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      UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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      SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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      06 Civ. 0589 (CGE)
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      ANUCHA BROWNE-SANDERS,
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                                Plaintiff,
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               - against -
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     MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, L.P., ISIAH LORD
     THOMAS, III, and JAMES DOLAN,
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                               Defendants.
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                               December 8, 2006
                               12:24 p.m.
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                VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION of ISIAH
     LORD THOMAS, III, taken by the Plaintiff,
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     pursuant to Notice, held at the offices of
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     Vladeck Waldman Elias & Engelhard, P.C,
     1501 Broadway, New York, New York, before
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     Debbie Zaromatidis, a Shorthand Reporter
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     and Notary Public of the State of New
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     York.
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1	THOMAS	301
2	any conversations with Barry Watkins	
3	regarding this litigation?	
4	A. You skipped a name.	
5	Q. Have you talked to yourself?	
6	A. Every night.	
7	(Laughter.)	
8	Q. What do you say every night?	
9	A. Yes, I do.	
10	MR. GREEN: This question also	
11	requires you to answer except to the	
12	extent that the information would reveal	
13	conversations held with or in the presence	
14	of counsel.	
15	Q. Barry Watkins.	
16	A. No.	
17	Q. And then Jerome Williams	
18	MR. GREEN: Same admonition.	
19	A. No.	
20	Q. Mr. Thomas, you said that	İ
21	Ms. Burnett is your you're her uncle?	
22	A. Yes.	
23	Q. Did you get a waiver to hire Ms.	
24	Burnett?	
25	MR. GREEN: Objection to form.	
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THOMAS 302

A. That I -- that I don't know. I
know -- I know she had to wait a while
before I could hire her, and I am not -- I
am not sure what -- background checks or

6 anything that Steve did, if anything, but

7 I -- I myself did not receive any

8 | written -- I don't believe I did to -- to

9 hire her.

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- Q. Did you have a conversation with anyone at MSG regarding you hiring your niece?
- A. Steve.
  - Q. And what discussions did you have with Steve regarding you hiring your niece?
  - A. When I was hired, I -- Raquel
    was my executive assistant in Indiana, and
    when I got here Katherine O'Gorman was
    Scott Laden's executive assistant, and I
    made the request that I wanted to bring my
    own in because there were some things that
    needed to be handled for me on a personal
    level and on the endorsement side and just
    people that I knew that it would -- it

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                      THOMAS
     would be hard for Katherine to really get
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     up to speed on a lot of my daily
     activities and other things that I have on
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     my calendar. He said that he needed
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     to -- I don't -- I'm not sure why Raquel
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     couldn't come, but he -- I don't think
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     she -- she got here until maybe -- maybe
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     July or August.
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         Q.
               Did you tell Mr. Mills during
     that conversation that Ms. Burnett was
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     your niece?
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               Yes, I did.
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               MR. SMITH: How much time do I
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     have?
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               THE VIDEOGRAPHER: You have 20
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    minutes.
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               MR. SMITH: Can I go off the
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    record for two seconds.
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               THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now
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    going off the record at approximately 9:22
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    p.m.
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               (Discussion held off the
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    record.)
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               THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now
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