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Mr. Schiliro. This is an interview of Chuck Knoblauch conducted by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. This interview is part of the committee's investigation into the use of performance-enhancing substances.

Mr. Knoblauch, thank you for joining us this morning, and thank you for appearing voluntarily.

Mr. Knoblauch. Thank you.

Mr. Schiliro. We have a suspicion you would rather be in Houston than here today.

Mr. Knoblauch. Maybe Miami, back on vacation. No, I am fine. I am fine. That's fine.

Mr. Schiliro. But we want you to know we appreciate your efforts to cooperate with the committee.

Mr. Knoblauch. Thank you. You're welcome.

Mr. Schiliro. For the record, could you state your full name?

Mr. Knoblauch. Edward Charles Knoblauch.

Mr. Schiliro. My name is Phillip Schiliro, with the majority staff. And I am going to ask the other committee counsel, so you can see each person, to identify themselves for you.

Mr. Gordon. Michael Gordon, with the majority staff.

Mr. Cohen. Brian Cohen, with the majority staff.

Mr. Barnett. Phil Barnett, majority staff.

Mr. Castor. Steve Castor, with the Republicans.

Mr. Ausbrook. Keith Ausbrook, with the Republican staff.

Mr. Schiliro. I am assuming this is the first time you have appeared before a congressional committee.

Mr. Knoblauch. Of course.

Mr. Schiliro. So it might make sense to review the procedures for you.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay.

Mr. Schiliro. After doing that, you will have an opportunity to make a statement if you would like to, and then we will go to questioning.

The way the questioning proceeds is I will start, and I will have a maximum of 1 hour. I hope I will use less than that, but that is the maximum. Then it goes to the Republican staff. They will have a maximum of 1 hour. And then, if there are more questions, we will rotate back and forth until there are no more questions and the interview will be over.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay.

Mr. Schiliro. The reporter is going to take down everything said in the interview for a written record. Please don't make gestures or inaudible comments, because the reporter can't understand those.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay.

Mr. Schiliro. You have the right to an attorney. You do have an attorney present?

Mr. Knoblauch. I do.

Mr. Schiliro. Could your counsel state their names?

Ms. Marshall. I am Diana Marshall.

Mr. Clarke. And Shaun Clarke.

Mr. Schiliro. We obviously want to ask you our questions in the -- we want you to answer our questions in the most complete and truthful manner possible. So we are going to take our time. If you have any questions, you ask us.

If you honestly don't know the answer to a question, it is better not to guess. Just say you don't know, you don't recall. If you knowingly provide false testimony, you could be subject to criminal prosecution for making false statements, which is one of the reasons we want you to be careful. If you know something, say it. We want as much information from you as possible.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay.

Mr. Schiliro. Just don't guess.

Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful answers to today's interview?

Mr. Knoblauch. Not at all.

Mr. Schiliro. Do you have any questions before we

begin?

Mr. Knoblauch. I don't.

Mr. Schiliro. Do you want to make any statement?

Mr. Knoblauch. No.

Mr. Schiliro. We realize being here isn't easy for you. The committee has a longstanding interest in this issue. We also understand you have legitimate privacy rights. So as we go forward this morning, we are going to try to balance those two. There is some information we need. We know you have privacy rights you might want to protect. We hope we will get the right balance.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q I assume you know why you are here?

A Yes.

Q It's because of Senator Mitchell's report.

A Yes.

Q And I assume you have had a chance to review Senator Mitchell's report?

A Yes, I have.

Q Is the information relating to you generally accurate?

A I would say generally accurate.

Q Are there any inaccuracies you want to correct for

us?

Ms. Marshall. Can I just request that he be permitted to look at it while the -- the one page while you talk about it?

Mr. Schiliro. You have the one page?

Ms. Marshall. I have a copy, too.

Mr. Schiliro. Maybe the best thing to do is just to walk through that page, and you can flag for us anything that --

Mr. Knoblauch. Thank you.

Mr. Schiliro. -- that is inaccurate.

Mr. Knoblauch. That's fine.

Ms. Marshall. Thank you.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q I know from my own knowledge that you were the Rookie of the Year and that you played on four All-Star teams. Why don't you just go from there?

A The part that says I was an infielder for three teams?

Q Uh-huh.

A I played infield for Minnesota, New York, but I didn't play infield for Kansas City.

Q Okay.

A I also played for the Yankees from '98 to 2001, not only just when McNamee was there those 2 years.

Q Uh-huh.

A When it says that he acquired human growth hormone from Radomski for myself, I just want to make a note that I did never know and still to this day don't know Radomski. I mean, I couldn't -- I know you guys' names so I know he is not here, but if he was here I wouldn't be able to point him out.

Q Right.

A So I just want to make that clear.

The other discrepancies -- when I read this, "Knoblauch paid Radomski through Jason Grimsley," again, it makes it seem like I knew Radomski.

Q Radomski. You were giving the money, essentially, to Jason Grimsley; you didn't know where it was going to end up.

A And I had no idea where it was going. I didn't know where Grimsley and I didn't know where McNamee was getting this from.

Q Okay.

A The last line, "In order to provide Knoblauch with information about these allegations and to give him an opportunity to respond, I asked to meet with him. He did not respond to my request." I got a request from Senator Mitchell, but I didn't know the specifics of what he was going to ask me about.

Q Uh-huh. Okay.

A And that's it.

Q Just for the record, where it says that -- I will just read from this.

A Okay.

Q "Beginning during spring training and continuing through the early portion of the season, McNamee injected Knoblauch at least seven to nine times with human growth hormone," that's correct?

A I would say that's -- when it says at least seven to nine times, I would say that's correct.

Q We may come back to that. I just want to take a minute to go to Brian McNamee, since he is the source of this. How did you meet Mr. McNamee?

