Pendergest-Holt Laura 20090210.txt 12 Q Let's go back and clean this -- One of the issues 13 we talked about earlier was your group's draft and review or 14 edit of the monthly reports, correct? 15 A Well, they're quarterly reports, but, yes, 16 0 Now, are those monthly reports for the bank? 17 A Yes. Stanford International Bank client. 18 (SEC Exhibit No. 27 was marked for 19 identification. 20 BY MR. KING: Q Okay. And take a look at Exhibit 27. Is that an

example of a monthly report from the bank? 23 A This one is -- My team did not do this one. 24 MR. SJOBLOM: What was the question you asked her? 25 MR. KING: I just asked her if it was a an example

of what we've just been talking about, a monthly report from 1 2 the hank 3 (Mr. Edmundson and Mr. Korotash entered the room.) BY MR. KING: 5 -Q Why do you say your team didn't do that one? 6 Because my team did not write this one. o okay. 8 A It says, Welcome to the first edition. That was 9 different. 10 (Speaking simultaneously.) 11 BY MR. KELTNER: 12 0 Report? 13 Yes. Before they were quarterly and now they're monthly

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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt 10 BY MR. KELTNER: 20 Q Is it fairly obvious?

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22 Q Fairly obvious?

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23 MR. KELTNER: She said yes.

24 MR. SJOBLOM: What's fairly obvious?

THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say it's fairly obvious.

1 I would say, like you, I would assume it was referring to Madoff investments.

3 BY MR. KING:

4 Q Now, you managed tier two for the bank, correct?

5 That is correct. I oversee tier two --

Oversee tier two?

-- do not manage. Oversee. Do not manage.

MR. KING: Sorry about that. That was 8

9 unintentional.

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BY MR. KING:

Q The -- In overseeing tier two of the bank, you 12 review the compiled report from Mr. Palmliden, correct?

A That is correct.

Q Okay. And is there any direct or indirect exposure to Madoff investments in tier two of the bank's portfolio?

15 A To my knowledge, there is no direct exposure. As of 17 when this report went out, we believed there was no indirect 18 exposure. We did find out after this report was written, 19 there was, like, less than two million dollars, I believe,

20 indirect -- No. Yeah -- would have been less than actually 21 one million of indirect exposure to Madoff. To my knowledge,

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16 That's correct.

17 BY MR. KING:

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18 Okay. Who wrote it?

I don't know.

BY MR. KELTNER:

21 Did you receive a copy before today? Have you seen

A Have I read it? No. Is there possibly a copy on 23

24 my e-mail or otherwise? Yes. it's possible.

BY MR. KING:

1 O All right. Let's take a look at Exhibit 27 a

2 little --

Α okav.

0 -- closer. Second paragraph there says, We want our depositors to know that SIBL has no direct or indirect

exposure to any of Madoff's investors.

Do you see where it says that? A I do see where it says that.

Q Now, the Madoff investments, I take it that's a referral -- I take it that refers to the fraud by Mr. Bernard

11 Madoff that's been in the news? A Okav.

Is that correct? Is that your understanding? Is 13

that your reading of the document? Is that your reading of Exhibit 272 15

16 A T don't know what I'm reading

MR. SJOBLOM: Do you know to what that refers?

THE WITNESS: I would assume, like you do -- Page 78 18

Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt that would have been the only exposure.

23 0 What is the source of that?

Probably less than 500,000 indirect exposure.

Q What is -- In direct exposure?

1 Indirect. No. No direct exposure. Indirect only.

And what is the source of this indirect exposure?

It was through Meridian. Meridian is a fund of

funds. Within their fund of funds, one of their fund 4 managers held -- I believe the name of that fund was Tremont,

which had invested in Madoff. So it was a very indirect, but

we found that out after this report had been published. Actually, it still has not been confirmed. We

believe there could potentially had been a very small amount of indirect exposure.

11

To your knowledge, has Stanford International Bank taken any steps to correct the indirect exposure statement in 13 Exhibit 279

A We're still trying -- We're confirming it in 14

15 process. So --

Q How do you go about confirming it?

17 A We're checking with the manager of Meridian to see 1.8 how much exposure, if any, was in our class of that

19 alternative.

20 MR. KELTNER:

21 When did this indirect exposure first come to your

22 attention?

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23 A Probably the end of January.

Okav. So before year end 2008?

