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Eastern District of Kentucky  
Northern Division at Covington

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ) Covington Criminal  
 ) Action No. 11-70  
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TRANSCRIPT OF CROSS-EXAMINATION AND  
REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF THOMAS VOLLE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DANNY C. REEVES AND A JURY

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1 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were had in the  
2 presence of the jury.)

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. CLINE:

5 Q Good afternoon, sir. You testified on direct about a  
6 difference in governance between the United Church of God and  
7 Church of God - PKG. Do you recall that?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q As I understand it, the United Church of God had a board of  
10 directors and sort of a -- almost a democratic approach.

11 A Right.

12 Q Is that fair?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q And then the Church of God - PKG has a more hierarchical  
15 approach.

16 A Right.

17 Q Is that fair?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Is there a -- in your understanding, is there a spiritual  
20 basis for that difference?

21 A There is.

22 Q And can you explain that to the jury, please?

23 A God doesn't work as a democratic setup, it's a from-the-  
24 top-down government.

25 Q And who or what is at the top?

- 1 A God, the Father, is at the top.
- 2 Q And --
- 3 A Then Jesus Christ.
- 4 Q In your view --
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q -- who would be next after Jesus Christ?
- 7 A Right now it's Ron Weinland.
- 8 Q All right. And then below Mr. Weinland?
- 9 A Laura Weinland.
- 10 Q And below Laura Weinland?
- 11 A That would be Johnny Harrell.
- 12 Q And what's his title in the church?
- 13 A He's the -- he's an evangelist, but chief evangelist. I
- 14 don't remember the word used to show he's the top.
- 15 Q All right. But he's below Mrs. Weinland?
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 Q All right. And is it fair to say that you are comfortable
- 18 with that governance arrangement?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Based on your association with other members of the church,
- 21 is it your understanding that they too are comfortable with that
- 22 system of governance?
- 23 A Uh-huh.
- 24 Q I'm sorry?
- 25 A Yes.

1 Q All right. Thank you, sir. Just a couple of other  
2 questions.

3 You mentioned that were you reimbursed for certain  
4 expenses. Do you recall that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And you were reimbursed by check?

7 A Right.

8 Q And I think you mentioned that -- Well, maybe you didn't.  
9 Who signed those checks, do you recall?

10 A I don't recall.

11 Q And finally, sir, you testified a little about preparing  
12 books for mailing. Do you recall that?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q And for some period of time that was done at the Weinland's  
15 home; is that right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And did you do that more than once at the Weinland's home?

18 A If I remember right, yes, it was more than once.

19 Q All right. And would other people be there as well  
20 preparing books for mailing?

21 A Yes.

22 MR. CLINE: All right. That's all my questions.

23 Thank you, sir.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 Any redirect of the witness?

1 MR. MCBRIDE: Yes, Your Honor. I'll try to be brief.

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

5 Q Sir, I want to talk a little more about this issue of  
6 governance --

7 A I'm sorry?

8 Q The issue of governance that Mr. Cline asked you about.  
9 Can we talk a little bit more about that?

10 A Okay.

11 Q So the concept is that God has vested authority in  
12 Mr. Weinland; correct?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q All right. And that Mr. Weinland then governs the church?

15 A Right.

16 Q That's the same concept that existed with Mr. Herbert  
17 Walker's church; correct?

18 A Who's Mr. Herbert Walker?

19 Q Worldwide Church of God. I'm sorry, Herbert Armstrong, I  
20 apologize.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Mr. Armstrong's church, it was the same concept; correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And it is the same concept that assisted in the United  
25 Church of God; correct?

1 A No, United had a board of directors.

2 Q Well, did not Mr. Armstrong's church have a board of  
3 directors?

4 MR. CLINE: Your Honor, I'm going to object to the  
5 leading.

6 THE COURT: Overruled.

7 THE WITNESS: They did, but it was more for the -- a  
8 line of counsel, but the ultimate decision was Mr. Armstrong's.

9 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

10 Q Tell me, sir, how would a board of directors negatively  
11 impact the spiritual leadership of Ron Weinland in your church?

12 A How would it?

13 Q Uh-huh.

14 A I don't think I can answer that question.

15 Q Can you think of a way that it would?

16 A If they didn't believe the way that he thinks it should go,  
17 I suppose they could be influenced -- try to influence him, but  
18 I don't believe that would happen.

19 Q How would membership having information about the finances  
20 of the church undermine or negatively impact Mr. Weinland's  
21 governance of the church?

22 A I don't believe it would.

23 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, sir.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 Any recross of the witness?

1 MR. CLINE: Nothing further, Your Honor.  
2 (Testimony concluded at 2:42 p.m.)

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4 I, Cynthia A. Oakes, certify that the foregoing is a  
5 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the  
6 above-entitled matter.

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