

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** )  
 ) **No. 8:22-cr-00259-WFJ-AEP**  
**vs.** )  
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**PENNY HESS** )

**RENEWED MOTION FOR A JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL  
OR ALTERNATIVELY FOR A NEW TRIAL**

Defendant Penny Hess respectfully moves this Court to enter a judgment of acquittal pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 29, or in the alternative, for a new trial pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 33. For the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum, the government failed to present evidence to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Ms. Hess knowingly and willfully agreed to act as an agent of a foreign government without prior notification to the Attorney General, and the interest of justice requires that the jury's verdict be overturned.

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violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Count One of the Superseding Indictment), and not guilty of knowingly acting within the United States as an agent of Russia without prior notification to the Attorney General, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951 (Count Two of the Superseding Indictment).

## **II. RENEWED MOTION FOR JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL.**

The Defendant will not repeat the arguments set forth in her prior Motion for Judgment of Acquittal. ECF No. 279. Instead, we seek to demonstrate the complete failure of proof on the essential elements of the conspiracy charge, with citations to the trial transcript.<sup>2</sup>

The conspiracy charge alleges that the APSP Defendants “did knowingly and willfully ... agree ... to act as an agent of ... the Russian Federation and officials of that government, without prior notification to the Attorney General.” Superseding Indictment ¶25. The substantive crime underlying the conspiracy charge is 18 U.S.C. § 951, “Agents of foreign governments.” Section 951 defines “agent of a foreign government” as “an individual who agrees to operate within the United States subject to the direction or control of a foreign government or official.” The Government presented zero evidence that Defendants Hess, Yeshitela or Nevel ever acted or agreed to act under the direction or control of any foreign master. The Government’s three case agents each confirmed this fact at trial. Without such proof, the verdicts cannot stand.

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<sup>2</sup> All transcript cites are to a rough draft prepared by the court reporters. The final transcript has not yet been prepared.

### The Trial Evidence

The evidence at trial was mostly undisputed. The government called no witnesses with direct knowledge of the Defendants' actions. Instead they relied on documents, electronic messages and audio and video recordings. Three case agents from the FBI (Agents Bowen, Meyer and Drupp) interpreted this evidence for the jury.

Defendants Hess, Yeshitela and Nevel are political activists and community organizers associated with the African People's Socialist Party (APSP). In May, 2015, Defendant Yeshitela was invited to speak at a conference in Moscow. The conference was hosted by Alexander Ionov, a Russian National who was president of the Anti-Globalization Movement of Russia (AGMR), a non-governmental organization (NGO). Following the May 2015 conference, Defendants entered into an alliance or a partnership with Ionov and his NGO in which they cooperated on certain political activism where their interests were aligned, mainly their opposition to western colonialism and militarism, and to police violence against African Americans. Tr. 9/5/24 PM, p.119, 131; GEX 275.

In July 2015, Ionov told Hess, by email, that the AGMR wanted to donate money to the "Uhuru movement" in a "public way." GEX 104E. In this email, Ionov stated that, in order to "transfer the collected funds to you," the AGMR needs detailed information about how the funds will be used "for our tax ministry." Ionov provided an example of the type of information required: "eg. We're donating this money to Uhuru movement for performing a series of events. The funds will be used to print 100

flyers, 10 banners, renting of event place, etc.” GEX 104E; Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp. 34-36.

Between July 2015 and February 2016, Ionov contributed about \$8,500 to the APSP. Most of these funds – at least \$7,000 – were a direct repayment of some of the APSP’s out-of-pocket costs for its January 2016 four-city encampment tour which protested police violence against African Americans and demanded reparations. There were no financial contributions from Ionov, or requests for contributions, after February 2016. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp.122, 133.

The government also introduced reports indicating that at some point in time, most likely in 2017 or 2018, Ionov became a confidential informant for the FSB, a Russian intelligence agency. Ionov concealed this relationship from the Defendants. In his communications with the Defendants, Ionov and his associates repeatedly emphasized their genuine concern for African liberation and for the other core issues of the APSP. Tr. 9/4/24 PM, p.90; Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.54.

### Argument

- A. The Government presented no evidence that Defendants Hess, Yeshitela or Nevel ever acted or agreed to act under the direction or control of Ionov or the AGMR, an essential element of the conspiracy charge; all three of the Government’s Case Agents unambiguously conceded this point at trial.**

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 33 provides that a court “may vacate any judgment and grant a new trial if the interest of justice so requires.” Fed. R. Crim. P. 33(a). To grant a new trial, the court must find that evidence “preponderate[s] heavily against the verdict, such that it would be a miscarriage of justice to let the verdict stand.”

*United States v. Gallardo*, 977 F.3d 1126, 1139-40 (11th Cir. 2020) (internal quotations omitted). When considering a new trial motion, the district court “may weigh the evidence and consider the credibility of the witnesses.” *Id.* at 1140.

The evidence supporting the charge that Defendants agreed to act under direction or control of Ionov or any person connected to the Russian state is not just insufficient, it is nonexistent. The Government’s three case agents each conceded that at no point in time did the Defendants act under the direction or control of Ionov or the AGMR.

Agent Bowen was the lead investigator on the case. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.110. Agent Bowen conceded that Ionov made requests or suggestions or offers to help the APSP relating to political actions which include the Overt Acts charged in the indictment. The APSP Defendants sometimes assented and sometimes refused. They were under no obligation to assent to these requests. On other occasions, Defendants made requests to Ionov, asking him to speak at a meeting or provide reports relating to international media.

Agent Bowen testified that in July 2015, Ionov made a “request,” asking Hess and Yeshitela “what [they] think” about getting “multiple organization (worldwide)” to sign a statement acknowledging “ongoing genocide against black people in America.” Bowen agreed that Ionov was “not directing [Hess] to file a petition” as alleged in the indictment.<sup>3</sup> Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.47.

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<sup>3</sup> Overt Act 5 in the Superseding Indictment alleges that “defendant IONOV caused electronic messages to be sent to defendant HESS directing HESS to draft a “petition on Genocide of African

In May 2015, Ionov asked Defendants, “is it possible to post” an article on the Burning Spear website. Tr. 9/9/24 PM pp.87-88. In July 2015, Ionov asked Hess if Yeshitela would sign a petition regarding the conflict in Ukraine. Agent Bowen agreed, “There’s no indication that [Yeshitela was] under any obligation to sign this petition.” Tr. 9/9/24 PM pp.49-53.

In March 2022, Ionov made “a request” to Yeshitela to organize a protest of Facebook censorship. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.97. Agent Bowen agreed that at no time did Ionov demand that the APSP Defendants take any action.

Q. There was never a demand for action by Alexander Ionov, was there?

A. He does request actions, yes.

Q. All right. And it’s always, do you think it’s possible, can you do this for us, would this be okay, that was the interaction between them?

A. Yes, that’s the kind of language that’s used.

Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.127.

Agent Bowen further agreed that the APSP Defendants sometimes refused Ionov’s requests. In August 2015, Ionov asked Yeshitela to make a video about police repression in America. Hess and Yeshitela refused the request. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.56. In December 2015, Ionov asked Hess if the APSP would “organize an action on the streets against Turkish aggression and their attack against the Russian plane.” Hess replied that the APSP did “support Russia on this question,” but she refused the request to organize

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an action. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.65. Agent Bowen was then asked: “So there appears to be no obligation, when a request is made, to say yes. Would you agree with that?” Bowen replied: “I would agree with that.” Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.66.

The Superseding Indictment alleges that the APSP advocated Russia’s side in its conflict with Ukraine after receiving an email “URGENT MESSAGE” from Ionov on February 25, 2022. Superseding Indictment ¶66. But Agent Bowen conceded that the Defendants held a public event advocating a similar message on February 23, 2022, before they received any message from Ionov. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.127. Agent Bowen further conceded that the APSP Defendants have held consistent views on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine since at least 2014, before they met Ionov, and that their positions are “sincere and heartfelt.”

Q. Omali [Yershitela]’s position is that the war was provoked ... by actions of the United States ..., correct?

A. Yes, I would say that’s his position.

Q. In fact, he’s talked many, many times about the expansion of NATO towards Russia’s border, correct?

A. He’s talked about it before, certainly before that.

Q. And the provocation that that will cause for Russia, correct?

A. Yes, he’s talked about that before.

Q. And ... the arming of Ukraine and putting weapons on Russia’s border, correct?

A. I’m sure he’s mentioned that. I know that sounds consistent with the videos that I’ve reviewed, that that’s his position on it.



Q. And he's also talked about the coup in 2014 where the [Ukrainian] president was replaced with a NATO and western friendly president, is that true, that you've heard Omali talk about that?

A. I do believe I heard him speak about that, yes.

Q. Is and you don't have any doubt that his views on this [are] sincere and heartfelt, correct?

A. No, I do not have a doubt about that.

Q. In fact, you would agree that he's held these positions about the danger of NATO expansion and provoking Russia for many, many years, correct?

A. Yes, I would agree with that.

Q. And he's held these positions before he ever met Alex Ionov; is that true?

A. I could say probably, yes, at least before 2014 maybe.

Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp.94-95.

Agent Bowen further agreed that the evidence showed that the APSP Defendants were not willing to compromise their views for anyone, including Ionov. When the APSP Defendants published articles or advocated political beliefs, they did so because the action aligned with their beliefs. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.97. Thus, when the APSP agreed to protest censorship at Facebook in March 2022, Agent Bowen agreed that these protests appear to be motivated by the Defendants' "heartfelt" belief that censorship is wrong. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p. 103. Agent Bowen was asked directly:

Q. "He [Yeshitela] doesn't appear to be somebody that's for sale, does he?"

A. "No."

Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.97.

The evidence showed that Ionov and his assistant repeatedly asked the APSP Defendants to adjust their position on whether African Americans should demand their own State within the United States. In August 2015, Hess explained to Ionov's assistant that the APSP believes that the U.S. land base was stolen from the Indigenous people and, therefore, the APSP does not support a separate State for black people in the U.S. on stolen land. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.58. In September 2015, Ionov told Hess that Yeshitela's invitation to speak at a September 2015 Dialogue of Nations Conference in Moscow was on the "condition" that he should talk about "creating a separate state." Hess and Yeshitela did not accept this condition. Instead, they sent Ionov a four-page document explaining that the APSP upholds "unconditional solidarity with the fact that the land base of the United States is the homeland of the Indigenous and Mexican people." Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p. 64; GEX 102C3, p.3. Agent Bowen agreed that the APSP Defendants' position that they are not a separatist group was "heartfelt" and "not negotiable." Tr. 9/9/24 PM, p.97.

The other two case agents testifying at trial also confirmed that the APSP Defendants never acted or agreed to act under the direction or control of Ionov or his NGO. Agent Drupp testified that after Ionov demanded that Hess provide detailed information about the encampment tour, Yeshitela intervened and sent Ionov the following message:

Uhuru! This is Chairman Omali Yeshitela. I understand what Alex is asking for, but I don't know what relationship that has with the promise you made to us about getting the money to us right away, within two days

of our expenditures! ... it must be understood that we entered this relationship with the Anti Globalization Movement of Russia as ALLIES, not employees!

Tr. 9/4/24 PM, p.68; GEX 102E, p.25. Ionov did not dispute Yeshitela's description of their relationship. Then in a subsequent message, Yeshitela demanded that Ionov send a report detailing how he fulfilled his promise to the APSP to provide international media coverage for their protest. Tr. 9/4/24 PM, p.68.

Agent Meyers, who speaks Russian and reviewed Ionov's Russian language reports to his handler at the FSB, testified that Ionov admitted to his handler that he had no direction or control over Yeshitela or the APSP. In this report, Ionov described his relationship with the APSP as "a bilateral cooperation program." Agent Meyers explained Ionov's meaning: "It goes two ways ... It's a cooperation ... It's not I'm telling you what to do, it's we're working together." Tr. 9/5/24 PM, p. 119.

The government cannot dispute the testimony of its own case agents. Instead, it attempted to conflate the meanings of being an agent of a Russian with being a partner with a Russian. It also pointed to certain messages from January 2016 demanding that Ms. Hess provide information about the encampment tour. However, in July 2015, Ionov advised the Defendants that his tax preparer required detailed information about Defendants' actions in order for Ionov to make financial donations. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp. 82, 126. It was thus undisputed that when Hess sent Ionov information about the encampment tour in January 2016, it was for the sole purpose of helping Ionov send the funds he had pledged to support the tour. Hess was not acting as Ionov's agent. There

was no ambiguity about this evidence. And even if there had been, it was removed when Defendant Yeshitela intervened and reminded Ionov that, “we entered this relationship with the Anti Globalization Movement of Russia as ALLIES, not employees!” GEX 102E, p.25. Ionov’s demands for information ceased after he received Yeshitela’s message.

Accordingly, in no sense did the Defendants ever act or agree to act as agents of Russia. Without evidence to prove this element of the charge, a judgment of acquittal must be granted. All of the evidence showed that Defendants entered into a partnership or an alliance with Ionov in which they agreed to cooperate on areas of common interest and belief. When Ionov made a request or a suggestion, Defendants were free to accept or reject it. And in each instance that a proposal was accepted, it was because Defendants believed it advanced the core issues of the APSP. This relationship was not a crime under 18 U.S.C. § 951.

The Constitution requires the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. *Jackson v. Virginia*, 443 U.S. 307, 313–14 (1979). If a reasonable jury could not find guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, the court may not enter judgment on a guilty verdict. *See United States v. Grow*, 977 F.3d 1310, 1320 (11th Cir. 2020). A guilty verdict can be sustained only if the government introduces sufficient, credible and probative evidence that the defendant was guilty of each element of the offense on each of the charges. *Neder v. United States*, 527 U.S. 1, 15 (1999); *In re Winship*, 397 U.S. 358, 364 (1970). Failure to prove an essential element entitles a defendant to an acquittal. *Jones*

*v. United States*, 526 U.S. 227 (1999).

