1	Is that what you meant when you typed "fund?"
2	A Correct. The question came up a lot. You're
3	really just a fund to funds with a guarantee or it's just on
4	giant fund. That's a quite, I think, just as an emphasis.
5	don't think it's taken from any direct language. But don't
6	hold yourself out again.
7	Q Okay, so you were coached. You know, be very clea
8	that we're not a hedge fund. We're a bank.
9	A Yes, very.
10	Q And that was a recurring question you got from
11	investors?
12	A Okay.
13	BY MR. KING:
14.	Q And item 10, the next paragraph says "We can
15	mention advisor relationships, but generally do not in order
16	to protect their privacy and avoid clients calling direct to
17	an advisor." What does that mean?
18	A The European advisors, there was a time where ther
19	was almost held in the strictest of confidence, but they've
20	kind of given us an okay. I'll name some of the advisors.
21	Credit Suisse response to the Societe Generale, but this is
22	at a point we wouldn't want clients circumventing the C&E,
23	potentially going straight to these advisors.
24	Q Okay, so not that you ever did this, but it's

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25 possible, I guess, or you could have provided a list of all

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becoming the SIO?
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             So when you were in those meetings they didn't
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    discuss tier II while you were there?
         A That's correct.
         Q And nor did they discuss tier III?
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         A Correct.
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         Q So it's not like they had a tier II meeting with
13 you, and then they said you need to leave, we're going to
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    talk about tier III?
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         A Right. That's correct. And I'll add to that that
    typically Jim and Laura did separate meetings as well, which
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    made me believe that there was overlap with tier III and tier
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    II. Why there were two different meetings, and you know, I
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    don't know.
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              MR. KING: So go back to the original question
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    which is if a prospective client asked you for the names of
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    these third party advisors, the names that you could have
23
    been provided, would have only been those for tier TT?
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              THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.
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              BY MR. KELTNER:
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Q Just to tie out a couple of issues on the fund to funds question, item 17, a couple pages ahead in Exhibit 10, says: "Is the portfolio a fund to funds?" And I think you said this was a common question you got from investors?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Just reading the answer seems to be "It's nothing like a fund to funds by definition and legal

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of the third party advisors to a prospective client. Right?
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         A I could have. I was trained not to, maybe, say a
    few. And I was never pressed for all of them. Again, kind
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    of like what I've said. You know, there was just the kind of
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    the obvious ones I would rattle off, and everyone was like.
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              MR. KELTNER: Did those tend to be the well-known
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    names, the Coutts, the HSBC, that kind of thing?
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              THE WITNESS: Yes.
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              RY MR. KING:
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         O But in theory at least, if you could give them
    some, you could have given them all had you been pressed?
         A Yes, all the ones I knew of, all dozen or so.
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         Q And yet here, I think you told me before that you
    were clear, the advisors that you would get had asked about
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    third-party LIBOR would have been advisors to money that was
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    located in tier II. Correct?
        A Correct.
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         Q And you don't know of any advisors that are
    actually managing money in tier III?
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         A No. I don't know, Actually, I had not seen
    statements or been in any meetings, but I know, as I
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    mentioned, Jim Davis would meet with some of these same banks
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    on his own
     O But you don't know what they were talking about?
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BY MR. KELTNER:

Q And I think you told me earlier today that those
meetings that you went to with Mr. Davis were prior to you page 82
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8 structure. SIBL is a bank and offers only banking product.
    All banks have investment portfolios. The only difference is
     most banks' portfolios are allocated more towards loan
     portfolios versus investment portfolios. SIBL does make
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    loans, but they are cash back and represent less than five
    percent of the entire portfolio." So, again, the primary
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    distinction between Stanford and National Bank and a
     commercial bank is how the money's invested?
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         A Yes.
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         O Right. Is there a real distinction between how a
    fund to funds invests its money and how Stanford invests its
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     money?
             Well, a fund to funds is primarily specific to a
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     strategy. You might have a market neutral fund to funds that
    looks for equally long and short positions and they might
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    have 10 managers to do that; whereas, the bank has equity and
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    bonds and commodities, kind of the whole gray. But if it's
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Q Okay, but invested through sub advisors that manage
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    their own funds?
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        A Correct. I think a lot of this, maybe it says it
    in there too, is clearly a structure of a fund to fund is the
    limited partnership or an LLC. It's not liquid. It's locked
    up. There's high fees. So it's volatile.
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         Q Okay, so the primary distinction is not how the
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    money's invested, as I hear it, because Stanford
    International Bank is invested in the portfolio securities
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    just like a fund to funds would be. Right?
         A On a grander scale, yes.
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anything, it's a multi-manager approach.

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- When you get down to the core assets, the fund to 13 funds is going to be invested in securities bonds, alternative investments, and Stanford has invested in those same types of assets. Right?
 - A Yes.

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17 O So the real difference between Stanford and a fund 12 to funds is just in terms of the economics of the transaction 19 between the investor and the firm. In other words, I think 20 what is said later on in this document is fund to funds 21 requires, you know, your pay, your two and 20. Your two percent management fee and your 20 percent fee on top of 23 that, and there's lock-up provisions. And the CD is just a

24 time deposit where you pay the fixed interest rate.