No. The end of January --Page 80

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MR. SJOBLOM: 2009.
              THE WITNESS: -- 2009. I didn't know --
              BY MR. KELTNER:
          O That's the first --
 5
              MR. SJOBLOM: Let's be very clear. She's talking
 6 end of January 2009. That report was issued in December
 7 2008.
 8
              BY MR. KELTNER:
 a
          Q And I want to be very clear on that point.
10
          A Yes
11
             You first learned about Madoff's exposure at the
     end of January 2009?
13
          A Middle to end of January.
14
          Q Okay. You had no knowledge of Madoff's exposure
15
     prior to lanuary 20097
         A That's correct.
16
              BY MR. KOROTASH:
18
          Q How did you learn of it?
19
         A Actually, somebody who had introduced us to
20 Meridian had sent an e-mail saying that there was a
21
    possibility that Meridian did have exposure -- indirect
22
     exposure to Madoff.
23
              BY MR. KING:
         0 Who was that?
24
25
          A Who sent me the e-mail or who was Meridian?
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 5 that retract statements from the company's website. Is that
 6 what you said, Steve?
7
              MR. KOROTASH: Uh-huh.
8
              MR. SJOBLOM: Was she a participant in any
     conversation to retract a statement from --
10
11
         Q Concerning the desirability or necessity of
12
    retracting a press release from the company's website.
13
              MR. SJOBLOM: Your answer was?
15
              The WITNESS: I was not part of any of those
16
    discussions.
17
              BY MR. KING:
18
         Q Okay. If you would flip the page on Exhibit 27 for
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20
21
         Q Says there in the second column, first paragraph
    there. The bank's board of directors made a decision to
22
    increase the bank's capital by 541,000,000 --
25
         Q -- on November 28th, 2008. See where it says that?
             What does that mean?
         Q
             I don't know. It's -- I don't know.
         A If you can tell me what you believe it to mean,
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Q Where does the -- What does this \$541,000,000 refer

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maybe I can clarify it.

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Q You said who -- who -- You said someone did an
2
    introduction. Who was that?
 3
         A Oh, Bobby Ellison.
 4
              BY MR. KELTNER:
5
              Is he the one that sent you the e-mail?
         0
 6
              You think that was around mid January '09?
8
              I think so. I'm sorry. I've been traveling since
9
    December 26th, so I'm guessing on dates.
10
              BY MR. KOROTASH:
11
         Q Did you bring this to Mr. Davis's attention?
             Yes, I did.
12
13
         O And what did he say?
              He tried to confirm whether or not -- that we did.
14
15 in fact, have indirect. Again, though, if we did, it would
16
    have been maybe $500,000.
         Q Was there any discussion about the advisability or
18
    the desirability of retracting the press release on the
19
    company's website that there was no indirect exposure?
20
         A I do not know if there were any.
         Q You weren't party to any --
22
         A I was did not party to any of that discussion.
23
              THE REPORTER: I cannot get a clear record.
24
    Everybody's talking at the same time.
25
             MR. KOROTASH: Do your best.
              THE WITNESS: I said. I did not participate in any
1
   direct conversation as to whether or not a reprint should be
              MR. SJOBLOM: Not a reprint. Mr. Korotash asked
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8 to?
         A It would mean new capital put into the bank.
            Where did that $541,000,000 come from?
10
11
             I would have to use an assumed word. I would
    assume by the shareholder.
12
13
         Q Who is?
              R. Allen Stanford.
15
              What's the basis for your assumption?
16
             Shareholder infusion or shareholder capital
17
    infusion. It's not there, but that would be my assumption.
         Q Why was this 541,000,000 in capital infused?
18
             That I do not know.
20
              BY MR. KELTNER:
              Sorry. I may have missed it. Did you say you
21
         0
22
    had --
23
24
              You don't know where the money came from?
25
              Substantive, no. An assumption, yes. I would
    assume shareholder contribution.
        Q And there's only one shareholder?
3
             Yes.
             Robert Allen Stanford?
4
         Q
              Robert Allen -- It's not Robert, by the way. I
    believer it's Randall. His first daughter is named after
7
    him. Her name is Randy, not Roberta. So --
              BY MR. KING:
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Q How was that capital being used?

Any of it in tier two? Page 84

I don't know.

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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt A Based on the date here, November 28th, 2008, no. Q But you haven't seen an injection of any capital?

A No. There have been no deposits in tier two.
BY MR. KELTNER:

16 Q Before we entirely leave that subject, just to 17 close the loop --

A Yeah.

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19 Q $\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,$ -- was there any other exposure to Madoff that

20 you're aware of, aside --

21 A That I am aware of, no -- Oh, for Stanford

22 International Bank, I'm assuming?

Q Correct.

A To my knowledge, no.

Q Okay. Were you ever asked to research whether that

1 might be additional exposure to Madoff?

2 A I was not asked.

Q Did you do --

4 A I researched tier two, yes.

Q What did you do?

6 A I asked my analysts to do a scan of their

individual portfolios to see if there were any exposure.

8 Q Okay. And exposure to what?

A To Madoff, alternative funds.

10 Q Direct or ~~ Including indirect exposure?

A Direct or indirect.

12 Q How did you do that? Did you have them look at the

13 list of Madoff investors?

14 A I had them get -- well, I had them actually get in Page 85

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19 liquidity?

20 MR. SJOBLOM: When?

21 THE WITNESS: When? Exactly.

22 BY MR. KING:

23 Q Date and time. When's first time you ever

24 discussed the bank's liquidity with someone on the board of

25 directors or --

1 A Probably -- 2001, probably.

Q Okay. What did you talk about?

A Eight years ago. I -- I don't recall. Probably

4 how a --- what the liquidity of the overall portfolio was. As

5 to the exact percentages, I do not recall.

6 BY MR. KOROTASH:

Q Let's go most recently.

8 BY MR. KING:

Q We'll do it the other way.

A Well, 2000 -- We can start with 2004. The numbers

11 that Michael set could have very easily been for the overall

12 portfolio or the numbers that I would have been given for the

13 overall portfolio. And given the time of the market in 2004,

14 those are logical numbers.

15 Q Now, I want to make sure we're clear on this

16 because --

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A Yeah.

