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26 Plaintiff,  
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28 vs.  
29 Michael Lacey et al.,  
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31 Defendants.

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**REPLY IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF  
MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL  
(Doc. 862)**

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1 Defendants submit the instant reply in further support of their Motion to Continue  
2 (“Motion”) (Doc. 862). In the Motion, Defendants sought to continue the trial date from May  
3 5, 2020 to October 1 or 6, 2020 based on the government’s untimely, continuous, and  
4 voluminous discovery productions, including a production of 355,000 pages of new material  
5 on December 13 and 17, 2019, Defendants’ inability to access and search the server data, and  
6 the government’s recent overhaul to its witness list. This continuance is needed as a matter  
7 of fundamental fairness and to enable defense counsel to effectively prepare for trial. Nothing  
8 in the government’s Opposition (Doc. 880) refutes the Defendants’ showing that a relatively  
9 modest continuance is needed to ensure that Defendants are able to effectively prepare for  
10 trial and that the trial is fair, as mandated by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. Moreover,  
11 **after Defendants filed their Motion, the government served Defendants with two new**  
12 **disclosures consisting of almost 10,000 pages of new and critical discovery,** and  
13 dramatically altered its previous exhibit list. Additionally, the unexpected, short-term  
14 unavailability of one of the defense counsel independently justifies a continuance.

## 15 BACKGROUND

### 16 I. The government’s disclosures are ongoing and voluminous.

17 In this complex and novel case, the government told the Court and defense counsel  
18 that most of its disclosures would be completed in the summer of 2018 and its disclosures  
19 would conclude by December 2, 2018, thirteen months before the original trial date set by the  
20 Court. (*See* Doc. 131.) The early disclosures were meant to enable defense counsel to review  
21 the government’s voluminous discovery and effectively prepare a defense. Although the  
22 original trial date was continued to May 5, 2020 after the appointment of new counsel (the  
23 only previous continuance), the government’s discovery cut-off date was not altered. (*See* Doc.  
24 664.) The government did not, however, conclude its disclosures by December 2, 2018; rather  
25 its disclosures have continued apace, with no end in sight. The government’s untimely  
26 disclosures – including recent disclosures of more than 355,000 pages and, even after the  
27 Motion was filed, another almost 10,000 pages –not only violate the discovery cut-off, but also  
28 send defense counsel scrambling to review the voluminous new material. The current trial

1 date is less than three months away, and the government has recently dumped more discovery  
2 on the defense than is produced in total in many complex cases.

3 For example, on **December 13, 2019**, the government disclosed **355,000 pages** of new  
4 discovery.<sup>1</sup> As explained in the Motion, conducting the first level review of this data at the  
5 industry standard pace will involve significant time, and that does not even allow for  
6 substantive analysis and related investigations. Defendants' review of this data is ongoing and  
7 nowhere near completion. Then, after the Motion was filed, on **January 29, 2020**, the  
8 government disclosed approximately **1,606 pages** of new material related to the government's  
9 witnesses and FBI reports of investigation – crucial discovery for Defendants to substantively  
10 review and investigate. Then, again, on **February 10, 2020**, the government served its  
11 fourteenth disclosure on Defendants—and seven of the fourteen were made after the  
12 discovery deadline. Defendants have had no time to assess the substance of this disclosure  
13 prior to the filing of this reply, other than to note that it contains **7,566 new pages related to**  
14 **banking issues**. Counsel needs sufficient time to effectively review and analyze this critical  
15 discovery and to conduct the necessary, corresponding investigations. These last-minute  
16 disclosures, alone, provide sufficient Fifth and Sixth Amendment bases to continue the trial  
17 date, and there is no reason to believe that these are the government's final disclosures.  
18 Moreover, it is certain that counsel will be unable to review, analyze, and conduct the necessary  
19 corresponding investigation of this data in time to effectively meet the February 28, 2020  
20 deadline for motions in limine, to effectively prepare Defendants' final witness and exhibit  
21 lists, or to meet other deadlines set by the Court.