**B. The concession by Case Agent Drupp that the Government possessed no evidence that Defendants had knowledge of their alleged requirement to register with the Attorney General as foreign agents created a fatal variance with the indictment and another reason why an acquittal must be granted on the conspiracy charge.**

At trial, Agent Drupp was asked if there was any evidence that Defendants had knowledge of a requirement to register with the Attorney General:

Q. In the three years that you investigated this case and the numerous emails that you reviewed, Facebooks, and all the communications, did you ever see anything that indicated that any of the defendants knew that they were supposed to somehow register with the Attorney General's office?

A. No.

Tr. 9/4/24 PM, p.89.

However, the conspiracy charge in the indictment alleges a 'knowing and willful' failure to register. Count One alleges that the Defendants:

*did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, and agree with each other and other persons, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the United States, that is, to act as an agent of a foreign government and foreign officials, to wit, the Russian Federation and officials of that government, without prior notification to the Attorney General, as required by law, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951(a).*

Superseding Indictment, ¶25.

The variance between the undisputed evidence and the crime charged in the indictment is fatal and demands that this Court grant an acquittal on the conspiracy charge. *See Berger v. United States*, 295 U.S. 78, 82 (1935). The Defendant could not have willfully conspired to act as a foreign agent without notification to the Attorney General

if they were unaware of any requirement to notify.

**C. The inconsistent verdicts provide further reason to enter a judgment of acquittal.**

Typically, an inconsistency in a jury's verdict does not warrant setting it aside. *See, e.g., Dunn v. United States*, 284 U.S. 390 (1932). Here, however, the jury's acquittal on the substantive account served as an acquittal on the conspiracy count because the acquittal on the substantive count constituted a determination by the jury that there was no overt act in support of the conspiracy.

The Court instructed the jury that to find Defendants guilty of conspiracy, they must find beyond a reasonable doubt that “during the conspiracy, one of the conspirators knowingly engaged in at least one overt act as described in the indictment.” ECF No. 284, p. 11. Relevant to the APSP Defendants, the Superseding Indictment described the following overt acts: May 2015 Meeting in Moscow, 2015 United Nations Petition, September 2015 Dialogue of Nations Conference, 2016 Reparations Tour, Article Concerning Russian Olympic Team, 2017 St. Petersburg, Florida Election, International Committee for the Protection of Human Rights, 2019 St. Petersburg, Florida Election, 2020 Dialogue of Nations Conference, and 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine. ECF No. 12, pp. 13-30. These overt acts constituted substantive offenses charged in Count Two. As the jury acquitted the APSP Defendants on Count Two, it could not have found that they committed an overt act. Accordingly, the Court should grant a judgment of acquittal.

**III. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, THIS COURT SHOULD GRANT A NEW TRIAL UNDER RULE 33.**

A district court may grant a new trial based on the weight of the evidence in “really exceptional cases.” *See United States v. Kincherlow*, 88 F.4th 897, 902 (11th Cir. 2023). The court may grant a new trial “in the rare case in which evidence of guilt although legally sufficient is thin and marked by uncertainties and discrepancies.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks omitted). “[C]ourts have granted new trial motions based on weight of the evidence only where the credibility of the government’s witnesses had been impeached and the government’s case had been marked by uncertainties and discrepancies.” *United States v. Martinez*, 763 F.2d 1297, 1313 (11th Cir. 1985) (internal quotations omitted).

- A. The Court’s failure to instruct the jury that it must find the elements of the underlying crime – including an agreement to act under direction or control of Russia – to convict on the conspiracy, coupled with the Government’s misleading closing argument where it told the jurors that it only needed to find evidence of a “partnership” to convict on the conspiracy charge, compels a new trial.**

The instruction to the jury explaining the Count One conspiracy charge spans four pages and is not easy to comprehend. *See* Jury Instructions, pp. 11-14. During the jury instruction conference, the defense asked the Court to tell the jury that it must “find the elements of the 951 violation to find the conspiracy.” Tr. 9/10/24, p.2. The Court agreed with the defense that the jurors “don’t hear about the elements [until] 6 pages later.” But the Government objected to putting the elements of Section 951 “in twice.” Following the Government’s suggestion, the Court included only a reminder that it

would hear about the elements of the underlying crime later in the instructions.<sup>4</sup> The Court instructed the jury:

The Government alleges that the object of the conspiracy was for the Defendants or their co-conspirators to act in the United States as an agent of a foreign government or officials without first notifying the Attorney General, in violation of federal law. The elements of this crime alleged to be the object of the conspiracy are set forth at pages 17-19. Please refer to those.

Jury Instructions, p.11.

Then in his closing argument, the prosecutor told the jury that it could convict on the conspiracy charge if it found that Defendants had a “partnership” with Ionov. This was untrue. To convict on the conspiracy, the jury had to find that Defendants agreed to act under Ionov’s direction or control. If the evidence showed that Defendants agreed to partner with Ionov, the jury was required to acquit.

Taking advantage of the lack of clarity in the conspiracy instruction that it helped foster, the prosecutor asked the jury to focus on the second paragraph which confusedly mentions the word “partnership.”<sup>5</sup> The prosecutor argued to the jury:

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<sup>4</sup> The Court instructed the jury:

“The Government alleges that the object of the conspiracy was for the Defendants or their co-conspirators to act in the United States as an agent of a foreign government or officials without first notifying the Attorney General, in violation of federal law. The elements of this crime alleged to be the object of the conspiracy are set forth at pages 17-19. Please refer to those.”

<sup>5</sup> The second paragraph of the conspiracy instruction reads as follows: “A ‘conspiracy’ is an agreement by two or more people to commit an unlawful act. In other words, it is a kind of ‘partnership’ for criminal purposes. Every member of a conspiracy becomes the agent or partner of every other member.” Jury Instructions, p.11.



Let's start with those first 2 elements, the agreement. It's at the heart of the conspiracy charge. As you'll be instructed by the Court, an agreement is a kind of partnership for criminal purposes. Every member of the conspiracy becomes the agent or partner of every other member. The object of the conspiracy in this case, to act as an agent of the Russian government or an official thereof without notification to the Attorney General.

Tr. 9/10/24, p.56.

Then the prosecutor reminded the jury that Defendant Yeshitela had described his relationship with the AGMR as an "alliance" and disingenuously used that innocent description as an admission of guilt.

Here's a message sent by Omali Yeshitela using Penny Hess' account in February 1st, 2016. Focus on the last sentence, because we've heard that a few times during trial. It must be understood that we enter this relationship with the Anti-Globalization Movement of Russia as allies, not employees. What's another word for allies? Partners. This was a partnership. As you'll be instructed, the conspiratorial agreement that we need to prove is a kind of partnership for criminal purposes.

Tr. 9/10/24, p.61.

The above argument was pure deception. Proof that Defendants entered an alliance or a partnership with Ionov required the jury to acquit. A non-governmental organization like the APSP is allowed to seek international allies and supporters, even if those allies are connected to foreign governments or foreign government officials. *See, e.g., Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the United States: Fact Sheet*, U.S. Dep't of State (Jan. 20, 2021), <https://www.state.gov/non-governmental-organizations-ngos-in-the-united-states/>. Here, the Government told the jury to convict based upon innocent evidence showing

that Defendants committed no crime. In short, the Government misled the jury to obtain a wrongful conviction.

Prosecutorial arguments that misstate the law and are designed to produce wrongful convictions violate Due Process. *See Darden v. Wainwright*, 477 U.S. 168, 181 (1986).

**B. The Court erred in refusing to instruct the jury that evidence offered against Defendant Romain in 2022 could not be considered against Defendants Hess, Yeshitela and Nevel where, in 2018, the APSP expelled Romain from their organization, in writing, and severed all ties and communication with Romain.**

Defendant Romain was a member of the APSP until November 2018, when he was advised, in writing, that effective November 18th, 2018, “you have been expelled from the African People’s Socialist ... pursuant to a unanimous vote by the National Central Committee of the African People’s Socialist Party.” DEX 25.

Agent Bowen conceded that after being expelled from the APSP in 2018, there were no further communications between the APSP Defendants and Mr. Romain.

Q. [In] 2018, there was a separation between the African People's Socialist Party and Mr. Romain, correct?

A. That’s correct.

Q. And in fact there's a formal letter that was written to Mr. Romain saying he's terminated -- his services are no longer required at the African People's Socialist Party?

A. I believe there was a letter or some document saying he had been expelled from the party.

Q. He's been expelled?

A. Yes.

Q. And there's no more association between the party and Romain after that. They don't collaborate on issues, correct?

A. No.

Q. And with his Facebook protest, there was no discussion between African People's Party and Mr. Romain coordinating protest, correct?

A. That's true.

Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp.100-01.

After leaving the APSP, Defendant Romain went on to form his own organization called the Black Hammer Movement. At trial, the Government presented evidence that, in 2022, Romain began doing political actions and protests at the apparent direction or control of Ionov.

After staging a protest against Facebook in March 2022, Defendant Romain sent the following message to Ionov: "That was fun. Who we attacking next?" Tr. 9/9/24 AM, p.39. In April 2022, Ionov told Romain in a message that he needed messages posted to social media attacking a woman who "promotes the Ukrainian agenda in American circles and also discredits the LGBT community in Russia." Romain responded: "I got you comrade. Let's nail this bitch to the wall. You know I love an attack mission." Tr. 9/9/24 AM, p.49. On May 6, 2022, Ionov asked Romain "to hold a rally at the CNN office and accuse them of becoming students of the fascist Goebbels and propagandizing exclusively their own interests." Romain responded: "Hey comrade. I can do that easily. When do we need this done? ... Is there anything

particular you think I should say in the video?" Tr. 9/9/24 AM, p.51-52.

The defense twice requested a limiting instruction advising the jury that evidence offered against Romain, following his expulsion in 2018 from the APSP, cannot be considered against the APSP Defendants, Yeshitela, Hess and Nevel. 9/6/24 AM, pp. 82-84; 9/6/24 PM, p. 122. The Court denied these requests. 9/6/24 AM, pp. 82-84; 9/6/24 PM, p. 122. There was no legal basis to refuse to give the limiting instruction.

The APSP Defendants were clearly harmed by the Court's failure to properly instruct the jury not to consider evidence of Romain's conduct in 2022 against them. The evidence of Romain's conduct in 2022 was the only evidence presented during the entire trial of any defendant acting under the direction or control of Ionov. The overarching conspiracy charge unfairly directed the jury to consider evidence offered against one defendant against all defendants. But there was no evidence that the APSP Defendants ever joined any conspiracy to act under the direction or control of Ionov.

The Defendants were aligned with Romain at a time when there was no direction or control and thus no criminal act or conspiracy. Rather, there was a lawful partnership or alliance with a foreign national.

Whether or not the Defendants' 2018 letter expelling Romain from the APSP satisfied the legal requirements of a withdrawal from a conspiracy is immaterial. There was no evidence of any criminal conspiracy in 2018. There was only evidence of a lawful alliance or partnership with a foreign friend.

Here, the evidence shows: (a) In 2015, APSP entered into a lawful partnership or

alliance with Ionov. That partnership continued through to the spring of 2022; (b) Romain was a member of the APSP until 2018 when he was expelled from the group; (c) after his expulsion in 2018, there was no further contact between the APSP and Romain; (d) at some point after his expulsion, there is evidence that Romain entered into a criminal conspiracy with Ionov. There was no legal basis to find that APSP members are criminally liable for Romain's actions after he left their group based solely on their prior association with him.

Alternatively, the Court should have granted Defendants' Motion for Severance from Defendant Romain for the reasons set forth in that motion. ECF No. 199.

**C. It was reversible error for the Government to introduce misleading, inflammatory and irrelevant evidence on re-direct examination of its case agent erroneously telling the jury that the Defendants agreed to build a "doxing" website with Russian support.**

On cross-examination of Agent Bowen, the lead case agent, Defendant Hess introduced an audiotape from a January 15, 2016, meeting in which the APSP Defendants discussed Ionov's offer to help fund the encampment tour. This evidence directly refuted the allegation that Defendants were acting under the direction or control of Ionov.<sup>6</sup> Defense counsel had given the Government prior notice of his intention to

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<sup>6</sup> Agent Bowen agreed that the discussion during the meeting showed the Defendants decided to go forward with the encampment tour, not because they were directed to do so, but because they believed it would advance their core mission of African liberation, because they could time the encampment protest to coincide with the United Nations working group's meetings in Chicago, and because Ionov's offer of financial support allowed them to hold a tent vigil which they otherwise might not be able to afford. Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp.79-80.

introduce this evidence on cross-examination.<sup>7</sup>

The January 15 meeting lasted about one hour and twenty-one minutes. Most of the discussion involved the encampment tour. But about ten minutes of the meeting was spent discussing an offer from Ionov to assist in building a website to “[publish] photos of all cops and judges and things like that who have killed ... harmed African people, including like the cop who threw the child in South Carolina.” Exhibit A, Transcript of January 15, 2015 APSP meeting, at 2:09.<sup>8</sup> During this discussion, Defendant Yeshitela made clear that no decision had been made to accept this offer or to build this website. 3:40 (“we would have to talk about its design if we think it’s a good idea”); 11:31 (“we just talked about who could do what and what it should be called, but we haven’t even agreed yet that this is a good idea to do it.”).

Most importantly, as the Government was well aware, no such website was ever built or even attempted. Nor did the Defendants ever reach any agreement as to what information would appear on the website, had it been built.<sup>9</sup> The idea was briefly discussed at the January 15 meeting and then abandoned. But this is not what the jury was told.