19 that would have been impossible --

20 A No. What I said is for the entire portfolio to be 21 liquidated at T plus two is impossible.

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touch with the advisors, to call the portfolio advisors.

First, I asked them to scan their portfolios. If there were
any questions about the holdings in the portfolios, to then
call the portfolio advisor to see if, in fact, we did have
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19 exposure there, direct or indirect.

20 Q Okay. And when did you do that?
21 A Right after the whole Madoff issue came out on the

news, and I do not remember that date. I do remember I was traveling and I was not in the office when it took place.

24 Q So sometime ago, not recently?

25 A Yeah. It was sometime ago.

BY MR. KING:

Q Okay. Before we broke, I think we were talking
about your -- I think you said five or six training sessions
with Mr. Zarich. correct?

A Uh-huh, That's correct.

6 Q And you did recall having certain conversations

7 with Mr. Zarich about liquidity, correct?

A Yes. That is correct.

9 Q But it was your testimony that your conversations

10 about liquidity were confined only to tier two liquidity?

11 A I do not recall whether or not they were based on

12 the overall portfolio or whether there's specific
13 conversations about tier two.

14 Q What do you know about the bank's overall

15 liquidity?

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16 A Only what I would have been told by the bank or by

17 the board of directors.

Q What have you been told about the bank's overall Page 86

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22 MR. SJOBLOM: Is impossible?

23 The WITNESS: Is impossible.

24 BY MR. KELTNER:

Q Can you give us a more reasonable number?

1 A Fifty percent of a portfolio being liquidated in T
2 plus two would have been possible in 2004. That would not be
3 possible today.

4 BY MR. KING:

Q okay. would it have been possible in 2004 to liquidate 75 percent of the portfolio, the bank's entire portfolio, in T plus five?

A I do not know the entire portfolio ever of the
bank. Logically, could a portfolio be liquidated 75 percent
in I plus five? Yes, it would have been possible.

11 Q Did you tell Mr. Zarich in 2004 that it was -- that
12 the bank could liquidate 75 percent of its portfolio in T
13 plus five?

A It is possible I would have said that.

15 Q Okay. Did you tell Mr. Zarich in 2004 that the

16 bank could liquidate 100 percent of its portfolio in 60 to 90 17 days?

18 A It was possible that could have been said. I'm 19 sorry. In what days? In --

19 Sorry. In what days: In --

20 MR. SJOBLOM: 60 to 90 days.

21 THE WITNESS: 60 to 90, yes. That is possible I 22 could have said that.

BY MR. KING:

24 Q When I showed you the brochure that has your

25 picture in it earlier --Page 88

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I think it's Exhibit 26.
         Q
             Ves it is
             -- we looked at the sentence that says Maintain
    the highest degree of liquidity as a protective factor.
         A Is that page three?
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             It's page three. Correct.
R
              Okav.
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         n
             You see where it says that?
10
             I do.
11
              How is liquidity a protective factor?
12
             Are you asking for my definition or my personal
         Α
13
    oninion?
14
        Q Do you understand liquidity to be a protective
15
    factor to the bank?
        A I can understand how that could be a protective
17
    factor.
18
        Q Explain that to me.
19
         A If you have liquidity, that means you can
20
    quickly -- Liquidity doesn't necessarily mean cash. It means
     how quickly assets could be converted to cash. And so if
    you're in a bank-type situation, liquidity would certainly be
23
    important because that's how quickly you can translate
    holdings into cash.
24
         Q Okay. So why might that be important to a CD
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   in kind investments.
5
         Q Okay. I think you just said earlier executing
7
    wires. Is that one of the roles that --
             Yes.
9
             -- that tier one performs?
10
              MR. SJOBLOM: I don't think she said that. It's a
11
    mischaracterization.
1.2
             THE WITNESS: Yeah. No --
              MR. SJOBLOM: Tier one does not execute wires.
14
             THE WITNESS: Tier one would not execute wires,
15
              BY MR. KTNG:
16
         Q Okav. Does -- Does tier one give wire transfer
17
    instructions?
18
        A Tier one itself does not, no. Tier one is an
19
    investment portfolio.
20
        o okav.
21
         A An investment portfolio would be a cash and cash in
    kind investment. It does nothing outside of that.
23
24
         A So that would have been a mischaracterization.
25
         Q When -- Does money ever move between the various
1 tiers?
        A Yes.
         Q Okay. And when it moves between the various tiers,
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does it always have to go through tier one?

Q Did you tell Mr. Zarich that when money moves

between tiers, it always has to go through tier one?

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A I do not know.