A I first met McNamee in spring training of 2000. I believe it was 2000. Clemens, I think -- I am not exact, because I don't remember everything about my career -- but I think he was traded to the Yankees in '99, and I think --

Q A good way to say it is just to the best of your recollection. That will always cover you.

Ms. Marshall. If you are going to guess, just make sure they know it.

Mr. Knoblauch. Yeah, to the best of my recollection, he was traded in '99. And then I don't think McNamee came to the Yankees until 2000. So I believe I met him in spring

training of 2000.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q Did you hire him to be your personal trainer?

A To the best of my recollection, I don't -- I know there was a few times where he personally trained me, but, myself, I wouldn't have called him my personal trainer, like, on a whole.

Q Were you paying him?

A Again, I know I must have, but I don't remember how or when or why.

Q Have you checked to see if you have any records of that?

A I have not.

Q Checks or anything like that?

A I have not.

Q Do you think you would have paid him in checks or in cash?

A I don't remember.

Q You don't remember. Do you remember what services he provided?

A Other than outside of him being the assistant strength coach of the Yankees -- that's the majority of the time that I spent with him, was on the field with the Yankees. But other than that, I don't -- I mean, I don't remember if I actually paid him for training me or what.

Q And what was the nature of the relationship? Did you have a personal relationship with him, as well, or was it just the professional training relationship?

A Yeah, it was professional. I didn't really have a -- I didn't know him that well personally.

Q And it was during the season?

A Yes. I don't know exactly, but there could have been a few times in the off-season. That would have been the time when I saw him personally, like when I stayed in New York a little bit in the wintertime.

Q Did you think --

A As a personal trainer, not personally like --

Q Friends.

A Yes.

Q Did you think he was a good trainer?

A Yes.

Q And do you think he is a credible person? Let me rephrase the question for you.

A Yes, thanks.

Q In the context of what he has said in the Mitchell report, do you think he's a credible person?

A I can only comment about the report in regards to me.

Q Okay.

A You know?

Q And in that regard?

A Yes, somewhat.

Q Was the first time you used human growth hormone with Brian McNamee, or had you done that previously?

A I had never done growth hormone previously, never done steroids. Still to this day, I have never taken a steroid.

Q No steroids?

A No steroids, ever. So yes, to answer your question, yes, first time with McNamee.

Q And how did that come about? Do you remember?

A Can I give you a little bit of a personal aside?

Q Sure.

A I had a throwing problem. People that follow baseball -- I don't know if you guys do or not.

Q Sure.

A But I had a serious throwing problem, and really struggling in my career, towards the end of my career.

I went to spring training early in 2001, and I am sure the Yankees have documentation of this because they were paying me meal money and such. But I went a month early, I went probably around January -- in the middle of January. And I worked Monday through Friday, worked my tail off to correct this problem.

Q This is at the spring training, this is in Tampa?

A This is in Tampa at the Minor League facility. The Major League facility is across the street, and the Minor League facility, it runs year-round. They have guys coming in and out of there.

Q I'm sorry, I just don't remember when the throwing problem started. I remember, I just can't --

A Well, Yankee fans will say it started when I first got there, but that's not really correct.

Q That's not true.

A That's not true. It started probably -- it got worse at the end of '99, and then 2000 it really consumed me. It was really -- I got to my wits' end with that.

And then I wanted to try to work it out, and I went early, and I couldn't do it. Monday through Friday, 3, 4 hours a day, a month before spring training, and I couldn't do it.

So when spring training started, I felt myself weak, vulnerable, you know, grabbing for -- trying to get something -- you know, just weak and vulnerable. And McNamee happened to approach me in spring training. And that's the first time I ever heard the three letters HGH or human growth hormone or anything.

Q He approached you and said maybe this could be of some use to you? Do you remember the conversation at all?

A Somewhat. I mean, I am not --

Q Again, to the best of your recollection.

Ms. Marshall. You're stepping on him, so --

Mr. Knoblauch. I'm stepping on him?

Ms. Marshall. No, he didn't mean to. Just --

Mr. Clarke. Take your time, Chuck.

Mr. Knoblauch. All right. Ask me again. I'm sorry.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q What do you remember about the conversation, to the best of your recollection?

A Okay. He approached me and talked about human growth hormone and said it was a natural substance occurring in your body, and that this could be of some help to you, could make you feel better, could replenish -- I mean, he described to me that you lose growth hormone in your body as you get older. And that's about the extent that I remember of the conversation.

And as I stated, being weak and I was trying to hold on to my career, you know, I made the unfortunate decision to try it.

Q Uh-huh. And how long did you end up using it?

A I would say, to the best of my knowledge, spring training and then I stopped sometime during the year.

Q Any reason why you stopped?

A I don't know exactly why. It wasn't working for me.

Q When you had the conversation with Mr. McNamee, did

you think -- with your throwing problem, was that a physical problem, or do you think it was a psychological problem?

A I still do not know to this day if it was physical or -- I mean, my arm physically I think was okay. There was no injury, you know. But it hurt all the time. And mentally -- I really -- it's a mystery to me to this day. I don't think about it that much anymore because I'm not playing baseball, and it's great. But I really have no answer for that. I still don't. I don't think anybody does. It's unfortunate.

Q But do you remember in your conversation with him why he thought it might help specifically?

A I don't remember.

Q You said before this is the only performance-enhancing substance you have ever taken. You didn't take any anabolic steroids? I am just talking about performance-enhancing substances, things that would help you on the field.

A Well, it never enhanced my performance, so --

Q Right.

A I mean --

Q It didn't work.

A It didn't work. And the anabolic steroid thing, never.

Q From our investigation, we know that players often

discussed the benefits and risks of steroids, human growth hormone, other performance-enhancing substances, with each other. In your experience in baseball, did you see that happen? Were you part of any of that?

A I don't remember ever being a part of a conversation or anything of that nature.

Q Were people by their lockers saying, "Hey, I tried this; I am getting good results"?

A I never had any conversations like that, never heard anybody talking about it.