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<sup>7</sup> Defendant initially sought to introduce this evidence (DEX 18) earlier in the trial, during cross-examination of Case Agent Drupp, but Agent Drupp was not familiar with the recording. Tr. 9/4/24 PM, p.61.

<sup>8</sup> This transcript was prepared by Microsoft Word.

<sup>9</sup> It is suggested in the meeting that the website could improve upon a database that the FBI “was supposedly involved in creating some kind of data thing that will finally begin to calculate the numbers of police shootings out throughout the country.” 4:03.

Before playing any excerpts from the recording, the prosecutor advised the jury that the website was intended to dox and cause harm to individuals.

Q. Can you explain to the jury what doxing is?

DEFENSE COUNSEL: Objection. Outside the scope.

THE COURT: All right. Well, I haven't -- go ahead.

AGENT BOWEN: Doxing is when someone puts personal information about another individual online so that -- like their address, name and address, something like that.

Q. And what's the purpose of that?

A. So that, you know, harm could come to them potentially.

The prosecutor then used leading questions to falsely convey to the jury that the Defendants had agreed to build a doxing website with Ionov's assistance.

Q. And in that meeting, did they discuss a plan to work on a doxing website with the Russians?

A. Yes.

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Q. So when Yeshitela is referring to support to build this doxing website, whose support is he referring to?

DEFENSE COUNSEL: Objection. Mischaracterization of the evidence, best evidence. I don't see any reference to doxing anywhere.

THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead... Well, he didn't actually say that term, so sustained. So rephrase your question.

Q. When he refers to building this website containing personal information of judges, police--

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DEFENSE COUNSEL: Move to strike the prior testimony of the prosecutor.

THE COURT: All right. Overruled. Go ahead.

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Q. And so *when Omali Yeshitela says that they're going to build* -- that they have support to build a website to publish the personal information for judges, police officer, and prosecutors, whose support is he referring to?

[Objection overruled]

A. He's referring to AGM support.

Tr. 9/9/24 PM, pp.141-43 (emphasis added).

The prosecutor's presentation of evidence designed to mislead the jury, attack the character of Defendants, and induce the jury to fear and loathe the Defendants, requires a new trial. As shown, the prosecutor directly told the jury, using leading questions, that the Defendants had agreed to build a doxing website for the purpose of causing harm to individuals. This was a gross mischaracterization of the evidence. Indeed, nowhere in the conversation did Defendants indicate that the purpose of the website was to harm prosecutors, law enforcement, or anyone else. Rather, the apparent purpose was to expose incidents of police misconduct.

Further, the Defendants' brief discussion of an offer to build a website that was never built or even attempted was irrelevant to any issue in the case. The indictment contains no mention of this website and the Government did not ask the Court to admit it under Rule 404(B) as other crime evidence. If the website discussion had any



relevance, the Government could have introduced it on direct examination in a straightforward way. But instead, it chose to launch its character attack on re-direct examination of Agent Bowen, knowing that the Court did not allow re-cross-examination and that the Defendants would therefore have no chance to rebut or correct the record.

As the Supreme Court has held, “[A United States attorney] may prosecute with earnestness and vigor--indeed he should do so. But while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is ... his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction.” *Berger*, 295 U.S. at 88.

The United States Attorney in this case struck a foul blow, calculated to produce a wrongful conviction. He did so knowing that the government had failed to prove that the APSP Defendants ever acted under the direction or control of Russia, an essential element of both counts charged in the indictment.

The harm and prejudice to these Defendants cannot be overstated. During deliberations, the jury sent the following note to the Judge:

The jurors are requesting that our personal information be sealed. This was a concern since day 1, however following testimony regarding “doxxing,” we believe that this concern is valid and realized.

ECF No. 286.

There can be no doubt that the prosecutor’s misleading presentation of irrelevant evidence produced the fear and contempt for the Defendants that was intended. A new trial should be granted in this case.

**D. It was error for the Court to deny the Defendants' request to add one sentence to the elements instruction that would have made it clear to the jury that acting at the request or the behest of a foreign government is not a crime under 18 U.S.C. § 951.**

It was error for the Court to fail to add the following sentence to the Count Two elements instructions as requested by Defendant: "It is not enough for [an individual] to simply be willing to do something the foreign principle requests." Tr., 9/10/24, pp. 13-14. This error was particularly prejudicial in light of the fact that the Court had mistakenly told the jury during voir dire that Defendants could be found guilty by acting at the request or behest of a foreign government.

Although the court has "broad discretion to formulate jury instructions," the instructions "as a whole" must "correctly appl[y] the law and state[] the facts." *United States v. Anderson*, 326 F.3d 1319, 1329 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003). A reversal of a conviction is warranted where the jury instruction inaccurately presented the law or "the charge improperly guided the jury in such a substantial way as to violate due process." *United States v. Prather*, 205 F.3d 1265, 1270 (11th Cir. 2000) (internal quotations omitted).

Defendant's proposed sentence was a correct statement of the law. In *United States v. Rafiekian*, the Fourth Circuit explained "that a person [does not] become an 'agent' for the purposes of § 951 whenever he 'is willing to do something the foreign principal requests.'" 991 F.3d 529, 539 (4th Cir. 2021). The Department of Justice is in accord and explains that to be agent, the "circumstances must evince some level of power by the principal over the agent or some sense of obligation on the part of the agent to

achieve the principal's request." *The Scope of Agency Under FARA*, Dep't of Justice , <https://www.justice.gov/nsd-fara/page/file/1279836/dl>.

Here, the elements instruction improperly guided the jury to find that a defendant could be found guilty if she or he was simply willing to do something at the foreign principle's request. Indeed, the instruction made it clear that "the relationship does not need to be that of an employer of the Defendant-a lesser degree of control is sufficient. A person who operates subject to a more hands-off form of direction would also be operating as an 'agent of a foreign government.'" The instruction, however, left the jury with the belief that mere willingness to do something at a foreign principle's request was sufficient to convict. The failure to provide the additional one sentence instruction was especially prejudicial, here, where the Court mistakenly told the jury during voir dire that Defendants could be found guilty for acting at the behest or request of a foreign government.

As the failure to add Defendant's requested sentence to the elements instruction left the jury with the impression that it could find Defendants guilty based on their mere willingness to fulfill a foreign principle's request, the error was prejudicial and the Court should grant a new trial.

- E. It was error to introduce hearsay statements of Popov, Sukhodolov, Vistoropskiy, and Mityagin, the alleged Russian co-conspirators, as there was no substantial, independent evidence that they were members of the alleged conspiracy or that their statements were made in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.**

It was error to introduce the alleged Russian co-conspirators conversations with

Ionov as they were hearsay and there was no independent evidence of a conspiracy and no evidence that these statements were made in furtherance of a conspiracy.

Hearsay is inadmissible unless it falls under an exception or is deemed not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d). Rule 801(d)(2)(e) provides that a statement is not hearsay if it “is offered against an opposing party and . . . was made by the party’s coconspirator during and in furtherance of the conspiracy.” To be admissible under Rule 801(d)(2)(E), “the Government must first establish the following by a preponderance of the evidence: (1) that a conspiracy existed; (2) that the conspiracy included the declarant and the defendant against whom the statement is offered; and (3) that the statement to be introduced was made during the course and in furtherance of the conspiracy.” *United States v. Dickerson*, 248 F.3d 1036, 1049 (11th Cir. 2001) (citing *Bourjaily v. United States*, 483 U.S. 171, 175 (1987)).

Here, the Court denied Defendant Hess’s motion in limine to exclude co-conspirator statements and overruled Defendants’ contemporaneous objections in that regard. Defendant reasserts her arguments made in her motion and contemporaneous objections, ECF No. 229, and will not reiterate them here.

In addition to those arguments, Defendant notes that these statements were also inadmissible to the extent that they did not further any conspiracy with the Defendants. One cannot enter a conspiracy with a government agent or informant “who aims to frustrate the conspiracy.” See *United States v. Arbane*, 446 F.3d 1223 (11th Cir. 2006). Here, not only was Ionov an informant, but he also intended to frustrate the APSP

Defendants' goals as indicated in a message to Popov that they were "ruining such an organization." Tr., 9-5-24 AM, p. 66. Moreover, as Defendant noted in her Motion, ECF No. 229, the handler reports and messages were full of false information. There was no evidence that Defendants had any interest in Ionov's false statements to his handlers. Moreover, there was no evidence that the APSP Defendants had an interest in any grant money that Ionov would potentially receive as a result of these false statements. Indeed, the APSP Defendants received no donations from Ionov during the time period in which he authored his reports and messages.

**F. It was error for the Court to refuse to replace the lone African-American juror with the alternate African-American juror.**

The failure to replace the sole black juror with the sole black alternate warrants a new trial. The Supreme Court has held that "the State denies a black defendant equal protection of the laws when it puts him on trial before a jury from which members of his race have been purposefully excluded." *Batson v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79, 80 (1986). Moreover, under the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments, a defendant has the right "to a petit jury selected from a fair cross section of the community." *Duren v. Missouri*, 439 U.S. 357, 359 (1979).

Here, the sole African-American juror failed to timely appear and the Court decided to replace her with an alternate. Noting that a cross-section of the community was particularly important to this case, Defendants asked that the African-American alternate juror replace the sole African-American juror. Tr. 9/9/24 AM, pp. 19-20. The

Court declined Defendants' request and replaced the missing African-American juror with the first alternate. The failure to select the African-American juror to serve on the jury denied Defendants their rights to equal protection and to a jury selected from a representative cross section of the community. A new trial is warranted.

**G. The Court erred when it admitted the testimony of the governments' Russia experts as the jury did not need help from experts to understand that Ionov was serving as a confidential informant.**

It was error to admit testimony from the government's Russia experts. Expert testimony is admissible only when "the expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue." Fed. R. Evid. 702(a). Here, the jury did not need help understanding that Ionov was serving as a confidential informant. The jurors could easily assess Ionov's status as an informant from the evidence introduced by the government. Rather, the only effect of the Russia experts was to instill fear into the jury about a connection to the Russian government. As the Russia experts did not serve to help the jury understand the evidence and only prejudiced Defendants by instilling a fear of Russia, a new trial is warranted.

## CONCLUSION

For all the reasons stated above, we respectfully request that the Court enter an Order entering a judgment of acquittal on the Conspiracy charge. Alternatively, the Court should enter an Order granting a new trial.

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00:00:00 Omali Yeshitela

Sure.

00:00:01 Omali Yeshitela

Would Charman gone tissue?

00:00:18 Omali Yeshitela

Who just came on.

00:00:22 Speaker 2

This is Jordan.

00:00:27 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

00:00:28 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:00:29 Omali Yeshitela

Splendid. That's one of them jokes that in the dark an excited Jim Meringue joke right there.

00:00:37 Omali Yeshitela

All right.

00:00:41 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Some people will be squeezing the chairs and.

00:00:50 Omali Yeshitela

That's funny. Who else are we expect?

00:00:54 Omali Yeshitela

Thank you.

00:00:56 Omali Yeshitela

I tell you what we have now. There are lists. Herdocia Javan kamat, gaida. And he has Tammy Gazi. Tony, will Jordan myself.

00:01:11 Omali Yeshitela

And I think Cam is going to come on as well.

00:01:15 Omali Yeshitela

But that camera is going to be mute. I understand for the first part of the meeting, what I'd like to do is go ahead and let everybody know why I called this meeting and express my appreciation for your being able to attend.

00:01:32 Omali Yeshitela

I called the meeting because I think that there's an opportunity to do some important things that can help to build NPC Dom and to build the presence of the Hooda movement. One of these things is specific to Chicago, while the other.

00:01:52 Omali Yeshitela

Is more general in terms of being able to build.

00:01:55 Omali Yeshitela

The rural movement.

00:01:57 Omali Yeshitela

Excuse me, we have an offer of support to build.

00:02:09 Omali Yeshitela

A website that's dedicated to the issue that we spoke of and recent meeting that we had for the Bernie spin newspaper where we're going to start publishing photos of all cops and judges and things like that who have killed.

00:02:28 Omali Yeshitela

Harmed African people, including like the cop who threw the child in South Carolina, the pigs who killed since the Tonys, son and.

00:02:38 Omali Yeshitela

And the whole array of them all around the country, so we can get support for building such a website and I see that as being an empty dumb website. It seems to me that could I think really enhanced.

00:02:58 Omali Yeshitela

Influence of infidel.

00:03:00 Omali Yeshitela

We'd have to talk about its features. It would have to have certain kinds of features, and I'm just throwing this out now for for discussion. But if we if we did this, it would seem to me that we would want various kinds of features that would include the ability of people anywhere throughout the US.

00:03:21 Omali Yeshitela

Who were victimized by a cop, judges and things like that, to somehow be able to put it up on our site?

00:03:29 Omali Yeshitela

We will want stuff like pictures, names to the extent we can addresses of some kind of details about what happened and things like that.

00:03:40 Omali Yeshitela

So we've we can get the the site built, but we would have to talk about its design if if we think it's a good idea and it seems to me like it could be really something that could raise the the prestige of interdom in a real serious.

00:04:02 Omali Yeshitela

Very particular.

00:04:03 Omali Yeshitela

Since all of this stuff is happening around cops and also the truth is that we're going to find out that we're in a contest with the FBI that's supposedly involved in creating some kind of data thing that will finally begin to calculate the numbers of of police shootings out throughout the country.

00:04:24 Omali Yeshitela

Seems to me like we have our own standard on site that's going to do much more and better job than what the the FBI would do in terms of service.

00:04:33 Omali Yeshitela

Us. So that's one thing. If we do this, of course we would have to have forces who could go ahead and help with the design of it. There are a couple of people in our movement and their availability is an issue and there may be other people who.

