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CORPORATION,

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Plaintiff-Applicant,
v.

Rule 2004
Examination of:

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES, LLC,

MARK PESKIN
(Vol. I)

Defendant.

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In Re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.
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1 A. It could have come from anywhere. It
2 could have been from a redemption from the SSP
3 account. It could have been excess funds in the
4 Madoff account. It could have been from the sale of
5 a property.

6 Excess funds in general were
7 accumulated, and then a decision would have been
8 made, you know, let's double it up.

9 Q. And who played a role in that
10 decision to double it up?

11 A. It would have been the partners who
12 made that decision.

13 Q. All of them together?

14 A. All decisions are made by all the
15 partners. It's a very unique organization.

16 Q. It sounds like it. I'm just trying
17 to get a better understanding of the decision-making
18 process of the double-ups.

19 So who determined when there was an
20 excess of funds?

21 A. The individual partners knew their
22 own personal accounts. When there was -- people
23 wouldn't realize there were excesses.

24 Arthur would be in charge to call up
25 the capital accounts. He would know, and he would

1 say, hey, everybody has a little bit more money than
2 expected. What do you want to do with it?

3 And this would be usually done either
4 at a management meeting or over a lunch or just
5 walking around the office.

6 I'd say it's a very unique office.
7 It's small enough that you can still talk to your
8 partners one-on-one either by walking down the hall
9 or making a quick phone call.

10 And decisions are made by the
11 partners. So you want to come in, great. You don't
12 want to come in, that's okay, also. And they would
13 form a pool of money to be doubled up.

14 Q. And did there come a time when
15 non-partners were invested in these double-up
16 accounts?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So who solicited or who spoke with
19 the non-partner investors to see if they wanted to
20 get -- to invest in a double-up?

21 MS. SESHENS: Objection to the form.
22 You can answer.

23 Q. You can answer.

24 A. The -- that was -- non-partners could
25 be children of the partners. It could be their

1 double-up entity, have different levels of
2 investment?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. And how was that determined?

5 A. It's whatever that individual thought
6 they could afford to lock away, to lock up for a
7 period of time.

8 Q. And that was based on -- on the
9 excess analysis?

10 A. It was -- I don't know what the
11 excess analysis is, but it was based upon that
12 person's understanding of what their needs were,
13 short-term, long-term.

14 And based upon that, you can say I
15 can put away X dollars for a longer period of time.

16 Q. Well, what I mean by the excess
17 analysis is what you were referring to earlier, that
18 you said that there were excess funds that were then
19 pooled.

20 A. Right, okay. I don't know if it was
21 a formal analysis versus a thought process that went
22 through each person's mind.

23 Q. So Mr. Friedman would notify the
24 partners and executives that they had excess funds,
25 and those funds could or could not have been used to

1 invest in the Sterling --

2 A. Correct. It was up to the individual
3 partner to make that decision.

4 Q. And when you said locked, locked up,
5 you used the term "locked up," what did you mean by
6 that?

7 A. The nature of a double-up account is
8 that you would take money and put it into a pooled
9 account, and then you would borrow money and also
10 put it in the pool account.

11 And that borrowed money had a term,
12 three years usually. So you didn't necessarily want
13 to break the loan because we would fix the rate on
14 the loan. And if you -- if you want to come out, it
15 means you're breaking the rate lock, you're pulling
16 funds out that have been set aside and given a
17 certain rate for a three-year period.

18 Depending upon where interest rates
19 are in the market, you could either make money or
20 lose money doing that.

21 Q. I see. Now, what is SEF, Sterling
22 Equities Funding?

23 A. Sterling Equities Funding is -- call
24 it the internal bank of the firm. Rather than each
25 partner borrowing money from banks, it borrows its