Q Okay. That's going to make the next series of questions go very quickly. I will ask them in a summary way, because I think you provided the answer.

Our investigation is focused on information Brian McNamee shared with Senator Mitchell. He had two clients in particular, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens. So questions have been raised about the accuracy of that information. So I want to ask you about Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens.

I will start with Roger Clemens. Did you ever have conversations with him about performance-enhancing substances?

A Never had conversations with Roger about anything like that.

Q And did you have any knowledge of anything he might have been doing?

A I had no knowledge, none.

Q Any suspicions when you were playing?

A No.

Q Forget now, but -- nothing?

A No.

Q So there is nothing you would have that's relevant to Mr. Clemens?

A There is nothing I could tell you at all about Roger Clemens in regards to any of this.

Q Would the same be true for Mr. Pettitte?

A Yes.

Q I have a lot of specific questions to ask you, but I don't think I am going to ask them based on those questions, unless you see a need.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. GORDON:

Q Well, I would just ask the following: When you got the HGH from McNamee, did you ever talk about whether he was giving it to his other clients?

A I didn't have those conversations with him. I didn't know anything about anybody but myself.

Q Did he ever give you an indication he had done this before, that kind of thing?

A Not at all.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. COHEN:

Q I know Phil had asked you about your personal knowledge of Mr. Clemens and Mr. Pettitte. I wonder if you know of or ever overheard conversations between other players? Was there any discussion among other players? Maybe they didn't know for certain, but was there discussion about whether Mr. Clemens or Mr. Pettitte were using any performance-enhancing drugs?

A I mean, I can only talk about myself, and I didn't ever hear anybody talk like that about anyone, let alone Roger and Andy.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q Just to follow up on that point, there were a lot of press reports through the 1990s, and there was stories about Jose Canseco in the late '80s about the use of steroids and other substances. Were you aware of that, generally?

A Generally, yes, but I didn't ever in my -- for myself, I didn't take that to the next level.

To begin with, you see what I look like today. Everybody in the major leagues was bigger than me. Okay? So I just remember my rookie year getting on first base next to McGwire, going, "I better steal second now," because he was just like this. I am like, if everybody is like this, man, I am in trouble.

But these were just big guys. So I didn't ever give it

much thought. I really, honestly didn't think about it in those terms.

Q There were some players speculating that as many as 20, 30, 40 percent of players used. You just never thought about that?

A I did not. I never thought about stuff like that. I was playing.

Q And never had a sense of it?

A I didn't.

Q Okay. In the course of our investigation over 3 years, which is a sporadic investigation -- we start when something comes up -- one of the things we have heard consistently is athletes would get B12 injections. Do you have any knowledge about that?

A About the B12 injections?

Q Did you routinely get B12 injections?

A Not routinely. I might have had one administered by either the athletic trainer or the doctor of your particular team.

Q And could you think about that one just for a second, think whether you really did get the B12 injection, if you can?

A Whether I really did get one?

Ms. Marshall. You said I might have.

Mr. Clarke. I think he doesn't want you to speculate.

Ms. Marshall. Do take your best --

Mr. Knoblauch. I am trying to tell the truth. And to the best of my knowledge, I don't --

Mr. Schiliro. You don't remember it?

Mr. Knoblauch. Yeah. I mean --

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q If you received one, why would you have received it?

A Because with the game of baseball, you get sick because you get run down, because you are 3 nights in a row, especially with the Yankees, because you play prime-time games. So instead of a normal -- I shouldn't say a normal team -- a smaller-market team playing a day game on a getaway day to go to the next city, the Yankees always played at night. So you are finding yourself getting up or getting to the next town at 4:00, 5:00 in the morning. So people get -- guys get sick. And that was a little bit of a boost, I think, just like taking vitamins would be.

So I think when guys -- I mean, I know I got a penicillin shot or two in my career when I was sick, actually sick. So that's -- I mean, that's why. Players get run down and sick.

Q But you don't remember any specific conversations about B12?

A Oh, no, no.

Q Do you remember that being a policy of the Yankees',

to give B12 shots?

A No. And I didn't mean to single out the Yankees.

Q No, no, no. On any team you were with, do you remember it being a normal thing, people would go in and get B12 shots?

A I don't think it was any more normal or less normal than trying to go get medicine if you were sick, you know.

Q Did Brian McNamee ever give you a B12 shot?

A No.

Q Did he ever inject you with any other substances besides human growth hormone?

A Not to the best of my knowledge.

Q And do you have any knowledge about what he would do with his other clients, with B12 or any other substance?

A I had no knowledge of anything about that.

Q Now, if you will give me a minute, I am just going to decide whether we need to go through these questions with you or just skip them.

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Mr. Cohen. While Phil looks through that, can I ask --

Ms. Marshall. Sorry.

Mr. Cohen. That's okay.

BY MR. COHEN:

Q With B12, I think it's fair to say if players were getting B12 shots with the Yankees, during your tenure with the Yankees, you didn't notice it. It wasn't -- you didn't know a lot about it. It sounds like it wasn't a routine situation where players were just walking around the locker room or the trainer's room and getting B12 shots?

A No. And I didn't mean to single out the Yankees. I feel bad about that. I am not trying to mislead.

But no, it wasn't something that, you know, everybody is running around getting B12 shots.

Q Uh-huh.

A I mean, that's -- I didn't know much about it.

Q Okay.

Ms. Marshall. You don't mind if I whisper something to him?

Mr. Schiliro. Go ahead.

Ms. Marshall. Something about the context in his question, Brian's question.

Mr. Knoblauch. Mr. Cohen? Yeah.

Ms. Marshall. Yeah.

[Discussion off the record.]

Ms. Marshall. Something about the context of, would he have had the opportunity to actually see or know what these other people were doing in the way of B12 injections or penicillin injections. And I just thought you might want the opportunity to hear context.

Mr. Knoblauch. Yeah, that wasn't something that everybody would see.