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purchaser?
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 2
               MR. SJOBLOM: If you know. If you don't.
 3
              THE WITNESS: I don't know. I Could be
     speculating, but -- I apologize. I'm not a banker.
               BY MR. KELTNER:
 6
              Why might that be important to an investor?
 7
         A An investor, in general, it just means how quickly
     I can get cash out, if needed.
              BY MR. KING:
10
         Q During your 2004 training sessions with Mr.
11 Zarich --
12
         Α
         0 -- did you tell him that the bank's money -- or
13
     that the bank's investment portfolio was managed in three
14
15
     tiers?
16
17
         Q
              Is that accurate?
18
              Yes
19
               MR. SJOBLOM: Is what accurate, that she said it or
20
     that --
21
               BY MR. KING:
22
         0
              Is it accurate that there are three tiers?
23
         Α
              Yes.
24
         0
              What is tier one?
               Cash. Cash and cash in kind investments.
 1
              What are the functions of tier one?
 2
              It's cash management.
 3
         Q
              What does that mean?
               It just means you're managing liquid cash and cash
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A I do not recall saying that it would always have to
10
          Q Okay. When money is placed with a portfolio
11 advisor, does it always have to go through tier one?
12
              It does not have to.
13
              How do you know that?
14
              I don't. I don't know that it does not have to.
   I've never seen anything written. Let's put it that way.
15
16
     I've never seen anything written that said it would have to.
17
          Q Does it typically go through --
18
          A Yes.
19
              -- tier one?
20
               MR. SJOBLOM: Are you talking about new incoming
     money? Are you talking about liquidating portfolios and
21
     moving money around? What -- What point are you talking
23
24
               It seems by your question that maybe a tier one is
     unclear to you what it is and how it arises.
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1 BY MR. KING:
2 Q Yeah. I don't think so. I mean, as I understand
3 her testimony, money, when it goes tier — goes to a
4 particular portfolio advisor, it typically goes through tier
5 one, correct?
6 A It typically goes through one of our correspondent
7 institutions, and, generally, those institutions do have tier
8 one cash.
9 Q Okay. And who are the correspondent institutions?
10 A I don't know that this is an all inclusive list,
11 but Toronto Dominion ——
2008 92
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12
              BY MR. KOROTASH:
13
             I'm sorry?
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             Toronto Dominion, Bank of Houston and Trust Mark
15
    are three of them.
16
              BY MR, KELTNER:
17
         O And where is Trust Mark based out of?
18
             I don't know. I'm sorry.
19
              BY MR. KING:
20
         Q What about National Republic?
21
         A I do not know that they are currently a
                                                                                п
22
    correspondent bank, but I've heard the name in the past as to
23
    whether or not they are now. I don't know.
         Q What about HSBC?
25
             We have relationships with HSBC as a firm. As to
 1 whether or not those are Stanford International Bank accounts
   or other accounts, I don't know.
        Q Do you have access to balances of cash being
3
    managed in tier one?
5
         A No. I do not.
         Q Do you know how much money is in -- is with tier
     one managed institutions right now?
8
         A I do not.
         O Do you know if management and referral fees paid to
    Stanford Group Company are paid from tier one?
10
         A I'm sorry, I do not.
         Q If tier two needs cash from tier one, how do you go
12
13
   about getting it?
         A I would request the cash through the board of
                         Page 93
            Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt
19
         A Patricia Maldanado.
20
             You ever request that information from Mr. Davis?
21
              Not the exact institution where to send the cash.
22
23
              All right. Let's talk about tier two for a second.
24
              Okav.
25
              What is tier two?
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don't know if he speaks to the entire board or --
20
         O Okay. When you say send a request to Mr. Davis.
    Mr. Davis's office is in Tunelo, right?
21
         A Not always.
22
             Sometimes he's in Memphis. Sometimes he's on the
24
25
    road --
1
             -- or I might be on the road. So, typically, I
    would e-mail a request.
3
         Q Okay. In what situations might you request cash
    from tier one?
         A I don't know that I have ever requested cash from
 6
 7
    tier one.
         O Okay, we talked earlier about the liquidations in
 8
q
    tier two. correct?
             And when tier two liquidates an asset, where does
11
12
    it send the cash?
         A I send cash to one of the institutions I just
13
    mentioned; Toronto Dominion, Bank of Houston, several of
    them -- Bank of Houston, I believe, or Trust Mark.
         Q And how do you know where to send it?
16
              I request that information from our treasurer.
17
              Who is?
18
         0
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Has any specific board member ever told you that?
22
23
         A Mr. Davis.
         O Now, if it's okay with you guys, I think at this
24
    point -- you provided the Commission with a copy of a
    presentation that you gave this morning, correct?
1
         A Yes. That's correct.
          Q Rather than go through the entire list of portfolio
 4
    advisors, can we just say that the list of -- will you agree
 5
    that the list of portfolio advisors that you gave to the SEC
     this morning is a comprehensive list of the portfolio
 6
     advisors in tier two?
 8
          A Yes. Yes.
 9
              MR. SJOBLOM: You mind if we go off the record for
    a second?
10
11
              THE WITNESS: Yes.
              MR. KING: Let's go off the record.
13
              (A discussion was held off the record.)
14
              MR. KING: Let's go back on the record at 3:40.
              MR. SJOBLOM: With respect to what Mr. King asked
15
16 about the powerpoint presentation this morning by Mrs. Holt,
     it is certainly a comprehensive list. We'll double check to
17
     make sure that it's 100 percent complete.
18
              Also, having mentioned that now. I did agree to
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20
    provide that to you, but we do have to do that under FOIA,
21 confidential request. I think the way I'll handle it is to
    make a Bates stamped hard copy, Bates stamped pages, send it
23 to you under a FOIA letter and then maybe return that other
24
    one to -- would be the same thing. Agreed?
              MR. EDMUNDSON: Let me -- You would like to produce Page 96
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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt directors.