- A Yes.
- 1 Q So when you say that's different from a fund to 2 fund, you're talking about that distinction, not necessarily distinctions to how the money is invested?
 - A The structure is a big distinction. Correct.
- 5 Okay. One of the things you talked about was the 6 money being locked up. The CDs were typically for a time 7 period, right?
- A Yes.
- 9 O They're typically what: one year, two-year, or 10 five-vear?
- 11 A Up to five.
- 12 O Okay, so that vive-year money is locked up for five years in theory, right?
- A It's actually liquid. It's like a minor penalty if 14 Page 85

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- 19 (The witness examined the document.) 20 BY MR. KELTNER:
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- Q Just at a high level, what is this document and
- what do you connect it to? What was going on?
- 23 A This was part of my training. It was well, in the
- fall of 2005, there was a week or two where the Memphis
- analysts actually sat in as clients. I don't think they were
- 1 given specific questions to ask, but I guess more of a live baptism by fire. I think I was given like an hour with each 3 of them, sometimes in groups, and they were basically lobbing 4 questions at me and I would answer them as I would in front 5 of a client.
 - Q Okay. So was this towards the end of a process?
- 7 A Probably. Yeah, definitely through some of the initial training.
 - O Did Laura participate in the questioning?
- 10 No. I don't think so.
 - So she sat in the room during the Q and A session?
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- 13 Q Okay. Just so I understand. Analysts sitting
- across from you pretending to be a prospective CD purchaser? 14
- 16 Q Okay. And so the analysts are peppering you with questions and you're answering? 17
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 O Okay. Did Laura help you with the answers? In 20
- other words, if she thought you needed to modify answer, did she give you some guidance?
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you get out. The client could get out at any time.
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- Q Can you do that with respect, because you talked 16 17 about the liquidity of the fund investments that Stanford 18 could liquidate everything within 90 days?
 - A Yes.

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- Q Right. So you can get out of those funds as well, 20 21 can't you? You have just have to pay an early redemption 22
- 23 A Specifically, I mean yes, depending on that particular investment and, you know, the parameters of it, 24 the agreement.
- 1 O Okay, But your understanding was that Stanford could get out of all its investments essentially within 90 2 3 days?
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- MR. KELTNER: Let's go off the record. Take a break.
- 7 (Whereupon, a luncheon recess was taken.)
- AFTERNOON SESSION
- 9 MR. KELTNER: We'll go back on the record at 12:50. 10 So we've been going through a number of O and A documents. I
- 11 think we're done with the one we were just looking at.
- 12 (SEC Exhibit No. 11 was marked for 13 identification.)
- 14 MR. KELTNER: I'm going to hand you a document that 15 I'm marking as Exhibit 11, and it's entitled "Questions from
- Role play," and came from the documents that you produced to 16
- us on CD. And I think this one's the one: "Ouestions from Role Play II," I think is what it's called on the file.
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- Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt A I think this is digging deep into memory. I think 22 23 afterwards. I want to say the session went on and then it was the meeting afterwards. We did get here, maybe this here. This here, and I'd have to look at, well, obviously
- these notes would have been done afterwards as well, because 2 I would have been busy answering questions.
- Q Sure. So who's taking down the questions? I mean 3 4 did you do that during?
- A I believe as I mentioned this third party, mystery lady Tamara. She took them down. 6
- Q Okay. This mystery lady, was she a long-term Stanford client, or was she brought in just to prep you? 8
- A She was an external consultant and I want to say her area was people, personnels and cultures. No, she stayed on retainer. I think she worked with other areas within the 12 Stanford organization.
- 13 O Okay, and did she give you her background or tell 14 you hi, I'm so and so. This is what I do. That sort of 15
- 16 She did. I don't remember. She showed up to one of our investment committee meetings. When I say investment 17 committee, back to the Stanford Group days, presented 18 19 something.
- Q So she and Laura and you are the ones that are in 20 21 the room the entire day and then analysts are rotating 22 through and asking you questions?
- 23 A Yes, not the entire day, but we did one group a day 24 or something, I guess.
 - Q A group, how many analysts is that? Page 88

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1	A I think only two in each of these meetings.
2	Q Okay. Who were the folks that were asking you
3	questions?
4	A I think it was the whole team.
5	Q Okay.
6	A Do you want me to name them?
7	Q If you think it was the whole team, were there any
8	folks that stand out? I mean people who you talked to for
9	longer periods of time? Who were some of the more senior
10	people? Anything like that?
11	A No. I will laugh, because I know the first
12	question came from Zack Davis and it was what do you do. A
13	I remember being completely caught off-guard, because I don
14	know, so I think this is a more polished answer here.
15	Q So you're asked all these questions. You give you
16	answers at the time and then afterwards you consult with
17	Laura Pendergest and the consultant?
18	A Yes.
19	Q And they give you some suggestions on how you
20	should answer the questions?
21	A The consultant, she was more of a facilitator, a
22	note taker. She would help me presentation techniques and
23	stuff. She had no part of the nuts and bolts of the
24	training.
25	Q So all the substantive issues, the feedback was

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Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt 5 oversee the bank's investment portfolio. 6 A Hm-hmm. 7 Q And that's not in practice what you ended up doing. Right? 9 That's right. 10 Q And the note in here about you reporting the Juan 11 Rodriguez? 13 Q Was he who you actually reported to? Was he your

14 direct supervisor?

15 A Yes.

16 BY MR. KING:

17 Q What was Juan Rodriguez's role in managing the

17 Q What was Juan Rodriguez's role in managing the
18 portfolio of assets?
19 A He would work with investment committee, but I do

19 A He would work with investment committee, but I do
20 not know to the extent of how much information he was privy
21 to. I know that he has made at least one trip, maybe

22 multiple trips to Europe.
23 O How do you know he

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23 Q How do you know he works for the investment
24 committee?

A The quarterly FSRC report and annual report is

done, and my understanding from his office, so he would have
to get the pieces of investments to bundle it into the entire
report that would go on to the FSRC.

Q Did you know what information he was provided with

4 \qquad Q Did you know what information he was provided with 5 so that he could pass it along to the FSRC?

