 14:06 21 Mr. Serwin's evidence the issues that arise here, but 22 to say perhaps briefly this: 47(1) deals with 18 USC The limitation identified there by the Data 23 2712. 24 Protection Commissioner was the wilfulness requirement. The court will recall that Prof. Richards acknowledged 25 14:06 26 that this is a common thread throughout civil remedies 27 envisaged where action is being taken against a 28 government. And of course, if you think back to this 29 jurisdiction, it doesn't come as any huge surprise

either, the threshold seems to be lower than the 1 2 **Glencar** threshold that would apply here for breach of 3 statutory duty, it's not a mala fides requirement. **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** And what's the EU threshold? 4 MS. BARRINGTON: Well, there isn't an EU threshold. 5 14:07 6 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Oh because you are saying 7 standing is determined by the national states? 8 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, I am saying standing is 9 determined by the national states subject to effectiveness. 10 14:07 11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 12 But these are particular Member State MS. BARRINGTON: remedies. 13 14 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 15 **MS. BARRINGTON:** So there isn't a counter part --14:07 16 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 17 MS. BARRINGTON: -- in the national security context in European law. Because of course the Directive, as we 18 19 know, excludes national security and doesn't provide 20 for a code of remedies. 14:07 21 22 So wilfulness is the problem she identifies there, 23 again seemingly coming at it from the perspective that 24 there must be an access to the court without these kind 25 of remedial requirements which would apply in this 14:08 26 jurisdiction. 27 28 At 47(2) she addresses USC 2712. At 47(3) she comes 29 back to or rather she addresses 50 USC 1810, that's the

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1 protection provided in the FISA Act, and there she 2 makes this statement that "the utility of pursuing individual officers might be questionable", something 3 which, as Ms. Hyland explored with Mr. Serwin, wasn't 4 5 in his report and something which Prof. Vladeck dealt 14:09 6 with in his evidence and in his report where he indicated that the US government would almost certainly 7 8 offer an indemnity to an officer defendant. But recoverability isn't necessarily the issue, that's a 9 question of is your defendant a mark, and she seems to 10 14:09 11 have strayed in that territory, that you must have a 12 damages action and you must have a damages action where your defendant is a mark. 13

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15 At 47(4) she addresses the notice requirement and the 14:09 facility to bring a motion to suppress on foot of a 16 17 notice in criminal proceedings provided for in the FISA Act, 50 USC 1806, and she says of that well that's just 18 a defensive protection for the individual in 19 administrative and judicial proceedings. But, as we 20 14:10 21 have seen, Judge, from the extensive array of case law 22 opened to the court, such motions have given rise to consideration of constitutional issues. Prof. Vladeck 23 says so in his report at paragraph 86 and he cites a 24 25 number of examples, the case of **United States** -v-14:10 26 **Mohamud** that was opened to the court but also 27 Hasbajrami and Muhtorov, cases where motions to 28 suppress were brought and where the underlying 29 constitutionality of 702 was considered which allowed

Prof. Vladeck to say that these motions permitted
 access to a merits or substantive review.

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But equally, Judge, in our submission we make the point 4 that they equally provide an important deterrent 5 14:11 6 effect, as do the criminal sanctions put in place, and 7 they are part of, if they are to be considered by the 8 Data Protection Commissioner, one wonders why she cuts off at that point in the consideration of perhaps 9 10 slightly more peripheral issues. There are others 14:11 11 equally that she should have had regard to.

At paragraph 51, Judge, she makes a reference to, and 13 14 that's over the page, page 23, she makes a reference to 15 Executive Order 12333. She says that the available 14:11 remedies don't deal with certain legal bases such as 16 17 Executive Order 12333. Now again, Judge, that's Because the court will recall 18 something of a puzzle. 19 that on Day 2 Mr. Collins said, and if you look at my 20 book of excerpts from the transcripts, I think it's at 14:12 21 Tab 2, if the court has that, Tab 2 line 19. He is 22 dealing with Section 702 and he says, it goes on then 23 to say:

"I think as a broad principle one can say that actual 14:12
intelligence activities that take place <u>outside</u> the
United States I <u>think</u> are conducted pursuant to
Executive Order 12333, with which we're not really
concerned, because we're only concerned with what

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1 happens to data when it goes to the US and how is it 2 processed or accessed within the US. So we're not 3 actually concerned that much with Executive Order 12333." 4 5 14:13 6 And I agree entirely with Mr. Collins, save to say the DPC is not concerned at all with Executive Order 12333. 7 8 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Does that cover the transit data? 9 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, then the experts obviously 10 14:13 11 addressed and Prof. Swire addressed this question of 12 the Transit Authority and I think it is important to consider what was said about that. It's in the joint 13 14 expert report at page 12, point 12. And this, I think, 15 was a point that was raised by Ms. Gorski taking issue 14:13 16 with Prof. Swire's statement that 12333 didn't apply to 17 collection within the US. "And the experts then agreed", if the court has that. 18 19 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 20 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Looking at the ultimate right-hand 14:14 21 column: 22 23 "The experts agree the Transit Authority under 24 Executive Order 12333 is an exception to the general rule that 12333 applies to collection only outside the 25 14:14 26 The expert's understanding is that Transit US. 27 Authority would apply, for instance, to an e-mail that 28 went from a foreign origin across the 29 telecommunications network within the US without having

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1 a US destination and then went to a foreign 2 Transit Authority would likely not apply destination. 3 to the e-mail if its destination was a corporate server within the US that forwarded the e-mail to a 4 destination outside the US." 5 14:14 6 7 And then it goes on to deal with radio, and I think we 8 all know at least we're not dealing with radio communications. But neither, Judge, are we dealing 9 10 with Transit Authority because this is a case where, 14:15 11 the court will recall Mr. Schrems is complaining about the transfer of his information to Facebook Inc. and to 12 servers in the United States. The experts are agreed 13 14 that Transit Authority is foreign-to-foreign transit 15 and not stopping in the United States as Mr. Schrems' 14:15 16 data is. 17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Just to make sure I have got 18 this straight. 19 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 20 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So if he is using his Facebook 14:15 21 account, which is through Facebook Ireland, to, let's 22 say, communicate with a friend in Germany; it may be 23 that it's transferred by Facebook Ireland to Facebook Inc. and because it's arriving in Facebook Inc. in the 24 25 United States you are saying it's therefore outside the 14:15 26 remit of 12333? 27 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 28 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Okay. I just want to make sure I got your argument straight. 29

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MS. BARRINGTON: I am saying when it's in the United States it's governed exclusively by 702, and Transit Authority has crept in to this case as a refinement by Ms. Gorski of the statement that: "For collection in the US any other authority such as Executive Order 14:16 12333 does not apply".

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8 And it's a refinement Prof. Swire agreed to of that statement but it doesn't in fact deal with the 9 situation that *this* court is concerned with which is 10 14:16 11 Mr. Schrems' data lands in Facebook Inc. and what does 12 the US government do with it then is his concern. And, accordingly, 12333 in our respectful submission, and 13 14 the Data Protection Commissioner and Mr. Collins seems 15 to agree, is simply irrelevant. If that's so, one 14:16 16 wonders why it's in the Data Protection Commissioner's 17 decision because she certainly doesn't deal with Transit Authority and doesn't suggest any basis upon 18 19 which it might be contended that this executive order 20 is of relevance, not a matter that Mr. Serwin I think 14:17 21 dealt with in his report.

So, Judge, the overarching issue she then goes on to
address at paragraphs 52 and 53 is one of standing.
And at paragraph 54, having set out the American
standing rules, and I don't think anybody has any
particular disagreement with the articulation, so far,
of her understanding of the three prongs of the
standing rules. And then she says at paragraph 54:

1 "On their terms, I consider that these requirements 2 appear to be incompatible with EU law in circumstances, 3 where as a matter of EU law. it is not necessary to demonstrate an adverse consequence as a result of an 4 interference with Article 7 and 8 of the Charter." 5 14:18 6 7 And she brings that back to paragraph 87 of the 8 judgment in Schrems. 9 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. **MS. BARRINGTON:** So that's her first major conclusion 10 14:18 11 and, as we have seen, Judge, here, in our submission, 12 she is comparing oranges and apples because she is comparing the American standing rules with the Court of 13 14 Justice's articulation of the first step in identifying 15 a breach which is an interference, without necessity to 14:18 show an adverse consequence, but standing is not being 16 17 defined by paragraph 87. 18 19 And then she goes on, Judge, at paragraph 55 to deal 20 with her understanding of the standing requirements 14:19 21 applicable under US law and she says they would operate 22 to: "Limit an individual's capacity to access a remedy." 23 24 And she gives us an example, **Clapper -v- Amnesty**, the 25 14:19 26 Supreme Court **Clapper**, and at the end of the paragraph 27 she says: 28 "I consider is that such an approach is not 29

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reconcilable with that outlined in <u>Schrems</u> where the Court of Justice made it clear that a claimant cannot be required to demonstrate that harm has in fact been suffered as a result of the interference alleged."

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6 So again a suggestion that she understands that 7 standing rules, domestic standing rules, if that's her 8 understanding, well either, that European law has fixed standing rules or that domestic standing rules have 9 been altered by **Schrems** in a manner such as to mandate 10 14:19 11 the bringing, the permissibility of claims such as 12 Clapper -v- Amnesty. So does that mean, because we know that the Supreme Court in **Clapper -v- Amnesty** 13 14 identified five degrees of speculation, is it being 15 said by the Data Protection Commissioner that European 14:20 law requires that the Member States permit of 16 17 speculative claims, because that surely can't be what she is saying. And yet, when one studies that 18 19 paragraph, it's the Clapper -v- Amnesty Supreme Court 20 speculative claim, the second prong of the 14:20 21 injury-in-fact and not the first prong, that seems to 22 be of concern to the Data Protection Commissioner. 23 24 And she concludes on this issue at paragraph 56.

- 25MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:By the second prong you mean14:2026actual or imminent?27MS. BARRINGTON:Yes.Sorry, I should have said the
- 28 second part of the first prong. At paragraph 56 she
 29 concludes on this point, saying the Federal Rules of

1 Procedure Rule 11 also pose the requirements that they 2 pose and she says: 3 "Taken with the analysis by the court in **Clapper** in 4 5 connection with the making of 'speculative' claims 14:21 6 regarding alleged violations of privacy rights, the 7 Federal Rules of Procedure would appear to preclude the 8 bringing of precisely the kind of complaint now before me." 9 10 14:21 11 So it certainly suggests that she believes that 12 European law requires a complaint such as Mr. Schrems' complaint to be considered to be one that must be 13 14 heard, irrespective of a degree of speculation. 15 14:22 16 Rule 11, Judge --17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Just to get, I want to make sure I'm not getting confused here, so my apologies if I'm 18 19 slowing you down. 20 No, please. MS. BARRINGTON: 14:22 21 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** She is dealing with a complaint 22 made by a data subject in the EU. 23 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 24 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Now there's no question of 25 standing in relation to a complaint to her, is there? 14:22 26 MS. BARRINGTON: NO. 27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So were you saying that, 28 I thought you were saying there was something about a 29 complaint made to her had a standing point vis-à-vis

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1 the standing in the United States?