I would send mine to Mr. Davis. I would send my

request to Mr. Davis. What he does with it, I don't know. I

Specifically who?

A It's a globally diversified portfolio managed by

Q Who sets the -- I think you told us -- the

1

2 external portfolio advisors.

investment parameters for tier two?

A The board of directors.

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entity?

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24 direct into Meridian.

1	the slide presentation to the Commission pursuant to FOIA, a
2	FOIA
3	MR. KOROTASH: Limited use.
4	MR. EDMUNDSON: limited use of a legend?
5	MR. SJOBLOM: Yes.
6	MR. EDMUNDSON: When will you produce that to us?
7	MR. SJOBLOM: Next couple of days. When I go back
8	to Washington, I'll print it off and get it Bates stamped,
9	submit you a letter.
10	MR. EDMUNDSON: Don't have a problem. End of the
11	week?
12	MR. SJOBLOM: Okay.
13	BY MR. KING:
14	Q Okay. I want to talk about a few of the people on
15	the list that
16	A Okay.
17	Q we've been talking about. I think you mentioned
18	Meridian earlier. That's the group that we discussed with
19	the indirect Madoff exposure, correct?
20	A That's correct.
21	Q And the money was invested in Meridian through what

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(Mr. Keltner entered the room.)

There was an SIBL -- There was an SIBL investment

Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt 5 Stanford Coins and Bullion, Stanford Asset Capital Management, that have Stanford in the name, is Stanford affiliated with any of the other portfolio advisors on the list? 9 No. Unless they have Stanford in their name, no. 10 Q Okay. I think you said you were recently married, 11 correct? A That's correct. 13 Q And what's your husband's name? 14 A Jim Holt. 15 Q Okay. Has tier two ever invested any money with 16 your husband? 17 18 Q Tell me about that. 19 He runs a long/short equity fund, and Stanford 20 International Bank did make an investment in his fund. Given 21 my relationship to Jim, I saw it as a conflict of interest 22 for me to recommend or personally oversee that account. So I 23 had nothing to do with the opening of that account and do not 24 follow it 25 Q When was it opened?

It is actually in process of being liquidated.

A I believe 2006 or 2007.

Is it still open?

BY MR. KELTNER:

Q At a gain or a loss?

How significant was the loss?

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At a loss.

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BY MR. KING:
 1
 2
         Q All right. One of the other entities there on that
    list is an entity called SSM Venture. You familiar with that
     entity?
 5
 6
         Q
             Tell me about that.
         A It is a private equity firm. They offer private
   equity and holdings through -- I believe it's an L.L.P.
   structure or an L.P. structure, and it is a collection of
10 investors investing in private equity.
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        Q What's the balance of the SSM Venture portfolio
12 today?
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             I'm sorry. I'd have to look at the numbers.
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        Q
             Roughly.
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              BY MR. KELTNER:
        Q How's it done?
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         A Actually, I do recall they're up for the year, I
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18 believe, by, like, a percent, maybe,
              MR. SJOBLOM: What did you ask?
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              The WITNESS: The number that I had in the
21
    presentation was accurate as of 12/31.
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              BY MR. KING:
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             SSM Venture is located in the same building as
24 Stanford in Memphis, correct?
      A That's correct.
         Q Is there any affiliation between SSM Venture and
 2 Stanford?
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         A To my knowledge, no.
         Q Does Stanford have -- Other than the entities,
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8	Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt A I don't know the most recent
9	Q Ballpark.
10	A I don't know. It was probably down 25, 30 percent
11	Q For the year or total?
12	A I believe for 2008, probably, by percent. Believe
13	it or not, we really don't discuss work at home. We have
14	enough finance during the day.
15	BY MR. KING:
16	Q What's the name of it?
17	A CMSU & Associates.
18	Q Now CMS You said CMSU
19	A Yes.
20	Q & Associates is not on your list, correct?
21	A No. It should be on my list. I put it on my
22	list I don't track it. I don't follow it and I am a
23	signatory or anywhere on the paperwork because of the
24	conflict of interest, but it was included on that list.
25	MR. SJOBLOM: Stop pointing to the screen. You

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1 mean the powerpoint --
              THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. The powerpoint. I'm sorry.
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              BY MR. KELTNER:
             Who does track it?
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              MR. SJOBLOM: Who does? Sorry.
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              BY MR. KELTNER:
         Q Track the portfolio.
             The reports are sent to Fred Palmliden.
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         Q And then does put them in the weekly report?
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             Ves he does
             Okay. And you receive the weekly report?
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12 A T do. 13 BY MR. EDMUNDSON: 14 Q How much money was your husband given to match? 15 I believe the original figure was 20,000,000, or, I 16 believe, it got up to 20,000,000. I'm not sure the actual 17 tranches of cash that were put in. I was not in those 18 conversations. 19

BY MR. KELTNER:

20 How long has CMSU been in existence?

21 A I believe eight years.

How long has your husband been employed with CMSU?

He's an original partner of the firm.

BY MR. KOROTASH:

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Was there any discussion about putting that fund

1 over into tier three to try to take away any of the conflict 2 that might have existed?

A Not necessarily to put it in tier three, no. It was more of a discussion. I did not mind it being placed in tier two. I just thought it was a conflict of interest for me to personally monitor it.

Q You oversee the people that monitor it?