6 A I would guess he was provided with the allocations,
7 the breakdowns of assets. I don't know, again, how granular
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1 from Laura Pendergest?
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         A Yes.
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             Okay. Was there anyone else involved in the
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     feedback process?
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         Q Okay, So, this Q and A document were questions
     from Role Play document Exhibit 112 Is this something you
     would have then gone back and talked to Laura about to see if
     the answers made sense?
         Q Okay. So you compiled your own answers after
11
12 you've had all this interaction?
        A No. I think these are more polished. I mean, if I
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14 could read through a couple?
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             Because the Role Play would have been very raw.
         O Oh, sure. And these polished answers, are these
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18 your answers after the fact that Laura reviewed, or are they
19 Laura's answers that you took down?
         A It would be a combination. Now, whether she wrote
21 the answers down, it was probably me writing the answer down.
    You know, formalizing them and then giving them to her for
     editing and proofing to polish them up.
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              (The witness examined the document.)
              BY MR. KELTNER:
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         0 Okav. Are you ready?
         A I apologize. I reviewed.
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A I apologize. I reviewed.

Q so in the first response to the question, "What do you do," again the message seems to be that your role is to Page 90

Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt he saw things. 9 Q So you don't know if he saw individual positions? 10 Α I don't know. Q Now, you worked for him, right? 11 13 Did you discuss with him whether he was aware of 14 individual positions, for example, in tier III? 15 A Never. BY MR. KELTNER: 16 Q Did you ever talk to him about the investment 17 18 portfolio? 19 A No, other than in front of clients. I mean, not together really, were presenting to clients. 20 21 Q So your senior investment officer. He's your direct supervisor but you never had interaction regarding the 23 investment portfolio?

1 Q For you?
2 A Yes, that's where I got all my information. That's
3 where all my interaction was. He made sure I was on island.
4 He's still my boss, approved bonuses and travel and day to
5 day supervision.
6 BY MR. KING:
7 Q Other than day to day supervision and compiling the

A Correct. It was the proverbial, definite dotted

line to the investment committee and Laura in Memphis.

8 FSRC report and transmitting it to them, what other
9 responsibilities did Juan Rodriguez have?
10 A Certainly to present the clients that came to the
11 bank and then just to run the day-to-day operations at the
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- 12 bank to oversee operations and compliance and client 13 services. You know, keep it running efficiently and sound. Q Okay. And when Juan Rodriguez was presenting to a 14 potential client, were you typically present during those meetings?
- 17 A Yes. I was always.

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- 18 Q And I know we've asked this as to you, We've asked 19 this as to the analyst, but I'm going to ask you as to him now, which is "Did you ever hear Juan Rodriguez differentiate 21 between the various cheers at the bank and his conversations 22 with respective clients?"
- 23 A No. He did not talk about the tiers in front of 24 clients that I heard.
- BY MR. KELTNER:
- Q How many of these client meetings did you and Mr. 1 Rodriguez do, ballpark?
- A About average. A couple a week for about a year and a half.
- ς Q Okay So 25 or 75 times? 100, 150, somewhere in 6 there?
- Yes. You know, some weeks none: some weeks 10.
- Sure, and these are all five million plus 8
- Q. prospective investors?
- A Some. I mean different groups sometimes recruit 10 11 financial advisors that were being recruited to work at the company. They might bring them down to the bank, they being 13 Stanford Group Company, to educate them on the bank. Yes, 14 certainly, the bulk of them were prospective clients,
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- A I heard Juan mention 99 percent, almost all.
- 20 Q So virtually every customer that came down and met
- 21 at the bank ended up buying CDs?
- 22 Yes.
- 23 MR. KING: Was your compensation tied to that
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- 25 THE WITNESS: Now, my bonus was tied to growth at
- 1 the bank. Base salary was just base salary. I think we
- 2 talked about that on the phone a couple of weeks back, but it
- 3 tiered. I don't remember the numbers, but if the bank
- 4 brought in 50 million net new and a quarter 'x' amount, I
- think the max was like if over 200 million came in, you might
- 6 get like two months salary on that quarterly bonus.
- BY MR. KELTNER:
- Q So like in '06, which you were there for the whole '06 calendar vear?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q What ballpark of how many months of bonus did you 12 get for '06?
- 13 A Six months.
- 14 okay.
- 15 I mean, as you all know, the growth has been pretty 16 extraordinary, so all the 200 million thresholds were met
- each quarter. So that came out to an extra six months salary 17 18 for that entire year.
- Q Just to clarify for the record, when you say net 20 new money, you mean new CD sales, less money that came out of 21 the bank?
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sometimes existing clients that might be on island
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     vacationing that just kind of come in. But, yes, it's
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     typically a high-end client prospect that would come to the
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     bank.
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- 19 I think you told us that your interaction with the 20 client was at the very end of the process and that they had already talked to the advisor? They were, I guess, doing 21 22 their diligence. Is that fair?
- A Yes. The stop at the bank would, you know. 23 presumably be the last step to fly there, see it and meet the 24 people, see the organization and all the pieces in place. I
- 1 think, hence, the reason, you know, the genesis for this SIO position is to have that last piece in place so that you see your operations in compliance and investments. And they're all right there at the bank. And the close rates were very 5 high at the bank by that point. But, you're right. Advisors have been working potentially years or months with these 6 7 prospects.
- 8 Q Okay. And you kind of jumped to the question I was a going to ask next, which was given how far down the road you were in the process, did you pretty much close the deal a 10 11 very high percentage of the time? In other words, after they came in and met with you and the bank president, typically 13 was the sale then consummated?
- 14 A Yes.