MS. BARRINGTON: NO.

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3 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** I think I misunderstood you there.

5 **MS. BARRINGTON:** I beg your pardon, Judge. What she 14:22 6 says at the end of paragraph 56 is that American rules 7 would appear to preclude the bringing of the kind of 8 complaint before her. So...

9 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: But American rules that she's
 10 been discussing there are standing for going to court; 14:22
 11 isn't that right?

12 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes.

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And you say she is saying there
 that, she is comparing American standing rules for
 access to court with bringing an application before 14:23
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17 **MS. BARRINGTON:** No.

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: -- as a data commissioner?
 MS. BARRINGTON: I think what the is saying is a

20 complaint such as Mr. Schrems' mightn't be permitted to 14:23
21 getting into court in the United States.

22 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.

23 MS. BARRINGTON: If that's so, that's a breach of

24 European law, presumably because European law mandates,

25 makes mandatory the requirement that claims such as
26 this should be able to get into court.

27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Get into court, not just get to 28 her?

29 MS. BARRINGTON: No, no, get to court. And what does

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1 that mean? Does that mean European law in her view 2 sets the parameters of standing rules, because it 3 doesn't, or that European law has adjusted domestic standing rules such that they must allow of claims that 4 are speculative in nature. But none of that is spelled 14:24 5 6 out, Judge, in her decision but that seems to flow from her emphasis on Amnesty -v- Clapper, second part of 7 8 first limb of the standing test. And she marries that with Rule 11 and says 'well this keeps you out of 9 court'. And again, like the reference to 12333, one 10 14:24 11 can only wonder, especially having regard to the 12 evidence that the court has heard, where the concern in relation to Rule 11 in practice arises from because we 13 14 know Mr. Serwin doesn't practice in the area and those 15 who do practice in the area have said, including 14:24 Prof. Vladeck, that it's never, he has never known of 16 17 the filing of a Rule 11 application for sanctions in a surveillance action. That's consistent with my 18 19 instructions, that the government hasn't ever filed for 20 such sanctions. And certainly, insofar as the chilling 14:25 21 effect is concerned, Mr. Serwin with all due respect to 22 him can't be chilled, because he doesn't do it anyway, 23 but he did acknowledge that this was, I think in response to Ms. Hyland, a vibrant and active space 24 25 having regard to the litigation in the area in the last 14:25 26 five years. Equally Ms. Gorski wasn't chilled by Rule 27 11.

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So it does appear to be a completely academic and

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1 concern unrelated to practice in this area at all and 2 yet that is cited with Supreme Court **Clapper** as being one of the reasons to consider that the remedial 3 landscape in the United States doesn't comply with the 4 5 Charter. 14:26 6 7 And, Judge, if I could just, having done that, what is 8 admittedly, I think, a whistle-stop tour of the decision, turn to the question of standing and I'm 9 10 going to ask the court to look briefly at **Digital** 14:26 11 **Rights Ireland** - sorry, I mean by that the Irish 12 decision - and it's in Book 2 of the core books at 13 Tab 19, Judge. 14 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I'm taking it that that's Book 2 15 of the EU authorities? 14:26 16 MS. BARRINGTON: Book 2 of the EU authorities, thank 17 you, Judge. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And the tab again, sorry? 18 19 MS. BARRINGTON: And it's Tab 19, Judge. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you. 20 14:27 21 MS. BARRINGTON: Judge, I'm not going to take the court 22 through the whole background to the case, but it was 23 the genesis of the challenge to the Data Retention Directive brought by Digital Rights Ireland and one of 24 the main features of the judgment of McKechnie J was 25 14:27 26 the consideration of the issue of whether Digital 27 Rights Ireland had standing. 28 29 It should of course be noted in this regard that in

1 Schrems 1 the Data Protection Commissioner also took a 2 standing point against Mr. Schrems which was determined 3 by Hogan J. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: In his favour, presumably? 4 In his favour. 5 MS. BARRINGTON: 14:27 6 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Or we wouldn't have gone 7 anywhere. 8 MS. BARRINGTON: In his favour, but it wasn't suggested by the Data Protection Commissioner that there was any 9 breach of the Charter on his part at the time. 10 14:27 11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I know it's a corporation but 12 I also understand it's a different person involved. 13 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. The standing issue, Judge, is 14 addressed at paragraph 30 page 266. Of course the 15 starting point was a consideration of **Cahill -v- Sutton** 14:28 16 and it is perhaps useful to take a step back and to 17 consider the standing rules in this jurisdiction in **Cahill -v- Sutton** where a person is required to show 18 that his interests have been: "Adversely affected or 19 20 stand in real or imminent danger of being adversely 14:28 21 affected by the operation of a statute." 22 23 Language which is certainly not a million miles from 24 the second part of the first limb of the American 25 standing rules. 14:29 26 27 Then, Judge, the court goes on to consider at 28 paragraph 44 onwards the question of whether European 29 law affects the standing rules. And at page 275,

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1 paragraph 44 of the judgment of McKechnie J, he refers 2 to the decision in Johnston, which the court will 3 remember is referred to at paragraph 95 of **Schrems**, and is one of the key European standing basic principle 4 cases. McKechnie J quotes from that, and I'm reading 5 14:29 6 from the quotation in paragraph 44 --MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 7 **MS. BARRINGTON:** -- in the Court of Justice: "While it 8 is, in principle, for national law to determine an 9 individual's standing and legal interest in bringing 10 14:29 11 proceedings, Community law nevertheless requires that 12 national legislation does not undermine the right to effective judicial protection and the application of 13 14 national legislation cannot render virtually impossible 15 the exercise of the rights conferred by Community law." 14:30 16 17 So that's a matter for domestic law subject to the oversight of the principle of effectiveness. 18 19 20 And more recently the significant decision in Unibet is 14:30 21 then referred to. And I look down at paragraph 38, 22 Judge: 23 24 "Under the principle of cooperation laid down in Article 10 - that's of the Treaty - it is for the 25 14:30 26 Member States to ensure judicial protection of an 27 individual's right under Community law." 28 And at paragraph 41: "It would be otherwise only if it 29

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1 were apparent from the overall scheme of the national 2 legal system in question that no to legal remedy 3 existed which made it possible to ensure. even indirectly, respect for an individual's rights under 4 Community law. 5 14:31 6 7 42. Thus, while it is, in principle, for national law 8 to determine an individual's standing and legal interest in bringing proceedings, Community law 9 nevertheless requires that the national legislation 10 14:31 11 does not undermine the right to effective legal 12 protection." MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Judicial? 13 14 MS. BARRINGTON: I beg your pardon, "effective judicial 15 protection". Then at paragraph 45 McKechnie J says: 14:31 16 17 "In summary, the court held that the principle of effective judicial protection is a general principle of 18 community law, which flowed from the common traditions 19 of the member states, and the member states must ensure 14:31 20 21 judicial protection of an individual's rights under 22 community law. National procedural rules must therefore not undermine this right to effective 23 judicial protection." 24 25 14:31 26 So a number of things are very clear, Judge, from 27 Unibet. It's a question of whether there is no legal 28 remedy existing which makes it possible to ensure, even 29 indirectly, a respect for an individual's rights and

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1 that's then subject to the overarching supervision of 2 the principle of effectiveness.

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Judge, the **Inuit** decision I'm going to hand into the 4 court (SAME HANDED TO THE COURT). That's a Grand 5 14:32 6 Chamber decision. That, Judge, was an appeal to the Court of Justice from the General Court. 7 What had 8 happened was that an application had been brought by a number of applicants, a number of them, all involved in 9 10 the trade in seal products. They were looking, Judge, 14:33 11 to challenge the validity of an EU legislative measure 12 before the General Court and the guestion was whether they met the EU standing rules as provided for in 13 14 Article 263 of the Treaty of European Union which 15 required that they satisfy the requirement of direct 14:34 16 and individual concern. And the General Court had held 17 that, notwithstanding the fact that they were involved in trade in seal products, they didn't have the 18 19 standing to challenge the European measure which 20 prohibited sale in seal products, broadly, save in 14:34 certain limited circumstances. 21

23 And they brought an appeal against that decision and 24 the court will see at paragraph 23 what they said was 25 that, or rather what the General Court had said at 14:34 26 paragraph 23 that:

"while the four appellants involved are active in placing on the market seal products supplied by the

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1 Inuit and non-Inuit hunters and trappers. They are in 2 that capacity concerned by the contested regulation in 3 the same way as any other trader who places seal products on the market. Even if those appellants are 4 covered not only by the general prohibition but also by 14:35 5 6 the exception in relation to the products of Inuit origin that's not sufficient to distinguish them 7 8 individually in the same way as the addressee of a decision and accordingly the action was inadmissible." 9 10 14:35 11 So even though they had an interest, they were active 12 in the area or covered by the EU measure, the question was were they sufficiently directly affected and the 13 14 General Court said no. The grounds of appeal are set 15 out at paragraph 30 at the top of the next page, 14:35 including the third ground referred to there that the 16 17 General Court had disregarded Article 47 of the Charter and the provisions of the Convention which guarantee an 18 19 effective remedy. I am just reading, Judge... 20 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Sorry, which page was that? 14:35 21 MS. BARRINGTON: I beg your pardon, from the top of 22 page 9 of 22. 23 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: First part of the first ground 24 of appeal. 25 MS. BARRINGTON: First paragraph. It's paragraph 30, 14:36 26 Judge. 27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 30, thank you. 28 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Two lines down "the third ground of 29 appeal" and that's the only ground of appeal, Judge,

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that I think this court needs to consider, and the 1 2 judgment of the court then dealing with this issue 3 starts at page 19 paragraph 97. And there the court addresses the impact --4 5 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Sorry, my pages are different to 14:36 6 yours. 7 I beg your pardon, Judge. MS. BARRINGTON: 8 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Paragraph 97? **MS. BARRINGTON:** Paragraph 97. I think I'm the only 9 10 one working from a different version. 14:36 11 12 At paragraph 97 the court says: "Having regard to the protection conferred by Article 47 of the Charter, it 13 14 must be observed that that article is not intended to 15 change the system of judicial review laid down by the 14:36 16 Treaties, and particularly the rules relating to the 17 admissibility of direct actions brought before the Courts of the European Union, as is apparent from the 18 19 Explanation to Article 47 of the Charter." 20 14:37 21 The court then goes on to express the standard 22 principle that, at paragraph 100, it's a matter for the 23 Member States: "To establish a system of legal 24 remedies and procedures which ensure respect for the 25 fundamental right to effective judicial protection." 14:37 26 27 Paragraph 102: "In the absence of European rules 28 governing the matter, it is for the domestic legal 29 system of each Member State to designate, with due

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observance to the requirements of the principles of 1 2 effectiveness and equivalence, the courts and tribunals 3 with jurisdiction and to lay down the detailed procedural rules governing actions brought to safeguard 4 rights which individuals derive from European law." 5 14:37 6 Then at paragraph 103 the court says that "the Treaty 7 8 is not", and I'm just looking at line 3, Judge: "Intended to create new remedies before the national 9 courts to ensure the observance of European Union law 10 14:38 11 other than those already laid down by national law." 12 Citing Unibet: "104. The position would be otherwise 13

only if the structure of the domestic legal system 14 15 concerned were such that there was no remedy making it 14:38 possible, even indirectly, to ensure respect for the 16 17 rights which individuals derive from European Union law, or again if the sole means of access to the court 18 19 was available to parties who were compelled to act unlawfullv." 20 14:38

And, accordingly, insofar as it was contended that there was a remedial gap which had to be filled in by Article 47 of the Charter, the Court of Justice said no, upheld the General Court and declared the applicants' case to be inadmissible.