The Yankee trainer room is big, but there is a back room where the orthopedic doctor would come in and look at x-rays or whatever. And if you were sick or had to be checked or whatever, you went back in this room, you know, not hiding anything, but just for the players' privacy with the doctors.

So there wasn't, you know, nothing was done like amongst everybody, you know, in the middle of the locker room or anything. So I just wanted to try to, you know, clear that up. It wouldn't be -- you know, if you got a shot of penicillin or they gave you a prescription of amoxicillin, you know, it would be done where they would do it in private with you and give it to you, you know, so --

Mr. Cohen. That's good.

BY MR. COHEN:

Q Do you know -- out of curiosity, aside from the

doctors, the team doctors that were in those rooms, did other people have access to those rooms?

A Not that I know of.

Yeah, that -- I mean, I never -- I mean, it's not somewhere you just played around, you know, back in there. You went in there and got treatment and got out of there. And nobody had access to that stuff.

Q And I have never been in a major league locker room. Was there anywhere else -- aside from those rooms, were there other places in the locker room where there was privacy if --

A The bathroom, if you are in the bathroom stall or shower. It's not very private, you know. And I am talking about the Yankees because it's -- there is so much media attention and everything. There is are people looking at you getting dressed every day. I mean, honestly.

So the privacy thing is not -- doesn't exist. There are very few spots where you can have your -- be by yourself in a locker room.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q Were you aware that Brian McNamee had a training relationship with Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte?

A Was I aware?

Q At that time, when you were working with Brian McNamee.

A Yes.

Q And Roger Clemens used to do some famous workout routine. Did you ever do that with him as part of it?

A I don't ever remember doing the workout with him. I might have done a version of -- a small version of what they did, because what they did was incredible -- I mean, really, those guys.

So McNamee might have put me through some sort of a program like after a spring training game, running and the sit-ups and stuff. But something you might need to understand, that might clear up some things, is that pitchers and position players, you are almost like you are not on the same team.

Q Right.

A Because especially in spring training you are doing your thing on one field and they are all together doing their thing on another. So you really don't really commingle except for a little in the morning -- good morning, how are you doing -- and then everybody goes to do their own thing. So pitchers and position players, me and myself being a position player, I didn't have much contact with those guys.

And even during the season, the starting pitchers, I am sleeping and they are playing golf if they are not pitching that day. I mean, that is just the way -- it is just, you

know, a different -- I was going to say environment, but just different breed. Just different.

Some pitchers didn't talk to position players even on the same team. So --

Q But on some teams there are friendships that develop, and people hang out more than they would with other players. It doesn't sound as if that was the case with you and Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte. There was no special relationship there other than being teammates; is that correct?

A Yeah. Other than being teammates and being from Texas, I mean -- and we have the same agent. But outside of that, there was no special relationship.

Q No special relationship?

A No.

Q When did you first learn that you might be named in the Mitchell Report?

A I guess I got an idea when I got the letter from Senator Mitchell.

Q Do you remember when that was?

A I don't recall exactly.

Q Do you remember if it was the summer or the fall?

A I can remember it wasn't close to before the report came out. So I think it might have been -- and this is to the best of my knowledge -- earlier in the year. So earlier

in the year of '07.

Q And you said before, if I understood you correctly, you didn't have a sense of the context you were going to be named in?

A Well, it says with the information about these allegations.

Q Right.

A That didn't state that. I had no idea what he was interested in me for.

Q After you received that letter, did you talk to anyone about it? Did you talk to Brian McNamee or anyone else to say, What's going on here?

A No. No one.

Q No one else?

A I am not friends with any major league players, really. I might have one from my 12-year career. So there was no one of interest that I could have talked to about this.

Q In the past few months, now I am thinking either right before the report came out or in the 2 months since, have you talked with Brian McNamee at all?

A No.

Q So there has been no communication?

A None whatsoever for a number of years.

Q And have you had any communication since the report

came out, or shortly before, with Roger Clemens or Andy Pettitte?

A No. I can tell you the last time I saw or spoke to Roger was in July of '07.

Q And is there any indirect contact you can think of where maybe you didn't talk to him, but someone you knew talked to someone he knew and --

A None.

Q Nothing like that?

A None that I knew of.

Q Other than your attorneys, have you talked to anyone about what you should say in response to questions today?

A None whatsoever.

Q I will exempt family members from that. Has anyone from the Hendricks firm been in touch with you?

A I have not talked to -- I haven't spoken to Randy or Alan Hendricks. It is not a regular practice of mine. I have been out of the game for 5 years, so --

Q But no one from the firm reached out to talk with you about this?

A Not that I know of.

Q You have answered what I am going to ask you next, I think, but because it is important to us, I just want to go back to it.

What the committee has tried to do is understand, as

much as it can, the culture within baseball when it came to performance-enhancing substances, so this is not you specifically, but just the role it had in the game. And as I understood what you said before, you just didn't have much of a sense of it. I just want to make sure I understood that correctly.

Is there anything you can add that would help our understanding?

A I really don't think I can. I wasn't aware -- I mean, I have read things when I was playing, guys coming out, certain former players or players saying they had these numbers that you mentioned before -- 20 guys, 30 guys, 50 percent, whatever. I didn't have that sense.

And I didn't feel like I was ignorant to the fact that I wouldn't have known if something was going on; I just didn't -- I didn't have any idea. I didn't even think of it that way. I had no knowledge of any of that stuff during my time.

And let me add this, and hopefully you won't get mad at me for adding what I want to add, but it is a little bit more about my story. And I appreciate what you guys are doing. I really do.

You know, my son was here, my son was here today. And I am trying not to get emotional about this, but I mean, I am trying to teach him a lesson that you need to do things

in life that you are going to be willing to talk about openly and to tell the truth.

I am here today on my own to cooperate with you guys, to tell the truth; and that is why I brought him. We were on vacation. But that is why I brought my family, to let him know. And he will be able to look back on this and read about this. That is the first thing I want to say.