00:04:54 Omali Yeshitela

Who? I don't know. They're we've got a rush of new people coming into the party and into our movement recently. That might also be able to contribute to that.

00:05:05 Omali Yeshitela

So that's one thing that I wanted to mention and come at Dosha and Liz, both of you on the IC of the infield Dome. I need some quick consideration around that. The second thing I wanted to mention is we discussed at the plenary.

00:05:25 Omali Yeshitela

And it had some discussion. Some of us prior to that of perhaps doing something like a tense a tent.

00:05:34 Omali Yeshitela

Where people could engage in a vigil at some symbolic sites and some symbolic cities, and seems particularly in cities such as Chicago, such as DC, which has a significant New York, has a certain kind of significant symbolically, and I would imagine.

00:05:56 Omali Yeshitela

Baltimore too, just because of the stuff that's happened there and that continues to happen at.

00:06:02 Omali Yeshitela

This moment and we saw that as being tied to the genocide petition, the genocide question. And I know in Chicago on the 24th there is going to be some kind of hearings, hearing where the.

00:06:23 Omali Yeshitela

Working group of experts on.

00:06:27 Omali Yeshitela

People of African descent will be happening there, I think on the 24th. Don't know if that would be a good time and place to kick off something like that. But let me tell you what I'm thinking.

00:06:40 Omali Yeshitela

That if we every place where we where we try to do this work, we are concerned about this whole issue of people just running around. It's not just that the only thing they're doing.

00:06:51 Omali Yeshitela

Is.

00:06:52 Omali Yeshitela

Chanting Black lives matter.

00:06:56 Omali Yeshitela

But it's not time for any kind of strategic gains or anything other than that. And in many ways, it's so open-ended that it leads solutions up to the government, the state, I mean. But it seems that if we could tie this as I think I remember.

00:07:16 Omali Yeshitela

Some discussion suggesting to the Africans charged genocide campaign.

00:07:21 Omali Yeshitela

And if we established the tent city, if we did, we're able to do that in Chicago as some significant symbolic section to a place. And I also think that we need to try and see if we can draw other groups, other organizations, particularly in Chicago or anywhere to participate.

00:07:42 Omali Yeshitela

With us in this campaign now for both of these campaigns, I've got support from the Russians. In fact, I just got off the phone with them a couple of hours ago. Less than a couple of hours.

00:07:54 Omali Yeshitela

To go and they are ready to go. They will fund the what it is that we want to do with the tents and the which gives it an element of urgency. As far as I'm concerned because unless it is assumed that what what is being suggested is not important and not something that we could benefit from.

00:08:16 Omali Yeshitela

But it seems to me that we could get a lot of benefits from this. We can create the only kind of thing that's dealing with the police violence question on the ground in Chicago. I mean, people are demonstrating things like, and I think that's good, but something that has some direction in terms of where it's going and it's not.

00:08:36 Omali Yeshitela

Something that's up to the government itself to resolve that this is something that people can sign on to in terms of Africans charging genocide people.

00:08:47 Omali Yeshitela

Come out and participate. As I mentioned, you know, like in the 10th vigil, we can locate be a place where we can be there all night, every day until however long we can get the resources to help get the tents. The heating that's going to be necessary because it's cold there now and propaganda.

00:09:06 Omali Yeshitela

And also can help to get get this in Russian media and perhaps other international media would be able to carry this as well. I think similarly to be able to grab control in a serious way of much of the propaganda around the police and the court system.

00:09:25 Omali Yeshitela

Brutality against African people, with the website the Russians would build a website, but we would have to design it. That means we'll have to use our own force and then we would have to have somebody who could keep that website updated. So that's what I wanted to throw out and see what kind of discussions that.

00:09:45 Omali Yeshitela

Can be generated from this about anything.

00:09:50 Omali Yeshitela

OK, that's what I want to throw out.

00:09:53 Omali Yeshitela

Chairman, I just want to express, you know, just you know, how important. Just I I I see this being especially having the Russians being involved in it. I just want to.

00:10:09 Omali Yeshitela

Just OfferUp.

00:10:10 Omali Yeshitela

As far as the web team.

00:10:13 Omali Yeshitela

Cornell rich Lisa. On our part. As far as your prop is concerned, we can gather, we can, we'll figure out who can who can maintain it from from those those 3. I don't know what he does. Cornell Cornell designed.

00:10:32 Omali Yeshitela

The black power 96. He's deep, deeply involved in the design and how the black highlighting. Yeah, he does. He does. Yeah.

00:10:42 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, I think that's as far as the web team is concerned and and on the design and things like that. I think Cornell rich and Lisa would be put them together and we can most definitely get with the Russians and have that, that portion of it.

00:11:00 Omali Yeshitela

Consolidated. Well, we would have to say what the this the site is.

00:11:04 Omali Yeshitela

Going to be called.

00:11:07 Omali Yeshitela

Guys.

00:11:07 Augustus Romain/Gazi

I was thinking the pigs in our heads.

00:11:09 Omali Yeshitela

Says again, pigs in our head, pigs in our hood.

00:11:13

Or the pigs in the pigs, pigs in your hood.

00:11:19 Omali Yeshitela

But what is? You know, I mean, that's going to deal with the judges and all other elements, the grand jury and stuff like that and.

00:11:31 Omali Yeshitela

We can consider that phase in our hood. We can consider it.

00:11:34 Speaker 4

Because it's such a popular chant already.

00:11:36 Omali Yeshitela

OK, OK, let's talk comments. I mean, we just talked about who could do what and what it should be called, but we haven't even agreed yet that this is a good idea to do it. Yeah, but it's going to be an NP dump project. You know, it's.

00:11:55 Speaker 5

Yes.

00:11:55 Omali Yeshitela

I see it As for me something that could help to build in.

00:12:00 Omali Yeshitela

And could put NPE Dome out in places where it doesn't even have a physical presence in some ways, especially with the website and people being able to connect through the website with the organization. And also it has the possibility of generating.

00:12:20 Omali Yeshitela

Real national international attention, this thing that we're talking about with the trend.

00:12:25 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Here.

00:12:29 Herdosia

Order Chairman, I just wanted to appreciate it. I've been excited since.

00:12:35 Herdosia

Since we heard about it.

00:12:38 Herdosia

Then we will actually really be able to.

00:12:42 Herdosia

Speak at in front of the United Nations because I believe that this is exactly what we need for repeat them and Chicago and our new forces to organize in in this capacity. So I.

00:12:55 Herdosia

Just.

00:12:57 Herdosia

I unite with this whole process and I wanted to say that we do know that.

00:13:03 Herdosia

The United Nations.

00:13:05 Herdosia

On Sunday, it will be from 9:00 to 5:00.

00:13:09 Herdosia

And on Sunday, I mean on Monday it's the same time, but the organizer think that it would end early on Monday and it's going to be on the University of Chicago campus.

00:13:23 Herdosia

Is where it's going to be taking place.

00:13:27 Herdosia

But Chicago University is a big campus, so we don't have an.

00:13:31 Herdosia

Exact.

00:13:32 Herdosia

Location on, but we just know that's where it's going to be held at on the campus, but we don't know what building or anything like that.

00:13:43 Herdosia

I just wanted to put that out and.

00:13:45 Herdosia

We did.

00:13:46 Herdosia

Started, we started a budget.

00:13:50 Herdosia

That I can send out.

00:13:53 Herdosia



I was told to go ahead and start a, you know, getting the list together of, like, everything that would be needed for us, the budget.

00:14:02 Herdosia

I don't know if we want to have a talk. Have that talk about it until we agree that this is. But I just I unite with the process and I would like to hear.

00:14:11 Herdosia

From the other conrads.

00:14:14 Herdosia

How they feel about this whole process, but I just think that this is a great opportunity and we should seize the moment.

00:14:22 Omali Yeshitela

Oh.

00:14:25 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Nice.

00:14:31 Omali Yeshitela

I think that we're going to be working on a couple of different levels with this.

00:14:36 Omali Yeshitela

One is all of it's political, but there's a legal kind of aspect associated with it as well. I'm I'm not talking just about things like we're going to have to get permits, we're going to have to say where we're going to set up the tents that.

00:14:53 Omali Yeshitela

I think we're going to have to also organize people. What groups can we get to participate with us? What individuals beyond us, because we want it to be more than just the five or six people who may be immediately a part of The Who will move another party. We want to maximize that and want to win excitement and enthusiasm even.

00:15:13 Omali Yeshitela

People who might be doing this damn demonstrations need to some of them not. All of them, obviously, but some of them need to say, yeah, you know, and be able to participate in the visual. The visual gives it another dimension.

00:15:24 Omali Yeshitela

I think it can excite people to come and hang out at a vigil that's going to be there. We need to have an idea how long we talked about, what are the terms, right. We're going to have a vigil until what

happens? Something to that effect that's important. And another thing that I'm talking about in terms of legal.

00:15:43 Omali Yeshitela

That I think is also really sick.

00:15:47 Omali Yeshitela

Is we are talking about the the African charged genocide in the United Nations and but this is what we are building for and I think that that Jordan has a.

00:16:06 Omali Yeshitela

You know.

00:16:07 Omali Yeshitela

I'm excited about Jordan taking that on, but I think that it would be helpful if Cam played a role there too, in part because Cam knows the United Nations, he knows about these different committees and and working groups and things like that, and also he can help.

00:16:27 Omali Yeshitela

Talk the language of that. He can help talk you in lane.

00:16:31 Omali Yeshitela

For when I say UN language I'm talking about, that's going to be impressive for some media outlets and and things like that. Of course, we're not limited to the perception of of perspective of the United Nations. We're talking about, you know, an actual.

00:16:49 Omali Yeshitela

Movement.

00:16:50 Omali Yeshitela

But I think there would be times when we would want to be able to have somebody be able to say according to this Convention and according to this and that, you know.

00:17:02 Omali Yeshitela

This is how we're moving, you know, etc. So there are a lot of questions involved in this process. The money, yes, we do need, we need a budget, we need it quickly because if they're going to get the money for something that we plan to do urgently, then we need to say what it is so we can get the day of money.

00:17:21 Omali Yeshitela

To make it.

00:17:23 Omali Yeshitela

And if we're going to have a vigil among the things we need, obviously, as shelter, especially in the winter like this, some capacity to be able to provide a minimum level of comfort in terms of.

00:17:42 Omali Yeshitela

Heat and if it's going to be we, we need sleeping bags, we would need also some kinds of.

00:17:51 Omali Yeshitela

Food, snacks and stuff that people could have, but for the duration that they're going to be out there, yeah, they're about to eat. And we need propaganda. Need propaganda telling people what it is that we doing while we're there.

00:17:57 Speaker 4

Oh yeah.

00:18:08 Speaker 4

Exactly.

00:18:10 Omali Yeshitela

We need propaganda to go out into the community so that in my view, we would want to organize at the site itself when organized to get to the visual and then while we're there, we want to create a kind of organization with the vision to label people who be going out and.

00:18:30 Omali Yeshitela

And getting other people to come to the visual, we need somebody coordinating media who is going to be in charge of the media there and you know that kind of thing, those are just some of the things that and then we got to say where it's going to be.

00:18:45 Omali Yeshitela

Where would we have this vigil? I you know I don't know enough about Chicago to be able to point out to all of the significant areas, but certainly it wouldn't be if there were, if it were possible and traffic supported it then.

00:19:04 Omali Yeshitela

Woman Square might be a good place where all those Africans were tortured and and locked up and that kind of stuff.

00:19:13 Omali Yeshitela

Brutalized to get confessions by the police and and, you know, still up, it's still going on. I mean that could bring attention to Homan Square. That's a possibility. I mean, the other thing is just Devon, that's a good idea. As far as the home square, it's it's isolated enough. There's not a lot of traffic.

00:19:32 Omali Yeshitela

But.

00:19:34 Omali Yeshitela

But if there's publicity around that and that's, you know, the symbolic iness of Homeland Square, you know, I think that that would be an excellent place. There's not a lot of traffic, but it's it's by a police station, you know, and then there are, you know, different types of buildings. The school that I used to teach.

00:19:55 Omali Yeshitela

That is around that area, but there's not a lot not a through traffic. Well, this is something a judgment that somebody has to make. You gonna have to get permits to do what has to be done. Somebody's gonna have to be tasked with that. You're probably.

00:20:09 Penny Hess

No, I'm just wondering did.

00:20:10 Penny Hess

We were there permits for.

00:20:15 Penny Hess

Because I can't. That's what I mean. I can't, but I just can't imagine them just giving.

00:20:15 Omali Yeshitela

Which one? The one that the police attack.

00:20:23 Omali Yeshitela

Oh yeah, they might give a permit for a demonstration of protest. Yeah, possibly. Possibly. Possibly. Yeah. Yeah. I thought the mayor was on the back.

00:20:33 Omali Yeshitela

Foot right now he's the mayor's on the back foot.

00:20:35 Speaker 4

And right now.

00:20:36 Omali Yeshitela

Politically, and people are demanding his resignation. The whole he's talking about the police question seems to me that we ought to be able to push that, and I would assume that there might even be lawyers and Chicago who we can get to jump on board with this guy.

00:20:52 Speaker 4

Yeah, I was going to suggest that they probably would need a lawyer because I think the police still would challenge even, you know, with or without a permit, you're going to have to anticipate that they would challenge. They're trying to quell everything in that city. I thought that when they were discussing it.

00:21:08 Speaker 4

They were discussing it in proximity to the UN working groups of experts that they wanted, because I know initially today when we started talking to NPC, they were saying that they would go in just before the working group gets there and that they would be on the on the campus.