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And, Judge, those are fundamental principles of
European law. How they interact with the Data

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1 Protection Commissioner's decision is a matter that is 2 simply not apparent from her decision. Because, as 3 Mr. Collins put it on a number of occasions, it was certainly suggested that the American standing rules 4 didn't comply with Article 87. And yet we know that as 14:39 5 6 a matter of European law standing rules are a question 7 for domestic law, subject only to the effectiveness. 8 And effectiveness is something that kicks in only when there's no remedy, not even an indirect remedy, that's 9 available, and the Charter isn't designed to fill gaps 10 14:39 11 in the remedial landscape.

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But we also know from the Data Protection 13 14 Commissioner's own decision, if nothing else, that the 15 American remedial landscape is not one that provides 14:40 for no remedies. On the contrary, she says herself 16 17 there are remedies but she views them as problematic because there are limitations. And that, Judge, 18 19 simply, on the basis of the case law, doesn't meet the 20 threshold for getting the oversight of the principle of 14:40 21 effectiveness. We assume, Judge, that that was her 22 view, that somehow the remedial landscape was such that 23 Article 47 was engaged and breached because the principle of effective judicial protection was called 24 into play because there was no remedy. That can be the 14:40 25 only valid European law logic, but that's not what she 26 27 says. She says there isn't a remedy in every case. 28 And if you match Unibet and Inuit to her statement that 29 there must be a remedy in every case, the two don't

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fit. So from a European law perspective, Judge, we
 submit there's a problem in her analysis.

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And then of course, Judge, you have to consider well is 4 5 she right insofar as what she is saying that American 14:41 6 law imposes requirements that mandate a demonstration 7 of an adverse consequence. It's not a standing issue, 8 it's an interference with the right issue. If she is saying well the two are interlinked, American law 9 10 requires you to show something that European law says 14:42 11 you don't have to show, and therefore you are unlawfully precluded, if that's the logic, equally 12 there, Judge, we say she is mistaken in her 13 14 understanding. And one can only try to work out what 15 her reasoning is because it is certainly not spelled 14:42 out in these terms. But, if that's the complaint, the 16 17 evidence falls far short in our submission of establishing that the US standing rules are deficient 18 19 in the manner contended for.

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21 And I will say something very briefly about the 22 standing rules, and I don't propose going into the 23 detail, Judge, of the evidence or the case law because so much has been said already. I think, Judge, it can 24 be fairly be said first that it is accepted by the 25 26 experts that the standing rules stem from Article III of the Constitution. The application of the 27 28 injury-in-fact leg of the standing requirement may be 29 fact dependent, the outcome may be difficult to

predict, but the DPC's own experts - I suppose this is
the second point - acknowledge that legal challenges to
surveillance over the past five years have been a
vibrant active space. That's what Mr. Serwin says at
Day 9 question 303, it's in our book of extracts, but 14:43
I don't propose asking the court to open it.

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8 Third, in order to satisfy the injury-in-fact requirement it's not inevitably necessary to 9 demonstrate an additional harm or adverse consequence 10 14:43 11 beyond the interference itself. And that's readily 12 apparent, Judge, from the decision in ACLU -v- Clapper, Second Circuit **Clapper**. There we know that the Court 13 14 of Appeals had no difficulty in acknowledging the 15 plaintiffs' standing where the US government had 14:44 16 purported to rely on FISA to collect data and the court 17 held that the injury flowed from the very collection of their data. 18

20 Now Mr. Murray said 'oh but they were making a 14:44 21 constitutional claim in that case', but the court has heard Prof. Vladeck's response to that, that one must 22 23 view this issue from the prism of standing and not from 24 ultimately the merits point and the court considered as a matter of standing that the injury-in-fact 25 14:44 26 requirement was met by the collection of the data. The 27 fact that the European plaintiffs in similar situations 28 might not be in a position to *invoke* the Fourth 29 Amendment doesn't impact on the standing analysis.

1 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Would that not come to another 2 parts of the standing analysis, and I fully confess 3 I may have got this wrong so definitely correct me, where you have to have a redressable injury and if you 4 are suing for a constitutional right that you don't 5 14:45 6 have is it redressable? 7 MS. BARRINGTON: Well, that's a second... 8 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I know we have move on from the four bits of injury. 9 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. I think the Data Protection 10 14:45 11 Commissioner's issue, if this is a correct analysis, is 12 that paragraph 87 of **Schrems** says you don't have to The Data Protection 13 show an adverse consequence. 14 Commissioner appears to be contending that as a matter 15 of US law, to satisfy the injury-in-fact limb 1 part 1, 14:45 16 you do have to show an adverse consequence and 17 accordingly there's a mismatch between the two and therefore a breach of the Charter. 18 19 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** And are you saying I have to 20 confine myself to the issues she arises in her Draft 14:46 21 Decision or can I look at the issues that have been 22 canvassed throughout the hearing? 23 MS. BARRINGTON: Well, the court, and I think Mr. Murray touched upon this, that the court does look 24 25 at the decision because that's where you find the well 14:46 founded concerns. 26 27 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** What I am saying is, if there 28 are other well founded concerns in my opinion that have 29 been raised during the course of this hearing but which

are not spelled out in the Draft Decision, where does 1 2 that leave me? 3 MS. BARRINGTON: Well, I think the Data Protection Commissioner under the **Schrems** test is the person who 4 has the obligation to bring the well founded concerns 5 14:46 6 to the court and the court must consider those 7 concerns. 8 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. **MS. BARRINGTON:** And is circumscribed, Judge, by those 9 10 Those are... concerns. 14:47 11 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** So you are saying, if there are 12 concerns, hypothetical, if there are concerns that have been thrown up in the light of the exchanges that have 13 been taken place during the course of this hearing 14 which are not actually identified in her Draft 15 14:47 Decision. I can't use those concerns as a valid grounds 16 17 for considering whether or not to make a reference? **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, if you look back at paragraph, 18 19 and I'm not asking the court to open it up, Judge. 20 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm. 14:47 21 MS. BARRINGTON: If you look back at paragraph 67 of 22 Schrems - 65 of Schrems. 23 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: No, I understand that Schrems says that, the national authority first raises the 24 25 concerns and brings them to the court. 14:47 26 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: It's a different point which 28 they haven't expressly addressed. 29 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Yes. I think that's probably correct.

1 What Schrems envisages is that the court *share* the 2 doubts --

3 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm.

4 **MS. BARRINGTON:** -- as to the validity of the decision.

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5 So I think...

6 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So is the obligation of the 7 court to confine its question of doubts to what's put 8 before it by the national authority or if the court of 9 its own motion has doubts from the hearing.

10 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes.

11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Because obviously in references to the Court of Justice, the court can do them of its 12 own motion as well as on application of the parties. 13 14 MS. BARRINGTON: The court can do it of its own motion, 15 refer of its own motion, undoubtedly, Judge. The court 14:48 must share doubts as to the validity of the decision. 16 17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm.

MS. BARRINGTON: So the court must have doubts, but the sharing of the doubts, Judge, would suggest that the court must consider the doubts that have been brought to it --

22 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.

MS. BARRINGTON: -- and decide whether it shares those
particular doubts, that's what the wording of paragraph
65 certainly suggests; although of course the court in 14:48
general in reference scenarios could decide whether it
wished to refer because a reference is necessary for
its decision, which is a different test. So the court
may consider in the normal course that it wishes to

1 refer, notwithstanding the fact that the parties 2 haven't asked it because it decides it has an issue of 3 concern. 4 Here I suppose the unusual, it's an unusual 5 14:49 6 jurisdiction that's defined by Schrems and defined, it 7 would seem, in a way that requires the court to 8 consider the concerns that have been brought to it and to consider whether it shares those concerns. 9 10 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 14:49 11 But, coming back to standing, Judge, MS. BARRINGTON: 12 if I may. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 13 Hmm. 14 MS. BARRINGTON: Insofar as the concern on her part was, first, the requirement to demonstrate something 15 14:49 over and above the interference. the court will of 16 17 course carefully consider all of the evidence that has been heard, but will recall that the Plaintiffs had 18 19 standing in ACLU -v- Clapper, will recall that 20 Prof. Richards in his own evidence indicated that, in 14:50 21 the statutory context, he accepted that proof of an 22 interference in and of itself was sufficient to meet the injury-in-fact leg without any requirement to 23 demonstrate additional harm. We've put the extracts 24 from his evidence on Day 8, Judge, into the - I think 25 14:50 it's Tab 5 of the book. I'm not going to go through it 26 27 now, Judge, but the court will note in particular what 28 he says at page 125 and in particular at page 132, question 408, in relation to 1810 where he acknowledged 29

that a standing issue didn't arise in relation to the statutory context that this court is principally concerned with because the wrongful use of the data met the injury-in-fact requirement.

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And Prof. Vladeck, Judge, didn't demur from his view, 6 7 which is to be found at paragraph 95 of his report, 8 that where EU citizens can marshal plausible grounds to say that the US government has collected, will collect 9 10 or is maintaining records relating to them in a 14:51 11 government database they will likely have standing to 12 sue. And he said, and people have articulated this in different ways and it is, I think, difficult, but he 13 14 also said at Day 12 page 54 that acquisition and 15 dissemination by government was a harm. 14:52

So if the concern is you have to show an adverse, something beyond the interference itself, and that that's not compatible with European law, the evidence doesn't seem to support that proposition in the context 14:52 that this court has to deal with.