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- 15 Q was it the exception where somebody came in and met with you all and decided not to invest?
- 18 Q Okay. Could you ball park it for me?
- Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt A Correct.
- 23 O Did I say that right?
- 24 A Yes, I mean, not just new. You could have 500
- 25 million new, and 700 million. It had to be net new.
- 1 The bank had to be growing? 0
 - Yes. assets minus.
- Redemption. 3 Q
 - Contributions plus redemptions.
- 5 MR. KELTNER: That's clear. Thank you.
- 6 BY MR. KING:
 - Did you ever have conversations with Juan Rodriguez 0
- 8 about the FSRC examinations? A Not that I recollect. Like I mentioned there were
- two here at the end of the meeting. The questionnaire, the 10 annual one, a questionnaire would come in like around the end 11
- of the year and then it would go to the various departments. 12
- And then the investment piece would go to Laura and Jim to fill out. And there's pieces on the client information would
- go to the different departments and he was ultimately 15 responsible for, I guess, the role up and submitting it to 16
- the FSRC. The same with the quarterly ones. 17 18

BY MR. KELTNER:

- Q I just want to hit one more point on this Role 19 Play. Most of it I think is repetitive, but item 3 where it 20 said "The Memphis Group manages the portfolio." It says "SFG 21 Memphis does not manage the portfolio, but rather assists me 22
- 23 in the day-to-day monitoring of the portfolio."

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Is it more accurate to say they assisted Laura Page 96

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Q Okay. And that wasn't your role?

Δ Yes, I think, and that would go with your first question today, what position was presented. And it wasn't necessarily going to be at day one, but that I would evolve as SOI and to seeing more of it, doing more of it. That never happened.

Q Okay. And did this oversee the bank?

A And I see how it's misleading, but it's really meant to be monitoring, not controlling the assets. So I 12 want to just make that point.

13 Q Now, and you know, that's kind of a recurring theme 14 throughout the documents where he talks about you doing 15 things that actually it looks like to us Laura did?

A Yes.

17 Q And I guess, you know, you can't leave the question 18 unasked. I mean was the point of all this to give the 19 impression that a person who was managing the money was in 20 Antiqua?

21 A No. I mean not all the clients. It was just to have a spokesperson there that could talk about it credibly 22 and, you know, in front of clients. I mean I was always the 24 one who would be clear. From day one, I do think, you know,

25 that I thought I would have monitored more of it including

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5 the portfolio, talk about how it's allocated, the process of 6 that. The process of staying within line of the investment policy statement that the board of directors puts out, the targeted returns on an annual basis, that the investment site 9 is compliant with quarterly audits and the annual review. 10 And then it's thoroughly allocated to portfolio 11 diversification from a risk standpoint.

12 Q Just walking through the bullet points on the first 13 page of page 12, it says: "Insure investment portfolio within parameters of the investment policy statement." Is that 15 something you did?

16 A No. I did not do it per se to move assets, but to 17 talk about how it's done from an asset allocation standpoint: and, as it says on slide 3, how much in equity, how much interest income. 19 20

Q Okay. And again the next bullet point saying that 21 targeted returns are achieved. It was not your role to achieve the goals, correct?

A Correct.

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Q It was your role to present, you know, how it was 24 managed but not to actually do bullet two?

1 Correct.

Q Okay. And also strategically positioning the 3 portfolio to mitigate risk, that would have been the Memphis team who actually did that? Or the investment committee. 5

A Okay.

Q And so again, we kind of have to ask the question. I mean, the title of the slide is "Senior Investment

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1	Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt tier III. But maybe I was naive. Maybe I thought that was a
2	trust issue after months, or you know a year at the job.
3	More of it would have been opened up to me to truly be
4	monitoring it as some of the training material dictated.
5	MR. KELTNER: Okay. I'm going to mark a document
6	as Exhibit 12.
7	(SEC Exhibit No. 12 was marked for
8	identification.)
9	MR. KELTNER: It appears to be a PowerPoint
10	presentation with a title at the top of the page, "Senior
11	Investment Officer." And in the lower left corner, "Stanford
12	International Bank Limited." And then a picture. I assume
13	that's the bank that shows up in all the literature?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	BY MR. KELTNER:
16	Q Feel free to take your time and just kind of thumb
17	through this PowerPoint slide. And, again, I'll represent to
18	you we got this from your production off of your CD. Where
19	did Exhibit 12 come from?
20	A This was a portion of the presentation that was
21	conducted to visiting prospects of clients at the bank,
22	particularly my piece of presentation.
23	Q Okay. So this would be the piece that you would
24	present to the client, the prospective client?
25	A Yes.
1	Q Okay. So consistent with this Exhibit 12, you
2	know, how did you explain to the client again what your role
3	was?
4	A To work with the investment committee, to represent

Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt 8 Advisor." And so the face value, if you look at it, it looks 9 like this is for training and these are the things the senior 10 investment officer does. And so that's the question, you 11 know.

12 A My thought is the senior investment officer is a spokesperson for the investment committee, how the portfolio is allocated, why it's allocated, how it's managed, how it's 15 monitored, that I was there as senior investment officer to speak on the behalf of Allen Stanford, Jim Davis, Laura 16 Pendergest. 17

Q And, again, this Exhibit 12 was part of the larger 19 presentation that was used every time clients came in?

A Yes.

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21 O How would you present that? Would it be up on a 22 projector, or would you sit down with them at a computer?

23 A Projector, conference room.

24 O I know there's a theater set up in Houston. This was just a typical conference room?

1 A Yes, more round table like this with a screen that 2 drops down.

MR. KELTNER: Okay. Since we're there, I'm going to hand you another document that I'm marking as Exhibit 13. (SEC Exhibit No. 13 was marked for 6

identification.)

