

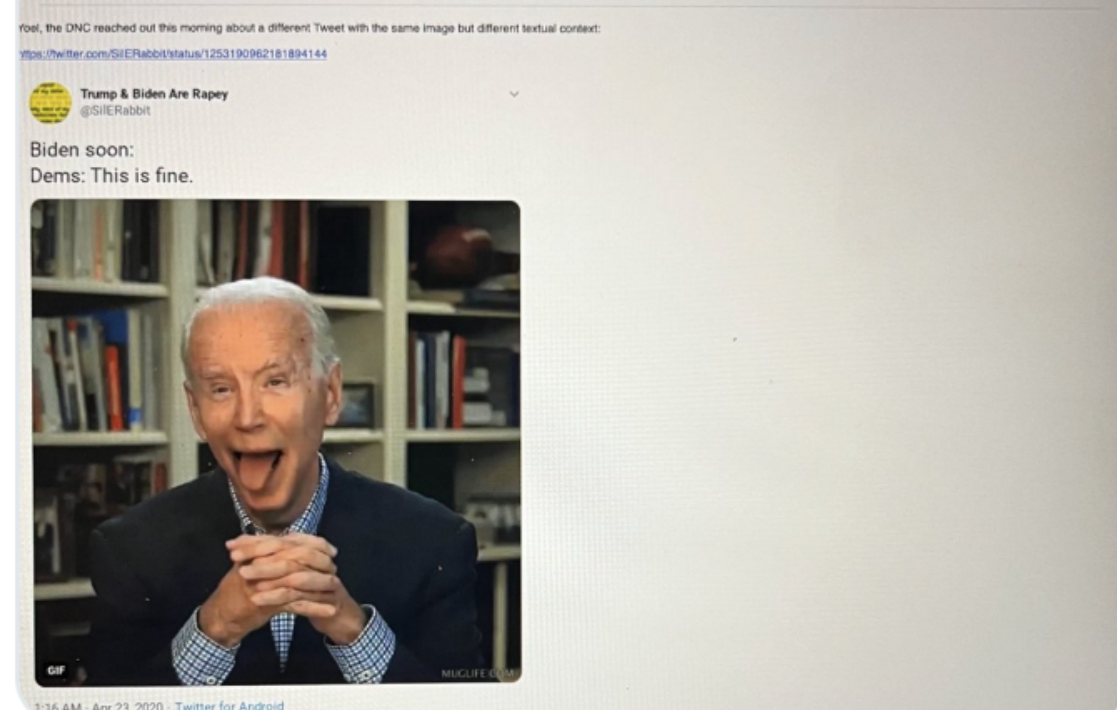
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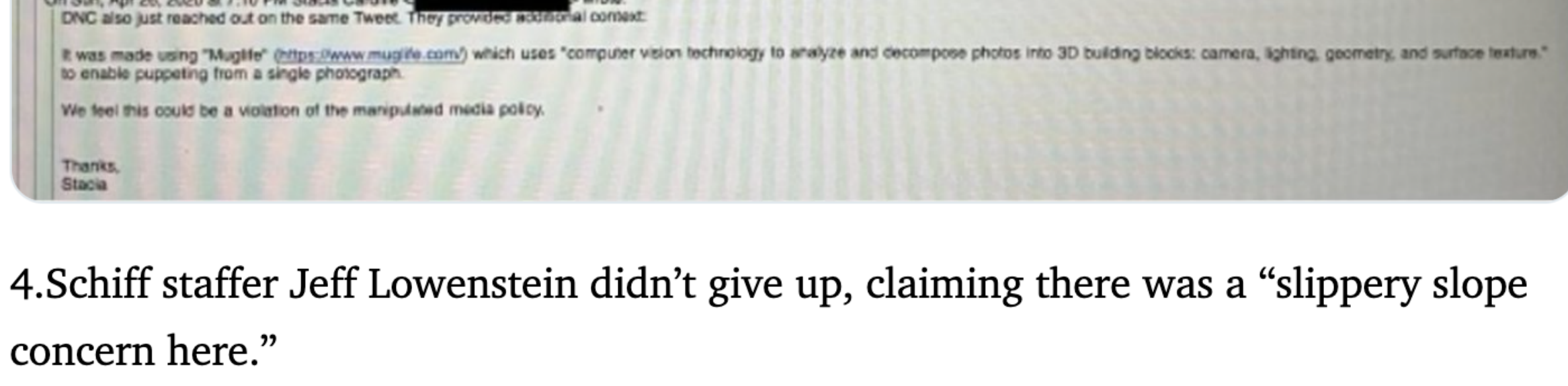
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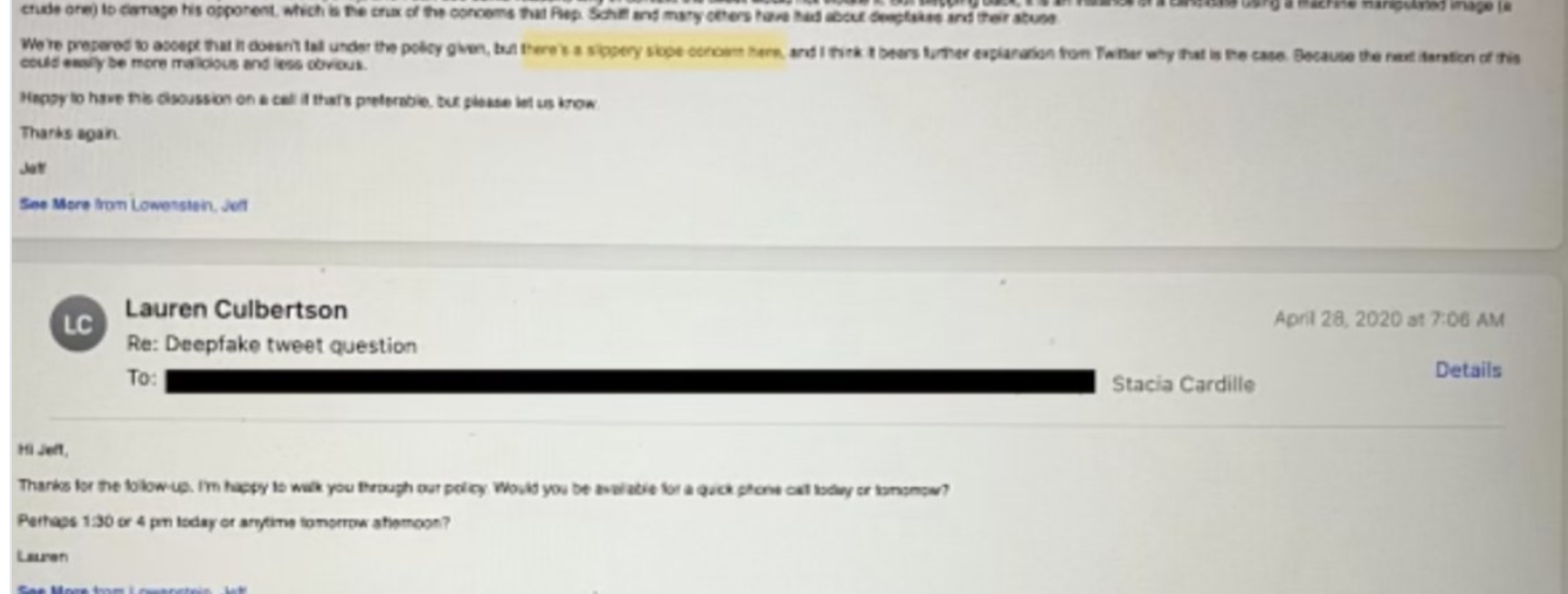
2. Staff of House Democrat [@AdamSchiff](#) wrote to Twitter quite often, asking that tweets be taken down. This important use of taxpayer resources involved an ask about a “Peter Douche” parody photo of Joe Biden. The DNC made the same request:



3. The real issue was Donald Trump retweeted the Biden pic. To its credit Twitter refused to remove it, with Trust and Safety chief Yoel Roth saying it had obvious “humorous intent” and “any reasonable observer” - apparently, not a Schiff staffer - could see it was doctored.



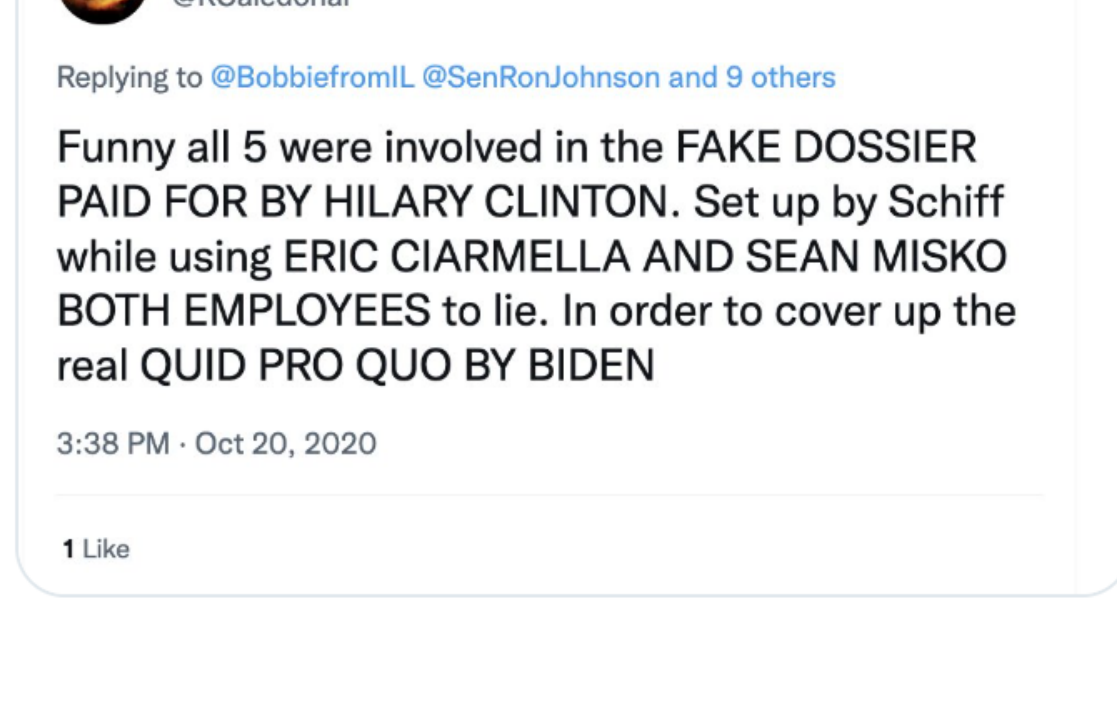
4. Schiff staffer Jeff Lowenstein didn’t give up, claiming there was a “slippery slope concern here.”



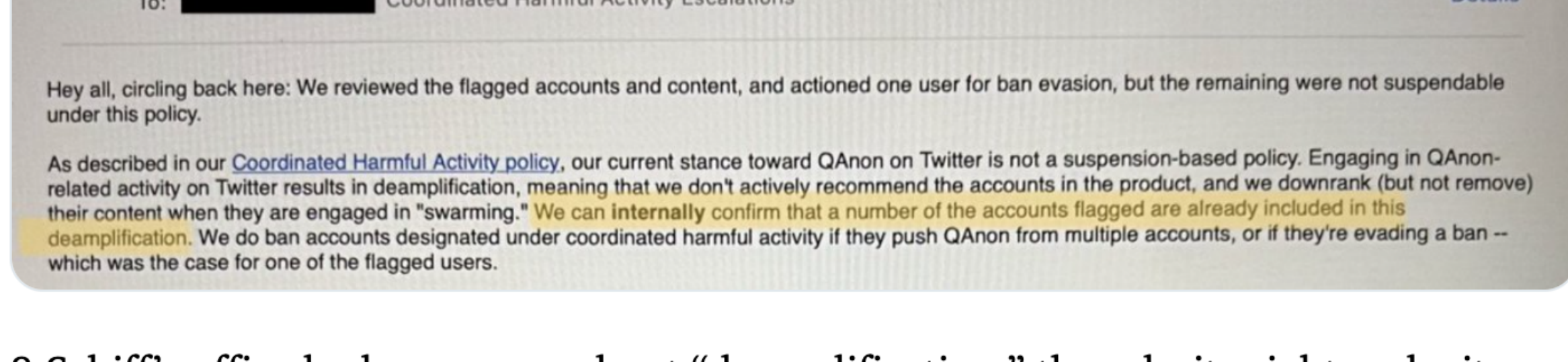
5. Twitter also refused requests for bans of content about Schiff and his staff, e.g. “complete suppress[ion of] any and all search results about Mr. Misko and other Committee staffers.” Twitter said this would not be “conceivable.”

For their listed asks (demands?) in the attached PDF, many fall outside of any remediations available under the cited policies. For example, a sweeping removal of “any and all content about Mr. Misko and other Committee staff from its service—to include quotes, retweets, and reactions to that content”, as well as complete “suppress[ion of] any and all search results about Mr. Misko and other Committee staff” is not something that would be able to be done here, or is conceivable by any active policies I know of.