23 Now, **Spokeo**, Judge. I must say my clients were surprised at the significance that **Spokeo** took on in 24 this court, and it's not referred to in the Data 25 14:52 Protection Commissioner's decision. 26 I think it must be 27 assumed, on the basis of the fact that Mr. Serwin had 28 already provided his memo two weeks earlier, that the Data Protection Commissioner, who issued her decision 29

the day of the second memorandum, proposed to issue it
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Spokeo has nothing to do with surveillance. 4 It's not an action brought against the government, Prof. Vladeck 14:53 5 6 said that was a significant matter. Prof. Vladeck said 7 at Day 12 page 48 it's a very "narrow" decision, 8 doesn't change the standing test. We know from Lujan 9 what the standing test was. In any event **Spokeo** held that a bare violation of a procedural right granted by 10 14:53 11 statute can be sufficient to constitute injury-in-fact once it's concrete and particularised. And of course 12 the ultimate outcome of **Spokeo** was that the matter was 13 14 remitted for further consideration as to whether or not 15 what had occurred *did* meet the concrete and 14:54 16 particularised test.

The decision restates in our submission the 18 19 pre-existing requirements that the injury be concrete 20 and particularised. And one can only echo the views 14:54 21 that the court cannot but have noted of Judge Donato in 22 the Gullen -v- Facebook case that Mr. Murray introduced 23 where she, I think she, said **Spokeo** impressed her for 24 its utter lack of novelty. And, Judge, while there may 25 be an argument that in other contexts **Spokeo** has caused 14:54 26 some recalibration where there is a statutory cause of 27 action and you might assume, based on the statutory 28 provision, that you meet the standing requirements, that doesn't, on the evidence, seem to be a factor in 29

this context: The height seem to be Prof. Swire saying that there was a *colourable* argument, that in privacy cases you had to show more than the statutorily, if that's a word, prohibited act. But that was an argument he didn't agree with himself and he said that 14:55 at Day 11 page 125.

8 So it can't be said, Judge, in our submission that the evidence has demonstrated that the American rules in 9 10 standing impair the essence of a Charter right. 14:55 11 Because they don't in fact, in this context, seem to go 12 beyond paragraph 87 of **Schrems**, even assuming that 13 that's the appropriate comparator and it only can be 14 once you get through the paragraph 95 standing issue in 15 the first place. 14:55

17 Insofar as Amnesty -v- Clapper is concerned, and Rule 18 11, Judge, I'm not going to detain the court further on 19 that, simply to say that Rule 11 simply doesn't arise 20 as an issue on the evidence; and Amnesty -v- Clapper is 14:56 21 dealing with the other leg, the second part of the 22 first limb of the standing test and it surely can't be being suggested that EU law requires claims that 23 24 involve five degrees of speculation to be mandatory in the Member States. 25 14:56

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28 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Well just to tease that one out.
29 I mean the Court of Justice didn't seem to have any

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difficulty with Mr. Schrems, I'm just imagining 1 2 Mr. Schrems was the plaintiff in what we have been 3 calling Supreme Court **Clapper**. MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 4 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Now he clearly didn't have any 5 14:56 6 problem with standing in the Court of Justice and I know it was a reference. 7 8 MS. BARRINGTON: He doesn't have an issue, yes. 9 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** No, he does have standing. Не was accepted here in Ireland. 10 14:57 11 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. 12 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** The issue of [inaudible] was accepted and the Court of Justice didn't raise any 13 14 point that this was speculative or shouldn't be 15 considered. 14:57 16 MS. BARRINGTON: But that's not a matter --17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: They weren't considering it. But if he was trying to make the sort of complaint that 18 19 was agitated in this court in America would he lack 20 standing? 14:57 21 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, if he was -- there are many, 22 many hoops one would have to go through in answering 23 that question, Judge. Because one would have to --24 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 'My data may be subject to surveillance in the US', as I understand the basic 25 14:57 26 premise of his complaint and he doesn't want it to be 27 subject, because he doesn't have remedies. 28 Yes. Well, with all due respect to MS. BARRINGTON: 29 Mr. Schrems, that is an assertion that certainly

1 involves degrees of speculation, and one can start 2 listing them out, Judge. We know that in 2015 there 3 are 95,000 targets.

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MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.

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MS. BARRINGTON: We know that he has to meet the 5 6 definition of foreign intelligence, we know that he has 7 to come within the definition of foreign power, we know 8 that the exercise of SIGINT activities can't be used. perhaps we don't know this yet, but I'll come to it, to 9 burden criticism or dissent. It's not at all apparent 10 11 how Mr. Schrems could claim to come within any of the 12 definitions, within all of the definitions such as to mount a case meeting the second part of the 13 14 injury-in-fact. It's difficult to see how he could meet the requirement of showing the, if it's formulated 14:58 15 as Mr. Murray likes, certainly impending harm. 16

But those are all issues for the Irish courts. 18 Also. 19 if Mr. Schrems were to bring a case here, having regard 20 to the evidence that we now know, and not what was 14:59 21 known at the time when the matter was before Hogan J 22 without really any evidence, how would he fare on a 23 standing analysis? Because it certainly cannot be assumed, Judge, that from an *Irish* perspective equally 24 25 that he would be entitled to bring a claim. 14:59

27 So he may very well not meet the US standing 28 requirements, but that's not a breach of the Charter. 29 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm.

MS. BARRINGTON: The difficulty is to understand why the Data Protection Commissioner believes that a claim such as his must be permitted to be brought because, in conjunction with Rule 11, there is a breach of the Charter.

- So, Judge, that's what we have to say about those
 standing issues.
- 9 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm.

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10 MS. BARRINGTON: Yesterday there was perhaps an 15:00 11 additional gloss put on matters, well perhaps a gloss 12 is the wrong word. Mr. O'Dwyer sought to advance a completely different case which was to the effect that, 13 14 in considering the question of remedies, consideration 15 should be given to the possibility of attacking in the 15:00 16 United States *lawful* action.

Now that's something, Judge, that doesn't feature in 18 the Data Protection Commissioner's decision. 19 So again 20 we say, Judge, that is not what this case is about, 15:00 21 but, equally, it can't be what an adequacy analysis 22 conducted in this court is about. This court can't be asked to consider whether the US Constitution should be 23 opened up to non-US citizens. One only has to reflect 24 for a moment on the constitutions of the Member States, 15:01 25 26 indeed our own fundamental rights provisions 27 articulated in terms of protections to citizens and 28 which our Supreme Court has said in the Illegal 29 Immigrants (Trafficking) Act are not co-extensive for

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1 aliens with the rights of citizens; is it seriously to 2 be suggested that the Constitution of the US is to be 3 amended in some way? And in fact the Data Protection Commissioner, when the point was made by the United 4 States in their submissions that the standing 5 15:01 6 requirements flowed from Article III of the US Constitution, the Data Protection Commissioner's 7 8 response was that was a presumptuous assertion on the part of the United States and that if the standing 9 rules flowing from its Constitution didn't meet what 10 15:02 11 the Data Protection Commissioner contends to be the 12 Charter obligations, then implicitly the constitution should be amended. 13 14 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Obviously, it's no function of 15 any national court of a Member State to comment on the 15:02 laws of a third party country's laws, obviously, but 16

17 what the court is concerned with is transfers of data from the EU where the data subjects have the benefit of 18 19 certain legal régimes for good or ill. Imagine, for 20 example, that this was being transferred to, let's say, 15:02 21 Nazi Germany or Soviet union, somewhere where we would 22 have a high degree of speculation that there would have 23 been all sorts of interference with privacy going on. So I'm deliberately taking it outside any particular 24 current existing third country; would it not, 25 15:03 26 therefore, then be relevant to consider what might well 27 be lawful in those countries? For instance, it might 28 been, in Nazi Germany we might have been tracking them 29 to see whether there were Jews involved for example, or

1 whatever it might be in the Soviet union, you know what I am saying? 2

3 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. And the way that is done, Judge, is by the mechanisms provided for by Union law back at 4 So you have the protection afforded by your 15:03 5 base camp. 6 Adequacy Decision or your protection afforded by your 7 SCCs because those are the protections that have regard 8 to assess the totality of the legal régime. And there the mechanism, assuming that one is correctly in the 9 sphere of national security at all --10 15:03

11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Hmm.

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12 MS. BARRINGTON: -- as a Treaty function, and that's a major question, but the manner in which the contours of 13 14 *lawful* action are addressed is through the protection 15 afforded by the Directive. But it can't be contended 15:04 16 that, in circumstances where that protection has been 17 exercised in this case through the Adequacy Decision, for example, that litigants are nonetheless entitled to 18 19 come in to an Irish court complaining that an American 20 court might not afford them the benefit of its 15:04 21 Constitution and that that is a remedial disappointment 22 that places a question mark over the adequacy of 23 American law.

24 That exercise is conducted in viewing the acceptability 15:04 25 26 of the broad range of the legislative and judicial 27 28 that's the only way it could operate, Judge. SO

landscape in the area through the adequacy régime, and Mr. O'Dwyer's point, with respect to him, is not an

issue in this case and cannot be an issue in this case.
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That brings me on, Judge, to the Privacy Shield itself. 4 The Privacy Shield is at Book 1 of 5 Tab 13. I think 5 15:05 6 it is useful, Judge, when considering the Privacy 7 Shield to know of the format of other adequacy 8 decisions. The court will note that the Adequacy Decision in this case runs to in excess of 100 pages. 9 I'm going to hand into the court the Israeli Adequacy 10 15:05 11 Decision. that's I think the second last of the 12 adequacy decisions in time, I think New Zealand might be since then. 13 14

15 (SAME HANDED TO THE COURT) The court will see, I think 15:06
16 it's three pages long, and paragraph 6 the Commission's
17 statement in relation to --

- 18 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Which one are we on now?
 - **MS. BARRINGTON:** I beg your pardon, Judge. This is the

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- 21 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: -- Israeli one.
- 22 MS. BARRINGTON: The Israeli one, recital 6.
- 23 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.

