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FROM: //s//
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Contact Block and Rejection of
incoming or outgoing correspondence

Re: I/M Raniere, Keith. Reg. No. 57005-177

This memorandum is submitted to request approval for removing one of inmate Raniere, Keith, Reg. No. 570055-177, contacts from his TRULINCS account. Raniere is currently designated at MDC Brooklyn and is currently awaiting sentencing for Sex Trafficking, Sex Trafficking Conspiracy and Forced Labor Conspiracy.

Beginning on or about July 15, 2020, CTU staff began conducting a review of communications between inmate Raniere and one of his contacts. Namely, Suneel Chakravorty. During this review of phone and emails, CTU Staff found numerous occasions where this individual, under the direction of inmate Raniere, has violated BOP policies and procedures.

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A review of multiple telephonic conversations concluded the above mentioned individual has helped inmate Raniere recorded podcasts for interviews he is pursuing to use in HBO, Netflix and Showtime.

For instance, on a call placed by Raniere to Suneel at telephone number [646-939-9625] on Friday, May 8, 2020. Raniere asked the recipient if he is ready for him to record a podcast and then counts him off. At that time, inmate Raniere knowingly began to record a podcast, the narrative of which was “How much legal experience a judge has?”

On another call, placed by Raniere to Suneel on Monday, July 13, 2020. At the same telephone number, inmate Raniere inquired as to how many podcasts they have recorded up to this point. At that moment, Suneel indicated they have recorded over 110 official segments and about 50 podcasts. It shall be noted, during the monitoring of this inmate, nearly most of his phone calls included a segment he dedicated to a podcasts with the help of Suneel, Chakravorty.

Additionally, while reviewing inmate Raniere’s communication, neither Raniere nor Suneel Chakravorty, have been reviewed or approved by the Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) for research privileges within the Bureau of Prisons.

Further review of the communication between Raniere and Suneel have concluded inmate Raniere is also utilizing this individual to set up protests outside of the prison. Specifically, Raniere orchestrated through this individual for a group of women to show up regularly and dance provocatively for inmates to view through their cell windows.

Case in point, on a telephone call placed by Raniere to Suneel to the same number on July 12, 2020, Raniere and Suneel discussed the success of the women dancing in front of the prison. Suneel added the inmates were “banging on their windows and making a beat,” Expectedly, Raniere gloated and hoped this movement keeps growing and more women get involved. Additionally, Raniere directed Suneel to contact more women.

CTU staff became aware of these events occurring on Friday, July 03, 2020. During a monitoring of a phone call to the same individual, Raniere thanked Suneel for coming by and for bringing Eduardo and Nicky to see him and inquired about whether they read the messages the inmate was writing on the light fixture for them and vice versa.

Relatedly, On Tuesday, July 06, 2020, Raniere authored an electronic correspondence to email address [marvy@pm.me] belonging to a contact named Marianna Fernandez. In the email, Raniere talked about the realization of his ideas. Specifically, his

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acquaintances gathering outside of the prison and the women dancing erotically to the delight of other inmates.

Below is an excerpt from the abovementioned email

"My dearest love! I have another idea that seems to be evolving into something good: for the past few nights people like Suneel, Eduardo, Nicki, and Danielle, have been coming to stand outside of my window to "visit". It evolved to the women dancing, and the whole side of the building appreciating it."

Additionally, in the body of the email, Raniere discussed his future plans for protesters gathered outside in a form of a not-for-profit organization titled "The forgotten ones," Essentially, more women dancing scantily dressed dancing in front of the prison.

Below is an excerpt from the email,

"The forgotten ones" to bring in other dancers etc., interface with the local radio stations to bring in other dancers etc., with the local radio stations to bring together, community, inmates and talent. It can quite nicely grown to encompass licensing, finding new artists etc..."

CTU staff immediately contacted the SIS office at MDC Brooklyn and requested inmate Raniere be moved to another unit.

Moreover, on a telephone call placed by inmate Raniere to the above-mentioned individual on July 11, 2020, Inmate Raniere espoused his disdain for being moved to another unit after he had organized for the women to come out and dance in front of the facility. Additionally, he begins to tell Suneel about the staff work schedules and indicated his protesters should wait outside for the staff and offer donuts and coffee as they exit the facility. Moreover Raniere advised Suneel the protesters should befriend the staff and justified this behavior by stating "we are all in this together." The staff and the inmates. Suneel indicated the protesters had made offerings to the staff and all of their efforts were declined. Inmate Raniere's manipulative behavior continues to manifest from behind the prison through the help of Suneel Chakravorty. Inmate Raniere's actions would place the safety and security of staff and the public at risk.

BOP may prohibit inmates from communicating with a particular individual/organization in the community, when it is found the communication would jeopardize the safety, security or orderly operation of a facility or would jeopardize the protection of the public or staff.

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