## 22 **II. Defendants remain unable to access the server data.**

23 More fundamentally, the prosecution of Defendants for their involvement with the  
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25 <sup>1</sup> The government claims the 355,000 pages were a response to Mr. Feder's request for  
26 privileged documents withheld by the government "taint team" (Doc. 880, Ex. B). The  
27 government does not fairly characterize Mr. Feder's request; the 355,000 pages are not  
28 "privileged documents not disclosed to the prosecution team" (Opp'n at 6); and the  
production did not respond to Mr. Feder's requests. The vast majority of the documents  
plainly are unprivileged, intermixed with a few privileged.

1 Backpage website is scheduled to begin in less than three months and Defendants, through  
2 no fault of their own, still do not have the ability to search, review, or analyze data from the  
3 website's servers. Although the government had possession of the Backpage servers in the  
4 summer of 2018, the government *commenced* its production of hard drives containing forensic  
5 images of, or data from, the servers in March 2019—*three months after the discovery cut-off*.<sup>2</sup>  
6 Defendants and their counsel (including counsel's IT staff) were unable to access the data and  
7 engaged a forensic expert to assist them. As this Court knows, the expert Defendants retained  
8 and relied upon was unable to access the data, the parties were unable to reach an agreement  
9 on how to access the data, and Defendants filed their Motion to Compel. Over several  
10 months, the Court conducted hearings. On January 7, 2020, this Court issued an order finding,  
11 among other things, that, if Defendants retained an expert skilled in SQL and ZFS, they would  
12 be able to access the data. (*See* Doc. 839.) Defendants promptly undertook efforts to engage  
13 such an expert and have transmitted the key disks produced by the government to that expert.  
14 However, even with the benefit of the information the Defendants learned about accessing  
15 the data for the first time during the hearings, Defendants' new expert has not yet been able  
16 to effectively access the ad data and ad images and, at this time, defense counsel do not have  
17 an estimate of when they will be able to commence searching the database for information  
18 needed to defend the case. Defense counsel may have been in possession of hard disks or  
19 server images, but, with less than three months to the start of the trial, they do not yet have  
20 the ability to search the data, severely impairing their ability to prepare the defense.<sup>3</sup>

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22 <sup>2</sup> The government produced other server images months later, in the summer of 2019, and  
23 has yet to produce data from other servers, claiming they are not relevant, such as data  
24 evidencing Backpage's extensive, voluntary cooperation with law enforcement (cooperation  
going far beyond any obligations imposed by law), which unquestionably are relevant.

25 <sup>3</sup> Separately, three hard drives the government provided were defective. Despite  
26 acknowledging the disks were defective on November 19, 2019, the government did not  
27 provide replacements until January 27, 2020—over three months later. The government  
28 claims its delay in providing replacements should be ignored, because the data could be found  
on other drives (*see* Opp'n at 5), but it did not say that at the time and, in any event, Defendants  
have the right to review and assess that evidence, especially given the government's previous  
representations that it was *not* producing redundant data. At this point, it is unclear what the

1 In sum, the trial is scheduled to begin in less than three months, and Defendants will  
2 not be able to access, review, and analyze the government's recent disclosures in time to  
3 effectively prepare for the defense, identify exhibits, and investigate witnesses. Separately,  
4 Defendants are working towards obtaining the ability to search the database, but they cannot  
5 yet access, search, review, or analyze the ad data or ad images on the servers. For many of the  
6 charged ads, they don't have copies of the ads originating from Backpage itself—but only  
7 purported copies from the Internet Archive or cell phone screen shots, with more than ten  
8 purported ads being from unknown origins. For many of the charged ads, they have no  
9 information about who posted the ads or the persons to whom the ads related. Defendants  
10 believe the database will contain significant exculpatory evidence, vital to the defense, but they  
11 will not have access to that information before the February 28, 2020 deadlines for motions  
12 in limine and Defendants' final witness and exhibit lists, and other deadlines set by the Court.

13 **III. The government's revisions to its witness and exhibit lists are extensive.**

14 As the government continues to organize its case, it extensively modified its witness  
15 and exhibit lists, and modified the latter such that defense counsel have not yet determined  
16 whether the 1,000+ exhibits on the list are the same as on the prior list or are different.

