

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,    :
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                                :      April 23, 2021
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ELVIS REDZEPAGIC,           :
                                :      Central Islip, NY
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Defendant.                   :
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TRANSCRIPT OF CRIMINAL CAUSE FOR GUILTY PLEA
BEFORE THE HONORABLE A. KATHLEEN TOMLINSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 THE CLERK: Criminal cause for guilty plea
2 in 17-CR-228, United States of America v. Elvis
3 Redzepagic.

4 Counsel, please state your names for the
5 record.

6 MR. McCONNELL: Your Honor, this is Artie
7 McConnell for the United States.

8 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

9 MR. ROCHE: Good morning, your Honor. David
10 Roche and Hassan Ahmad for Mr. Redzepagic. Good
11 afternoon.

12 THE COURT: Good afternoon. We have another
13 counsel as well?

14 MR. ROCHE: Yes, Hassan Ahmad is also here
15 for Mr. Redzepagic.

16 THE COURT: State your appearance on the
17 record. Go ahead.

18 MR. AHMAD: Hassan Ahmad along with David
19 Roche on behalf of our client, Mr. Redzepagic. Good
20 afternoon, Judge.

21 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

22 Mr. Redzepagic, I can see you but I want to
23 make sure that you can hear me clearly. Can you hear
24 me?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I hear you.

1 THE COURT: And as for all the other
2 counsel, if you would, when you are not speaking, I'm
3 going to ask you to keep yourself on mute so that we
4 don't get the feedback that we can get with these
5 proceedings.

6 I have a preliminary matters that I need to
7 go over with Mr. Redzepagic before we get to the actual
8 plea, so let me begin with that. First of all, as
9 counsel are well aware, the Chief Judge of this
10 district, Margo Brodie, has issued several
11 administrative orders with respect to the manner in
12 which certain proceedings are being held in light of
13 the pandemic. The most recent order, which dates from
14 March 20th, indicates that criminal proceedings other
15 than trials, to the extent possible, are to continue
16 remotely pursuant to the provisions of the Cares Act
17 and administrative order number 2020-13-3. This is
18 from her administrative order 2021-4-1. This is one of
19 the proceedings in the listing of proceedings that can
20 go forward remotely and is urged to go forward
21 remotely, as we are doing here today.

22 So the provision that I need to address, Mr.
23 Redzepagic, is the fact that we're going to go forward
24 today, so long as I know that you're consenting to this
25 particular proceeding being conducted by means of video

1 conference. Are you consenting to that, sir?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Did you have the opportunity to
4 speak with your counsel about proceeding in this
5 manner?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

7 THE COURT: I'm going to ask counsel if you
8 would just to confirm that fact, that you had that
9 conversation with Mr. Redzepagic.

10 MR. ROCHE: Yes, we did, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: I have also before me an order
12 of referral from Judge Hurley (ui) for the purposes of
13 conducting the proceedings today (ui) permission to
14 enter a plea of guilty, to conduct an allocution
15 pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
16 Procedure, and my job is to first of all determine if
17 the plea is knowingly and voluntarily made and not
18 coerced, and secondly, to recommend to Judge Hurley
19 that the plea of guilty should be accepted, reporting
20 to him as soon as practicable.

21 Mr. Redzepagic, you understand that this is
22 Judge Hurley's case, correct?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

24 THE COURT: He is the judge who will
25 sentence you and ultimately make the decision as to

1 whether to accept your guilty plea. If you wish, you
2 have the absolute right under the Constitution to have
3 Judge Hurley listen to your plea. And if you choose to
4 do that, there would be no prejudice to you in doing
5 so.

6 Do you understand that?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Alternatively, if you wish, you
9 can enter your plea here before me today and I will
10 listen to the plea, and a transcript will be made by
11 the court reporter of this proceeding. Judge Hurley
12 will then review the transcript to decide whether to
13 accept the plea, and he will review the transcript in
14 connection with your sentence.

15 So my question to you right now is, do you
16 wish to give up the right to have Judge Hurley listen
17 to your plea and instead proceed before me here this
18 afternoon?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Did you have the opportunity to
21 discuss having your plea entered here before me once
22 again with your counsel?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Are you making the decision to
25 proceed before me this afternoon voluntarily and of

1 your own free will?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Has anyone made any threats to
4 you or promises to you to induce you to agree to have
5 your plea heard before me this afternoon?