8 Yes. But I do not oversee or request any funds to ٩ be placed in any given portfolio advisor

10 Q Did you have any discussions at all with Mr. Davis 11 concerning the possibility of putting the funds in tier 12

13 A I asked that he sign the documents and that he oversee it. I didn't care where the placement was. I just Page 101

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19 Q Okay. What's the balance on tier two currently?

It's around 350. Probably 350,000,000.

21 BY MR. KELTNER:

22 How does that compare to the end of '07?

23 It was over -- close to or just over a billion.

24 BY MR. KING:

25 So I take it that the -- it wasn't -- I mean, it's

1 down 30 -- roughly 30 percent, right?

A (Nodding.)

Q And the rest of that percentage would then be

covered by liquidations; is that right?

5 A Majority of it was a result of cash being withdrawn 6 from the portfolio.

Q Okay. Why was cash withdrawn from the portfolio?

A To send to cash and liquidity, and then, I'm

9 assuming, to meet redemptions. 10

Q How do you know that?

A I don't know it for certain.

12 BY MR. KELTNER:

13 I assume if you're the investment manager and

they're liquidating -- or since you're overseeing the 14

15 investments and they're liquidating a large portion of what

you're overseeing -- overseeing, you never had occasion to 16 17

18 A I asked and I was told that they are raising 19 liquidity.

20 Q And that was --

> A And that's to both bolster -- I mean, when you're Page 103

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wanted it to be stated that I did not personally make
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     requests as it related to that fund.
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         Q Again, was there any discussion about placing it
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     with Mr. Davis --
         A I don't recall ever -- I don't recall having that
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     conversations.
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              MR. SJOBLOM: Stop. guvs.
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              BY MR. KELTNER:
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         Q Do you understand that to mean the top performing
     funds or the worst performing funds?
        A It was among the worst at the end of 2008, and it
 1 was also -- it was also in process of being liquidated.
              BY MR. KING:
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         0 Who made the decision to liquidate it?
             Actually, there was a combined effort. I don't
 5 have anything to do with it. And given the performance, I
 6 made the -- I made the recommendation -- or I brought it up
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     that it should be liquidated due to its performance.
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              It's a long/short equity fund, Long/short equity
     funds generally do not -- especially when they're more long
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     than short, generally, do not fair well in market
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     environments like 2008.
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         O And to whom did you make that recommendation?
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              To Mr. Davis.
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             And he followed it?
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A It was down approximately 30 percent. Page 102

17 How did tier two do in 2008?

He is liquidating the positions currently.

Q Let's talk about tier two's overall performance.

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22 raising liquidity, it's to do one of two things. Either to 23 bolster your liquidity to a certain level or to pay out 24 redemptions. All I need to know is where it goes. 25 BY MR. KING:

2 two? MR. SJOBLOM: When? 4 The WITNESS: Yeah, When? Today or --5 BY MR. KELTNER: 6 Let's start with today. I really don't know. Certainly today, less than 10 9 Q I think earlier today you looked at an exhibit that had around eight billion dollars investment portfolio around 10 11 A That were around year end and at year end we had approximately four to 500,000,000, then that would be less

0 What percentage of the bank's portfolio is in tier

13 14 than 10 percent.

Q In the neighborhood of 5 percent, assuming those 15 numbers are right? 16

MR. SJOBLOM: Currently?

18 BY MR. KING:

19 Q What is -- What's the highest percentage of assets 20 or -- Strike that.

What is the highest percentage tier two has ever 21 22 been with regard to the bank's entire portfolio?

23 A I know this question (sic) is going to sound like a smart remark, but if you have a calculator, I can give you a 24

percentage, but, otherwise, I couldn't --Page 104 25

1	BY MR. KOROTASH:
2	Q Well, give us the numbers. Tell us what your
3	number was and what the bank's number was.
4	A When the bank was under eight billion, we had
5	I'm sorry. When the bank was under eight billion, we
6	probably had close to a billion, and so it would be the
7	calculation. So it's greater than 10 percent, but
8	Q Okay. We talked this morning for a few minutes
9	about having to pay penalties during the liquidation phase?
10	A That's correct.
11	Q And why was that? I mean, who was charging
12	penalties?
13	A We were brokering investments that had lock-ups on
14 .	them. And when you break an investment that has a lock-up i
15	the contract, you're going to pay a penalty if your
16	redemption exceeds a certain percentage or if there is any
17	redemption at all. In both cases we have now broken that.
18	So as a result, we had to pay penalties.
19	Q Was it your sense these were significant penalties
20	A It's not my sense that they are significant
21	penalties, no.
22	Q Do you have a ballpark idea sitting here what the
23	penalties the total?
24	A In total, no, I don't.
25	BY MR. KELTNER:

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A So an underlying manager or a -- a fund that would
6 have been within a portfolio would have charged fees, not the
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   portfolio advisor. So it's not a double set of fees to
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   liquidate.
             BY MR. KOROTASH:
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10 Q I think I asked you this morning about whether or 11 not you had any discussions with Mr. Davis regarding the desirability of, perhaps, getting funds from tier three to 13 use for the needed purpose rather than incurring these penalties.