00:21:28 Speaker 4

And that's what the campus was all about. It will be in that area so that people going to this hearing or whatever would be able to see them and even the campus, the, the, the group themselves, the UN working group would have to be faced with them there, raising the whole question of Genoa.

00:21:43 Speaker 4

I thought that was how it was discussed.

00:21:45 Omali Yeshitela

So if it is discussed in that.

00:21:47 Speaker 4

Fashion. Well, I heard between Chimurenga and Doja, you know, because initially before Cam got up and talked about the ability to speak to this group, this working group.

00:22:02 Speaker 4

Tiranga had put out that sent his own request into Mississippi Jackson, Ms. because the group is going to Mississippi, DC, Baltimore. So we were saying that we were used.

00:22:12 Omali Yeshitela

No.

00:22:12 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

00:22:18 Speaker 4

What happened in Ferguson to get special attention from them? Because among the cities, Ferguson was not one, and that the group would be interested like everybody around the world heard about Ferguson, that we stood a good chance if we send to say that we wanted to participate, we didn't know who the, the, the, the.

00:22:36 Speaker 4

Sponsors were in miss in Jackson, Ms. where we thought we would appeal to the group itself, the UN.

00:22:42 Speaker 4

So we sent him a letter and then right after that is when you were talking about the campaign, how the campaign wasn't happening etcetera, etcetera. And so the letter was already out there. So apparently there is discussion now about actually going into doing the Mississippi piece.

00:22:58 Speaker 4

And even doing the New York piece, that's what I've gotten from tiranga that that himself and Cabina was going to do Mississippi upon that they were they, they can't speak at the Mississippi. Peace was going to do Mississippi then Chicago. And they were looking to identify how they could do either new.

00:23:16 Speaker 4

York or Boston?

00:23:18 Speaker 4

So.

00:23:19 Speaker 4

Based on the fact that down the line down the road we were talking about going into the UN, we thought that would be great for this, this, this group, this UN group to be exposed to. They'll know that we're out there with this genocide thing and it would also lend to our ability to speak before the UN at some.

00:23:36 Omali Yeshitela

Point maybe and maybe not, but the question how does that relate to?

00:23:40 Omali Yeshitela

Trying to have a sync where we're going to set up the tension.

00:23:44 Speaker 4

Well, I was saying that the plan previous to this before we talked about when we talked about Tent City today.

00:23:51 Speaker 4

It was consistent with that trajectory in terms of understanding that we wanted to influence the UN Group because we are going to speak in, in, in Chicago to that UN Group, but they would also be able to be on site with the camp, you know, with the demonstration itself.

00:24:07 Speaker 4

In Chicago's, I don't know. Maybe.

00:24:09 Speaker 4

I'm not explaining.

00:24:11 Omali Yeshitela

Anyway, I don't understand the significance of that, I mean.

00:24:16 Omali Yeshitela

On the campus, that's where I don't think my view from the top is, it wouldn't be on the campus.

00:24:21 Speaker 4

We don't think it would be on the campus because the campus would allow it, but in proximity of the campus outside of the campus gates, there's sidewalks, there's whatever that is public property.

00:24:31 Omali Yeshitela

Only two days.

00:24:33 Speaker 4

Well, that's what I was. That was that brought me to what I was trying to raise that if in fact they wanted to and it was.

00:24:39 Speaker 4

Significant to affect this group.

00:24:42 Speaker 4

It means that we would have it there for two days and then we might have to move it somewhere else. I don't know. I was raised in that because I knew that was out.

00:24:48 Speaker 4

There that we should be talking about.

00:24:51 Speaker 4

You know whether or not we still want to do it on the campus site, that was something that you didn't know before I raised it here that it was been discussed to do it on that site date and we now we're talking about doing somewhere else. So that is out there. What do we do? Do we do it on the site? Is it doesn't have any merit to influence this group in this way. The group that's on the UN that.

00:25:12 Speaker 4

And the UN group, is it having any merit for us to be out there to influence them, or do we just from the get go put it on another site?

00:25:19 Speaker 4

That's that's the question.

00:25:21 Penny Hess

I mean, I think it especially you know, if it were like an encampment, it was outside of, I mean.

00:25:28 Penny Hess

Obviously they're going.

00:25:29 Penny Hess

To be on campus. But if it was outside of it, we had a big banner we had like, I think it could be really powerful, especially in the middle of winter. I mean it we could.

00:25:39 Penny Hess

Just be really powerful.

00:25:40 Omali Yeshitela

Is it powerful in general? Are you talking now about the campers? I'm.

00:25:43 Penny Hess

Trying to I'm talking about outside of the camp, which you're saying they couldn't be on the campus if they're going to be on.

00:25:48 Omali Yeshitela

All right.

00:25:49 Penny Hess

The campus, so it would.

00:25:50 Penny Hess

Have to be it could. That's the urban campus that's right in the city.

00:25:53 Omali Yeshitela

It's right down house. You got two days. You just gotta 2 days.

00:25:57 Penny Hess

But two days, even 2.

00:25:58 Penny Hess

Days while this is happening.

00:26:00 Penny Hess

And if you move.

00:26:06 Herdosia

This Cardoso I.

00:26:10 Herdosia

Understand the struggle and I guess I never participated in something like this, but what I was imagining is that I know that a lot of people in Chicago, they passing out Flyers.



00:26:25 Herdosia

The organizers for people who are not even testifying or going to come to this event with the United Nations. So I was thinking that we would want to be somewhere in amongst of the people that's coming to the United Nations.

00:26:44 Herdosia

Like outside the campus, like I understand that we probably couldn't be on the campus, but somewhere near with, you know, a banner and like some poster boards of, you know, saying we charge genocide or poster boards of police brutality victims or whatever visuals with the tent. I thought that would be a.

00:27:03 Herdosia

No.

00:27:05 Herdosia

You know a big impact.

00:27:07 Herdosia

So my thing is, so if we take it away from all the way away from where this event is actually happening at, how do we?

00:27:16 Herdosia

Connect the dots.

00:27:25 Omali Yeshitela

Oh, OK. I know you've finished. Let me just comment on that. I guess one of the things that's sort of.

00:27:36 Omali Yeshitela

Of.

00:27:39 Omali Yeshitela

Knock me off. Pace is I didn't know that we were just talking about an event that would be for a couple of days. I thought. I thought there would be time to the 10th. Some kind of issue that we will be here until.

00:27:57 Omali Yeshitela

Such and such comes down.

00:28:01 Omali Yeshitela

And that we would try to actually build on the ground build build NT and build a movement around the genocide question, the petitions, etcetera. But it wouldn't just be, you know, just for the two days. I didn't even know the damn.

00:28:20 Omali Yeshitela

UN Working group was going to be there when we first started having this discussion, so for me that's that's what I'm thinking. Like if we're talking about just the two days when they're going to be there, that's one thing. But I thought it would be more enduring than that.

00:28:36 Omali Yeshitela

Secondly, I certainly don't disagree that we can have a presence and should have a presence at the thing when the United Nations is going to be there. We could even use that as the kick off if he wanted to. If we had another place where we were going to move it when they left or something to that offense. White white.

00:28:56 Speaker 4

That was the question in terms of whether we do it there for the benefit of if it would benefit us in any way in any way, if it would strengthen our ability to be at the UN.

00:29:08 Speaker 4

You know, later down the road, whether we would do that and then move it.

00:29:13 Omali Yeshitela

I mean, I don't think it's.

00:29:14 Omali Yeshitela

I don't. I don't think it will necessarily strengthen our ability to be at the United Nations. From my perspective, the real deal is not to persuade or win the United Nations.

00:29:27 Omali Yeshitela

But they like us, that's.

00:29:29 Omali Yeshitela

But to use them as a backdrop to win support for what it is that we're doing and win masses of people to be down with us, to come and sign the petition to say wow, look at this, this, this is something that's really done. We've got this here, we're going to be here to such and such a thing to hell freezes over or something to that effect and and.

00:29:49 Omali Yeshitela

You know, I don't know if that's going to help us get before the United Nation. I think what would help us get before the United Nations, not those people who going to be having that whatever they're going to be having. But it's the movement that we build. And so that's the thing that I.

00:30:02 Omali Yeshitela

That I'm concerned with and also the thing about Holman Square and I don't know if Holman Square is a good place. Frankly, I don't know. You know, I would have to know more about Chicago

and know more about where it's situated, not just whether there are a lot of people there or not, but I need to know a little more about it. But The thing is that there are a lot of people who have been.

00:30:24 Omali Yeshitela

Affected, you know, by Holman Square, by all this by John Bird.

00:30:29 Omali Yeshitela

And breeding and killing and torturing black people, you know, etcetera that I thought some symbols, some symbolic location there would call out for people like that who are still crying. I I hear them on on national public radio now talking about what they did to me and how and breaking down in tears when they.

00:30:50 Omali Yeshitela

Talking about sobbing when they're talking about what the Chicago police did to them. So.

00:30:56 Omali Yeshitela

I'm not opposed to the campus if people are going to be there then that's great. I mean, talking about the United Nations, feeling the people coming to see the United Nations people, if they're going to be there and we can have a presence there of some sort. If it's the 10th or something else, I think that's wonderful. But but and and it may be that I'm overstretching it may be that.

00:31:16 Omali Yeshitela

Having an enduring presence is asking too much, and maybe the best you can hope for is 2 days, but I'm thinking more in terms of like trying to build a movement around.

00:31:29 Omali Yeshitela

Thing and build a strong presence, build our build ourselves in Chicago, build ourselves other places, you know, etcetera, and then even impact on these demonstrations and things that have happened, like giving it something that it doesn't otherwise have given that some people can put their teeth in and and be able to work.

00:31:49 Omali Yeshitela

You know, with a long term.

00:31:56 Herdosia

Cameron, I just, I'm just trying to be to understand clearly. So we want to have a campaign like we're going to stay in these tents. You you you said so. Like we will stay in these tents to what? What would be the demand for us to be able to get out the tent?

00:32:14 Herdosia

Like we would keep the team one.

00:32:15 Omali Yeshitela

That's that's. Yeah, that's the question that I'm raising. What would be the demand? I mean, you know that what would be?

00:32:24 Omali Yeshitela

We, you know, the demand, how we're going to be here for what time? I don't think. I think I think there needs to be something attached to it that gives it a sense of endurance and that where people 3 days from now who might not have decided they want to do it 2 days ago would say, hey, I want to go out there and be with the cats in the tents.

00:32:44 Omali Yeshitela

We can actually set up events.

00:32:46 Omali Yeshitela

Do other kinds of things at the place at the site, you know, teach cans at the place at the site. So if we're, like, being enduring thing and we're getting petition signed and and signing people up for in freedom and whatever else we can that becomes like an organizing center.

00:33:07 Omali Yeshitela

For us, and I think it is important for us to say what it is going to take to make us to move.

00:33:13 Omali Yeshitela

Make us move from that, but I think that that's how I'm envisioning it anyway. And and this is just my vision, I want to say this and and it may be faulty, which is one of the reasons that it's important to talk about it. You know, with everybody here so that they can be challenged if it's false and say, hey, we can't do anything like that, you know that, you know, etcetera pending.

00:33:33 Penny Hess

I just want to, I mean, I think that the whole there's so many issues and black community control of the police and so many questions in Chicago, they're so pertinent.

00:33:45 Penny Hess

I think the only thing that I would think about is that we do have to think about this is January in Chicago.

00:33:53 Penny Hess

When it's horrible, I mean, the weather is horrible and the wind is fierce. And I just think that, but I also.

00:34:01 Penny Hess

Think that this just.

00:34:02 Omali Yeshitela

Makes good media to have \*\*\*\*\* out there with. Go ahead.

00:34:06 Penny Hess

But I mean, you know, I just think that, but I also think that it would take, it would take a a certain a certain amount of preparation and more than.

00:34:18 Penny Hess

In a week and also support because you talk about snacks? No, I think and things like that have donated to people and brought food in. I mean, it has to be really, you know, there's more than a support network.

00:34:18 Speaker 4

In a week, yeah.

00:34:23 Omali Yeshitela

We have.

00:34:32 Omali Yeshitela

We can find some type of place where there is an indoor, but you know where people can't say we're going to talk about teachings, whatever we're going to do teaching that type of stuff that we might want to have a venue or something like that where people can.

00:34:50 Omali Yeshitela

And actually learn.

00:34:52 Omali Yeshitela

And participate in that. But I think home and square is a symbolic place and it's in the working class neighborhood. So and then the University of Chicago is on the outskirts of a working class neighborhood is, you know, they got. They passed the university.

00:35:05 Speaker 5

Are you doing?

00:35:13 Omali Yeshitela

You know in the working class you know.

00:35:16 Omali Yeshitela

OK, OK. OK. So.

00:35:21 Omali Yeshitela

The universe is 24. We use it to propagandize. We try to set up the 10th thing there to try to sign people up. Also, who will go with us to be prepared to go at Homan Square in July or whenever the hell we would go to whatever, whatever.

00:35:41 Omali Yeshitela

Whenever we would be there, you see, and I mean, and we can have people signing up and coming into the organization and we can also bring them into some kind of organizational relationship in the interim. So contradiction I see with that is only.

00:35:57 Omali Yeshitela

South side West Side University of Illinois University of Chicago is on the South side, which is away is away from Home Square, which is.

00:36:05 Speaker 2

On the West side.

00:36:06 Omali Yeshitela

So we're not going to Homer Square now, we're going to the university. But I'm saying that the area, the general area is South side is that we're gonna most, most of the people that we're going to be signing up for.

00:36:19 Omali Yeshitela

Necessarily, if they come in, if people are coming to this UN thing, that's what I'm hearing that they would come from more than the South side. They would come from the.

