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Hi Anna. Thanks for sending the link over for the deposition for Dr. McCarthy's question. For your information, Dr. McCarthy will have available clean, hard copies of all exhibits relied upon in his declaration (materials considered), the Petition, the Patent Owner Preliminary Response, the Discretionary Denial Brief, and the Opposition to the Discretionary Denial Brief.

In regards to your question about relying on the -1462 deposition in the -1461 proceeding for questions related to Dr. McCarthy's CV, we do not agree to the submission of the -1461 deposition transcript in the -1462 proceeding.

Best,
Melissa

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Good morning, all!

Below please find the link for Dr. McCarthy's deposition this Thursday. Can you please forward the link to him?

I will send you all links to the exhibits prior to the deposition so that you have them at hand. Although

there may be some additions to this, and as I'm sure you expect, we will at minimum be including the Petition, Dr. McCarthy's Declaration, and the other exhibits to the Petition as potential exhibits.

A question for you: I believe Dr. McCarthy's CV to be identical in both the -01461 and -01462 matters. Although I can't guarantee that I won't have any questions about his CV on the 13th (-01461 deposition) in the event that something occurs to me between now and then, it seems like it would be more economical for the witness and the parties to agree that we may rely upon the portion of the May 7th transcript relating to his background and CV in both matters. Please let me know if that is agreeable to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you all again for coordinating on your end.

Best regards,

Anna

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Greetings from Planet Depos,

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Thank you,

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