17 First, and as discussed in the Motion, on January 27, 2020, the government added  
18 *twenty-one* new witnesses to its list. That is more witnesses than are called at most criminal  
19 trials. Now counsel must – in the midst of all other trial preparations – review all discovery  
20 related to these new witnesses, conduct relevant investigations, and modify/adjust the defense  
21 presentation accordingly. Defendants certainly will be unable to undertake these efforts prior  
22 to the February 28, 2020 deadlines for motions in limine and the Defendants' final exhibit and  
23 witness lists, and it is unlikely that Defendants will be able to effectively prepare for trial if the  
24 trial date is not continued.

25 Second, after the Motion was filed, on January 30, 2020, the government served its  
26 revised exhibit list. Counsel had been preparing for the trial using the exhibit numbers and  
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28 government has produced, or whether the new material is redundant or critical, and counsel  
would be ineffective if they just accepted the government's most recent claims.

1 titles included in the government's previous exhibit list. Rather than simply adding new  
2 exhibits or deleting old ones, the January 30 exhibit list (1) dramatically changed the  
3 government's descriptions of the exhibits, (2) changed the position and numbering of its (now)  
4 1,080 exhibits within the list, and (3) changed the Bates numbering associated with many  
5 exhibits, such that it is not possible to simply compare one list to the other. Rather, counsel  
6 are required to locate and organize each of the 1,080 exhibits from scratch, re-doing much of  
7 the work that previously had been done based on the prior exhibit list. All of the prior work  
8 locating and organizing the exhibits on the government's first list simply was not relevant to  
9 the January 30 exhibit list. Once defense counsel identify and organize the 1,000+ exhibits on  
10 the new list, only then can they start to assess the differences between the two lists. The  
11 January 30 exhibit list simply bears no resemblance to the government's previous exhibit list,  
12 around which the Defendants had organized the defense presentation.

13 These changes to the witness and exhibit lists are not minor, and require wholesale  
14 reworking of witness examinations and jury presentations. Notably, in their decades of  
15 practice, none of the defense counsel have ever had a case where the government engaged in  
16 such a wholesale revision of an exhibit list effectively on the eve of trial. Again, it is impossible  
17 for Defendants to undertake the work necessary to properly analyze the government's  
18 modified exhibit list prior to the February 28, 2020 deadlines for motions in limine and  
19 Defendants' final witness and exhibit lists, as well as other deadlines set by the Court.  
20 Moreover, this last-minute change further underscores the need for a continuance.

#### 21 **IV. The Unexpected Unavailability of Defense Counsel Justifies a Continuance.**

22 The reasons for seeking a limited adjournment of the deadline for motions in limine,  
23 as set forth in the sealed filing (Doc. 866), remain at issue and provide an additional basis for  
24 granting this Motion as set forth in a separate, sealed filing attached hereto as Exhibit A  
25 (sealed). Indeed, due to this unexpected and serious matter, Defendants will lose institutional  
26 knowledge of this case, which will further undermine the effective preparation of the defense.

### 27 **ARGUMENT**

28 The Ninth Circuit reviews the denial of a continuance under the abuse-of-discretion

1 standard of review, *see United States v. Nguyen*, 262 F.3d 998, 1002 (9th Cir. 2001); reversing a  
2 conviction when the district court's denial was "arbitrary or unreasonable" under the  
3 circumstances of the case, *see United States v. Pope*, 841 F.2d 954, 956 (9th Cir. 1988). In *United*  
4 *States v. Flynt*, 756 F.2d 1352 (9th Cir. 1985), the Ninth Circuit identified four factors,  
5 commonly referred to as the "*Flynt* factors," which are relevant to resolution of a motion to  
6 continue: (1) "the extent of appellant's diligence in his efforts to ready his defense prior to  
7 the date set for hearing," (2) "how likely it is that the need for a continuance could have been  
8 met if the continuance had been granted," (3) "the extent to which granting the continuance  
9 would have inconvenienced the court and the opposing party, including its witnesses," and (4)  
10 the extent to which the appellant might have suffered harm as a result of the district court's  
11 denial." *Id.* at 1359. This determination is a case-by-case inquiry and courts are not bound by  
12 any particular mechanical test. *See id.* at 1362. Each of the *Flynt* factors support a continuance.