00:36:27 Omali Yeshitela

Well, it's, you know, don't be pedicures while students and \*\*\*\* like that.

00:36:32 Omali Yeshitela

But I would assume that people would be coming from over Chicago. That's what I'm hearing. That's what I thought I was hearing that people are going to be. Then I hear somebody say that people are signing up to to be at this thing in Chicago.

00:36:46 Herdosia

Yes, chairman, yeah. So the organizer is human rights.

00:36:55 Herdosia

Human rights activist group that is hosting this and the United Nations are going to have people testify. And so I listened. I was on the call with the different organizations that are going to be testifying and most of them were, you know, a whole bunch of symptoms.

00:37:16 Herdosia

Only one that had something to do with.

00:37:20 Herdosia

Was Cam Howard? He had. He's testifying on sovereignty and then us with genocide. Everybody else was talking about.

00:37:29 Herdosia

You know.

00:37:30 Herdosia

The kids in the school and women rights and etcetera, but all these everybody will speak for two minutes and you only can have one person that could speak. So you have to pick your person that is going to go in and speak in front of the United Nations. However, they are trying to mobilize.

00:37:50 Herdosia

People to this event that won't actually get to speak from the United Nations, but be that that's going to just come.

00:38:00 Herdosia

I don't know if that helped.

00:38:01 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Out.

00:38:01 Herdosia

To describe what's actually happening.

00:38:04 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, it seems to me a lot of people would be there regardless of what neighborhood they come from in Chicago. And I assume that some people are going to be coming from other cities than Chicago.

00:38:15 Herdosia

Yes, Sir.

00:38:16 Omali Yeshitela

And it gives us an opportunity to even, you know, put it out, turning to Bill in Chicago and beyond. And we can have our propaganda if we plan to do something beyond that day, we can have.

00:38:28 Speaker 4

Our.

00:38:28 Omali Yeshitela

Propaganda, their objective being to win whomever else comes through there, to what it is that we're going to do. So even.

00:38:36 Omali Yeshitela

If if they if we plan to.

00:38:38 Omali Yeshitela

In Chicago, there are other people coming from other places than Chicago, and we're going to do this ten visual, you know, for whatever we need to define whether it is going to be for genocide against African genocide or something, then we want them to sign up also. So.

00:38:58 Omali Yeshitela

And we can get volunteers coming from all over the Midwest.

00:39:01 Omali Yeshitela

Come in there. Participate in this thing that we're talking about. It could.

00:39:04 Omali Yeshitela

Be helpful.

00:39:07 Penny Hess

Here.

00:39:08 Omali Yeshitela

And.

00:39:12 Speaker 5

Right.

00:39:14 Speaker 5

Everyone, I kind of.

00:39:18 Speaker 5

Great kind of came out real late.

00:39:20 Speaker 5

But I did.

00:39:21 Speaker 5

I did hear.

00:39:23 Speaker 5

OK.

00:39:26 Speaker 5

That's better.

00:39:27 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, I guess.



00:39:28 Speaker 5

I did come on a little late, but I did kind of hear.

00:39:31 Speaker 5

The.

00:39:32 Speaker 5

Question about the tent city being at the university or the 10th campaign being at the university. I think those two days that the UN working group would be here, are they going to be here very briefly within our common?

00:39:48 Speaker 5

They're going to be the way I see it, listening to and participating in some of the calls and meetings is that the group who are sponsoring the US human rights network and even in Chicago, independent Human Rights Council.

00:40:03 Speaker 5

They are very.

00:40:07 Speaker 5

Acquiescent to the State Department, the State Department is controlling this and so the time they're spending with civil society is really.

00:40:15 Speaker 5

Not enough time that we feel they should be spending with civil society and then when it comes to them spending time with civil society, those who are organizing as Sidosis stated, are organizing around symptomatic symptoms and reforms within an integrationist type of outcome for all. As if we can.

00:40:36 Speaker 5

You know, reform our way to be integrated and so.

00:40:40 Speaker 5

It's just another part of the civil rights movement. Have a user analyzing international human rights structures. So I think that impede them has an opportunity to stand out apart from all the rest with the message of.

00:41:01 Speaker 5

The campaign against genocide we charge genocide as well as.

00:41:06 Speaker 5

The message that there's no integration into compared to the capitalism.

00:41:10 Speaker 5

You can't reform it.

00:41:11 Speaker 5

And I think that, you know, we need to stress that because there's a few.

00:41:19 Speaker 5

Organizations nationally that are attempting to revitalize.

00:41:27 Speaker 5

The revolutionary struggle or determination and not calling the revolution, but we're being drowned out by the Black lives matters and all these other groups, even those who have have.

00:41:42 Speaker 5

Claim to be, you know, radical.

00:41:46 Speaker 5

As brother Glenn Ford was stating.

00:41:49 Speaker 5

At the Black Black his back. He's so I think it gives impede them an opportunity to stand out, to set themselves apart from all these other weak voices that are that, you know, champion, you know this.

00:42:04 Speaker 5

Form and thinking that this reform is going to get us to a liberation and freedom.

00:42:12 Omali Yeshitela

I think that's good. I think the real issue and that's really helpful Cam, because I think it makes one of the points that I'm making that it's not going to be this group that does it. I mean, you're talking about a group that's whether.

00:42:25 Omali Yeshitela

The damn state department and stuff like that, it's going to be the people who come looking for something that who we need to be talking to.

00:42:32 Omali Yeshitela

And to the extent that we have the ability to speak to that group, even if we can have the kind of demonstration that we're talking about near the campus with the, if the if it makes sense to do the the tent for overnight there and for the two days, they're going to be there and then use it also to make the statement.

00:42:53 Omali Yeshitela

Yes.

00:42:53 Omali Yeshitela

Colonialism. That African people are colonized and then make in the in the place itself. In our comments, you know, make the kinds of statements that's just been suggested, but we would want to have propaganda. We would want to have people signing the Africans charge genocide. We want to make it easier for them to access that and I.

00:43:13 Omali Yeshitela

Thought that it might be help.

00:43:15 Omali Yeshitela

Two, since we're looking at real frigid because, you know the hawk, the concept of the Hawk was created for Chicago, you know? So I know that it's going to be extremely cool. The weather there and but it may be possible to determine.

00:43:36 Omali Yeshitela

Already, you know, like on such and such a time.

00:43:39 Omali Yeshitela

And such and such a date and ask people to sign up for that. We're going to set up tents, you know, at wherever at home and square wherever we want to talk about collecting the genocide and the demanding black community control of the police and whatever. Until what we can say what it is that that we are demanding.

00:43:59 Omali Yeshitela

So we can we can be the ones who decided when we want. And so like like sit there doses and we can leave the tents, you know, it can be up to us, but part of what we'll be talking.

00:44:10 Omali Yeshitela

About is not necessarily everybody standing there all the time. You're talking about people coming in and out, you know, and stuff like that, just to have the presence there and and being able to do the kinds of political events that we're talking about, I think can be crucial. We can have events dealing with reparations. We can have events dealing with genocide. All the other question.

00:44:30 Omali Yeshitela

Colonialism. This gives the the the the movement for self-determination its own.

00:44:36 Omali Yeshitela

Base and and attract tour to bring people who are just coming into political life or into another camp other than the one just you know of surrender that usually is associated with most of these. These kinds of moves.

00:45:00 Omali Yeshitela

And.

00:45:02 Omali Yeshitela

However, we move, so I think we're going to have to make some quick decisions because there are some resources available to us and and if in fact we plan to do something at the university other than speaking before the group, if we plan to try and set up.

00:45:22 Omali Yeshitela

Attempt for the time they're going to be there with our.

00:45:27 Omali Yeshitela

With the applicant charged genocide information with propaganda that we want to distribute it not, you know, just at that site, but to everybody who comes to this event that's going to cause some resources. And right now it's chilly enough to talk about.

00:45:46 Omali Yeshitela

Feeding people and.

00:45:49 Omali Yeshitela

Other things for the for the two days that we would be out there two or three days, however long because they might want to get their day or two before them, you know.

00:46:01 Omali Yeshitela

What is?

00:46:03 Omali Yeshitela

The 24th and the 25th, I think for their logistical questions associated with this, you know where it would be, you know 23rd, 23rd, 23rd, 2020.

00:46:16 Speaker 5

24th and 25th, 54th.

00:46:19 Speaker 4

2014.

00:46:22 Omali Yeshitela

So they're logistical issues, you know, that's associated with this, that have to be resolved, money issues, you know, like how much, what is going to take for us to do this?

00:46:32 Omali Yeshitela

For the two days that we're talking about, yeah.

00:46:39 Augustus Romain/Gazi

We need that.

00:46:41 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Now.

00:46:41 Speaker 4

But they working on it now. We only found out.

00:46:43 Omali Yeshitela

Today. So yeah, we need the expeditiously as possible.

00:46:47 Penny Hess

It's actually Laura.

00:46:51 Herdosia

Yeah, the budget is written out already, and I can. Liz is going to have it typed up and sent out to you and everybody.

00:47:03 Speaker 5

OK.

00:47:05 Herdosia

And we had everything you just list.

00:47:10 Herdosia

On the budget list and I wanted to say that.

00:47:15 Herdosia

With the process, I think that this would be a great strategy. I hope that we win people to this position and so I know already that myself and Liz agreed to go go into Chicago 2 days before and Jordan said that he would be available.

00:47:35 Herdosia

But he probably could speak on exactly when he could get into Chicago.

00:47:39 Herdosia

Too, but then the the issue with Jordan is he is the person that is going to speak to the United Nations. So we probably need him to get out.

00:47:46 Herdosia

And kind of get freshen up to.

00:47:49 Herdosia

Actually be the person that's going to testify for the two minutes.

00:47:52 Omali Yeshitela

Maybe not. That's another story. Maybe not. You know, he can walk straight from the dam. Maybe not. It's up to you. I mean, that's the tactical issue that you have to raise, you know friendships, you know. Yeah.

00:48:04 Speaker 4

Right.

00:48:08 Herdosia

And.

00:48:10 Herdosia

Yeah. So I was thinking that we would need a committee of people that would work on on the press like that. I don't know if we would do like a press release or press statement regarding this, but a team of for that.

00:48:31 Herdosia

And then everybody that agreed to actually you know, good night in the tent and then we were mobilizing other forces that have agreed from Saint Louis to come.

00:48:41 Herdosia

As well, I don't. They didn't agree to spend a night outside, but they did agree to come and, you know, pass out Flyers and get petition signed and etcetera. And Conrad will was going to mobilize the forces in Chicago.

00:48:58 Herdosia

As well.

00:49:00 Omali Yeshitela

Cool.

00:49:00 Omali Yeshitela

In Chicago, what are you talking about?

00:49:03 Herdosia

The Chicago police is actually coming to coming to where we would be at at the tent.

00:49:09 Omali Yeshitela

I know, but who are the forces in Chicago who are going to mobilize?

00:49:14 Herdosia

OK. Well, we have Mike Brown.

00:49:17 Omali Yeshitela

So we don't have anybody beyond our own Members who would participate in this.

00:49:24 Herdosia

In Chicago, I haven't. I haven't started to reach out to any of the other organization I didn't know we were going to do that, but now that I know that we're going to kind of like, you know, I I wasn't talking to anybody about the strategy until I knew exactly what we were going to do.

00:49:41 Herdosia

So now I will reach out to other organizations that I have met in Chicago and me and will can talk about the strategy on that. On talking to different organizations in Chicago and I think it would be good to reach out to other organizations here in Ferguson as.

00:49:58 Herdosia

Well.

00:49:59 Herdosia

To see how many I can get to come and go.

00:50:02 Herdosia

You know, go to this.

00:50:03 Herdosia

Well.

00:50:04 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, and that was.

00:50:08 Speaker 8

I just wanted to let you guys know that this is Sister Tony. I'll be available the 23rd to go up a day ahead before the thing and I'll be willing to sleep outside in the tent.

00:50:18 Omali Yeshitela

Right on and Cam has a base of.

00:50:23 Omali Yeshitela

I would think.

00:50:27 Omali Yeshitela

That I've seen come out with him at different times too. He, you know, and the other thing I would ask you to look into is student groups on that campus, African student groups on that campus

because you may be able to access the damn campus. You may be able to set up on the campus if it's sponsored by a student.

00:50:46 Omali Yeshitela

Group. So that's something to look into, but I do think it's going to be critical that for us to identify where it's going to be if it's going to be on the campus, we need to know where in some strategic place, if it's going to be off the campus, we need to know where and some strategy.

00:51:00 Omali Yeshitela

Place and some strategic place means that we have to be careful not to set it up in a place you know we need to be where people are going to be moving toward, to and from that that event. But those are issues that have to be resolved quickly. We have to get that that determined quickly.

00:51:21 Omali Yeshitela

And even if we're going to be there for just two nights, I think it demans means that we're going to have some kind of organized program for what we're going to do while we're there some of this time, obviously, you know, people will be.

00:51:35 Omali Yeshitela

Be with Jordan, you know, and in the place. And sometimes we'll be outside. You know, we need to organize that because everybody's not going to be inside at the same time. Most people going to soon try to get there, especially when their forces are going to be speaking, etcetera. I mean, we just have to organize.

00:51:55 Omali Yeshitela

For the entire duration, you know.

00:51:59 Penny Hess

I see a Facebook page for organization of black students at University of Chicago. I'll send you the link.

00:52:06 Omali Yeshitela

Organization black.

00:52:08 Herdosia

Penny. Penny, you going to send me the link or who you going to send the link to?

00:52:12 Penny Hess

I'll send it to everybody or I'll send.

00:52:15 Penny Hess

It to you.

00:52:16 Herdosia



OK. And Jordan too?

