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MS. SKELLY: I think we're ready to begin. I believe we all know each other, so introductions are not necessary, except for Prof. Vogel, who is a professor at Rice University and will act as a legal Devil's Advocate. The purpose of this meeting is to outline possible strategies and management options as Mr. Quinn prepares to deal with the legal and public relations issues involving the ongoing criminal investigation of Frijolo and its alleged involvement with a Mexican drug cartel.

Let me say at the outset that in our discussion here today, to avoid any possible confusion, we will refer to the gentleman in question as **Mr. Travis Quinn**, his legal name.

Let's get into it. Felicia why don't you give us an update on where things stand on the legal front.

MS. PARTRIDGE: Sure. A brief overview. The criminal investigation of Frijolo by the FBI is mostly complete, and we expect arrests and indictments will soon take place. Mr. Quinn has been cooperating with the FBI, under my counsel, from virtually the very beginning. At this point there has been no official quid pro quo, but we have been cooperating under the assurance from government attorneys that Mr. Quinn will be treated with leniency when charges are announced.

Those negotiations will soon be forthcoming. Worst case scenario, we expect the government to propose a minor felony charge with no or little jail time, which we find totally unacceptable. We will propose no charges at all, arguing that a public disgrace is sufficient, if not patently unjust, punishment.

MS. SKELLY: How likely is your scenario to prevail, Felicia?

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MS. PARTRIDGE: I'm optimistic. It was Mr. Quinn who approached the authorities on his own accord. In addition, it's very likely that without Mr. Quinn's help no indictments would have been possible. The FBI knew of a possible link between FrijoLoco and the cartel, but were very far from being able to bring a case to court. In addition, there is the question of the brain trauma Mr. Quinn suffered as the result of his kidnapping, in which both his memory and his identity were wiped out. There are not many applicable legal precedents for a situation in which a defendant suffers from what our medical advisors tell us is a case of multiple personality syndrome, in which different levels of culpability prevail.

No doubt the government might argue that all of this was a ruse designed by Mr. Quinn to absolve himself of responsibility for criminal activities in which he was a participant. But we're confident we can easily rebut that theory, if indeed it even comes up—which we think is not likely given Mr. Quinn's total and unstinted cooperation. Dr. Hobson can be an expert witness regarding the effect of the drug.

DR. HOBSON: There have been laboratory tests on the drug given to Mr. Quinn, and it has been shown, at least in lab animals, to impair and in some cases to sever the links between the parts of the brain that store memories and the parts that access them. The tests are quite convincing.

PROF. VOGEL: It may be unlikely to come up but not impossible. And your expert witness could be challenged by their expert witness—not unheard of, I think. And even if not a legal issue, there's a public relations issue. After Travis was administered the drug, he not only lost all memory up to the time of the kidnapping, but since then has developed a personality quite different from the one he had prior to the kidnapping.

MS. PARTRIDGE: That's right. But there *is* a legal issue. So the question is: does the man who became Darren Jones after the kidnapping have to be punished for the money laundering activities that Travis Quinn participated in *before* the kidnapping? We would argue no, and that's why we have doctor Abdullah here.

DR. PATERNOSTER: The dissociation presenting in Mr. Quinn is widely known to be associated with retrograde amnesia, especially in its most severe forms. The number of documented cases is small but compelling.

PROF. VOGEL: Or he could be faking it.

MR. JONES: This is Darren Jones. Let me say I know who I am, and I know who I'm not.

MR. QUINN: Speaking for myself, Travis Quinn, there's not much Darren and I agree on, but this is one of them.

MS. CUDDY: Going back to what Prof. Vogel said, I think the public relations aspect of this could be very challenging. I'm not sure that bringing up this subject in court is going to do him any favors elsewhere. Stating things bluntly, there's a serious potential stigma attached to these kinds of mental health problems.

PROF. VOGEL: Clearly, as we've seen, we have a person who is facing close scrutiny by the authorities, and who has a remarkable story to tell, but we are at a loss to know who is speaking for this person, and whose story to believe.

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MR. QUINN: Again, Travis speaking. I'm not at a loss. It's my life with my name on it. At the moment, part of my brain has this idea that I am someone else. I understand that's not normal. It makes me seem like a freak. No other word for it. I'm like one of those people you hear about who are twins, but one brother came out just as a head attached to his other brother.

MR. JONES: Travis may think of himself as a freak, but that's because he can't come to terms with my presence. I'm not an interloper, I'm not a head. My claim to this body is just as strong as his.

MS. CUDDY: Let me elaborate on what I said earlier. I can think of several possible strategies here going forward. In one, our goal would be to strive to keep Mr. Quinn's condition a private matter. He doesn't actually have two heads, so this should be an easily achievable goal. Of course there will be inevitable rumors but with a strong denial program, including preemptive lawsuits and expert validation, we should be able to keep these in check. My suggestion would be to keep Mr. Quinn out of the public eye as much as possible to avoid inadvertently exposing his condition.