13 **I. Defendants have diligently prepared for trial.**

14 Defendants have diligently prepared for trial and the government does not argue  
15 otherwise. Since this case was filed, counsel have been diligently reviewing the discovery,  
16 analyzing defenses, and conducting appropriate investigations, including interviewing  
17 potential witnesses and gathering potential defense exhibits in addition to those already  
18 disclosed. Defendants have submitted numerous substantive motions, have prepared and  
19 submitted a proposed jury questionnaire, and are preparing motions in limine. Defendants  
20 also have identified experts and made other disclosures regarding their trial presentations.

21 However, the government's voluminous, last-minute discovery productions,  
22 Defendants' continued inability to search the databases,<sup>4</sup> and the modifications to the

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24 <sup>4</sup> The government tries to downplay the difficulty of manually searching the data in a complex  
25 database, but its own challenges searching the data speak volumes. The government extracted  
26 the ad data from the database servers in the summer of 2018 (Doc. 800, pp. 275-76), yet on  
27 December 10, 2018, the government wrote to defense counsel justifying its delinquent  
28 production of the server data by saying it still was "working on a solution to review these  
database files and correlate the images posed (sic) to the image server to the posts from the  
database files." (Doc 444, Ex. A). And, when the government finally produced the data three  
months later in March 2019, the "solution" was to tell Defendants they could manually search

1 government's witness and exhibit lists are not minor problems with theoretical consequences.  
2 These developments have hobbled the defense. Instead of allocating all efforts to preparation  
3 of the defense, counsel are sidetracked at this late stage in the case by the need to review  
4 voluminous, newly-disclosed data, to review, analyze, and investigate more than twenty new  
5 witnesses, and to analyze what is effectively a virtually brand new exhibit list of over 1,000  
6 exhibits. The government blithely contends that none of this matters—but is wrong.

7 For example, the government suggests that this Court should ignore the Defendants'  
8 complaints about the government's ongoing and untimely disclosures because the Defendants  
9 have had "90% of the government's case-related electronically stored information (ESI) for  
10 two years." (Opp'n at 2.) The government's suggestion misses the mark. First, the  
11 government ignores its admission that most (5.9 million pages) of its early disclosures (which  
12 commenced well under two years ago) were "of marginal or no relevance to the crimes"  
13 charged. (Doc. 635, p. 4.) Second, regardless of the volume of disclosure made during the  
14 summer of 2018, the government said it would provide all its discovery by December 2, 2018,  
15 it failed to do so, and it produced voluminous discovery after that date and its voluminous  
16 disclosures have continued to this day.<sup>5</sup> Further, 90% of the ESI does not equate to 90% of  
17 the total case-related discovery because the ESI loaded into Relativity does not include the  
18 server data, which dwarfs the government's ESI productions. Moreover, just like the millions  
19 of pages of useless data the government previously disclosed to Defendants, these recent  
20 disclosures, too, contain extraneous data intermixed with data vital to the defense.<sup>6</sup>

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22 the data and manually correlate the images to ads, just as the government would have been  
23 able to do nine months earlier during the previous summer.

24 <sup>5</sup> *C.f. U.S. v. Graham*, 2008 WL 2098044 (S.D. Ohio May 16, 2008) (dismissing case; "In this  
25 case, the problem, as the parties well know, is and has been discovery. The discovery itself  
26 breaks down into three separate problems. One, the volume of discovery in this case quite  
27 simply has been unmanageable for defense counsel. Two, like a restless volcano, the  
28 government periodically spews forth new discovery, which adds to defense counsels' already  
monumental due diligence responsibilities. Three, the discovery itself has often been tainted  
or incomplete.").

<sup>6</sup> In addition to millions of pages relating only to conduct overseas, the government has  
produced thousands of pages of indiscriminate bank records, enormous PDFs sometimes over  
a thousand pages, thousands of random JPEG pictures with no obvious connection to counts

1 Defendants have been reviewing, and continue to review, the data disclosed in  
2 December 2019 as diligently and efficiently as possible, but Defendants are nowhere close to  
3 finished reviewing the portions of that disclosure that Defendants believe are critical to the  
4 defense, and have not yet begun reviewing the January 29 and February 10 disclosures.