00:52:19 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

00:52:19 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, that's right. Jordan's on the campus. He might be able to help facilitate.

00:52:23 Omali Yeshitela

Chicago State might be a good idea to tap into their black student union or whatever it may be. Thank you. Go ahead. Because college state is experiencing some that.

00:52:37 Omali Yeshitela

If I'm not mistaken, Romney, the governor, is cutting funds are trying to close it down, and Chicago state proximity is pretty close. But The thing is that Chicago State students, which might be useful, might be useful to get students to hit these African students to be in these tents, you know, so that's worth considering.

00:52:57 Omali Yeshitela

I mean, when we're looking for organizations that might join us, I think that student organizations, should, you know, really be targeted for participate.

00:53:08 Omali Yeshitela

Probably Chicago state is HBCU. Historically black college, you know it is. They just made it. But now they're about to get their funding cut or they're about to get.

00:53:24

Oh.

00:53:27 Omali Yeshitela

OK, so let's see where we are.

00:53:33 Omali Yeshitela

When can we, you know, get a good sense of the status. There's some problems down there. Some issues have to be resolved. We need if there's going to be a press saying somebody's got to do that, we got to determine how this thing is going to be characterized. What is it called that we are doing that's important.

00:53:55 Omali Yeshitela

And of course it's being done by NPD done so NPR Dome is overall coordinated. That's what I would assume. I mean, I haven't heard anything. Yeah, be trying to.

00:54:04 Speaker 2

So.

00:54:09 Herdosia

OK, so I know we have the.

00:54:13 Herdosia

African Charge working group. So would it be the African Choice working group?

00:54:19 Herdosia

There's.

00:54:20 Herdosia

Led by epitome or would it be epitome?

00:54:24 Omali Yeshitela

I think anything would be the baby. Yeah, with the TARDIS. And that would be a project. I mean, I mean, the Africans charge genocide should be pronounced. And all over everything, you know, banners and etcetera. But it has to be on that. It's. Yeah.

00:54:35 Herdosia

OK. Yeah.

00:54:40 Herdosia

OK. And then I'm stuttering because my brain is working fast.

00:54:51 Herdosia

Adrop like propaganda, I think it will be important for us to have.

00:54:56 Herdosia

You know to be recording this ourselves from the time we get there, you know, like somehow to be recording this and we can be.

00:55:06 Herdosia

Uploading like little short videos of what's going on to get people from online, you know, to come out and join us as well because it probably start off with just us. But if we push it and you know, continue to try to get these people on, but when they see us doing it, then they'll come and follow.

00:55:23 Herdosia

So.

00:55:25 Herdosia

I don't know.

00:55:26 Augustus Romain/Gazi

What?

00:55:27 Omali Yeshitela

I think that might be true. I think that might be true, but somebody needs responsibility of trying to bring every organization and person they can onto this project from the beginning. We might be able to do exactly what you say by putting it on line, but students, somebody needs to try to get to the student organizations.

00:55:47 Omali Yeshitela

If there are other groups that we know who might come out and participate with this, we need to identify them, win them right away.

00:55:53 Omali Yeshitela

So that because one thing that helps people to come out is when they see other people who are out. So I think that's going to be really important for us to try to identify. And yes, let's do everything you said about the Internet, but some real on the ground down Earth organizing is going to be critical for our success here.

00:56:12 Herdosia

OK, so I know I can. I know a lot of the organizations here in Saint Louis and in Ferguson. And so I I can commit to reaching out to and really pushing.

00:56:25 Herdosia

To get organizations here in Ferguson and then if will and myself.

00:56:36 Speaker 2

Well, if I can.

00:56:38 Herdosia

Work with bill. I met a lot of the organizations and I know that they know will and they know repeat them. So I think that if we, you know, go hard on calling them that they will come and join us because they do have respect for us in Chicago.

00:56:53 Herdosia

UM.

00:56:54 Herdosia

That's what I've seen happen when I was in these circles. So I think that we I think that we can be successful if we, you know, really go hard from the time we got thrown and really.

00:57:07 Herdosia

Make that happen.

00:57:08 Herdosia

Me and Conrad will. And as you said, Cam, he can say different groups that you know.

00:57:15 Herdosia

And was well respected in organizations and stuff in Chicago. And so we can be that committee and Jordan for the college.

00:57:23 Herdosia

The college.

00:57:26 Herdosia

With Jordan, Cam will and myself, I think that could be the committee of, you know, getting the different organizations to join us.

00:57:35 Omali Yeshitela

I think that's important and as long as that we don't fall into the trap of looking at Chicago and talking about, you know, people who could participate of only seeing Daphne and only seeing Synovia and only seeing just the two or three people who we.

00:57:52 Omali Yeshitela

Who are the usual suspects? Because that's what our two often see when we say who's going to come from Chicago. I just usually see the usual suspects of Daphne zenovia and somebody like that. And I'm not saying that Daphne zenovia should not participate. In fact, they should if it's. If it's possible to get them. But we want.

00:58:12 Omali Yeshitela

Everybody, we really want everybody and it should not. I'm just saying that our view should not be limited in terms of the scope of the of the forces that we want to participate in this event.

00:58:25 Omali Yeshitela

We're not trying to marry them, you know, we just want to go out on a platonic date.

00:58:37 Herdosia

I got you. I I unite. I understand.

00:58:42 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

00:58:47 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Appealing.

00:58:49 Augustus Romain/Gazi

I'm telling, even if it's an outline or something.

00:58:52 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, some kind of outline saying what we're going to do. It doesn't have to be, you know, long thought out, you know, complicated thing. But we need to know what the hell we're doing. And yeah.

00:59:01 Augustus Romain/Gazi

We're going to do.

00:59:02 Herdosia

That's what. That's what actually the budget. We just use the format of a PR a. So we have gold.

00:59:11 Herdosia

And the.

00:59:12 Herdosia

Does and everything and then I'll call Jordan to fill them in. What I got already and see if what's his ideas as well. And then I can submit it today to you, chairman and everyone else. And you can, you know, fill in the blanks where we might left off.

00:59:30 Omali Yeshitela

Jevon. Mine's kind of on the line of the see here. Where are we going? To have a meeting to, you know, to, to, to break down. Who is doing what. And that type of stuff.

00:59:31

Oh.

00:59:44 Omali Yeshitela

Soon because. But peoa should. Yeah. Where? Where to go over that POA we know. Just want to. I think it's it's a good idea to have a a meeting of the of the team. Just everybody knowing what's going on and knowing who's doing what. And that type of stuff. Just just the the people who's going to be recruited into this.

01:00:06 Omali Yeshitela

To this this action and doing the work. So I think that would be helpful for myself especially.

01:00:14 Augustus Romain/Gazi

I think the starting state is contacting as we know who we are, but other groups and organizations. So within a day or two, do you think we should be able to say who?

01:00:24 Omali Yeshitela

I think we need some information today or two by Monday. I want to have everything, everything is possible. I know I want to know it by Monday morning, but the the thing about it is that some key

things have to happen. Some of them we've identified in terms of getting in touch with people in groups. But we got to say.

01:00:41 Omali Yeshitela

Where it's going to happen.

01:00:43 Omali Yeshitela

And we've already talked about the budget that's being developed to make it happen. It needs to have some kind of theme. What's it being?

01:00:54 Omali Yeshitela

I think that's going to be important too and yeah.

01:00:58 Augustus Romain/Gazi

How long time?

01:01:02 Omali Yeshitela

And it may be if The thing is going to be on the 24th and the 25th, it might not hurt us to get there the day before night, before the night before they get there. I mean to set up freeze.

01:01:12 Penny Hess

There were.

01:01:15

Out.

01:01:16 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah. Yes. OK. All right. That's good. Yeah.

01:01:21 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Essence live there not just set up. Do you need be in motion though as well may be actively. I mean, I would think that people are coming for this even if it's the 24th 20, there's going to be motions, you know, on and off campus, people trying to get there, see where this goes, go up preparing papers.

01:01:40 Augustus Romain/Gazi

I don't know what the whole process is, see.

01:01:41 Omali Yeshitela

I don't know. I mean, we need to be shut up. Excuse me and.

01:01:43 Augustus Romain/Gazi

That's what I'm saying here.

01:01:48 Omali Yeshitela

Here on the 23rd, that's we need to do that. Then there was some other point that we.

01:01:52 Omali Yeshitela

Want.

01:01:52 Omali Yeshitela

To make but.

01:01:54 Omali Yeshitela

That seems to me to be really important for us to do.

01:01:59 Omali Yeshitela

And we got to get the press release statement release you know done and say who's going to do that when is that going to be done.

01:02:11 Augustus Romain/Gazi

And you said permit, so was this, is this the action that you see required?

01:02:15 Omali Yeshitela

I don't know. We gotta. I don't know where we'd be doing. I think where we do it, it has a lot to do with that.

01:02:23 Speaker 4

It's still on there maybe.

01:02:27 Omali Yeshitela

Still on? Yes I am.

01:02:30 Speaker 4

Anything about the permits, like how that happens and stuff like that, and whether what's the likelihood of us doing it without a permit, what would, what would that mean?

01:02:45 Speaker 5

I'm not totally sure.

01:02:48 Speaker 5

I mean, right now the police are really lenient because of all the activism, you know, so.

01:02:54 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

01:02:56 Speaker 5

Yeah, you know, they're they're trying to prohibit some type of flare up of conflict. So it's a good time. I know when right after Ferguson, peace when we had our mobilization on the Expressway near the Expressway, they stayed away for over three hours.

01:03:14 Speaker 5

So.

01:03:16 Speaker 5

Yes, I think that we should, you know, do Gorilla style and don't even worry about the permit.

01:03:23 Speaker 4

There's one other question I'd like I.

01:03:25 Speaker 4

Wanted to ask.

01:03:25 Speaker 4

You to do you have access to legal people?

01:03:31 Speaker 5

You're one of the leaders of the.

01:03:35 Speaker 5

Groups that are, oh, excuse me, that are hosting the Yuan's brother, Sam Willis. He's also.

01:03:42 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, yeah.

01:03:47 Speaker 5

Yeah. Him and his wife there with the national Black Legal National Black Lawyers Conference and.

01:03:54 Omali Yeshitela

Stand, man. Yeah, we can get talk to stand. Yeah, that would be good. So we know. Yeah. Doesn't have to mention money. He ought to Remember Me. But if even if he touched it, I mean that would be good. If we can get.

01:04:06 Omali Yeshitela

To do something that would be good, really good. He's got. He's really got good reputation, you know, prestigious, you know, fellow.

01:04:07 Speaker 5

For sure.



01:04:19 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Vigil Sharon.

01:04:20 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, I think that's what it's going to be. A vigil? Yeah, vigil.

01:04:30 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Permits and then.

01:04:34 Omali Yeshitela

He was saying gorilla style and you could be Google style or gorilla style, you know, I mean if we can do it, let's go and set up the damn thing and do it. Yeah, yeah.

01:04:43 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah. And if if we can lose if especially we got our own media out there and the police come and do something better, we gotta, yeah. So when can we when?

01:04:53 Penny Hess

We.

01:04:54 Speaker 4

Yeah, those are. When can the general meeting happen?

01:04:59

All right.

01:05:01 Herdosia

The general meeting.

01:05:04 Herdosia

So I want to I want to get out the PRA and laid it out today and then today is what Friday.

01:05:13 Herdosia

So could everybody meet again Saturday? I know Sunday is really a busy day around the Hoover house.

01:05:21 Herdosia

But either Saturday or Monday.

01:05:25 Omali Yeshitela

If you could Monday, money is going to be kind.

01:05:29 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Of difficult stuff here.

01:05:36 Omali Yeshitela

Saturday would probably be best in the morning.

01:05:39 Herdosia

Saturday is it is tomorrow.

01:05:41 Omali Yeshitela

Sometime Sunday I need to know what our situation is. You know, certainly by Monday morning about Sunday would be helpful.

01:05:51 Herdosia

OK, so do you want do we want to call the meeting Saturday or should we call the meeting after everybody? Look at this PRA that I sent out today.

01:06:00 Omali Yeshitela

Send it out.

01:06:01 Penny Hess

Send it out.

01:06:02 Penny Hess

And then maybe Sunday, Sunday or Sunday before the rally, after the OR after the study Sunday morning after the study.

01:06:04 Omali Yeshitela

Evening. We're probably.

01:06:07 Omali Yeshitela

I don't think I can necessarily make it.

01:06:10 Augustus Romain/Gazi

After the setting.

01:06:16 Herdosia

That's not good for you, Javon.

01:06:18 Omali Yeshitela

7 after 7 is best me on Sunday.

01:06:24 Omali Yeshitela

Yes, I could possibly have a representative.

01:06:29 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Monday.

01:06:35 Speaker 4

They got a lot of staff, yeah.

01:06:39 Omali Yeshitela

And that means you have to queue and educate yourself, whoever you would have.

01:06:45 Speaker 4

And.

01:06:50 Speaker 4

The question what is the status of Mississippi? Did you think that any of this anything like this could happen there? I know with Covina is working with that and sharing A is it possible that any of this can happen and?

01:07:10 Speaker 4

Any of this?

01:07:12 Herdosia

I think that it could be possible for Mississippi as well.

01:07:19 Herdosia

I was waiting for Jim Ranga to tell me what cobina like. If he had any forces there. I know myself would be willing to go to Jackson, go to Jackson, Ms. and I can call on other forces in this area to go to Jackson, Ms. too.

01:07:40 Augustus Romain/Gazi

So.

01:07:41 Herdosia

So yeah, I think it's possible. I think we should, I mean.

