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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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The Scheduled deposition of  
Maurice Heath a/k/a  
Minister King Samir Shabazz

Scheduled oral deposition of MAURICE HEATH,  
a/k/a MINISTER KING SAMIR SHABAZZ, taken at  
the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Monday,  
November 30, 2009, commencing at approximately  
9:45 a.m., pursuant to notice, when were  
present:

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## ALSO PRESENT:

Jerry Jackson

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (9:45 a.m.)

3 MR. BLACKWOOD: It is now  
4 approximately a quarter of 10:00.

5 And I am David Blackwood, the  
6 General Counsel to the U.S. Commission on  
7 Civil Rights.

8 Also, before me is Mr. Heath.

9 Or do you prefer --

10 MR. SHABAZZ: Minister King Samir  
11 Shabazz.

12 MR. BLACKWOOD: Minister King  
13 Samir Shabazz.

14 His deposition was noted for 1:00  
15 this afternoon. It is November 30th, 2009.  
16 But he has indicated, after appearing with Mr.  
17 Jackson, that he also wishes that Mr. Coard,  
18 C-O-A-R-D, his attorney, be present for his  
19 deposition.

20 As I understand it, Mr. Shabazz,  
21 you have attempted to reach Mr. Coard?

22 MR. SHABAZZ: Yes.

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1 MR. BLACKWOOD: And it's been  
2 unsuccessful, correct?

3 MR. SHABAZZ: Yes.

4 MR. BLACKWOOD: As with Mr.  
5 Jackson, I will indicate, you have a right to  
6 have an attorney present. I'm not going to  
7 ask you any questions without your attorney  
8 present.

9 But I will also enter into the  
10 record that I attempted to contact your  
11 attorney, sent him several e-mails, to set a  
12 mutually available date and I have not heard  
13 from him.

14 And that I also have attempted to  
15 contact him today, unsuccessfully.

16 That said, I am not releasing you  
17 from the Subpoena, but I will agree that we  
18 will attempt to, working with Mr. Coard,  
19 reschedule your deposition for a mutually  
20 convenient date.

21 And as with Mr. Jackson, if you  
22 want a copy of the notes that are being typed

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1 up now by the court reporter, I will provide  
2 that to Mr. Coard and Mr. Coard then can  
3 provide you with a copy.

4 Do you agree?

5 MR. SHABAZZ: Yes.

6 MR. BLACKWOOD: Now, based on the  
7 fact that we are having this conversation at  
8 this moment, I am agreeing that you do not  
9 have to appear at 1:00. Okay?

10 MR. SHABAZZ: All right.

11 MR. BLACKWOOD: And I would  
12 suggest, gentlemen, what I am going to do is,  
13 go down to Mr. Coard's office and see if he's  
14 available.

15 I assume he has your phone numbers  
16 if he wants to reach you?

17 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

18 MR. BLACKWOOD: Okay. Then with  
19 that said, we can close the record and I will  
20 go down and see if I can find Mr. Coard and  
21 hopefully set a date.

22 I appreciate you both showing up.

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1 MR. JACKSON: All right. Thank  
2 you.

3 MR. BLACKWOOD: Thank you.

4 (Thereupon, at 9:48 a.m. the  
5 scheduled deposition concluded.)

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Maurice Heath  
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