5 The government claims that its late disclosures are no problem for the defense because  
6 the defense only needs to conduct searches and review the search results, rather than conduct  
7 a page-by-page review. (*See* Opp'n at 6.) It is not the government's place to advise a defendant  
8 how to prepare for trial, and it is many a case that is won by a defense counsel finding the  
9 proverbial "needle in a haystack" through diligent and time-consuming review of discovery.  
10 Moreover, even with targeted searched and review, it will take defense counsel weeks to  
11 continue conducting the initial review of the newly-produced material. After that first level of  
12 review, the data will be analyzed, and necessary investigations will occur. Thus, even under  
13 the government's view of how the defense should proceed, defense counsel will be unable to  
14 use that data to effectively prepare for trial if the trial date remains unchanged.

15 Separately, the government contends, without basis, that its revised witness list (with  
16 twenty-one new witnesses) and its overhaul of its exhibit list create no problem for the defense.  
17 This is not true. Defense counsel are spinning their wheels as they recreate, from scratch,  
18 once again, the government's exhibit list because the recently disclosed list bears no  
19 resemblance to the prior list. Indeed, there were so many changes between the new list and  
20 last list that it was not possible to scan the lists and redline them electronically to serve as a  
21 guide. Instead, defense counsel began relocating and organizing the exhibits from scratch.  
22 And the investigation of twenty-one new trial witnesses is not a minor task.

23 **II. A continuance serves the essential purpose of allowing the Defendants to fully**  
24 **and effectively prepare for trial.**

25 The second factor courts must consider is the likelihood that a continuance would  
26 serve a useful purpose. *See Flynt*, 756 F.2d at 1360. Here, a continuance, if granted, would

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28 in the Indictment or relevancy to charges, excessive duplicates of the same documents with  
different Bates stamps, and large numbers extraneous native spreadsheets.

1 serve an essential purpose, not just a useful purpose: it will enable defense counsel to fully  
2 and effectively prepare for trial by (1) reviewing, analyzing, and investigating the government’s  
3 untimely, voluminous disclosures; (2) accessing, searching, reviewing, and analyzing the server  
4 data; (3) ensuring that all members of the defense team (and their institutional knowledge of  
5 this case) are able to participate in preparation for trial; (4) investigating the government’s  
6 twenty-one newly disclosed witnesses; and (5) relocating, reviewing, and analyzing the  
7 government’s overhauled exhibit list of over 1,000 exhibits.

8 **III. A continuance would not unduly inconvenience the Court, parties, or witnesses.**

9 There is no reason to believe the modest continuance Defendants seek will result in  
10 any undue inconvenience to the Court, the parties, or witnesses. Defendants did not bring  
11 this Motion on the eve of trial. Instead, once Defendants received the government’s  
12 December 2019 disclosures (355,000 pages), Defendants began assessing it and the impact it  
13 would have on their ability to effectively prepare a defense. Additionally, as soon as the Court  
14 issued its decision on the Motion to Compel, Defendants undertook immediate efforts to find  
15 a suitable expert to help them access the data in the databases. Defendants brought this  
16 Motion as soon as they realized they were not in the position to effectively prepare for trial  
17 based on these developments. Because this Motion was filed more than three months before  
18 the start of trial, the inconvenience, if any, to the Court, the parties, or witnesses is minimal.

19 Recognizing this, the government asks this Court to deny the Motion on the basis that  
20 the purported victims are entitled to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and timely  
21 restitution under the Crime Victims’ Rights Act (“CVRA”), 18 U.S.C. § 3771. (See Opp’n at  
22 10-11.) This contention, too, provides no basis for denial of the Motion because, even if there  
23 are individuals who qualify to be designated as “victims” under the CVRA—a contention  
24 defendants dispute and that will be the subject of a forthcoming motion in limine, a victim’s  
25 right to a proceeding free from unreasonable delay cannot impact a defendant’s due process  
26 rights as the government advocates here. As one court has recognized: “The Senate sponsors  
27 of the CVRA were explicit in their view that the statutory right to proceedings free from  
28 unreasonable delay neither ‘curtail[s] the Government’s need for reasonable time to organize

1 and prosecute its case’ nor ‘infringe[s] on the defendant’s due process right to prepare a  
2 defense.” *United States v. Turner*, 367 F. Supp. 2d 319, 334 (E.D.N.Y. 2005) (quoting Senate  
3 Debate at S4268-69 (statement of Sen. Kyl)).