01:07:46 Herdosia

That's what we had talked about in the IRC meeting. I had called an emergency IEC meeting and what we had discussed is that we wanted to do this whatever we did in Chicago, we wanted to do that everywhere. We have somebody speak because we can't have the same speaker. So Jordan is going to speak in Chicago and then Chimurenga is going to speak in.

01:08:07 Herdosia

Jackson. And then we were going to try to get someone to speak in New York and Baltimore.

01:08:14 Herdosia

You have to be a different.

01:08:16 Herdosia

Yeah, it has to be a different speaker every place, but we we say that we think we should have the same. They should keep hearing the same thing and we should do the same action everywhere.

01:08:28 Omali Yeshitela

Well.

01:08:28 Herdosia

Without.

01:08:30 Omali Yeshitela

Do we know enough logistically about where it's going to be held in Mississippi? We do. OK, we.

01:08:36 Speaker 4

Know the group is the same, working with the organization sponsoring them. I think Mississippi is the 22nd.

01:08:41 Omali Yeshitela

I would have.

01:08:47 Omali Yeshitela

Of this month.

01:08:48 Speaker 4

The 22nd.

01:08:50 Omali Yeshitela

One is on the 19th.

01:08:51 Speaker 4

Yeah, right. And before each other.

01:08:53 Omali Yeshitela

So it's just all viewing is going there. That's what that's.

01:08:55 Speaker 2

Yeah. Yeah. OK.

01:08:57 Omali Yeshitela

Now Kali Okuna is in Mississippi and Jackson.

01:09:03 Omali Yeshitela

He's relatively friendly. He was with Chokwe. If people remember, and it may be that we can get something, some kind of cooperation maybe.

01:09:14 Omali Yeshitela

From here.

01:09:17 Omali Yeshitela

Kylie got the Jackson Land Jackson plan.

01:09:19 Speaker 4

23rd and 23rd.

01:09:23 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, it used to be in Oakland.

01:09:27 Omali Yeshitela

What about San Diego West Coast?

01:09:30 Speaker 4

What about now that I don't know, but I know DC. I mean, they're doing it in DC.

01:09:35 Omali Yeshitela

DC and New York. Yeah. And so, you know, it seemed to me that we ought to have potential in DC and New York. You know what? What is what? What? What was that about? You don't know what you mean. I'm not sure about DC.

01:09:49 Speaker 4

Who we can pull out in DC.

01:09:51 Speaker 4

Everybody, they're working and.

01:09:54

They're going to Baltimore.

01:09:56 Herdosia

Yeah, it's.

01:09:59 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, Baltimore and DC, if I'm not mistaken.

01:10:01 Speaker 5

Yeah.

01:10:02 Herdosia

Is one in Baltimore.

01:10:04 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Yeah, we need to have a strategic approach.

01:10:05 Speaker 4

Yeah.

01:10:07 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

01:10:14 Augustus Romain/Gazi

I know that you don't know. And why wouldn't we just say that we're going to do it in all these places?

01:10:21 Herdosia

Because it just.

01:10:23 Herdosia

And we're trying to work it out now. So yeah, like we, we trying to make it happen now, but.

01:10:30 Herdosia

Because the contradiction is around African shore genocide, we really just been able to actually know what's actually happening to know where they going to be at and how we want to mobilize. And then this tent thing or something that just came up, which is no big deal because we know in movement sometimes stuff gets sprung up and you got to.

01:10:50 Herdosia

We call to action so.

01:10:53 Augustus Romain/Gazi

We have an applicant in DC speaking.

01:10:58 Speaker 2

Of the tent city, I think home and square is a good spot because it's in the African neighborhood. It is a, you know, a distance from the University of Chicago campus. But that would be a ideal spot to cover ongoing.

01:11:14 Speaker 2

Chat.

01:11:16 Omali Yeshitela

I think we need to anticipate home and square. I think we do this and we helpful if we have propaganda at this one saying that we're going to be moving the homeless well.

01:11:31 Omali Yeshitela

I was thinking later, I mean you guys were you? Some soldiers were saying that that's reality in Chicago.

01:11:33 Penny Hess

Later in the.

01:11:41 Speaker 8

All.

01:11:41 Speaker 8

Right.

01:11:45 Omali Yeshitela

Oh.

01:11:49 Speaker 2

I did not complain, chairman.

01:11:55 Herdosia

Just for my just for the POA, the event is going to be the we calling it, the the ongoing tent is going to be. We'll be going to have people sign up. That will be one of the goals to get people to sign up for the.

01:12:09 Herdosia

We calling it the tent city.

01:12:13 Omali Yeshitela

When you say the online.

01:12:13 Herdosia

Is that the name?

01:12:15 Herdosia

The ongoing in July.

01:12:18 Herdosia

I'm just trying to figure out what.

01:12:20 Herdosia

The following.

01:12:25 Omali Yeshitela

Earlier than that, though.

01:12:32

We don't have it.

01:12:39 Herdosia

We have like a date that we would do this so we can have people sign up so we can formulate a sign up sheet to have people sign up.

01:12:47 Omali Yeshitela

Ask people to sign up for maybe.

01:12:49 Omali Yeshitela

May.

01:12:50 Penny Hess

May OK. So maybe they should discuss the date and the proposal that should be part of the POA.

01:12:53 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

01:12:56 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah. Yeah. Look at that. Yeah. See what it looks like to you.

01:13:01 Omali Yeshitela

July, of course, is the intention.

01:13:03 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Contract.

01:13:06 Augustus Romain/Gazi

So we can do it the.

01:13:07 Omali Yeshitela

August Convention we should use it to build for that convention everywhere. We are mean people should be knowing that we're going and then that should be used to build for the Convention and convention in August, which is going to be.



01:13:11 Speaker 2

Yeah.

01:13:20 Omali Yeshitela

There.

01:13:23 Speaker 5

1st.

01:13:25 Omali Yeshitela

That's going to be in Ferguson. Yeah. We're going to ride this to Ferguson. Back to Ferguson. Good. OK. Yeah.

01:13:40 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, I think we got to come up with a theme though.

01:13:46 Omali Yeshitela

It is problematic. Trailer tears in the back crying no more.

01:13:50

Freedom.

01:13:51 Omali Yeshitela

We can just don't have to call the tent. We can just say, you know, African charge. Genocide. Yeah. Encampment. That's good. African charge. Genocide. Listen, we're not actually inventing this thing. I mean, if you just look at what happened with the.

01:13:59 Speaker 2

OK.

01:14:06 Omali Yeshitela

What was that saying? The white people did. I did by occupying with the tents and stuff like that and they set up. And so.

01:14:14 Omali Yeshitela

Strategic places, downtown parks and other places like that and.

01:14:20 Speaker 4

99% speaking, yeah.

01:14:23 Penny Hess

They had those round tents.

01:14:27 Penny Hess

I don't know what somebody donated, but there's also that encampment in Berlin that went to a lot of Africans and they have the bigger, very huge tent. Yeah, in the park. Yeah.

01:14:28 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah, yeah. They got a lot of money from.

01:14:35 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

01:14:41 Omali Yeshitela

So I mean this is stuff we can do, but it can be like an African child genocide encampment. And I think that the African child genocide just the way to keep that out there and if we can put that in, you know the theme of the thing you know, and I think we can, let's draw attention to the.

01:15:01 Omali Yeshitela

African Child genocide, you know, make this something that all of them have to deal with and even hopefully affect how people are talking about police killings and stuff like that. You know, we would, we would.

01:15:03 Speaker 4

Yeah.

01:15:14 Omali Yeshitela

Bring the black community control to the police issue.

01:15:18 Omali Yeshitela

All of that, yeah. I think we can bring the whole penny.

01:15:21 Penny Hess

And there was a whole box. I think Jordan took it. But there was a whole box of the Flyers downstairs at the gunnery.

01:15:31 Penny Hess

We'll probably have to get.

01:15:32 Penny Hess

Some more. They might have been given up.

01:15:33 Omali Yeshitela

So when you look at the issue of the banner, you got to consider what size banners we're going to be using and how much it's going to cost to get those banners, we're going to have to get those banners done quickly. Yeah. So that's going to be, you know, imagine.

01:15:47 Omali Yeshitela

A charge associated with the expedition of the process, you know.

01:15:52 Penny Hess

Say you know also the club card.

01:15:55 Penny Hess

For the African charged, genocide should be reprinted. Yeah, at least 5 or 10,000 of them. With everything we're talking about. And and you're talking about another flyer and maybe even even the convention flyer. So all of those things can get funded. All of those Flyers should get done.

01:16:15 Omali Yeshitela

Yeah.

01:16:15 Penny Hess

You have as the club card.

01:16:18 Herdosia

I'm sorry, penny. I I couldn't catch everything. I know you said the African shores genocide like 10,000. And then I could. You said another flyer.

01:16:28 Penny Hess

Well, if you're going to promote your your convention, or if you're, you know, you're promoting another issue like the upcoming the encampment.

01:16:37 Penny Hess

All of those things could have Flyers, or you could have.

01:16:40 Omali Yeshitela

Black Black community control of the police, you know.

01:16:42 Penny Hess

All of that can have Flyers and that.

01:16:46 Penny Hess

These people will will fund it the the anti globalization.

01:16:51 Omali Yeshitela

Fixture.

01:16:55 Omali Yeshitela

Things like that. Yeah. T-shirts and hoodies.

01:17:05 Speaker 4

Before you send through the established that we should discuss it.

01:17:11 Herdosia

Yes, I was going to call you.

01:17:18 Omali Yeshitela

All right. The other issue that's on the table, we don't have to resolve that now. But I guess in the meantime, Javon can talk to people about that website design, how that's going to look.

01:17:35 Omali Yeshitela

E.

01:17:37

Yeah.

01:17:38 Omali Yeshitela

So should be branded the same way. This is already Africans charging the.com and.org is already are so it's just a matter of us now. The other website I'm telling, specific to pigs are pigs.

01:17:48 Augustus Romain/Gazi

What we're talking about the other website.

01:17:56 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Also asked.

01:17:59 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Got the look also too at the new remembers that in some of them I remember looking over some of the skills I think we should have that we're going to get a lot of people to try and get to develop this quickly.

01:18:02 Penny Hess

OK.

01:18:19 Augustus Romain/Gazi

And then also people to be.

01:18:21 Augustus Romain/Gazi

Able to maintain it and.

01:18:22 Augustus Romain/Gazi

There should be more than one. More than one person that.

01:18:26 Augustus Romain/Gazi

People are involved in other work, you know, from the various areas that they are they have. They haven't been assigned anything to do yet.

01:18:35 Penny Hess

In terms of the website, I was wondering why not with Joe Vaughn. I thought was proposing that that would go to that, that would be something about just wrong rather than in China. And it just seems like that.

01:18:46 Omali Yeshitela

Makes more sense. What? When you say, what do you mean?

01:18:49 Penny Hess

The website.

01:18:51 Omali Yeshitela

Would it be make more can you say add your prop? You're talking about a party. Interesting institution. You're talking about the the the police violence. Things should be something that's done by the party and not by incident.

01:18:55 Penny Hess

Yeah.

01:19:07

Alright.

01:19:08 Speaker 4

Has the capability of.

01:19:10 Speaker 4

Doing it.

01:19:11

Yes.

01:19:11 Speaker 4

Because I think MP down was trying to even get there with.

01:19:13 Omali Yeshitela

OK, let's look into it. If we can do it, we can be.

01:19:16 Omali Yeshitela

The party. It doesn't. Yeah. How would that work? Which would that be? All right.

01:19:22 Herdosia

Right.

01:19:24 Omali Yeshitela

Because I think Penny raises a good question because he's going to be in the burning of the newspaper as a recurring thing.

01:19:32 Omali Yeshitela

Good, good. OK. All right, comrades, I really appreciate this. It's been really helpful. Very helpful.

01:19:41 Speaker 2

Wow.

01:19:43 Omali Yeshitela

And I hope I think that I think we have a lot of potential here. I think that we have to see this.

01:19:55 Omali Yeshitela

As something that does not necessarily expect much but doesn't require, we may expect much from the United Nations Working Group, etcetera. The key.

01:20:08 Omali Yeshitela

Is the people.

01:20:10 Omali Yeshitela

People who going to be going to it and the key is to build our own.

01:20:14 Omali Yeshitela

Organizational capacity, UN and nothing like that is going to do this shift for us in freedom has to be built. We see that as part of what it is we're doing. The key is struggling to change the narrative.

01:20:26 Omali Yeshitela

In this country, where people are running around being paid by Soros and others that just go hands up and you know Black Lives Matter to tie this into an anti US anti colonial kind of movement, that's what we are fighting for and to build the organizational capacity.

01:20:46 Omali Yeshitela

To direct it, so I just would like for us to keep that in mind, moving everything up.

01:20:53 Omali Yeshitela

All right, comma. I appreciate it. Somebody smarter than I will be calling meetings shortly and to make this project move.

01:21:01 Speaker 2

Forward.

01:21:02 Penny Hess

So did we say meeting would be Sunday?

01:21:08 Speaker 4

Oh yes.

01:21:12 Penny Hess

So so Sunday can we?

01:21:17 Penny Hess

After the study at 10:00 our 10/10/30 about 10:30.

01:21:18 Omali Yeshitela

As well.

01:21:25 Speaker 2

Yes.

01:21:27 Herdosia

So the meeting meeting.

01:21:29 Herdosia

Will be Sunday at 10:30.

01:21:32 Herdosia

11:00 I mean 9:30 this.

01:21:35 Omali Yeshitela

I'll give you time to pee after the meeting.

01:21:40 Augustus Romain/Gazi

11:00 Eastern Time.

01:21:44 Herdosia

OK, 11 eastern.

01:21:47 Omali Yeshitela

All right. Appreciate it, comrades.

01:21:50 Speaker 5

Yes.