The second thing, when I played, when I started in '91 -- I am a little emotional about that, I am sorry, I am sorry. My life has obviously changed since I played baseball. I am a father now, so a lot of things mean different things to me now. But when I played, and not right after, but you had the cocaine problem of the Pirates and some other players --

Q Right.

A -- in the late 70's, and then you had Pete Rose with the gambling. So the bulk of my career -- '91 to almost '02, when this '02 stuff started coming out about the steroids and things like that, but the bulk of my career, it was drilled into my head about gambling and recreational drugs and night spots and staying away from, you know, because there was all kind of those bad things happening. So that is what I was educated about when I played.

So those are the things that I tried to stay away from when I was -- during my career, you know. So I got out when

this really -- and now this is a huge deal. And it is important to me because I love baseball. You know, I want it to be fair. I want the players to be healthy. You know, if my son plays one day, I certainly don't want him to have to, you know, be involved in this.

Hopefully -- hopefully, what is happening now is what happened with gambling and the drug situations when I played -- you know, hopefully, with what you guys are doing. You know, this generation of players, this is what will be drilled in their head.

And the gambling thing is gone, you know, from baseball. So I just wanted to add that.

Q I appreciate that.

A That's what I was educated about what I played.

Q Okay.

Ms. Marshall. Who educated you?

Mr. Knoblauch. The union would come around. There would be a big meeting in spring training. They would go to all the major league teams. And they would have -- the ex-Gambino guy would come out and scare you to death about the gambling and things and the bad people.

So the union would come around, and that is what the education was; I never saw a film on this stuff. And it just -- that didn't exist to me, you know, these types of the steroids and things like that. So that is how I was

educated. And that's what I knew about, knew what to stay away from. And that was the topic during my career.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q Okay. Let me go back to the Mitchell Report, because it sounds to me, from everything you have said, really the only thing you can share with the committee in your knowledge is the one page in the Mitchell Report.

You don't have any knowledge about Andy Pettitte. You don't have any knowledge about Roger Clemens. You don't have any knowledge about baseball generally.

You just know your situation in 2001 with Brian McNamee and human growth hormone.

A I only know about myself.

Q And when I look at the one page, you pointed out some, I think they are probably wording, things in this that weren't as precise as they could have been.

But the substance of what Mr. McNamee has said about you, you agree is correct: that it was at least seven to nine times, it was human growth hormone, it was in 2001?

A Yes.

Q That's all correct.

But when I asked you before whether Brian McNamee was credible with you in relation to this, you said I think "somewhat." And so if there is something I am missing here, I just wanted to clarify that.

Ms. Marshall. Can I say that the Mitchell Report and this paragraph does not say, quote, "McNamee said this"?

Mr. Schiliro. This. I understand.

Ms. Marshall. So we don't know what Brian McNamee told you. We only know what portions ended up here on this page that aren't even in quotes. So I just wanted to bring that out to you, that this isn't -- doesn't purport to be a direct quote or all of what McNamee said.

And just with that caution, I think he has really explained that the -- we don't know who said that McNamee provided personal training services to Knoblauch, for example.

Mr. Schiliro. Right.

Ms. Marshall. And if that is accurate, it is a couple of times --

Mr. Schiliro. Right.

Ms. Marshall. -- as opposed to a relationship.

And so I think he has fairly explained. That would be only a "barely somewhat"; if it is accurate at all, it is "barely." And he needs to know if there is anything -- like that is somewhat accurate or inaccurate, he needs to know if there is anything else.

Mr. Schiliro. Let me try do this, because I think that is my fault. Let me tell you the thing that is most important. And if there is anything that is inaccurate, I

just want to know that.

I understand you don't know if he acquired it from Radomski, where it says McNamee said he acquired human growth hormone from Radomski for Knoblauch in 2001. You know he acquired it, but you don't know who he acquired it from?

A Correct.

Q But the next sentence, beginning during spring training and continuing through the early portion of the season, McNamee injected Knoblauch at least seven to nine times with human growth hormone. That's absolutely accurate?

A That's accurate. At least seven to nine times, yes.

Q Right. And then the next piece, I am not going to ask you about paying Radomski, because you don't -- you said you don't know. It says, according to Radomski, you are not going to know about that because you didn't know about Radomski.

A Correct.

Q But then it says, according to McNamee, on occasion Knoblauch also procured his own supply of human growth hormone. Is that true?

A I think the next sentence needs --

Q McNamee believed Knoblauch's other source was Jason Grimsley.

A Because that was my source. I had no other --

Q Right.

A Besides these two guys, I didn't get it -- I didn't know where they were getting it from, and I didn't --

Q Correct.

A -- get it on my own directly.

Q The one part that I omitted, because it is truncated in the sentence, if you look at that first sentence, it says, "Knoblauch paid Radomski through Jason Grimsley" -- which you don't know; but then it says, "and once or twice through McNamee." Do you remember paying McNamee?

A I don't recall paying McNamee.

But again, I want to state --

Q Right.

A -- I did not know where they were getting it from or who Radomski is.

Mr. Schiliro. Okay.

Mr. Gordon. Just on that last point, payments to McNamee, you couldn't recall for sure whether you paid him for the training either, as I recall. You think it might have happened, you couldn't remember exactly right.

For this, for payments separately for the HGH, whether that happened or not, are you saying, "It is possible, I just can't remember," or are you saying, "I didn't pay him"?

Mr. Knoblauch. It is possible. I can't remember.

Mr. Schiliro. Okay.

Mr. Gordon. And just to clarify, I think you said this, but on -- the gist of what Phil just read to you was that sometimes you got HGH from McNamee, sometimes you got it someplace else, which was Grimsley, and you said that's correct. Is that right?

Mr. Knoblauch. Yes.