MS. BARRINGTON: "The legal standards for the protection of personal data in the state of Israel are largely based on the standards set out in the Directive and are laid down in the Privacy Protection Act 5741-1981, lastly amended in 2007, in order to establish new processing requirements for personal data

1 and the detailed organisation of the supervisory 2 authoritv." 3 And at recital 8: "Data protection provisions are also 4 contained in a number of legal instruments regulating 5 15:07 different sectors." 6 7 8 If one looks at the underlying Israeli law that's referred to, and I'll hand in a copy of that also, 9 I think the court may have that already. The court 10 15:07 11 will see straight away that there's an exception at section 19 for actions taken by security authorities, 12 including the Israeli police, the intelligence branch 13 14 of the general staff of the Israeli defence forces etc. 15 15:07 16 So it does indeed follow the model of the Directive. 17 the Israeli legislation, and it follows it to the point that, as Irish legislation does, it carves out an 18 19 exception for national security. 20 15:08 21 By contrast, Judge, the American Privacy Shield 22 decision provides significant detail in relation to its 23 landscape generally in the national security area. It's the result of two and a half years of work and, 24 insofar as national security is concerned, the letters 25 15:08 26 from Bob Litt are of some significance, and I'm going 27 to ask the court to look at them. But before I do, 28 Judge, I would just ask the court in the first 29 instance, if it has the Privacy Shield decision.

1 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Mm hmm.

2 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Tab 13, to look at recital 13.

3 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes.

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MS. BARRINGTON: "The Commission has carefully analysed US law and practice, including these official representations and commitments. Based on the findings in the recitals, the Commission concludes that US law provides an adequate level of protection."

10 And what the decision then does, Judge, is to set out 15:09 11 at Part 3.1 and that's at page 13 onwards, Judge, the 12 limitations in relation to national security.

14And the court has seen a number, I think perhaps both15Mr. McCullough and Mr. Gallagher have taken the court16through those limitations. They include reference to17PPD-28 and provide some detail of the manner in which18SIGINT is conducted, all of which I think, Judge, is in19fact --

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: SIGINT is what? 15:10
 MS. BARRINGTON: I beg your pardon, signals
 intelligence, which is how it's referred to in the from
 a report and what we're dealing with.

25 So the approach taken in that part of the decision, 15:10 26 Judge, reflects the assurances given by Mr. Litt. And 27 at page 20 onwards the court deals with effective legal 28 or, I beg your pardon, the Commission deals with 29 effective legal protection and deals in the first

1 instance with, if the court has that paragraph. 2 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Yes. MS. BARRINGTON: Paragraph 92 onwards, "Oversight". 3 just going through the headings, Judge, because I know 4 the court has been through it already. And then at 5 15:11 6 paragraph or at page 26 paragraph 111 starts to deal with individual redress. 7 8 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. **MS. BARRINGTON:** What is significant, Judge, in all of 9 that is that the Commission is taking an approach to 10 15:11 11 adequacy that's entirely at odds with the approach 12 taken by the Data Protection Commissioner. Because what the Commission does do is assess oversight 13 14 generally, including the various matters that I alluded 15 to earlier on when the court asked what did I mean by 15:11 oversight; the legislative framework, the 16 17 foreseeability of the laws, the procedures put in place to give effect to the laws, the role of the FISA court 18 19 and the other oversight bodies, all of which the Data Protection Commissioner believes to be irrelevant. 20 15:12 21 They were all taken into account in conducting the 22 exercise that the Commission conducted. 23 24 Then individual redress is dealt with, Judge, from paragraph 111 onwards and in particular, page 29, 25 15:12 26 paragraph 125, "Access and use by US public authorities 27 for law enforcement and public interest purposes".

29 Privacy Shield is based in large part on the assurances

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1 given by Mr. Litt.

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3 I'm going to ask the court to turn to the letters that he sent that are annex 6 to the decision, they are at 4 page 91, and I don't think anybody has opened these 5 15:13 6 letters to the court yet. 7 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** They have been a bit because 8 I've got guite a lot of highlighting on them. 9 MS. BARRINGTON: Oh, have you. Well then I don't need 10 to take the court through them in any detail save to 15:13 11 note that the first, Judge, is February 22, 2016. Не 12 sets out that there have been two and a half years of negotiations already and the purpose of his letter, and 13 14 I'm just reading from the first paragraph, Judge. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Sorry just a moment, 15 15:13 Ms. Barrington, I think the stenographers need to 16 17 change. MS. BARRINGTON: Oh, I beg your pardon. Mr. Litt says 18 19 that the document summarises the information that has Mr. Litt, we know, is the General 20 been provided. 15:14 21 Counsel of the Office of the Director of National 22 Intelligence. The court gueried the role of the 23 Director of National Intelligence. It's one of the matters that is now addressed in the amended version of 24 Executive Order 12333 that was handed in to the court. 25 15:14 The court will see the definition of the Office of the 26 27 Director of National Intelligence, an office created 28 after 9/11 to provide general oversight in relation to 29 intelligence matters and a co-ordination role between

the various, I think they're referred to as elements of
 the Intelligence Community, reporting directly to the
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So Mr. Litt is in a very authoritative position to set 5 15:15 6 out what he does address in his letters. And, Judge, 7 again I'll just ask the court to note the approach that 8 he takes in the letters by looking at the headings if the -- this has been opened already. He addresses 9 PPD-28 and the conduct of US signals intelligence 10 15:15 11 activity, provides an overview of PPD-28. He sets out, over the page, the collection limitations and in 12 particular the requirement that signals intelligence 13 14 activity be as tailored as feasible. He deals at page 15 95 with retention and dissemination limitations, and 15:16 we'll see that specific procedures have been adopted to 16 17 address concerns in relation to EU citizens. And at (d) he deals with compliance and oversight. 18

And I think, Judge, in response to your question, 20 15:16 21 'What's the oversight?', this is a very comprehensive 22 list of the oversight mechanisms that we believe should 23 be taken into account: In the first instance, the hundreds of oversight personnel, 300 employed within 24 the NSA to address compliance; second, each element of 25 15:16 the Intelligence Community has its own Office of the 26 27 Inspector General - and the court has heard about the 28 role of Inspectors General; third, the Civil Liberties 29 and Privacy Office within the Director of National

Intelligence Unit; then reference is made to PCLOB and the FISC court and Congress. And in addition, he sets out that apart from these formal oversight mechanisms, the Intelligence Community has in place numerous mechanisms to ensure that the Intelligence Community is 15:17 complying with the limitations on collection described above.

9 And in summary, at the end of the letter, Judge, he 10 says this: "*The United States process for collecting*" 15:17 11 --

12MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: What page are you on now?13MS. BARRINGTON: I'm sorry, Judge, page 97.14MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Oh, it's just over the page.15Thank you.

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16 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes, under the heading "Summary":

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"The United States process for collecting, retaining 18 19 and disseminating foreign intelligence provide 20 important privacy protections for the personal 15:17 21 information of all persons, regardless of nationality. 22 In particular, these processes ensure that our 23 Intelligence Community focuses on its national security mission as authorised by applicable laws, Executive 24 Orders and Presidential Directives, safeguards 25 15:18 26 information from unauthorised access. use and 27 disclosure and conducts its activities under multiple 28 layers of review and oversight, including Congressional 29 Oversight Committees. PPD-28 and the procedures

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1 implementing it represent our efforts to extend certain 2 minimisation and other substantial data protection 3 principles to the personal information of all persons. regardless of nationality. Personal information 4 5 obtained through US signals intelligence is subject to 15:18 6 the principles and requirements of US law and 7 presidential direction, including the protections in 8 PPD-28. These principles and requirements ensure that all persons are treated with dignity and respect, 9 regardless of their nationality or wherever they might 10 15:18 11 reside and recognise that all persons have legitimate 12 privacy interests in the handling of their personal information." 13

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15 And then he sets out in some detail, Judge, the 15:19 operation of Section 702. That's at page 98. 16 Не 17 details at page 110 -- I beg your pardon, 100, Judge, the reforms introduced by the Freedom Act. He, at page 18 19 101, deals with transparency and the various mechanisms to ensure transparency, including the reference to the 20 15:19 21 website IC On The Record, which is Intelligence 22 Community On the Record, which sets out a number of 23 procedures applicable to the various agencies and declassified information, Judge. And at page 102 he 24 25 sets out the extensive transparency that exists about 15:19 26 US intelligence activities, and I don't think any issue 27 could be taken but that since the reforms introduced, 28 there has been extensive transparency provided for. 29 And they are listed there, Judge, I don't propose

1 taking the court through them. 2 3 Finally, he deals with redress and in his conclusion, Judge, at page 103, he says - and I'm reading from the 4 second sentence, Judge: 5 15:20 6 "The United States only uses signals intelligence to 7 8 advance its national security and foreign policy interests and to protect its citizens and the citizens 9 of its allies and partners from harm. In short, the 10 15:20 11 Intelligence Community does not engage in 12 indiscriminate surveillance of anyone, including ordinary European citizens." 13 14 15 That's, Judge, when I was referring to the Article 29 15:21 16 Committee seeking --17 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Sorry, I think I missed where you were getting that quote from, I'm sorry, 18 19 Ms. Barrington. 20 I'm sorry, Judge. Page 103 --MS. BARRINGTON: 15:21 21 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Yes. And I couldn't find the 22 sentence. 23 **MS. BARRINGTON:** -- the very bottom of the page under 24 the heading "Conclusions". **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Oh, sorry, I was looking up at 25 15:21 26 the top. 27 MS. BARRINGTON: I'm sorry, Judge. 28 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And you said the second sentence under "Conclusions"? 29

1 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Yes.

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MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I'm with you now.
MS. BARRINGTON: And he recites why the US uses signals
intelligence and says: "In short, the Intelligence

- 5Community" or IC "does not engage in indiscriminate6surveillance of anyone, including ordinary citizens."
- 8 And he goes on over the page to talk about Section 702 9 and the Freedom Act innovations and the improvements in 10 transparency with a view to enhancing the privacy and 15:21 11 civil liberties of all individuals, regardless of their 12 nationality.
- 14 Judge, we know from the chronology then that the 15 Article 29 Committee came back with further gueries and 15:22 16 sought further clarifications and Mr. Litt wrote 17 another letter, which is also annexed to the decision, and that's eight June 21st letter. And in that letter, 18 19 Judge, he addresses broadly the role of PCLOB and 20 Inspectors General, and I don't propose taking the 15:22 21 court through that.
- 22 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: What, if any, regard am I to 23 have to the fact that the PCLOB now is inquorate?
- 24 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes, well --
- 25 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And has been for some time, as I 15:22
 26 understand it.
- MS. BARRINGTON: -- the last PCLOB report issued in
 August 2016, Judge. My instructions are that there is
 no reason to believe that new members *won't* be

appointed in the normal way, although that may take 1 2 some time. Obviously the role of PCLOB, which is set 3 out in that, in particular in the second letter, but also referred to in the first letter, is significant 4 from the Commission's perspective. So one can 5 15:23 6 certainly envisage that when the review takes place in 7 this summer, the annual review, that in the event that 8 PCLOB were not to be fully functioning, the Commission might raise that as an issue of concern. 9

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11 Equally, Judge, Section 702, as the court has heard, 12 has what's referred to as a sunset clause in it, with the result - this has previously happened insofar as 13 Section 702 is concerned - it lapses and an Act of 14 15 Congress will be required if 702 is to be extended. 15:23 And that will happen by the end of the year, Judge. 16 17 But it did previously happen in 2012 and the Act was 18 extended.