BY MR. KELTNER:

Q Again, it's another document that we received in your production. Can you tell me what Exhibit 13 is?

A This looks to be the entire presentation we were 11 speaking of that was presented in Antigua to visiting clients Page $100\,$

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- Q So Juan gives the general presentation and then you would take over and do kind of your section on the role on the investment piece?

 A Yes.

 MR. KING: Was this presentation also given to prospective financial advisors?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.

 MR. KELTNER: Just one thing I wanted to point out
 real quick. There's a page entitled management team at SIBL
 headquarters, St. John's, Antiqua?
- 1 THE WITNESS: Hm-hmm. 2 BY MR. KELTNER: And it's got you listed there? I apologize the 4 page numbers didn't print on this; maybe that page. It's the management team at SIBL headquarters, and you see your name 6 in the middle of the page? A And it looks to be a typo, "CIO?" 0 I assume CIO is chief investment officer? 10 Q Okay. And do you think that was a typo? 11 A Yes. It's probably an old version. 12 Q Okay, and it looks like the last four slides on the

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13 page per your presentation. Correct, where it says

investment portfolio and strategy?

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- 19 spoke at length on some of the checks and balances at the
 20 bank. You know, to even open an account there, multiple
 21 forms of I.D., bank reference letters, and it's another
 22 concern of clients, you know, who else is invested here at
 23 this bank. So to just really hammer home the point, just how
 24 astringent it is in Antigua.
 25 Q So other than multiple forms of I.D. and letters of
- reference from the bank or another bank, were there any other
 checks and balances relating to the money order?
- A Yeah, they did. I guess I'm out of turn talking
 about it, but I know they used various external sources to
 serify people.
 - Q Do you know who they were?
- 7 A I don't. I know Alan Burr is one. I don't think 8 that was a regular firm. They might be one they call under 9 extraordinary circumstances if somebody's suspicious.
- 10 Q During their time in Antigua, did you ever 11 encounter any money laundering concerns?
- 12 A No
- 13 Q Did you discuss with Juan Rodriguez any money
 14 laundering concerns?
- 15 A No. I mean he would mention anecdotally that
 16 people have been turned down by the bank and then he's maybe
 17 they've issued like a handful of SAR reports annually, every
 18 year, but.
- $\ensuremath{\mathbf{19}}$ $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Q}}$. Do you know if anyone was turned down during your $\ensuremath{\mathbf{20}}$. time in Antigua?
- 21 A I think so.

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A Yes.
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        Q And there's essentially the same pages from Exhibit
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     A Yes, it just looks like a different format, rough,
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    but ves.
       O There's a page in there entitled management support
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21 and it references portfolio management out of Memphis,
22 Tennessee. What was the explanation that was given to
23 investors and how was that explained? You know, where the
24 money is managed, who does it.
        A I recollect that's where I was introduced on the
1 management side, portfolio management side, and Memphis was
2 introduced as the support to help monitor the portfolio and
3 oversee the process. And then, of course, Jim Davis and his
    group and Laura Pendergest were on the investment committee
    of the board.
              MR. KELTNER: Anything else?
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              BY MR. KING:
        Q Look at the slide. I apologize again there's no
    page numbers. Entitled. "Anti-money laundering."
        A Towards the back?
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            Yes.
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        A I got it.
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         O Tell me about that.
         A Juan used to talk about some of the anti-money
15 laundering laws of Antigua. His prevention act was in 1996
16 how Antiqua was ahead of the curve. They actually have a
    much more stringent anti-money policies than even the U.S.
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   I guess it goes through these amendments, and then kind of Page 102
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- Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt Q And how do you know that?
- 23 A Just probably in these presentations and client
- 24 meetings, them talking about it.
- 5 Q Who's in charge of money laundering program at the
- . bank?

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- A The chief compliance officer was Pedro Gonzalez, I

 Mant to say. I'm sorry I can't remember his last name. So

 there was a compliance team in place. Ultimately Juan is

 accountable and responsible as the president.
 - Q How many people were on the money laundering team?
- 7 A There was just a handful. I mean it was just all 8 the compliance team.
 - Q How many compliance people are in Antiqua?
- A There was three in the bank.
- 11 Q Do you know who the three people are?
- 12 A Yeah. I know Pedro. I'm saying it was either
- 13 Rodriguez or Gonzalez. I should know. I played golf with
- 14 the guy all the time, and then Sean Smith. And then they had
- 15 I think an assistant. And that's just to comply. I mean
- 16 they're still screening, I know, at account services when the 17 accounts come in.
- 18 So, again, I can't speak specifically to the process,
 19 but a new account comes in, it's reviewed by the account
 20 service person. Then it kind of goes up to the clients and
- 21 they review it, everyone making sure all documents are in 22 place.
- 23 Q The potential investors that made the trip to 24 Antigua, were they all U.S. residents?
- A No. No, they were from all over the world.
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1	Q Was the presentation any different for U.S.		
2	residents as opposed to foreign nationals?		
3	A Juan did it in Spanish frequently. I always did		
4	mine in English. A few times he translated for me when the		
5	English was just that poor. But, you know, they were from		
6	everywhere.		
7	Q In meeting any of these investors did you ever have		
8	any money laundering concerns?		
9	A No.		
10	Q You never had anybody come in 19 years old and was		
11	looking to invest \$20 million or something?		
12	A No.		
13	Q You mean just kind of the obvious kind?		
14	A Yeah, just kind of.		
15	BY MR. KELTNER:		
16	Q How big was the biggest CD sale that you all were		
17	involved with?		
18	A I don't know. Oh, like just during this?		
19	Q Yeah, just the name of the potential investor. I		
20	assume the biggest ones would stand out in your mind.		
21	A Well, you know, actually not. There were so many,		
22	and I didn't really follow-up. It wasn't like, you know,		
23	ringing a bell. Hev. we closed this one. You know. 10. 20		

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Q Were those individuals, or were they through

24 million I had to guess.