6 THE DEFENDANT: No.

7 THE COURT: Based on what I've heard from
8 Mr. Redzepagic, I'm now going to sign the bottom of the
9 order of referral, which is the consent portion, and
10 the record will so reflect.

11 Let's move on now to the plea. Mr.
12 Redzepagic, before hearing your plea and making any
13 recommendation to Judge Hurley, there are a number of
14 questions that I must ask to assure that this is in
15 fact a valid plea. If for some reason, you don't
16 understand any of the questions I'm about to ask you,
17 please if you would raise your hand, speak up, let me
18 know in some way that you don't understand, and I will
19 try to rephrase the question in a way that you can
20 answer it.

21 Can we agree to your doing that?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

23 THE COURT: I'm going to ask the clerk now
24 please if you would to swear in the defendant.

25 THE CLERK: Yes, Judge.

1 (Defendant is sworn.)

2 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, you understand
3 that having been sworn now, your answers to my
4 questions will be subject to the penalties of perjury
5 or making a false statement if you do not answer them
6 truthfully.

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

8 THE COURT: What is your full name, please?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Elvis Redzepagic.

10 THE COURT: How old are you, Mr. Redzepagic?

11 THE DEFENDANT: 30 years old.

12 THE COURT: Are you a citizen of the United
13 States?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

15 THE COURT: What is the highest level of
16 schooling that you've completed?

17 THE DEFENDANT: High school.

18 THE COURT: Are you now or have you recently
19 been under the care of a physician or psychiatrist?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No.

21 THE COURT: In the past 24 hours, have you
22 taken any narcotic drugs, medicine or pills, or drunk
23 any alcoholic beverage?

24 THE DEFENDANT: No.

25 THE COURT: Have you ever been hospitalized

1 or treated for narcotics addiction?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

3 THE COURT: How long ago was that?

4 THE DEFENDANT: I can't recall.

5 THE COURT: Was it in the past few weeks or
6 several years ago?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Before 2017.

8 THE COURT: Is there anything with respect
9 to that treatment being behind you at this point that
10 would have any impact at all on your ability to answer
11 my questions here today truthfully?

12 THE DEFENDANT: No.

13 THE COURT: Is your mind clear as you sit
14 here this afternoon?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Do you understand what's going
17 on here in the course of this proceeding?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Just bear with me for a second.
20 With respect to counsel, have you discussed
21 this matter with your client?

22 MR. ROCHE: Yes, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: With respect to his rights, does
24 he understand what rights he would be waiving by
25 pleading guilty here?

1 MR. ROCHE: Yes, he does, your Honor. I've
2 explained them to him.

3 THE COURT: To the best of your knowledge,
4 if Mr. Redzepagic capable of understanding the nature
5 of these proceedings?

6 MR. ROCHE: He is capable.

7 THE COURT: Do you have any doubt at this
8 time as to Mr. Redzepagic's competency to plead?

9 MR. ROCHE: No, I do not, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, you have the
11 right to plead not guilty.

12 Do you understand that?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: If you plead not guilty, under
15 the Constitution and the laws of the United States, you
16 are entitled to a speedy and public trial by jury with
17 the assistance of counsel on the charges.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: At the trial, you would be
21 presumed to be innocent and the government would have
22 to overcome that presumption and prove you guilty by
23 competent evidence and beyond a reasonable doubt. You
24 would not have to prove that you were innocent. If the
25 government failed, the jury would have the duty to find

1 you not guilty.

2 Do you understand that?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

4 THE COURT: In the course of the trial, the
5 witnesses for the government would have to come to
6 court and testify in your presence, and your counsel
7 would have the right to cross-examine the witnesses for
8 the government, to object to evidence offered by the
9 government, and to offer evidence on your behalf. You
10 also have the right to compel the attendance of
11 witnesses at a trial.

12 Do you understand that?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: At the trial, while you would
15 have the right to testify if you chose to do so, you
16 would not be required to testify. Under the
17 Constitution of the United States, you may not
18 compelled to incriminate yourself. If you decided not
19 to testify, the Court would instruct the jury that they
20 could not hold that against you.

21 Do you understand that?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, if you plead
24 guilty and if I recommend to Judge Hurley that the plea
25 be accepted, you'll be giving up your constitutional

1 right to a trial and all the other rights that I just
2 discussed with you. There will be no further trial of
3 any kind and no right to appeal or collaterally attack,
4 or at any time question whether you are guilty or not.
5 A judgment of guilty will be entered on the basis of
6 your guilty plea, and that judgment can never be
7 challenged. However, you have the right to appeal with
8 respect to the sentence.