Mr. Cohen. Can you recall for us -- and you may not remember a lot of the details, but can you recall for us some of the specific details of when you got -- of how you got the shots from McNamee, what it looked like, how -- was it a kit, and where did you get the shot, those kind of questions?

Mr. Knoblauch. Yeah.

Ms. Marshall. You need to tell him.

Mr. Knoblauch. No, absolutely.

Ms. Marshall. There are two phases, so tell him the first and then tell him the second.

Mr. Knoblauch. Two phases?

Ms. Marshall. When McNamee -- he wants to know how McNamee gave you the injections and then later.

Mr. Knoblauch. Yes. I do remember.

Which part do you want me to start with, the injections or the kit?

BY MR. COHEN:

Q The preparation. Let's start from the beginning: what it looked like, how it was prepared.

A In spring training -- sorry. In spring training I would go to his apartment, to McNamee's apartment.

And I had never seen this stuff before in my life. And there are two -- there's -- I don't know them; I can't remember exactly the number in the box, but there is a vial of -- it is a powdery substance, and then a vial of whether -- I am assuming it was sterile water or something like that. And you mix the two.

Q Now, what color is the powdery substance? Do you know?

A To the best of my knowledge, like just a white, powdery substance. And then the clear water. You mix the two, shook it up, and then -- and then made the injection.

Q So after it was mixed up, was it dissolved? Was it a clear liquid after he mixed it?

A A little cloudy. To the best I remember, it wasn't exactly clear because of the mixture.

Q But it wasn't brightly colored or anything?

A No, no, no.

Q Whitish?

A Just a cloudy. And then he would inject me in my stomach area.

Q Okay. Always in your stomach area?

A Uh-huh.

Q Okay. Do you remember how big this syringe was, how deep did he inject it?

A I don't.

Q How much he injected?

A It wasn't a fun thing.

Ms. Marshall. Tell him about the next part too, because they haven't asked yet, but in the '02.

Mr. Knoblauch. Oh, because I did -- and I wasn't -- you know, when you asked me about '01. But in '02, when I did get it from Grimsley, I injected myself, which is -- I cringe about it to this day. It was not a fun thing, and I don't know what I was doing. I was waiting for something to work, you know, I still had the problem. And I started injecting myself for -- probably about the same time as I did with McNamee in '01. Some of spring training.

And then I had another devastating thing happen in spring training of '02. My father passed away. And then, you know, to be honest, without any disrespect to the Kansas City Royals, I probably should have just retired because I pretty much gave up, you know. That was the last blow for me. I was -- I was in bad shape. So -- but I unfortunately made the mistake of still trying to do this stuff, and having not much knowledge about it. So that's the mistake that I made.

Mr. Schiliro. So there is no confusion in the record, before -- when I asked you before, when you stopped, you said --

Ms. Marshall. When McNamee stopped.

Mr. Schiliro. In '01, but then there was --

Mr. Knoblauch. Then there was the spring training. That's what I was -- I am glad that you asked the question, because I didn't want to mislead you in that way.

Mr. Schiliro. Sure.

Mr. Knoblauch. Because I thought we were talking about McNamee.

Ms. Marshall. Right.

Now McNamee, did he have anything to do with your '02?

Mr. Knoblauch. Not to my knowledge. I don't know.

And again, I don't know if Grimsley, where he was getting it from. But that's where I was getting it from was from Grimsley in '02. And I can't tell you exactly when it stopped.

But I was a mess when my father passed away. You know, it was over for me.

BY MR. SCHILIRO:

Q When you received the shots, did you ever have any reaction from them?

A Not that I recall.

Q No medical problems from the shots themselves?

A No. No. And hopefully, as I sit today, a father, hopefully I am not affected. I just don't think there is enough long-term information out about it. And then at the end of the day, it didn't do anything. You know. And that's the point that people need to know, this stuff is not doing anything for anybody. So that's why I appreciate what you guys are doing again.

BY MR. COHEN:

Q I am sorry to push on this again --

A That's okay.

Q -- the size of the needle or the length of it, ball-park, was it, you know, this big?

A I wasn't looking at it, I don't think, but --

Q When you injected yourself, you don't remember?

A Really, I am -- I am not trying to make a joke out of it, but I really I don't -- I don't know anything about needles or anything, size or the gauge or -- I don't.

I really would like to help you, exactly, but I really don't recall.

Mr. Cohen. Okay.

Mr. Schiliro. Okay. Thank you. Thank you again for coming here voluntarily. It will be the Republican staff turn now to ask questions.

Mr. Knoblauch. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Schiliro. We are going to switch so they can be

closer.

[Recess.]

Mr. Castor. My name is Steve. I am with the Republican staff.

Keith is --

Mr. Knoblauch. Do you have a card?

Mr. Castor. Yeah. I am Steve Castor.

He is my boss. He is the general counsel.

Ms. Marshall. You are Keith? I got you. Okay.

You got Keith? Here is Keith.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q We are not trying to redo the Mitchell Report investigation. So we are not looking for names of other players or rumors and that type thing. And I wanted to say that at the outset, in case a conversation comes up. Just wanted to let you know we are not trying to create a situation where you feel you need to provide information about the use of performance-enhancing substances by other major leaguers that are outside of the Mitchell context.

A There is not much I know about anybody else, so -- or anybody.

Q Turning back to the one pager, the second-to-last paragraph, the last sentence states, "McNamee believed that

Knoblauch's other source was Jason Grimsley."

Do you have any idea how McNamee would know that?

A To the best of my knowledge, the only way that I can connect them is, Grimsley played -- I believe he played for the Yankees in 2000, McNamee's first year back. I think he had a previous stint with the Yankees. But I think McNamee came to the Yankees as assistant strength coach in 2000.

So that is the only way that I can connect them or to them having a relationship.

Q So, to the best of your recollection, you don't remember speaking with McNamee about Grimsley knowing that you had --

A Not to the best of my knowledge. I don't remember any of those conversations.