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- 5 you guys in Antigua. What's the benefit or anything like 6 that? You know, in the sense from the low tax jurisdiction is beneficial to the point still that Allen was, 9 you know. He's been down there almost his whole life, you know, in the Caribbean. 10 Q Okay. Did you ever hear anything about any regulatory problems in Montserrat or Stanford? A No, I did not. 13 14 MR. KING: I heard the opposite, and I heard the 15 regulatory was too lax there. 16 MR. KELTNER: Did you ever hear anything like the 17 banks in Montserrat were being told to close down? 18 THE WITNESS: I have not heard that. 19 BY MR. KING: 20 Q Your presentation to your prospective clients where 21 you were asked to put out SEC regulation of a bank or other 22 U.S. regulators? 23 A It came up in the sense that how the CD was 24 distributed in the U.S. I guess it's a private placement, a Reg D, so it was under the SEC's jurisdiction on the sales
- 1 side of the CD in the U.S. But any questions about those 2 agencies having oversight over the bank was more or less 3 deferred to the FSRC or any of the Caribbean oversight 4 authorities had jurisdiction over the bank. 5 Q What specifically was said about SEC or U.S. 6 regulators jurisdiction with regard to Stanford Company's sale of the CD?

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             Almost always individuals.
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             One of the questions that was in Exhibit 11 was why
     Antiqua. It's question 63. What was the explanation for why
     the bank is in Antiqua?
         A You know, I heard. I think we talked about this a
     little this morning that Allen Stanford had been doing some
     real estate, kind of retyped fund structures in the '70s.
     '80s, doing a lot of development of land in the Caribbean
     basin, that he did a lot originally in the Danish Islands,
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              And he made some substantial money on these clients
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     and the clients were like, you know, what can we do next. So
     he wanted to create a vehicle for them and invest money
     further into other products, so he started this bank in
     Montserrat. And as far as I know, it was the same model from
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     day one
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         O What's the story with why the bank in Montserrat
    moved to Antigua?
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         A I know, but I can't remember. I know there was a
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21 volcano. You know, I think some banks started to blow up in
22
     Montserrat, which is never good for anyone from a headline
23
     kind of standpoint, so I think they wanted to go to a more
     sound government structure. Because you could be doing the
     right thing all day long, but if you're neighbors, harboring
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- 1 illicit funds and what not, it makes everyone look bad. So 2 poor oversight.
- Q I know this is on the list from the Role Play. Did you ever get that question from investors, you know, why are Page 106

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A If memory serves me, it will come up in the
 9 question of what U.S. agencies have anything to do with this
10 or do they. I think that would put at least a U.S. investor
11 at ease. It's kind of the same. Well, it's sold in the
12 U.S., so it's how it's sold, like I just said. The clients
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     responsible for income, so the IRS, they certainly have to
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     report their income earned to the IRS.
              BY MR. KELTNER:
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          Q So was it that the SEC might not have oversight of
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- 16 the bank and its products, but it did have oversight of the 17 18 sales process?
- 19 A Yes.

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- 0 That was the message?
- That's what I would have said.
- MR. KING: Was that intended to provide prospective 23 investors with an additional level of security?
- 24
- THE WITNESS: As I said earlier. I'd want to steer away from any feeling of this thing is insured, protected,
- 1 because it's not.
- BY MR. KELTNER:
- Just the idea that there was some oversight around the sale, I mean, was that to make U.S. customers more 5 comfortable?
- A I can't say. I mean, I would think just to answer 7 the question, but to the client, I would just answer the 8 question if they asked it.
- Q Who told you that there was SEC oversight on the 10 sales side?
- A I think I just knew it, even well before I got Page 108 11

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12	there, of the CD program. And it was first rolled out when I
13	was in Denver, you know. What's this company? Because no
14	one even knew about it, and Jane Bates and maybe someone
15	else, Juan, maybe. Yeah, Juan did. He came up in like '99
16	to Denver to sell, promote it to the FAs up there.
17	Q And that's the context in which you learned about

18 there being a Regulation D private placement?

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BY MR. EDMUNDSON:

21 Q Do you recall any discussions as to whether or not 22 a bank had to register as an investment company to sell 23 products in the United States?

A I do not. You know, I don't know how long it was 25 sold in the U.S. I know around this time it was more or less

1 being actively promoted. And maybe that's when the filings 2 all came about.

3 Q I want to make sure I understand your previous 4 answer. With respect to the Reg D clients, you understood 5 that the bank CDs were not registered with in the United 6 States, but the sales process was subject to oversight and regulation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Is 8 that fair?

Q A Yes.

Q Do you recall giving that explanation to investors 10 11 if you were asked?

12 A Yes, I mean, that's what I would have answered.

13 Q I want to be a little bit more specific. It's what 14 you would have answered. My question is were you asked that Page 109

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19 Q Let me back up. A minute ago you told us that 20 generally your answer to that question, which you're fairly 21 certain you would have been asked would have been that there is SEC oversight over the Reg D private placement of the CDs. 23 Is that fair?

A Yes. 24

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Q Okay. And so you certainly wouldn't have given the

1 client inaccurate information about that. Right?

A Only if I did. I said, was it inaccurate, and I 3 didn't know it.

