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21 *REDACTED*

22 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
23 CALIFORNIA,)

24 Plaintiffs,)

25 vs.)

26 MICHAEL JOSEPH JACKSON,)

27 Defendant.)

28 Case No. 1133603

OPPOSITION TO DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION
OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS BY
DEFENDANT ON "LIVING WITH
MICHAEL JACKSON" AND "60
MINUTES" AS EXCEPTIONS TO THE
HEARSAY RULE

~~UNDER SEAL~~

Honorable Rodney S. Melville

Date: TBA

Time: ~~9:30 a.m.~~

Dept.: 8

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1 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 ARGUMENT

3 I.

4 MR. JACKSON MAKES THE SAME OBJECTIONS THAT WERE RAISED
5 PREVIOUSLY WITH REGARD TO PRIOR ACTS EVIDENCE

6 The prosecution asks this Court to admit "certain statements by Defendant (a) in the
7 course of the filming of Martin Bashir's "Living with Michael Jackson" documentary . . . and (b)
8 on the CBS television program "60 Minutes" on December 28, 2003, for the truth of the matters
9 asserted. (Motion, page 1.) To the extent that these statements relate to "other acts" evidence,
10 pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1108, Mr. Jackson makes the same objections that were
11 previously made, and now pending, to the District Attorney's motion to include such evidence.

12 Bashir program:

13 First, referring to the partial transcripts filed as Exhibit A to the prosecution's Motion, the
14 ambiguity at page 7, line 2 has to be resolved. The proponent of the evidence has the burden of
15 laying the foundation that the words were actually said. This is the prosecution's offer of proof. If
16 the prosecution cannot prove that the words on their transcript were said, then they have not laid
17 the foundation and the words are not admissible.
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20 Second, to the extent that the foundation is laid as represented by the offer of proof, the
21 statements of page six through page 8, line 2 and page 8, line 23 through page 9, line 16 ending
22 at the word "No" appear to be related to the allegations of this case. We will argue the weight of
23 the evidence and we do not concede for a minute that the interpretation offered by the
24 prosecution is correct. We also reserve the right to offer other parts of the interview, whether
25 edited out by Mr. Bashir or not, if appropriate.
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1 Third, the statements of Bashir and [REDACTED] on page 8, lines 7 through 18 are not
2 statement of the defendant and do not come within the exception to the hearsay rule.

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4 Fourth, page 9, line 16 following the word "No" through to the end are subject to the
5 rulings on other acts evidence now pending decision by the Court. Furthermore, they are not
6 admissions.

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8 Ed Bradley program:

9 The entire transcript filed as Exhibit B to the prosecution's Motion refers to general
10 matters which are not admissions per se. They also refer to matters which are still subject to the
11 Court's ruling.

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13 **II.**

14 THE ISSUE HERE IS WHAT STATEMENTS OF MR. JACKSON COME IN AS
15 "ADMISSIONS" AND NOT WHAT THE JURY WILL HEAR FOR OTHER REASONS
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17 Here the prosecution asks for a ruling on "admissions." The Court has already ruled that
18 the Prosecutor can play the Bashir program for the jury. The Court will also consider future
19 issues regarding the playing of the entire statements to put the excerpts in context.

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21 To properly decide what should come into evidence as an alleged admission, the Court
22 must make the requisite findings that the foundation has been laid. As argued above, that requires
23 the Court to look at the technical foundation, the relevance of the remarks and the question of
24 whether they would involve other acts evidence that has not been admitted. In addition, the court
25 should do an analysis under Evidence Code Section 352 to determine if any of the more general
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1 remarks may be more prejudicial than probative if allowed as an alleged admission.

2 We respectfully submit that the portions asked to be stricken above from the
3 prosecution's request, even if relevant, would be more prejudicial than probative on the real
4 issues before this Court.
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6 III.

7 CONCLUSION

8 Mr. Jackson makes the same objections that were made in the opposition to the District
9 Attorney's Evidence Code Section 1108 motion.
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I, the undersigned declare:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara. My business address is 301 East Cook Street, Suite A, Santa Maria, California 93454.

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Executed February 15, 2005, at Santa Maria California.


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