9 Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: If you plead guilty, Mr.

12 Redzepagic, I will have to ask you questions about what
13 you did in order to satisfy myself that you are guilty
14 of the charge to which you seek to plead guilty, and
15 you will have to answer my questions and acknowledge
16 your guilt. Therefore, you will be giving up your
17 right not to incriminate yourself.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, are you willing
21 to give up your right a trial and the other rights that
22 I just discussed with you?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

24 THE COURT: I have before me a document
25 marked as Court Exhibit 1, which is your plea agreement

1 in this case.

2 First of all, have you had the opportunity
3 to review the plea agreement?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Did you have also an opportunity
6 to discuss it with Mr. Roche and Mr. Ahmad as your
7 attorneys?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: I'm going to ask Mr. McConnell
10 on behalf of the government if you would to list
11 whether there's any waiver of appeal or other waivers
12 of rights included in this plea agreement.

13 MR. McCONNELL: Yes, your Honor. The plea
14 agreement spells out the guidelines calculation if your
15 Honor would like me to go through that, or just the
16 appellate waiver portion.

17 THE COURT: Why don't you do the appellate
18 waiver portion. I think the rest --

19 MR. McCONNELL: Okay.

20 THE COURT: Since he's indicated he's gone
21 over it with counsel, I think we're okay.

22 MR. McCONNELL: Okay. Just for the record,
23 the guidelines calculation -- the (ui) guidelines range
24 is 240 months by the government's calculation. The
25 appellate waiver says that Mr. Redzepagic agrees to not

1 file an appeal or otherwise challenge the conviction or
2 sentence in the event the Court imposes a term of
3 imprisonment of 168 months or below. The government is
4 obviously not (ui) recommendation would be and the plea
5 agreement is clear that the guidelines estimate is not
6 binding and is ultimately determined by the sentencing
7 court.

8 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

9 Mr. Redzepagic, you just heard the
10 prosecutor go over the waivers that are contained in
11 this plea agreement. I want to focus for a minute on
12 the appellate waiver. According to paragraph 4 in this
13 agreement, it says that you are not going to file an
14 appeal or otherwise challenge essentially your
15 conviction or sentence in the event that Judge Hurley
16 imposes a term of imprisonment of 168 months or below
17 that number. I want to make sure that you understand
18 that specific provision in terms of any waiver of
19 appeal.

20 First of all, do you understand or do you
21 have any questions about that at all?

22 THE DEFENDANT: No questions. I understand.

23 THE COURT: Let me just confirm for the
24 record if you would, did you have a sufficient
25 opportunity to discuss that provision with Mr. Roche

1 and/or Mr. Ahmad?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did.

3 THE COURT: It's my understanding based on
4 the contents of the plea agreement, Mr. Redzepagic,
5 that intend now to plead guilty to Count 1 of the
6 indictment, is that correct?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Count 1 charges you with an
9 attempt to provide materials (ui) to a foreign
10 terrorist organization. I'm going to call upon Mr.
11 McConnell once again if you would please to (ui)
12 elements of the crime that's charged here in Count 1.

13 MR. McCONNELL: Yes, your Honor. The
14 elements of this offense -- first, the defendant
15 attempted to (ui) material (ui) resources to a foreign
16 terrorist organization. In this case, those resources
17 were himself, the defendant, (ui) to join a foreign
18 terrorist organization per 18 USC 2339 (ui).

19 The second element is that the defendant
20 knew that the organization was designated a terrorist
21 organization or that the organization had engaged in
22 terrorist activity or terrorism. The organization I
23 believe (ui) the defendant (ui). (Ui) terrorist
24 organization pursuant to the Secretary of State.

25 The third element is (ui) requirement that

1 can be satisfied in a number of ways. First, it can be
2 satisfied by the fact that the defendant is a U.S.
3 citizen, which he is, or that the defendant returned to
4 the United States after the conduct occurred, which he
5 did after this offense took place, and that the offense
6 affected interstate or foreign commerce. Those are the
7 elements, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Mr. Redzepagic, you just heard the
10 prosecutor outline the elements of the crime charged in
11 Count 1. First of all, do you understand those
12 elements?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: And for the record, have you had
15 the opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Roche and/or
16 Mr. Hassan (sic)?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

18 THE COURT: Excuse me, Mr. Ahmad, my
19 apologies. Yes?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

21 THE COURT: I want to take a minute to go
22 over the other terms in your plea agreement (ui). Do
23 you have a copy of it there by any chance?