#### 4 **IV. Without a continuance, Defendants will be prejudiced.**

5 The fourth, and most important factor to be considered, is the prejudice to the  
6 Defendants. *See Flynt*, 756 F.2d at 1359. Here, the government’s three most recent disclosures  
7 (355,000 pages in December 2019; 1,606 pages in January 2020; and 7,566 pages in February  
8 2020) are voluminous. Given this, it is likely that documents critical or useful for the defense  
9 will be overlooked if the defense is forced to go to trial as scheduled. The same is true of the  
10 evidence stored in the Backpage databases, which Defendants have not yet begun to search,  
11 review, and analyze, as they did not previously have the tools or expert to do so. Defense  
12 counsel needs the continuance to use the recently disclosed evidence and the server data to  
13 effectively prepare for trial, and effectively prepare Defendants’ motions in limine and final  
14 witness and exhibit lists. Defendants will be prejudiced if the continuance is denied. *See United*  
15 *States v. McClintock*, 748 F.2d 1278, 1286 (9th Cir. 1984) (noting that the defendant was not  
16 prejudiced by the government’s disclosure of a “filing cabinet” of documents three weeks  
17 before trial because the court granted a continuance).

18 The government points to two cases involving voluminous discovery and claims that,  
19 because continuances were not granted in those cases, one should not be granted here.  
20 Critically, the government misstates the ruling on its first case, *United States v. Gross*, 2019 WL  
21 7421961 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 20, 2019). In that case, involving voluminous discovery, the court  
22 balanced the four *Flynt* factors and found that none of them weighed in favor of a continuance,  
23 but ***nonetheless granted a three-and-a-half month continuance*** (rather than the seven  
24 month continuance requested). *See id.* at \*5-6 (“[A] weighing of the *Flynt* factors do not  
25 warrant a trial continuance. . . . Nevertheless, the Court finds reason to grant a shorter  
26 continuance.”). Thus, that case actually supports the modest continuance sought here.

27 The government’s second case, *United States v. Budovsky*, 2016 WL 386133 (S.D.N.Y.  
28 Jan. 28, 2016), involves voluminous data, but the litigation history of that case bears no

1 resemblance whatsoever to the instant case, such that its holding provides no basis to deny  
2 the instant motion. In that case, the defendant was indicted on May 20, 2013 on a three-count  
3 indictment. The government's disclosures included data from 32 hard drives. In light of the  
4 complexity of the data, the district court appointed two CJA counsel to represent the  
5 defendant. *See id.* at \*3. The court appointed a forensic expert to assist counsel with search  
6 and review of the data. Further, the court approved \$875,000 for an e-discovery vendor to  
7 house the data and to assist counsel with accessing, configuring, and searching the data. *See*  
8 *id.* at 3-4. Ultimately, the defendant had six attorneys and other personnel such as investigators  
9 working to prepare his defense. *See id.* at 4. During the pretrial litigation, the court continued  
10 the case twice, to February 1, 2016, among other reasons, to enable the defendant to retain an  
11 expert to assist his defense counsel with navigation of the hard drive data. *See id.* at 12. The  
12 court only declined a third request to continue the case to May 1, 2016, which would have  
13 been more than three years after the date the defendant was indicted. As the foregoing  
14 indicates, the litigation of that case has no relevance to resolution of the instant Motion. That  
15 defendant had multiple counsel, forensic experts, and investigators culling through the hard  
16 drive data, and did not raise concerns about the accessibility of the data until the eve of trial.

### 17 CONCLUSION

18 This is an extraordinary case, with complex legal issues and more discovery than most  
19 defense counsel have ever encountered on one case. By filing this Motion, Defendants have  
20 not asked this Court to enforce the government's original commitment to provide all discovery  
21 thirteen months prior to the trial start date (which, without any further productions, would be  
22 a request to commence trial on February 28, 2021). Instead, Defendants have asked for a  
23 modest continuance of at least five months to have sufficient time to effectively prepare a  
24 defense in light of, among other things, the government's ongoing, voluminous, and  
25 delinquent disclosures, the Defendants' inability to access critical discovery from the servers,  
26 the government's extensive modifications to its witness and exhibit lists, and the temporary  
27 unavailability of a key member of the defense team. Defense counsel should not be faulted  
28 for seeking the ability to effectively prepare the defense.

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