Ms. Marshall. And in '02, when you got -- purchased from Grimsley, did you tell McNamee?

Mr. Knoblauch. I had no -- once I left the Yankees, I had no -- I had very little or no contact with Brian McNamee once I left the Yankees. So I really don't know how those two are connected, to my knowledge.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q And do you have any knowledge of the McNamee-Grimsley HGH relationship?

A I have no idea about them.

Q When McNamee supplied you with HGH in Tampa, did he

ever have a conversation with you about the confidentiality of the application or the injection of HGH?

A There was never any conversation about that. Never told me anything like that.

Q Because HGH wasn't -- I don't think it was banned until 2005.

A I don't know that for sure, but I -- the way it was presented to me was, it was a natural-occurring substance. And I never heard of it before that time, when he approached me about it.

Q So it is fair to say, in the general scheme of things, that HGH, in your mind then, is a lot different than some of the hard anabolic steroids like Deca-Durabolin and some of those?

A Yeah, I don't even -- I mean, I know the knowledge that I have that steroids is a controlled substance and human growth hormone is not a steroid.

RPTS MERCHANT

DCMN BURRELL

[11:06 a.m.]

Q Right. And I ask that only because we've become aware that some of the communications McNamee has had with some individuals. He told them this is a hush-hush conversation, be sure not to discuss it with anyone else. And so we just wanted to ask you if you had a similar --

A I don't recall him using those terms with me.

Q You said that maybe, turning to B12 and some of the other shots that you had received during your career, penicillin was one, can you remember any others, to the best of your ability?

A Not to the best of my knowledge, no. Luckily for me I wasn't sick that much.

Q I guess some ballplayers get cortisone shots?

A I'm sorry, let me -- since you brought that up, yes, I did get cortisone shots. When I had trouble with my elbow I did receive cortisone shots. So yeah, players do get cortisone shots from time to time. And talking about myself I did, you know.

Q How about lidocaine?

A I never -- I didn't know what that was.

Q And do you remember when you had cortisone shots? Was it with the Twins, the Yankees and the Royals? Maybe

you can't remember.

A I can't remember. I know -- do you know what, with the Yankees I was on the disabled list. And in my time in Tampa when I was rehabbing back I got a cortisone shot in Tampa. I had one or two with the Royals when I was having trouble with my other elbow. But other than that the shots were very limited.

Q Do you remember if the orthopedic doctors gave it?

A Yes.

Q As opposed to the team doctor?

A Yeah, it was definitely orthopedic. And I know that for sure with the Royals. And it was -- I was on rehabilitation assignment on the DL down in Tampa at the minor league facility. That's where the Yankees send their guys that are hurt. And it was some doctor down there.

Q And is it fair to say that with cortisone that's something that typically an orthopedic surgeon doctor would give?

A I don't know that for sure. I just know that I got them from definitely an orthopedic doctor.

Q The B12 shots generally, some of our earlier opportunities to look into baseball back in '05, we learned a little bit about B12. And what we learned was a lot of the Latin players, folks from the Dominican Republic, are big believers in B12. And they bring it to the States and

they give themselves shots, they give each other shots we found. Did you have any experience like that where you saw maybe the folks in the Dominican Republic had B12 shots or vials?

A Well, I stopped playing in 2002. So you're referring to '05 or your knowledge of '05.

Q Well, that's what --

A I didn't have -- it's hard to communicate with those guys. So I don't know what those guys were doing. I didn't have any experience, knowledge or seeing it visually or anything like that.

Q Fair enough. Do you ever remember anyone on the Twins getting B12 shots?

A I don't recall. We were in our own little world in Minnesota in the Midwest.

Q How about on the Royals?

A I don't recall. It's not something that I would seek out. I kept to myself.

Q And I just ask that question to try to see if there is a difference between how the Twins handled it versus the Yankees versus the Royals, but it looks like you can't answer that?

A I can't answer that. I mean, they were different times and I don't know how those -- I don't know how any team is run now being gone for 5 years.

Q Fair enough. And just by way of background, we learned that the Rangers had a policy, the Orioles had a policy and they were different.

A Okay.

Q You played with Conseco in 2000?

A Yes. I'm only smiling because he showed up without anybody knowing. I mean, we really didn't know as players that he was now on our team.

Q Do you ever remember him and Clemens being friends?

A I didn't have any knowledge of them, their friendship.

Q When his book came out in '05, I guess, since the book coming out we've heard some rumblings, for lack of a better word, that he may have approached some individuals and offered them an opportunity to not be in the book. Did you ever hear anything like that?

A Never. Are you talking about from Conseco or anyone?

Q Yeah.

A I never, never was contacted about any of that.

Q As I understand it, there was an opportunity for players to avoid being in the book in exchange for something, so I just wanted to bounce that off of you.

A I wasn't contacted.

Q And subsequently, just by way of information, I

guess, one of the major leaguers recently has reported that type of opportunity to the FBI, so it is something that's been out.

A I read about that, yeah, I read about that.

Q Getting back to Jason Grimsley, I guess he named you in a conversation with the Feds. Are you aware of that?

A I don't know exactly what that affidavit said.

Q I can show it to you.

A Yeah, that would be great actually.

Q And I didn't make copies. But for purposes of identification it's an affidavit of an --

Ms. Marshall. I just wondered if it was attached to the report?

Mr. Castor. No. And actually I believe it was unsealed after. And there's not much, so don't worry. I'm not asking you to read a big document. It's an affidavit of an IRS special agent. And I'll read the part that relates to you and then I'll give it to you.

Ms. Marshall. Is this an affidavit by an agent or an affidavit by Grimsley?