24 THE DEFENDANT: No.

25 THE COURT: All right. But you have gone

1 over it sufficiently, I think you already stated, with
2 your attorneys, correct?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

4 THE COURT: All right. Under the statute
5 that applies in these circumstances, the maximum term
6 of imprisonment that Judge Hurley can impose here is up
7 to 20 years.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

10 THE COURT: And under the same statute, the
11 minimum term of imprisonment is zero years.

12 Do you understand that as well?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

14 THE COURT: If Judge Hurley sentences you to
15 a term of imprisonment, he's also obligated by statute
16 to impose a period of supervised release. In this
17 instance, the maximum period of supervised release is
18 life, to follow any term of imprisonment. If you were
19 to violate any condition of your supervised release,
20 you could be sentenced to up to three years, without
21 credit for prerelease imprisonment or time previously
22 served on post-release supervision.

23 Do you understand that?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Also under the statute that

1 applies here, the maximum fine that can be imposed by
2 the Court is \$250,000.

3 Do you understand that as well?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

5 THE COURT: And there is a \$100 special
6 assessment imposed here. That is in the form of an
7 order or a penalty charge that has to be paid. It's
8 really in the form of an administrative fee that has to
9 be paid within the short term.

10 Do you understand that?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12 THE COURT: There are certain other criminal
13 forfeiture provisions set forth in the plea agreement.

14 Are you aware of those forfeiture
15 provisions?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

17 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about
18 them?

19 THE DEFENDANT: No.

20 THE COURT: The plea agreement also
21 contains, as Mr. McConnell told us earlier, information
22 about the offense level and the federal sentencing
23 guidelines. I want to make sure first of all that
24 you've had the opportunity to discuss the federal
25 sentencing guidelines with Mr. Roche and/or Mr. Ahmad.

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

2 THE COURT: You also understand that the
3 sentencing guidelines, the judge is required to review
4 those, but he is not bound by the calculations that
5 have been done that are contained in your plea
6 agreement.

7 Do you understand that as well?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Under a specific Supreme Court
10 decision, the federal sentencing guideline range has
11 been determined to be advisory and not mandatory. What
12 that means is that Judge Hurley is required to consider
13 the federal sentencing guideline range but he's not
14 compelled to sentence you within that range.

15 Do you understand that?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

17 THE COURT: After considering the federal
18 sentencing guideline range, Judge Hurley is required to
19 consider all the other factors in your case. He has to
20 consider for example the (ui) for sentencing. Those
21 include first of all the nature and circumstances of
22 the offense here and the history and characteristics of
23 you as the defendant in this case. He also has to
24 consider the need for the sentence imposed to reflect
25 the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for

1 the law, and to provide just punishment for the
2 offense. He also has to consider the need to (ui) as
3 to other criminal conduct and the need to protect the
4 public from further crimes that you might commit.

5 Once Judge Hurley has considered the federal
6 sentencing guideline range as well as all the other
7 factors that I just went over with you, his job at that
8 point is to determine a sentence that's reasonable,
9 taking all of those factors and circumstances into
10 account.

11 Do you understand that?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, do you
14 understand that if the sentencing that Judge Hurley
15 imposes here is more severe than what you might have
16 expected, you will nonetheless be bound by your guilty
17 plea and you will not be permitted to withdraw it.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Do you have any questions that
21 you'd like to ask me about the charge, your rights, or
22 anything else relating to this matter?

23 THE DEFENDANT: No.

24 THE COURT: Are you ready to plead?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Roche, do you know of any
2 legal reason why Mr. Redzepagic should not plead
3 guilty?

4 MR. ROCHE: I do not, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, are you
6 satisfied with your legal representation up to this
7 point?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Do you feel that your attorneys
10 have done a good job?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, what is your
13 plea to Count 1 of the indictment, attempt to provide
14 material support to a foreign terrorist organization?

15 THE DEFENDANT: I plead guilty.

16 THE COURT: Are you making this plea of
17 guilty voluntarily and of your own free will?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Has anyone threatened you or
20 forced you in any way to get you to plead guilty?