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20 So as I think that certain of the witnesses indicated, 15:23 21 it is inevitable that there will be a significant 22 debate when it comes to considering whether Section 702 23 is to be extended by a further Act of Congress that appropriate checks and balances be put in place. 24 SO 25 there are two significant opportunities in the 15:24 foreseeable future for ensuring that PCLOB, if not act 26 27 -- will be active, or if not, there will be, I think, 28 some concerns raised in a number of guarters. 29 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I'm assuming PCLOB would have a

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1 role in relation to the sunset clause and the 702 2 replacement? 3 MS. BARRINGTON: I don't believe that that is formally true, Judge. 4 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Is that not inherent in what you 15:24 5 6 were submitting there, no? MS. BARRINGTON: 7 No. The legislation will lapse --8 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Yes, I understand it'll lapse and then Congress will obviously have to consider it. 9 But will it do so without the benefit of PCLOB or are 10 15:25 11 you saying that PCLOB will be in place to assist 12 Congress? 13 No, I think formally the two processes MS. BARRINGTON: 14 are divorced from each other, Judge. **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Totally separate. 15 Okay. 15:25 16 But I think the evidence was - and we MS. BARRINGTON: 17 agree with this - that if 702 is to be continued. there'll be some quid pro quo required, which will 18 19 include a debate in relation to ensuring that adequate 20 oversight and protection is also in place. That was 15:25 21 the evidence that was given and my instructions are 22 that that would certainly be a factor in any debate 23 and, equally, a factor as a matter of consideration for 24 the Commission. 25 15:25 26 So I don't think this court can be asked to speculate 27 into the future, as it has been, that the court should 28 consider that PCLOB will *not* be able to exercise its 29 It *has* been exercising its functions. function. It

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1 has been a very important form of oversight. The court 2 will know that in addition to the 702 report there was 3 a 215 report in relation to the meta-data programme that was very critical of the meta-data programme. And 4 5 its criticisms in relation to, as we'll see, the 702 15:26 6 report, have been taken on board. So it *is* important, 7 but we certainly take issue with the suggestion as a 8 matter of speculation that the court should consider that in the future, PCLOB might not provide the 9 10 oversight that it has been providing to date. The 15:26 11 Commission -- the Privacy Shield Decision says that it 12 has regard to the assurances provided by the United States and in particular the assurances provided by 13 14 Mr. Litt, which in turn refer to PCLOB. 15 15:27 16 Judge, just one or two matters, if I may, in relation 17 to the Ombudsperson mechanism itself. The court has seen that the mechanism, which starts at page 72, 18 19 applies equally to the SCCs, and that's evident from 20 paragraph four of annex A. And the way it works is 15:27 21 that the request is submitted by the -- at the national 22 handling body, it then goes up to a coordinating 23 European organisation and it'll be transferred from 24 that organisation to the US Ombudsperson. 25 15:28 26 And there was some debate, Judge, in relation to the 27 manner in which the US Ombudsperson considered a 28 complaint, and I'll ask the court to look in that

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regard at page 74, subparagraph (e).

1 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm.

2 MS. BARRINGTON: And that provides, Judge, that once a 3 request has been completed, the Privacy Shield Ombudsperson will provide, in a timely manner, an 4 appropriate response to the submitting EU individual 5 15:28 6 complaint handling body. I should just clarify, Judge, 7 one and perhaps minor matter that crept into the 8 evidence; the response goes back from the United States 9 Ombudsperson to the member -- to the coordinating, European coordinating body - it would probably be the 10 15:29 11 Article 29 Working Committee - and then back to the 12 Member State.

13 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Two stages?

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14 MS. BARRINGTON: Two stages. The Privacy Shield, in 15 general, provides for its publication in the Federal 15:29 Register, but there isn't any express provision, Judge, 16 17 for the publication of the individual decisions of the I think that may have been said at some 18 Ombudsperson. 19 point during the course of the evidence.

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21 So, Judge, the Privacy Shield Ombudsperson is to 22 provide a response to the submitting EU individual 23 complaint handling body confirming that a complaint has been properly investigated and, two, that the US laws, 24 25 statutes etc. providing the limitations and safeguards 15:29 have been complied with, or in the event of 26 27 noncompliance, such noncompliance has been remedied. 28 Now, Judge, the suggestion was made, I think, by 29 Ms. Gorski during the course of her evidence that this

permitted of the possibility of an identification of noncompliance which *wasn't* remedied. And, Judge, I don't believe that that follows from the wording, but my instructions are to reject that proposition in the most categorical terms, that there's any possibility that a compliance issue would be identified and left *unaddressed*, as seemed to be suggested.

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And one only has to consider the vast array of 9 compliance mechanisms outlined by Mr. Litt in his 10 15:30 11 letter to understand that the agencies involved are 12 under an independent obligation to report incidents of noncompliance. And all compliance incidents are to be 13 reported to the FISC, to appropriate oversight bodies 14 15 in the executive branch and Congress, with a view to 15:31 16 appropriate remedies being applied. So there's simply, 17 in our submission, Judge, no basis for the speculation, either from the wording or as a matter of procedures, 18 19 that a situation of noncompliance would be left without 20 being remedied. 15:31

22 The answer that *is* to be given, Judge, is one that, as 23 Prof. Swire indicated, takes account of the hostile 24 actor scenario, which is a significant feature. And the Ombudsman mechanism is one that, for this reason, 25 15:31 26 is envisaged in a number of Member States as an 27 appropriate mechanism to deal with -- to get around 28 standing issues and to deal with complaints and to 29 provide reassurance without there necessarily being

judicial ex post interrogation of or consideration of
complaints, for that very hostile actor scenario. And
the court will see from the from a report that similar
complaints handling or Ombudsperson mechanisms which
are non-judicial in nature are to be found in a number 15:32
of the Member States.

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8 And insofar as it is now suggested by the DPC in their submissions since the case started that this 9 10 Ombudsperson mechanism doesn't address any pre-existing 15:32 11 concerns in relation to remedies because it is 12 non-judicial in nature, the court will note what the Commission says about the utility of the Ombudsperson 13 14 mechanism that's addressed at recitals 116 onwards -15 I'm afraid I'm asking the court to go backwards. 15:33 16 That's at page 27, Judge, where the Commission sets out 17 - if the court has that, page 27? MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 18 Mm hmm. MS. BARRINGTON: Recital 116, the bottom of the page, 19 20 the US's proposal to create the Ombudsperson mechanism 15:33 21 and sets out how it would operate its schema within the 22 administration; at paragraph 120, the US Government 23 commitment to ensure that, in carrying out its 24 functions, the Privacy Shield Ombudsperson would be 25 able to rely on the co-operation from other oversight 15:34 26 and compliance review mechanisms existing in US law; 27 paragraph 121, the fact that the Privacy Shield 28 Ombudsperson - or, sorry, I should've said recital -29 will be independent from and thus free from

1 instructions by the US Intelligence Community and that 2 this was a matter of significant importance to the 3 Commission; overall, at recital 122, the mechanism ensures that individual complaints will be thoroughly 4 5 investigated and resolved and that at least in the 15:34 field of surveillance, this will involve independent 6 7 oversight bodies with the necessary expertise and 8 investigatory powers and an Ombudsperson that will be able to carry out its functions free from improper and, 9 in particular, political influence. 10 15:34

12 "Moreover, individuals will be able to bring complaints 13 without having to demonstrate or to provide indications 14 that they have been the object of surveillance. In the 15 light of these features, the Commission is satisfied 15:35 16 that there are adequate and effective guarantees 17 against abuse."

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18 19 And the Commission concludes at paragraph 124 that this 20 is, in addition to the remedies existing, concludes -15:35 21 I'm just looking at the last sentence, Judge - the 22 Ombudsperson mechanism provides for an independent 23 oversight with investigatory powers and the 24 effectiveness of the mechanism is to be reassessed in 25 any review. 15:35

So the Commission, Judge, has considered - and I've
gone through those recitals quickly, Judge comprehensively considered the structure of the

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1 Ombudsperson, how it works and its role within the 2 national security context and has considered that this 3 type of mechanism *does* provide for the requisite degree 4 of independence to provide, in a national security 5 context, additional reassurance. 15:36

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The Data Protection Commissioner says only - only -7 8 'Well, it's not judicial in nature'. And it's not clear where the requirement that, in the national 9 10 security context, a judicial ex post intervention is 15:36 11 mandatory, where that contention comes from, Judge. Ιt 12 certainly *isn't* consistent with the case law of the European Convention, which of course *does* have 13 14 jurisdiction to deal with national security issues; 15 there's no carve-out from the Convention as there is 15:36 16 with the Treaty. So the European Convention case law 17 is something to which regard can and should be had in this context. And the court will see when it considers 18 19 in detail the various recitals to the Ombudsperson 20 decision that the Commission has had regard to the 15:37 21 Convention case law in the area.

23 So it's a structure that is found in the Member States, is considered by the Commission to be significant and 24 25 is, in our submission, compatible with the Convention 15:37 26 jurisprudence. Judge --27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: And do you say the Convention 28 jurisprudence governed Charter -- Article 47? 29 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, the Convention jurisprudence is

1 certainly a significant source of, a significant 2 consideration in Charter jurisprudence. In considering 3 proportionality also, Judge, under Article 52 - I was struggling to remember the article - the Convention 4 5 jurisprudence is equally, in our submission, of 15:38 6 significance, as it reviews Member State action, 7 applying the Convention's margin of appreciation. But 8 what is perhaps most significant in respect of the Convention jurisprudence is that the Court of Human 9 Rights has a long history of dealing with national 10 15:38 11 security issues, unlike the Court of Justice, for 12 obvious reasons.

14 So yes, the Convention jurisprudence is an important 15 source for Charter case law, although I think the Court 15:38 16 of Justice does indicate that it's entitled to go 17 further than the Convention in certain respects. And that's undoubtedly a statement that is to be found. 18 19 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Like, there's no equivalent to 20 Article 8, as far as I -- from recollection, in the 15:39 21 Convention.