15 Did you have any discussions along those lines? 16 A No, I did not have those discussions with Mr.

17 Davis.

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BY MR. KELTNER:

19 Did you tell Mr. Davis that liquidating these 20 assets would result in penalties?

21 A I honestly do not recall if I told him. I do 22 recall telling him that it could take time to liquidate --

Q Do you know --

-- these holdings.

Q Do you know if Mr. Davis was aware that the

penalties would be incurred?

A I do not know if he were. 3 BY MR. KOROTASH:

Q And sitting here now --

A Uh-huh.

Q -- do you think it might have made some sense from an economic standpoint to get money from the large tranche

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Q You said both of them. Which two investments are
    you talking about?
        A I'm sorry. When did I say both of them?
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         0 When he asked you about redemption penalties. I
    think you said in both instances.
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         A Oh, we were talking earlier. He had asked -- I'm
     sorry. He had asked earlier if there were any redemption
    penalties and I had said, yes, that there were. And then he
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    asked again, and I said, yes, that there were. And in both
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    instances I don't know how much they are.
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              MR. SJOBLOM: Mr. Korotash asked his question this
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              THE WITNESS: Right.
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              MR. SJOBLOM: -- and the question today --
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              THE WITNESS: Right.
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              MR. SJOBLOM: -- in both of those instances --
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               THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. So in both instances of
    the question I still don't know.
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              BY MP KELTNED.
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         O Which advisors do you know charged you liquidation
   fees?
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             The advisors themselves would not have charges
23 liquidation fees. The holdings that those advisors owned
   would have charged liquidation --
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         Q Sort of like a fund of funds --
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               Yeah.
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              -- type structure?
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So an underlying fund ---
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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt that's tier three rather than incur penalties?
          A Not necessarily. I don't know, and it doesn't
     necessarily make sense.
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          Q Okay.
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               BY MR. KTNG:
          O Did you participate in a meeting with analysts in
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     mid November last year in St. Thomas -- could have the island
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     wrong -- St. Croix?
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         A Actually --
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               MR. SJOBLOM: What was the question?
               THE WITNESS: Actually, he's right. It is St.
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    Thomas, and, no, I was not in that meeting. He asked there
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    were -- did I participate -- or were I in a meeting in St.
21 Thomas in November.
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               I was not in that meeting. I was elsewhere. I
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     don't recall now where I was.
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              Did you participate in the meeting remotely?
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I dialed in for a quick conference call with the
2 team. I did not stay on the line the entire time during that
    meeting.
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         Q.
             okay.
              MR. SJOBLOM: When? November 2008?
              MR. KING: Yes. Mid November 2008.
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              BY MR. KING:
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              There was a trip to St. Thomas, right?
              There was a trip to St. Thomas.
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              What was the purpose of the trip to St. Thomas?
              It was our mid quarter investment meeting.
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O Okay. Without knowing the assets that are in tier

three, how do you know that tier two is more liquid than tier

at that precise time, I don't know.

Q How has it come up? A No. That was a question that was asked. The 3 question is -- Well, what is your question? Did the question come up during that meeting or has that question ever been 4 asked? 5 Q Well, I think you said you didn't remember whether it happened at that meeting? 7 8 A Right. Has the question been asked? Yes. q By whom? 0 10 One of my analysts. I don't remember which one. 11 O What was your response? 12 A My response was tier two is the more liquid 13 portfolio, and that while there may be cash in tier three, it was, most likely, already called for.

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question and been given an answer.

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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt BY MR. KING: Q Let me do the question, then you'll do the answer. okay, so we can be clear. What was your reaction to Mr. Davis's statement that tier three was private equity and real estate? A I don't think I had a reaction. I had asked a

1 BY MR. KOROTASH: Q I'm sorry. What was the remark Mr. Davis made in 3 terms of -- you said -- was there a primarily here or what percentage are we talking about? 4 5 A I did not ask percentages. I just asked what some of the holdings of tier three were. I don't think it's all 6 -- I don't know that it's all inclusive, but the answer that was given to me was that there were private equities and real 9 estate holdings in tier three. 10 BY MR KING 11 Q What percentage of tier three at year end -- or in. 12 let's say -- let's say in fourth quarter 2008 was in private 13 equity? 14 I don't know. 15 BY MR. KOROTASH: Q But you have the sense, obviously, there was a 16 significant percentage to the extent that you couldn't ask

18 him for -- to -- you told the analysts that that wasn't a 19 feasible idea to get money from tier three. A I -- I was responding only to cash in the portfolio 21 of tier three. I was responding only to cash.

Because I had asked at a point in time -- I don't 18 19 remember the exact date -- what tier three assets were. 20 o who did you ask? 21 Mr. Davis. 22 What did he sav? He told me private equity and real estate. 23 24 BY MR. KELTNER: 25 O And when was that? I just said I don't remember. 2 Five years ago? Six months ago? A It would have been probably within the last three 3 4 to six months. BY MR. KING: Were you surprised to learn that tier three was in 7 private equity and real estate? A I wouldn't say surprised. 8 MR. KELTNER: 10 Why do you laugh? 11 Surprised is just a humorous term. I'm sorry. 12 BY MR. KING: 13 0 What was your reaction? 14 MR. SJOBLOM: There's been a lot of laughter in 15 here today, Tom. So --16 BY MR. KING: 17 0 What was your reaction --A I can quit if you would like. 18

Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt BY MR. KING: 22 23 Q I want to -- I want to ask the question again 24 because I want to --A Okav.