21 THE DEFENDANT: No.

22 THE COURT: Other than the agreement with
23 the government which I referred to earlier and that we
24 marked as Court Exhibit 1, your plea agreement with the
25 government, other than that agreement, has anyone made

1 any promise that caused you to plead guilty here?

2 THE DEFENDANT: No.

3 THE COURT: Has anyone made any promise to
4 you as to what your sentence will be?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, did you, as
7 charged in Count 1, on or about and between June, 2015
8 and August, 2015, here in the Eastern District of New
9 York and an extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United
10 States, together with others, did you knowingly and
11 intentionally attempt to provide material support and
12 resources as defined in Title 18 of the United States
13 Code, Section 2339(a), subdivision B, including
14 personnel, including yourself (ui) foreign terrorist
15 organizations, here specifically the Islamic state of
16 Iraq (ui), hereinafter referred to as ISIS, and (ui),
17 which at all relevant times have been designated by the
18 Secretary of State as foreign terrorist organizations,
19 knowing that the organizations had been designed
20 terrorist organizations, and that the organizations
21 (ui) were engaging in terrorist activity and terrorism,
22 and that you, who are a national of the United States
23 as defined in Section 101 (ui) of the Immigration and
24 National Security Act (ui) conduct required for the
25 offense -- this offense occurred, you were found in the

1 United States, the offense occurred in part within the
2 United States, and the offense occurred in and
3 affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

4 Did you do that?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Redzepagic, I
7 will (ui) describe in your own words what you did in
8 connection with the acts that are charged in Count 1 of
9 the indictment.

10 THE DEFENDANT: I traveled to Turkey (ui)
11 for the purpose of joining (ui) at around June to
12 August, 2015.

13 THE COURT: All right. Mr. McConnell, any
14 questions or anything further you need?

15 MR. McCONNELL: Yes, specifically the
16 defendant -- if the defendant traveled Turkey in early
17 July of 2015 with the intent of traveling (ui). I just
18 want to confirm that the date of the actual travel to
19 Turkey was in July of 2015.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, is that
21 accurate?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. McCONNELL: And that after that, the
25 defendant did return to the United States.

1 THE COURT: Is that correct as well, Mr.
2 Redzepagic?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

4 THE COURT: All right. All right, very
5 well, thank you.

6 Mr. McConnell, I'm going to ask you if you
7 would now on behalf of the government outline the proof
8 in this case if this case were to go to trial.

9 MR. McCONNELL: Yes, your Honor. Had the
10 case proceeded to trial, the government (ui) included
11 the following, all of which demonstrate the defendant
12 (ui) terrorist organization and wage a jihad. (Ui)
13 include airline, financial, and border-crossing
14 records, specifically travel (ui) airline records which
15 corroborate his travel from Montenegro to Turkey,
16 records of (ui) interviews when the defendant returned
17 from Turkey. (Ui) extremist propaganda that was found
18 in his possession at the time he returned.

19 (Ui) social media account (ui) not only his
20 violent ideology and his intent to join a terrorist
21 organization but communications and information (ui)
22 individuals and confederates from a particular radical
23 mosque in (ui). We would also introduce evidence from
24 the defendant's laptop computer, which evidence of his
25 criminal intent in attempting to cross the Syrian

1 border from Turkey would include a search history (ui)
2 numerous visits to ISIS and other radical websites that
3 are (ui) travel to Syria, communications over a social
4 media platform before (ui) time in Turkey.

5 Additionally, the defendant made numerous
6 statements to both law enforcement and third parties
7 regarding his attempt to enter Syria and join a
8 terrorist organization. The government would call (ui)
9 to testify regarding the statements as well as law
10 enforcement agents who would testify to the defendant's
11 statements made in several interviews with the FBI.

12 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

13 Based on the information that's been
14 provided to me, also by Assistant United States
15 Attorney McConnell, I find that the defendant here is
16 acting voluntarily, that he fully understands his
17 rights and the consequences of his plea, and that there
18 is indeed a factual basis for the plea. I'm therefore
19 recommending to Judge Hurley that the plea of guilty to
20 Count 1 of the indictment be accepted.

21 Is there anything further from the
22 government?

23 MR. McCONNELL: No, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Roche and/or Mr. Ahmad,
25 anything further on behalf of Mr. Redzepagic?

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MR. ROCHE: No, your Honor, thank you.


THE COURT: Mr. Redzepagic, good luck to
you.

We are concluded. Thank you all.

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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ELIZABETH BARRON

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