The second strategy is the opposite of the first. We would seek to make Mr. Quinn's condition as public as possible, by having him speak to the press, discuss it in social media and on television, and, of course, on a personal website. We would help him secure a book contract with a movie tie in, as well as obtain top-tier speaking engagements in order to promote him as a spokesperson for this and other similar cognitive conditions, thus, as a side benefit, making him an attractive candidate for commercials, endorsements and testimonials.

Basically our goal would be to elevate Mr. Quinn into his own brand. He already has a head start in terms of recognizability. This is very doable, with tremendous upside potential. Altogether, I anticipate a significant earning stream in the seven figures within two to three years.

MR. JONES: How about a Las Vegas stand-up comedy act? Why not a bobble-head doll? Is there a collectable deck of cards of the world's weirdest people? We can have Ms. Cuddy look into it so I can have mine in there as well. Let me say right off, I have no interest in any of this, although I'm sure Travis would think it's perfectly fine.

MR. QUINN: It's more than perfectly fine. It's a great idea. I have a saleable mental illness—let's call it what it is—that people will pay money to hear about. I wise man once told me, "When all you have is lemons, then you need to make lemonade." Frankly, I'm a person driven to achieve success, and I need to work at something that has a goal and a purpose, even though, frankly, I don't actually have to earn a living.

MR. JONES: I don't disagree with Travis about achieving success or pursuing a goal. But I prefer to engage in work that helps others or in some even in some small way makes the world a better place.

PROF. VOGEL: Dr. Hobson, is Mr. Quinn's condition treatable? Or is it permanent?

DR. HOBSON: At the moment it's not treatable. My guess is that at this late date, it is probably permanent, with the possibility of greater incapacity as Mr. Quinn grows older.

DR. PATERNOSTER: There may be no cure for Mr. Quinn's neurological dysfunction, but I for one am not so certain about Dr. Hobson's dire prognosis. In my experience, these dissociative states can respond well to various treatments, typically a combination of psychotherapy and psychotropic drugs, of which

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there are many. I've seen quite a few patients with severe forms of dissociation who respond well. Some of course don't. But I wouldn't despair until everything has been tried.

MS. PARTRIDGE: Let me shift the topic, if I may, to mention that, aside from Mr. Quinn's medical and legal problems, there is also the problem of a very powerful and murderous cartel that would seek to punish Mr. Quinn as an object lesson to those who would show disloyalty toward them or betray them. We have been talking about Mr. Quinn's identity, but at some point he might have to assume a different identity, a different life in a different place, if he has any hope of avoiding harm. Turning Mr. Quinn into a celebrity could end up shortening his life.

PROF. VOGEL: But isn't this problem really a security question? Many people live in dangerous countries with dangerous enemies, and yet with the right level of security protocols in place they are able to manage quite fine. If Mr. Quinn has the financial resources, he should be able to do so as well.

This is something we have already thought about and are looking into. One option is to enroll Mr. Quinn in the federal witness protection program. The government has not discounted the possibility, but a lot depends on how Mr. Quinn will plead and what penalties their side will insist upon.

MR. SUTCLIFF: There's been a lot of discussion about the trial, but I haven't heard anything about what is being done about Gordon Cripps. This is a guy who could easily overturn the apple cart. It's his claim that Travis was entirely responsible for what went on at FrijoLoco and set up a fake kidnapping when he saw that he might be exposed. Cripps isn't going to give up without a fight.

MS. PARTRIDGE: He's going to have to pull something out of his hat to explain away the incriminating statements he made at Charlie's Kitchen.

PROF. VOGEL: All he needs to do is sow doubt. Basically you have two people, both involved in criminal activities and both trying to blame each other. Juries don't like that and tend to see them as equally responsible. If anyone gets treated a bit better, it's the one who can elicit the most sympathy. Cripps can be very good at doing that.

MS. PARTRIDGE: We have plans for Mr. Cripps. I'm not worried.

[No one speaking]

MS. SKELLY: Anything else that anyone wants to add?

MR. QUINN: Just one thing, if I may. First order of business is to defend vigorously against whatever charges the feds plan to throw at me. We need to be firm that if they want to see me in court testifying against the cartel, naming names and pointing fingers, then they are going to have to help me get on with my life, which was kidnapped well before my body was physically snatched and held for ransom. I may have been aiding the cartel in their money laundering operations, but I wasn't *freely* aiding them. My cooperation has to come at a high price. I won't accept anything more than a misdemeanor charge and a suspended sentence. People here need to understand that.

MR. JONES: As far as I'm concerned, I did what I did and I'm willing to be punished for it according to the law. That's it.

[No one speaking]

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MS. SKELLY: All right, then, At this point, I think we've gotten a fairly good overview of the relevant issues. Let's see how events play out over the next several weeks or months and then come back for a reevaluation.

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