Q -- make sure we're on the same page. what percentage of tier three was invested in private equity in the fourth quarter of 2008? A I do not know. O Did you ever have occasion to ask Mr. Davis what percentage of tier three was private equity in the fourth A My recollection is no. I mean. it's -- My recollection, as it is just a tier three or just in the portfolio, how much is in private equity, I do not recall. Q What percentage of the total portfolio was in private equity during the fourth quarter of 2008? A I don't know. Q Were you ever asked by a financial advisor to determine how much private equity was in tier three? Not that I recall. BY MR. EDMUNDSON: Do you know who manages the assets in tier three? I know it's overseen by the board of directors. Q Including Jim Davis? BY MR. KOROTASH: 0 Jim is on the board of directors or managing the 24 assets? BY MR. EDMUNDSON: Page 112

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1	Q My question was "managed."
2	A Oh, I'm sorry. I do not know that Mr. Davis is
3	actually managing tier three.
4	Q All right. Do you have an understanding of who
5	oversees the assets in tier three?
6	A It's overseen by the board of directors.
7	Q And your testimony here today is you don't know
8	what the assets of tier three are?
9	A That's correct.
0	MR. SJOBLOM: That's not what she said.
1	THE WITNESS: Well
.2	MR. KELTNER: New question.
.3	MR. SJOBLOM: Wait a minute. That's a
4	mischaracterization.
.5	MR. EDMUNDSON: Let me rephrase.
6	MR. SJOBLOM: She said she knew or was told there's
.7	private equity and real estate.
8	MR. EDMUNDSON: Fair enough. I appreciate that.
9	That was a bad question.
0	The WITNESS: Thank you.
1	BY MR. EDMUNDSON:
2	Q You don't oversee the assets in tier three?
3	A I do not oversee the assets in tier three.
4	Q And your testimony here today is with specificity
5	you don't know what the assets are in tier three at the

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Pendergest-Holt_Laura_20090210.txt 5 report or in a previous agreement. 6 BY MR. KELTNER: A private equity fund identified by name? 8 BY MR. EDMUNDSON: 10 Q If you wanted to have information regarding the 11 assets of tier three as the chief investment officer of 12 Stanford Financial Group, who would you go to? 13 A I would go to the board of directors. 14 Q And within the board of directors who would you go to? 15 16 A Actually, if I wanted to know about tier three, I'd 17 probably go to all of them or I would, at minimum, go to the 18 investment committee. 19 Q Okay. And who would you ask on the investment 20 committee? A I would ask Mr. Stanford and Mr. Davis. 22 Q Who would you ask on the board by name? 23 A I would ask Mr. Stanford and Mr. Davis. 24 BY MR. KING Q Okay. I hate to ask this question since it's a

1 good segue. We were talking about the investment committee

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committee, correct?

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A I am aware of that --

You are aware that the bank has an investment

Q Who constitutes the bank's investment committee?

I believe it to -- Without referring back to that

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              MR. SJOBLOM: No. That's not -- It's a
 3 mischaracterization again. You're talking about percentages
    or allocations. She said she's -- private equity and real
               BY MR. EDMUNDSON:
          O let me take each one of those.
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         Δ Okav.
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         Q I was -- I thought I could generalize it for
10 specificity. You don't know what the allocations are in tier
11 three, do you?
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     A I do not know what the allocations are in tier
13 three
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         O You don't know who the portfolio advisors are in
    tier three, if any, are used at all?
         A I do not know.
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         Q You don't even know that there are any assets in
18 tier three, do you?
        A I do know they are assets in tier three.
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          Q How do you know that?
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         A I have been copied on some e-mails as it relates to
22 holdings in tier three.
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        O What did those e-mails sav?
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         A There's several e-mails. Some are talking about
     drawdowns on cash for private equity investments. Actually,
 1 all of them are discussing drawdowns or investments into
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        In no case is it -- that I recall is it an initial
4 investment, so, generally, as agreed upon in a previous Page 114
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8 list that you gave me earlier, I believe it to be Mr.
9 Stanford or Allen Stanford, Mr. Davis and O. Y. Goswick.
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       Q What's your basis for that belief?
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         A Gosh, years with Stanford, I mean, it's -- I don't
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     -- I don't recall where I was when I first got that
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     information, whether it was through a phone call, a question,
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    a meeting. I don't recall, but that is who I believe it to
15 be.
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         Q Who is O. Y. Goswick?
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             He's a board member of Stanford International Bank.
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         Q What's his background?
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             I do not know his background.
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         o Where's he live?
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              I think, Texas.
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             Have you ever made presentations to him as a member
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    of the investment committee?
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              MR. SJOBLOM: She's already testified she has.
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              MR. KOROTASH: That's off the record.
              MR. SJOBLOM: No. No earlier today.
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              MR. KING: Okay, I forgot.
              MR. SJOBLOM: As long as it's consistent.
              The WITNESS: I have not made a presentation solely
5 to the investment committee. I have made presentations to
6 the board of directors.
              BY MR. KOROTASH:
         Q Did Mr. Davis ever advise you in 2008 what the
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9 percentage of -- of the bank's assets were comprised of real

A It is possible that we could have had that Page 116

estate and private equity?

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