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MS. BARRINGTON: There is no precise equivalent of
Article 8, that's true. The Convention jurisprudence
addresses issues of data privacy in the context of
Article 8 of the Convention, which confers the right to 15:39
privacy.

- 27MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:Which is more -- yes.28MS. BARRINGTON:Judge, when the Privacy Shield was
- 29 being discussed, the suggestion was also made and it

1 was a suggestion -- sorry, I should be more accurate; 2 the suggestion was made by Ms. Gorski and, I think, by 3 counsel for EPIC that the Privacy Shield laid considerable emphasis on PPD-28 and PPD-28 was not a 4 5 legislative measure and that it could perhaps be 15:40 6 secretly revoked and nobody in the US administration 7 might tell the European Commission. And there was a 8 possible concern in that regard.

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Insofar as this suggestion has been made that the US 10 15:40 11 would somehow pull the wool over the eyes of the EU and 12 surreptitiously replace PPD-28, I'm asked to say, Judge, that that is simply inconceivable for a number 13 14 of reasons. First, the principles of international 15 comity and respect with which the US engages with its 15:40 16 partners in the EU absolutely preclude such a 17 suggestion. And second, it's inconceivable, Judge, that a fundamental document, which, the evidence was, 18 19 codifies existing practice, which has been made 20 publicly available - it's not published as a 15:41 21 legislative measure, but it's publicly available, it's 22 available on various websites - it governs the activities of numerous operators within the 23 24 Intelligence Community and the idea that it would 25 simply disappear or be surreptitiously revoked and that 15:41 26 no one would let on is one that is inconceivable. 27 Judge.

PPD-28 has permeated the Intelligence Community,

because it is reflected in procedures adopted within 1 2 the various Intelligence Community elements to ensure 3 that it is given effect to. And that includes, Judge, specialised procedures to apply PPD-28 to non-US 4 citizens. And I don't think the court has seen those 5 15:42 6 procedures and I want to draw them to the court's 7 attention. They're in the US books of materials, they 8 are in book three, Judge, of the US materials at tab 43. I'm sorry, 43 is PPD-28 itself. 44 is PPD-28 9 Section 4 Procedures. The court will see if it does 10 15:43 11 look, in the first instance, at PPD-28, Section 4 - if 12 the court has that? MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: 13 Yes. 14 MS. BARRINGTON: It's page six of 13. 15 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 15:43 16 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Provides for policies and procedures: 17 "The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation 18 19 with the Attorney General, shall ensure that all 20 elements of the Intelligence Community establish 15:43 21 policies and procedures that apply the following 22 principles for the safeguarding of personal information 23 collected from signals intelligence activities." 24 25 And those procedures then - there are, I understand, 15:43 26 various sets of procedures, but behind tab 44, the 27 court has the NSA procedures of January 2015. And 28 these are procedures, if the court looks at page, it's 29 three pages in, where you have the signature from the

1 Signals Intelligence Director 2 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 3 **MS. BARRINGTON:** These are procedures that relate to the personal information of non-US persons. And 4 5 they're stated in the first paragraph, Judge, to be 15:44 6 procedures to implement PPD-28. And if the court turns 7 on to page three, under "Purpose", paragraph 1.1, the 8 procedures prescribe policies and procedures and - I'm 9 not going to read out that number - assigns: 10 15:44 11 "Responsibilities to ensure that the missions and 12 functions of the US SIGINT system are conducted in a manner that safeguards the constitutional rights of US 13 14 persons. These supplemental procedures implement the 15 privacy and civil liberties protections afforded to 15:45 16 non-US persons by PPD-28." 17 And they deal, Judge, at page five with policy 18 19 generally and provide at 3.2 that: 20 15:45 "Privacy and civil liberties shall be integral 21 22 considerations in the planning of US SIGINT activities. The US shall not collect SIGINT for the purpose of 23 24 suppressing or burdening criticism or dissent or disadvantaging persons based on their ethnicity, race, 25 15:45 26 colour, gender, sexual orientation or religion." 27 28 And the policy of the United States is stated at 3.3, 29 which is to target or collect *only* foreign

1 communications for foreign intelligence purposes to 2 support national and departmental missions and so on 3 and so forth. And at paragraph 3.5 the same provision as is to be found in PPD is set out: SIGINT activities 4 shall be as tailored as feasible. And, Judge, at page 5 15:46 6 eight the court has provisions in relation to the 7 retention of communications. And, in effect, the 8 timeframe set out at 6.1 mirrors the timeframes referred to in 12333. 9 10 15:46 11 I think the point was made by Mr. Schrems' counsel 12 yesterday that 12333 only referred back to protections afforded to US citizens --13 14 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Mm hmm. 15 **MS. BARRINGTON:** -- but he didn't address these 15:46 16 procedures, which extend the same protections to non-US 17 citizens. 18 19 And finally, Judge, paragraph 7.3: 20 15:46 "If personal information of a non-US person is 21 22 improperly disseminated, the incident must be reported to the SIGINT directorate's information sharing 23 services group and oversight and compliance 24 organisation within 24 hours upon recognition of the 25 15:47 26 error for remediation and follow-up reporting to the 27 DNI in accordance with the provisions of PPD-28." 28 29 So those, Judge, are significant procedures put in

place and illustrate the permeation of PPD-28 1 2 throughout the elements of the Intelligence Community. 3 Judge, in considering the question then of adequacy -4 and I'll go through this quickly, because I think I've 5 15:47 6 probably said some of this already - the DPC, in our submission, has strikingly failed to consider a number 7 8 of very pertinent factors. And it's perhaps helpful to list out what the DPC considers in its decision or in 9 its submissions to be irrelevant. 10 15:48 11 12 First, it's acknowledged that EU citizens are not completely without remedies in the US - that's at 13 14 paragraph 44 of the decision; that a number of remedial 15 mechanisms are available, but it's contended, 15:48 seemingly, that these remedial mechanisms are to be 16 17 disregarded - they include, of course, the principal civil remedies in the national security area. 18 19 20 Equally, remedies *not* identified in the DPC decision 15:48 21 are contended to be, seemingly, irrelevant; the Administrative Procedure Act, which provided the basis 22 for the relief in **ACLU** -v- **Clapper** is seemingly 23 24 *irrelevant*. Further deterrent protections, such as criminal sanctions, provided for in Section 1809, or 25 15:49 26 the exclusionary rules provided for in 1806, they are, 27 it would seem, factors that are not material in the 28 consideration of adequacy. The possibility of actions 29 by or against those to whom the FISA directives are

addressed, the companies - and they have also been, 1 2 we've seen, active in this area - that possibility, an 3 indirect one, but we know from Unibet and Inuit that indirect remedies are of significance, that's to be 4 disregarded. The institutional checks provided for by 5 15:50 6 the executive, Congressional oversight to ensure that 7 breaches *don't* occur, those are to be disregarded. The 8 role of the FISA court in approving certification, that's insignificant it seems. The fact that the 9 standing rules stem from Article III of the 10 15:50 11 Constitution is equally an irrelevant factor and it was 12 a presumptuous assertion on the part of the US Government to point out the constitutional underlay of 13 14 the standing rules. The national security context is 15 irrelevant, it doesn't fall to be -- wasn't considered 15:50 by the DPC, doesn't fall to be considered as part of 16 17 any proportionality analysis. The practice in Member States is irrelevant, even in the standing domain it 18 19 would seem, and notwithstanding the fact that it's 20 acknowledged that in this area US law is equal to or 15:51 21 better than the Member State law insofar as protections 22 are afforded. The fact that EU citizens are materially in an analogous position to US citizens since the 23 reforms introduced in 2014 - that was Mr. Serwin's view 24 in his memorandum - that's irrelevant. The positive 25 15:51 26 aspects of the US litigation system when compared to 27 common law systems, which are, of course, vital to 28 questions of access to the court, such as the costs rule - costs *don't* follow the event in the United 29

1 States; very important in terms of bringing on 2 proceedings or chilling effects, the availability of 3 class actions facilitating access to justice, those are not matters seemingly to be taken into account. The 4 5 totality of the circumstances envisaged at Article 15:52 6 25(2) of the Directive, including law in practice, those *aren't* taken into account. The calibrated 7 8 approach taken by the Court of Human Rights to cases involving data in the national security context, that's 9 stated not to be the determining consideration. 10 15:52 11

And what's left, Judge, after that, when you've excluded all of those matters, you have a core of supposed relevance, which we contend is divorced from the reality and practice of the law within the United the reality and practice of the law within the United States and focusing only on a subset of legal remedies has resulted in a skewed analysis.

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19 So the court has to consider at this stage what *is* the 20 valid comparator? And for the reasons we've already 15:53 21 given, Judge, we say that the practice in the Member 22 States *must* be taken into account, because that's provided for in Article 25(2) of the Directive. 23 Second, the practice in the Member States feeds into 24 25 any proportionality analysis, which we say *should* be 15:53 26 conducted, because Article 52(4) lists the 27 constitutional traditions of the Member States as a 28 relevant factor. Thirdly - and this is a point we 29 make, Judge, at paragraph 74 of our submissions - where

1 American law provides the same or greater privacy 2 protections, if the SCCs were to be invalidated, this 3 would place the EU and EU Member States at risk of breaching the WTO nondiscrimination and most favoured 4 nation principles. And that is a significant factor, 5 15:54 6 Judge, because as a matter of EU law, EU provisions 7 must be interpreted insofar as possible with 8 international agreements. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: That's, as far as I know, a 9 10 totally new point. And so you might need to elaborate 15:54 11 on that if I'm going to understand it. 12 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Well, Judge, perhaps the easiest thing to do is when I'm going through the submissions very 13 14 briefly, I'll point that out. It's something that we 15 say in our submissions, because it is a factor we 15:54 believe that should be taken into account. But I'll 16 17 come back to it, Judge, it might be speedier if I do it 18 that way. 19 **MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Yes, I should apologise, I 20 thought Mr. Maurice Collins was going to be going 15:55 21 before you. I read his in anticipation of this morning 22 rather than yours. 23 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Oh, I mean sorry, Judge, I should've 24 told the court that we had swapped. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: No, it doesn't matter. I'm just 15:55 25 26 saving... 27 MR. MAURICE COLLINS: It was a more exciting read 28 anyway, Judge. MR. GALLAGHER: We won't ask you how illuminating they 29

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2 MR. MURRAY: Well, hopefully you won't have to hear 3 from him so, Judge.

4 MR. MAURICE COLLINS: Ha ha ha.

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I hope the stenographer managed 15:55 to get that.