Q So did anyone from Stanford ever tell you that the 5 SEC did not have jurisdiction over the sale of the CDs?

A No. And I want to also clarify, I just was not a 6 7 part of the operational side. That question just didn't 8 really come up.

Q Aside from the client?

A Well, at the bank it might have come up, you know, 11 with Juan in the room or with an advisor, but most of them were already educated somewhere along the line.

13 MR. KELTNER: Sure. Okay. We may play a little 14 bit of the game of what is this just on some documents. Can 15 you identify them for the record?

16 THE WITNESS: Oh. okav.

MR. KELTNER: I'm going to hand you a document 18 that's marked as Exhibit 13. This one doesn't have a title, 19 but it starts with a question number 67 that says, "Do you 20 have a feel for the overall position in each sector?" This 21 is a continuation of one of the previous exhibits of the Role

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15 question and did you give substance to that answer?
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       A I don't remember specifically. I'm sure I was
   asked a question.
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             MR. KELTNER: And that's how you would have
19
     answered it?
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     THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's a private placement, Reg
21 D. Credited investor, you know.
22
           BY MR. FDMUNDSON:
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         Q Do you feel fairly confident that you were asked
24 that question?
     A Yes.
         Q Were you asked that or a similar question by the
 2 financial advisors when they came down in connection with
 3 their due diligence or learning about the bank?
        A No.
         Q Do you recall any internal discussions with any
    bank employees about the sales process under the Reg D
7 filing?
8
        A I don't recollect.
9
             BY MR. KELTNER:
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        Q Do you believe the SEC has jurisdiction over the
11
    sales process for the sale of CDs pursuant to the Reg D
    product?
12
     A Yes. Am I wrong? That's what I thought. That's
13
14 what I was told.
        Q Okay. And you were never told otherwise? You
16 weren't told that the SEC has no jurisdiction over the CD
17 sales?
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22 Play Q and A. Let's find out which one. Whichever one ends
23 on question 66. I think you noticed that earlier.
             MR. KING: It's Exhibit 11.
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               MR. KELTNER: Yeah, it's the questions from Role
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1 Plav. So. 14. Okav. (SEC Exhibit No. 14 was marked for identification.) BY MR. KELTNER:

Q Okay. So you think Exhibit 14 is a continuation of 5 Role Play document Exhibit 11? The numbers line up. It's 66 6 and 67.

A Oh, yes.

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A No.

O So your answers with regard to how that document 9 10 was prepared and the circumstances around it would be the 11 same?

Q I think most of these are repetitive of prior 13 14 questions that we talked about in different Q and A

documents. There's was a question 85 that says "Are most of 15 the investments in stocks and bonds?" "Yes." And that's 16

consistent with your understanding when you were at Stanford? 18

A Yes.

Q Okay. Consistent with what investors would have 19 20 been told?

21 A Of the asset side? Yes.

Q Okay. There's question 101. I don't think we've 23 gone through this in explicit detail, but says, "Is SIBL very different from a commercial bank?" Yes. Again, we've talked 24 about loans, generally, but loans made up a very small piece Page 112

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1 of Stanford's product mix or asset side of the balance sheet. Is that correct? Q And as I understand it, the majority of all the 4 loans that were made were secured by CDs? A Yes, that was my understanding as well. Q Okay. So you couldn't just walk in off the street and get a loan unless you were a CD client? a A Yes. 10 Q Okay. And I think even then, the loans were 11 limited to some percentage of your CD balance? 12 A I think it was 80 or is 80 percent. 1.3 Q Okay. What about other conventional bank activities? When I think of a bank, you know. I assume, you 14 couldn't get a car loan from Stanford? 15 A No car loans. 17 Q Okay. What about credit cards? Maybe, maybe not? 18 A I don't know if they had a credit card. They might 19... have had a credit card for some kind of sweep accounts.or 20 something, but no car loans, mortgages. Q Okay. ATM accounts? 22 No ATM. 23 BY MR. EDMUNDSON: Q Did the bank even have a walk-up facility? 24 25 Δ No

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Did he work in Memphis at the time? Or do you think he may have worked in Tupelo at the time?

7 A That's current. He worked at Memphis while I was Я there. 9 0 At the time you were employed there, he worked in

10 Memphis?

11 A Yes.

> And Laura reported to him. Is that fair? 0

13 Yes.

14 BY MR. KING:

15 Q What do people do where the tier III assets are

16 invested?

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17 I mean I know Jim and Allen, and that's all I know.

18 How do you know that?

I don't. I don't.

20 BY MR. KELTNER:

Q And why do you leave Laura off that list? 21

22 A I'm not sure she was privy to it. And I could be

23 wrong. She might be. We just never talked tier III.

24 Q Is that based on conversations you had with Laura?

25 A Yes, from the training.

1 BY MR. EDMUNDSON:

Q Mr. Zarich, with respect to tier III bulk of the 3 assets at the bank, you don't know who knows where those assets were?

A Correct.

Q And in any client presentation that you ever participated in, did you tell respective clients that you as

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Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt BY MR. KELTNER:

2 Q I guess a prospective customer, could they even 3 show up at the bank unannounced?

A Only, I mean, it's happened with maybe someone on 4 5 vacation, stopping by, but I don't believe it's ever happened.

7 Q Okay. So a true private bank so to speak?

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9 BY MR. EDMUNDSON:

Q But the bank's assets in your view managed from

11 Memphis?

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A I'm sorry. Managed banks assets--?

13 Q Managed the bank's assets from Memphis?

A The direction of the asset management is wherever 14 Jim and Allen are. And just for semantics, managed, they're 15

16 not Jim and Allen, as far as I know, aren't buying and

17 selling securities all day long. They're directing where the 18 money goes.