Mr. Castor. It's an affidavit by an IRS agent. And there's a block quote in there taken from presumably a 302 form or something like that. Starting on page 10 of the affidavit, the IRS special agent says, Grimsley stated that throughout the course of his Major League Baseball career he

has purchased and used the athletic performance enhancing drugs anabolic steroids, amphetamines, Clenbuterol and human growth hormones. Then it goes on for --

Ms. Marshall. For himself. He's not talking about you.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q It goes on for five or six pages. And he talks about some folks using different kinds of things, whether it be anabolic steroids, amphetamines. And he names a bunch of names. And then it says Grimsley also identified Chuck Knoblauch, a former Major League Baseball player, as one of the better friends in baseball. Grimsley stated that he knows Knoblauch used a human growth hormone and knows that Knoblauch obtained the human growth hormone from the same source that Grimsley obtained his from. Grimsley also told agents about an incident in Tampa, Florida involving Major League Baseball players and the use of illegal drugs. And then I can --

Mr. Schiliro. We're going to go off the record for a minute.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. Knoblauch. For a very short time, right there, the better friends part.

Ms. Marshall. Okay. Do you want him to just comment on this or pick out parts that might be accurate or

inaccurate?

Mr. Castor. Right now I'm just sharing it with you. You can look at it. And certainly if there's anything in there that's inaccurate, please call that to our attention.

Mr. Knoblauch. Yes, there is. May I?

Mr. Castor. Absolutely.

Mr. Knoblauch. He stated that Knoblauch knows, or that he knows Knoblauch used a human growth hormone. I've already stated that today and that's correct. But and knows that Knoblauch obtained the human growth hormone from the same source that Grimsley obtained his from, that's not accurate at all. As I stated before, Grimsley was getting it for me. I don't know where he was getting it from. So I didn't know Radomski. So if that source is Radomski or any other source, I didn't know any of those sources. I didn't get it directly from anybody except from McNamee and Grimsley.

BY MR. AUSBROOK:

Q Can I interject something here? And that is did you know where McNamee was getting it?

A I didn't know where any of it was coming from.

Q So you don't know whether McNamee was getting it from Grimsley?

A I didn't know where McNamee was getting it from or where Grimsley was getting it from.

Q And I just bring that up to point out that perhaps he was thinking that you were getting it from McNamee, and that's also some place Grimsley was getting it from. Is that possible?

A Yeah, that's possible --

Q -- but you don't know?

A -- but I don't know.

Q But your only two sources were McNamee and Grimsley, is that correct?

A Correct.

BY MS. MARSHALL:

Q That sentence about friends, do you want to explain that?

A Yeah. As I said before, I have one friend left from baseball, and it's not him. We became really close really fast. And then as fast as we were close, we were gone as friends. And I haven't spoken to him since my days with the Royals, which is 2002, my end of 2002 year.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q We are approaching this entire investigation with an open mind. And so if there's any information that we have, such as this affidavit, you know, we look at it, it has your name in it, so we wanted to give you an opportunity to see it and provide the comments you just did.

A Okay.

Ms. Marshall. Thank you.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q You may have already answered this question, but I'll just ask it again. You said the position players and the pitchers are in different operating environments?

A Uh-huh.

Q But do you have any awareness of the relationship of McNamee with Clemens or McNamee and Pettitte?

A I don't, other than him being the personal trainer of Clemens. I knew that McNamee trained Clemens specifically. Outside of that I don't know their personal relationship or what McNamee had to do with Pettitte. I mean, I could see with my own eyes on the field them working out, the three of them running and doing their drills and stuff like that. But outside of that, I don't know much about the three of them.

Q Do you know if McNamee trained any other players?

A I don't know that, to my knowledge.

Ms. Marshall. He was a Yankee strength coach, so you're not including that?

Mr. Knoblauch. Are you speaking specifically like the word "personal trainer" or as a Yankee's assistance strength coach? Because as a Yankee's assistance strength coach, he has the ability to work with everybody. Whoever comes in the weight room and he's there and they want to work out,

he's going to. That's part of his job. He is going to have to work them out.

So there's a little bit of difference.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q Absolutely. I got you. As I understand it, he was brought into the Yankees mix pursuant to working with Roger. But one of the things we're trying to do is get an idea of the universe of the folks that he worked with on a regular basis.

A And I don't have any knowledge of that.

Ms. Marshall. And you understand, he didn't work with him on a regular basis?

Mr. Castor. I understand that.

Ms. Marshall. Okay.

BY MR. CASTOR:

Q Do you have any idea what types of rigorous training he put Roger and Andy through?

A Other than what I saw on the field and the running and sometimes the throwing up, you know, because I mean he worked those guys. Those guys worked hard. And whoever worked with McNamee, you worked hard when you were spending time with him. So he didn't mess around as far as like the workouts go. But outside of what I saw when I was in uniform, I never saw them work out other than what I saw in the Yankee stadium or in spring training.

Q So it's fair to say that he had a pretty rigorous program?

A Yeah. It was well-known, whether it was concocted. And Clemens is famous for his workouts for his entire career, not just his -- whenever the time with McNamee started. But, yeah, they got after it. And what I mean by got after it, there was hard workouts. And not a lot of the younger guys could keep up with Clemens and Pettitte when they did their workouts. And when I say workouts, I saw them running. You know, pitchers run quite a bit, so that's what they did a lot of.

Mr. Castor. That's all I got.

Mr. Knoblauch. All right. Thank you.

Mr. Schiliro. Mr. Knoblauch, thank you for coming in today. I want you to know how much the committee appreciates your voluntary cooperation and being forthcoming this morning.

Mr. Knoblauch. Thank you very much. And again I'm behind you guys in what you're doing. And hopefully, you know, this all gets worked out in a timely fashion somehow.

Mr. Schiliro. Thank you.

Mr. Gordon. Before we go off the record, just a recordkeeping thing, I would like to have the excerpt from the Mitchell Report marked as Exhibit 1. And, Steve, if you would like to have your document marked as Exhibit 2.

[Knoblauch Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2
were marked for identification.]

[Whereupon, at 11:30 a.m., the interview was
concluded.]

Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee

I have read the foregoing ____ pages, which contain
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