7 Judge, I'm not going to go through the MS. BARRINGTON: Convention jurisprudence, because I know that Facebook 8 will, but I'd simply draw the court's attention to the 9 fact that we do refer to a number of the Convention 10 15:55 11 cases in the area in our submissions, in particular the 12 decision in **Kennedy**, in **Zabo** and in **Zakharov**. And what those cases show is that in the national security 13 14 context you have to look at the totality of the regime, 15 you have to look at standing as against the totality of 15:55 16 the regime and you have to look at the question of 17 breaches and justification of breaches as against the totality of the regime. 18

None of the Convention cases confine themselves to an 20 15:56 21 analysis such as that conducted by the DPC of remedies 22 only. And the cases *do* support the proposition that 23 while judicial oversight is certainly the *preferred* 24 course, it isn't *mandatory*. Because of course, the Convention jurisprudence affords a margin of 25 15:56 26 appreciation to the Member States. The United States, 27 of course, *does* have judicial oversight, but oversight 28 in the form provided for by Section 702, oversight of 29 Section 702 certification and oversight in that it

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deals with challenges brought by the persons to whom
 the directives are addressed and oversight in that it
 allows for the amici to come in and to argue
 significant points.

MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: So that's ante? 5 15:57 MS. BARRINGTON: That's ante. 6 That's ante. But the 7 Convention jurisprudence accepts that there may be a 8 number of ways in which the oversight can legitimately be provided. And that case law, Judge, is case law 9 that is of importance and we say is case law that 10 15:57 11 provides an appropriate comparator in the manner in 12 which it approaches review of the action within Member States. And it's on the basis of that Convention 13 14 jurisprudence that we have structured our submissions, 15 addressing, in the first instance, requirements such as 15:57 16 the foreseeability of mechanisms providing for 17 formalised published legal mechanisms and other forms of procedures and oversight. So that jurisprudence is 18 19 an important source of precedent in a way as to the 20 correct approach to take in considering national 15:58 21 security contexts.

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23 Judge, I haven't quite finished. I'm afraid I did 24 wish -- I *am* behind schedule, I know. I think I would be perhaps another 15 or 20 minutes. I'm sorry for 25 15:58 26 having taken longer than I said. 27 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I would normally stay, but I 28 have a meeting at quarter past four. So if we go for 29 another ten minutes and see where we go. But I --

1 **MS. BARRINGTON:** Yes, Judge. Judge, one document to 2 which reference has been extensively made but which the 3 court hasn't seen. I think, yet is the PCLOB report. And I was going to ask the court to guickly look at 4 that report so that it can see what's in it. And it is 15:59 5 6 of use, Judge, in providing again an important insight 7 into the manner in which FISA and Section 702 in 8 particular operate.

9 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Do you know which book it's in?
10 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes, it's in book five, tab 56. 15:59
11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you.

12 MS. BARRINGTON: I think, Judge, there was unanimity amongst the witnesses that PCLOB was an important 13 14 source because PCLOB had access to classified 15 information and because it is an independent body that 16:00 has produced, as I think I've indicated, a number of 16 17 reports. There's, equally, a report on the Section 215 meta-data programme, but this is the report on Section 18 19 702.

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21 Judge, just before I go into it, there was, equally, a 22 suggestion during the course of the proceedings that 23 programmes within the United States - and when I say "programmes", I'm told that that word is inaccurate, 24 25 but it's a word that everybody, I think, has been using 16:01 26 - that programmes within the United States for data 27 collection might be out there and we wouldn't know 28 about it. And, Judge, first, the position is that 29 Section 702 provides the basis for signals intelligence

1 within the United States and both the Privacy Shield 2 and PCLOB show that collection under 702 is carried out 3 either through PRISM collection or Upstream collection. And that is, Judge, a complete and accurate 4 description. It would be incorrect to suggest that 5 16:02 6 there's any other means of acquisition under Section 7 702. And in the event that there were to be a new form 8 of collection - and that's what they are. PRISM and Upstream, forms of collection - they would all fall 9 10 within the parameters of the strictures provided for by 16:02 11 Section 702.

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So my instructions are that there's no basis for 13 14 contending that there are forms of collection of data 15 within the United States *outside* Section 702 and that 16:02 16 the PCLOB report, in describing PRISM and Upstream, is 17 an entirely accurate description. Judge --MR. MURRAY: Ms. Barrington is now starting to give 18 19 evidence, Judge, as will be quite obvious to everyone. 20 MS. BARRINGTON: The PCLOB report, Judge, states at 16:03 21 page two that Section 702 - I see PCLOB refer to it as 22 a programme as well - the Section 702 programme - I'm 23 looking at the middle of the page, Judge - is extremely 24 complex. And if the court has that? 25 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I do. 16:03 26 Involving multiple agencies collecting MS. BARRINGTON: 27 multiple types of information for multiple purposes. 28 And PCLOB state at the end of that paragraph that 29 operation of the Section 702 programme has been subject

to judicial oversight and *extensive internal* supervision and the board has found *no* evidence of
 intentional abuse.

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5 And in the following paragraph the board offers a 16:03 6 series of policy recommendations to strengthen privacy 7 safeguards and to address these concerns, which I think 8 the evidence was that those recommendations had all been accepted and I think Prof. Swire said they were 9 10 being implemented or were in the course of being 16:04 11 implemented.

13Judge, page 20 provides for, I think, a very succinct14description of Section 702. And the court already15knows all of these phases. The statutory scope of16Section 702 is defined as permitting the Attorney17General and the Director of National Intelligence to18authorise:

20 "(1) targeting of persons who are not United States 21 persons, (2) who are reasonably believed to be located 22 outside the United States, (3) with the compelled assistance of an electronic communication service 23 24 provider, (4) in order to acquire foreign intelligence information. Each of these terms is, to various 25 26 degrees. further defined and limited by other aspects 27 of FISA. Congress also imposed a series of limitations 28 on any surveillance conducted under Section 702. The 29 statute further specifies how the Attorney General and

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1Director of National Intelligence may authorise such2surveillance, as well as the role of the FISC in3reviewing these authorisations."

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5 And, Judge, the report goes on at page 24 to deal with 16:05 6 certifications, how you apply to the FISC for a 7 certificate. I'm not going to open these, Judge, but 8 simply so the court knows where a very fulsome description of the regime that everybody agrees is a 9 good and valuable description is to be found. Page 26 10 16:05 11 deals with the FISC review. Page 29 sets out at the 12 bottom of the page - and I'm just looking at the last sentence - the requirement that the FISC be informed of 13 14 incidents of noncompliance. Page 32 deals with, at D, 15 directives and the possibility that directives be 16:06 16 challenged by the entities to which they are addressed. 17 And then it goes on to deal with targeting of persons by tasking selectors. 18

20 And the court will note that the report records that: 16:06

"Section 702 certifications permit non-US persons to be
targeted only through the 'tasking' of what are called
'selectors'. A selector must be a specific
communications facility that is assessed to be used by
the target, such as the target's e-mail address or
telephone number. Thus, in the terminology of Section
702, people... are targeted; selectors... are tasked."

1 Then over the page, PCLOB confirm that it's not 2 permissible to use key words such as "bomb" or "attack" 3 or the names of targeted individuals. And --**MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO:** Though obviously, as Mr. O'Dwyer 4 pointed out, frequently - it may be coincidentally so - 16:07 5 6 but frequently the e-mail addresses will contain the 7 names. And so that --8 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. And I think, Judge, that's a fair observation. The report addresses, gives examples 9 of how precisely, at the top of page 34, that it's done 16:08 10 11 and under PRISM. So the target, the example given 12 there, is John Target and the e-mail address may very well be johntarget@usa-ISP.com and it may incorporate 13 14 the name, but the targeting by a person's name or by a key word is insufficient, it's the communication 15 16:08 identifier, whether it's the telephone number or the 16 17 e-mail address, that's the relevant issue. 18

19 How the tasking is done is set out at page 34 in, I 20 think, a useful example, Judge. And then at page 35 16:08 21 the report deals with the Upstream collection. And at 22 the top of page 36, Judge, the court will see the 23 various steps carried out in relation to Upstream 24 collection, which begins with the NSA's tasking of a 25 selector. And at the end of the paragraph there, 16:09 26 Judge, the court will see:

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"Upstream telephony collection therefore does not acquire communications that are merely 'about' the

tasked telephone number."

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And the manner of collection of internet transactions is addressed, Judge, and perhaps just looking at the bottom of page 37 -- or 36, Judge, one paragraph may be 16:09 of interest in view of the questions the court was asking earlier:

"Once tasked, selectors used for the acquisition of 9 upstream Internet transactions are sent to a United 10 11 States electronic communication service provider to 12 acquire communications that are transiting through circuits that are used to facilitate Internet 13 14 Communications, what is referred to as the 'Internet 15 backbone'. The provider is compelled to assist the 16 government in acquiring communications across these 17 circuits. To identify and acquire Internet transactions associated with the Section 702 tasked 18 19 selectors on the Internet backbone. Internet transactions are first filtered to eliminate potential 20 21 domestic transactions, and then are screened to capture 22 only transactions containing a tasked selector. Unless 23 transactions pass both these screens, they are not 24 ingested into government databases."

So they don't get retained, Judge, at all in the
Digital Rights way. And the various forms of -MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: The word used in <u>Schrems</u> was
"access".

MS. BARRINGTON: Access -- accessing data. But what 1 2 Digital Rights/Schrems was referring back to, accessing 3 *retained* data. So the reference there was to accessing 4 ___ 5 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I know that's the argument 16:11 6 you're making in relation to Schrems... Well, I 7 suppose I'll go and re-read it again. 8 MS. BARRINGTON: The point, I suppose, being, in relation to Upstream, that nothing gets retained bar 9 that which is filtered. 10 16:11 11 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Would you --12 MS. BARRINGTON: Comes through the filter. MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Would you regard filtering or 13 14 screening as accessing? 15 Judge, I don't propose going MS. BARRINGTON: NO. 16:11 through the balance of the report, because it would 16 17 take too long, but it does deal extensively with internal agency oversight and management, it deals with 18 19 the annual reviews to be sent to the Congressional 20 Committees - that's at page 69 onwards - deals with 16:12 21 *external* oversight, with minimisation reviews, with 22 incident investigations, Inspector Generals' reports. 23 Page 98, Judge, I will ask the court to look at, considers the treatment of non US persons --24 25 MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: I don't mean to be rude. 16:12 26 Ms. Barrington, but I'm just conscious of the fact that 27 I've got three minutes to get to a meeting. 28 MS. BARRINGTON: Yes. Well, I'll come on to and 29 conclude the PCLOB report with the consideration of

1	non-US persons tomorrow. Thank you, Judge.
2	MR. GALLAGHER: Thank you, Judge.
3	MS. JUSTICE COSTELLO: Thank you very much.
4	MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Judge.
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