19 O Where does Him Davis work?

A He used to work in Memphis. I think now, maybe, 20

he's in Tupelo.

22 BY MR. KELTNER:

23 0 Mississippi?

24 A Yes.

25 BY MR. EDMUNDSON:

Q While you were the senior investment officer, in 1 2 your view, did Jim Davis call the shots with respect to the 3 assets of the bank?

A Yes.

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Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt 8 a senior investment officer didn't know where a vast majority

9 of the assets were located?

A I did not tell the client that.

Q Did you inform the clients that you didn't even 11

know what the vast majority of the assets were? 12

A No.

14 Q Did you inform the financial advisors that you as

15 the senior investment officer did not know how the vast

majority of the bank's assets were invested? 16

A · I did not. Again, I only presented the big 17

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19 Q Okay. And in those presentations you did not

20 distinguish between the tiers that you testified previously

21 about?

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22 Correct.

23 BY MR. KELTNER:

24 O Just to close that loop out, with respect to each

25 of the disclosures that Mr. Edmundson just referenced, did

1 the bank president make any of those disclosures?

2 A No.

Q And it was you and he were the primary presenters 3

in the presentations in Antigua?

Q And typically you two were the last people the

7 investors talked to before they made their investment

8 decision?

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A No, they did a tour of the bank. They did usually 10 activities during the day, but they were mostly accompanied

11 by their financial advisor. Page 116

Zarich_Michael_20090204.txt 12 Q Was the visit to Antigua typically the last step in 13 the purchase process? 14 A Yes. 15 BY MR. EDMUNDSON: 16 Q How often did Allen Stanford visit the bank in 17 Antiqua? 18 Rarely. 19 Q In the year and a half that you were there, how 20 often do you think you saw him? A Inside the building? I mean he was on the island a 22 lot, but in the building. 23 Q In the year and a half you were there, how often do 24 you believe you saw Mr. Stanford on-site conducting business? A In the bank, five, six times.

1 O A handful? 2 Yeah a handful Q How often did you see Jim Davis physically at the 4 bank? 5 A A little more frequently, probably about once or 6 twice a quarter O Did you ever have any discussions with Mr Stanford about the bank's assets? 8 10 BY MR. KELTNER: 11 Q Would your answer be the same for Mr. Davis? 12 Q Okay. So no detailed conversations with Mr. Davis 14 about the bank's assets?

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- What is the basis of your understanding?
- That's what I was told.
- 21 Q By whom?
- 22 Laura.

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- 23 BY MR. KELTNER:
- 24 And so Laura in the course of these hours of
- preparation that you did, the training that you did before 25
- 1 you went to Antigua, she never volunteered. Did she know 2 where the tier III money was?
- 3 A Correct, yes. She never volunteered. I don't know 4 if she knows.
- BY MR. KING:
- Were investors told that Robert Allen Stanford and 7 Jim Davis were the only people who knew where the tier III 8 assets we were investing?
- A Not that I know of.
- BY MR. EDMUNDSON:
- 11 Q Did you have reason to tell prospective clients
- 12 that Mr. Stanford was the sole shareholder of the bank?
- 13 A I'm sorry. I did, yes.
- 14 You did?
- 15 Yes.
- 16 Did you mention to them that Mr. Stanford did not
- 17 routinely take profits out of the bank?
- 18 19
 - Q That was part of the presentation?
- A I guess that sound byte, I obviously don't know for
- 21 a fact but that's what I've been told, yes.

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Correct.
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             Okay. Certainly no discussions about tier III?
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             Correct.
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              BY MR. FOMUNDSON:
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         O Let me make sure I understand. You took trips with
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    Mr. Davis and Mr. Pendergest to Europe. Did you not?
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             And in those discussions you had some conversation
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    about bank assets. Did you not?
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        A Yes. Jim is not. I mean he's a very conceptual.
    philosophical, so he would talk about the history of Stanford
1 and how this works and the nuts and bolts of the manager or a
2 hedge fund.
         Q So the details how the assets were actually
    invested. Those types of discussions you didn't have with
    Mr. Davis?
         A No.
              BY MR. KELTNER:
         Q And, in fact, when he talked to the financial
    advisors, you were asked to the leave the room, about the
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    details of the investment?
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         A Yes
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              BY MR. KING:
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             I just have one last thing on this. While you were
    in Antigua as a senior investment officer, what was your
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    understanding of who you knew were the tier III assets were
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    invested?
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         A Jim and Allen.
              BY MR. EDMUNDSON:
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(SEC Exhibit No. 15 was marked for
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                                identification.)
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                MR. KELTNER: Just kind of closing out the loop on
25 some of the Antigua documents, I'm going to hand you a
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1 document that I've marked as Exhibit 15. It's entitled,
   "Stanford International Bank, Limited." The first sentence
   talks about a visit to STBL and STCL, the client.
            (The witness examined the document.)
             BY MR. KELTNER:
        Q And the second page is entitled, "Visit request,
   SIBL guidelines, October 2004."
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A Yes.

- Q Can you tell me what Exhibit 15 is?
- 10 This looks to be the protocol for requesting trips 11 to the bank to financial advisors for bringing client 12 prospects to the bank.
- O Okay. So would this be a document that would be 13 given to the financial advisors so they know what the rules 14 of radar, what kind of a protocol?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Is the primary qualification for a visit to the 18 bank \$5 million?
- 19
- So either a current client with \$5 million in CDs 20
- 21 or a prospective client looking to invest \$5 million?
- 22 A Yes.
- O So those are one of two ways to get your free trip 23 24 to Antigua?
- A Yes, I believe it was paid for by Stanford.
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