6. Even when Twitter didn’t suspend an account, that didn’t mean they didn’t act. Schiff’s office repeatedly complained about “QAnon related activity” that were often tweets about other matters, like the identity of the Ukraine “whistleblower” or the Steele dossier:



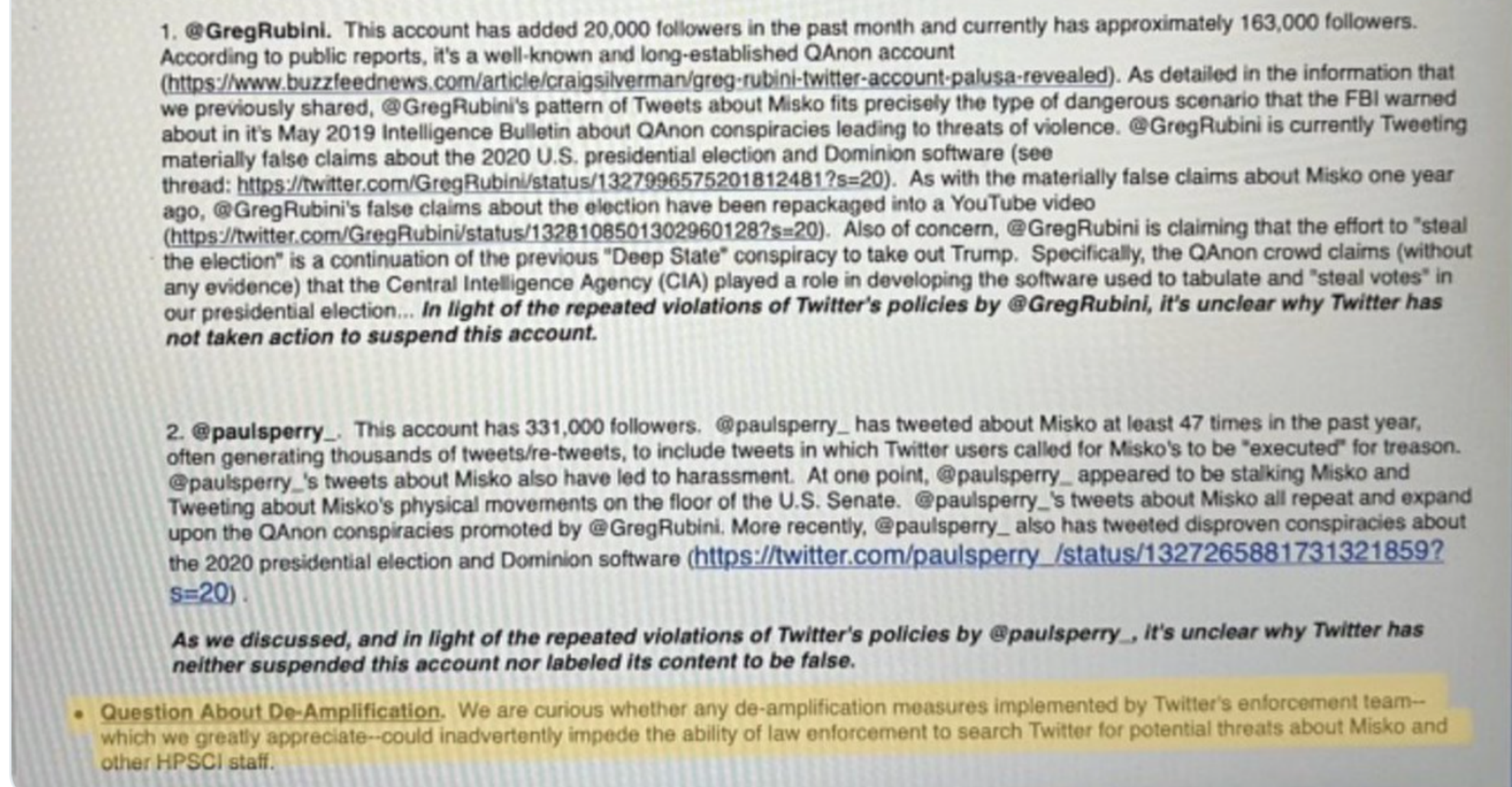
7. Twitter policy at the time didn’t ban QAnon, but “deamplified” such accounts. About the batch of tweets that included those above, Twitter execs wrote: “We can internally confirm that a number of the accounts flagged are already included in this deamplification.”



8. Schiff’s office had a concern about “deamplification,” though: it might make it harder for law enforcement to track the offending Tweeters.

9. “WE APPRECIATE GREATLY”

“We are curious whether any deamplification measures implemented by Twitter’s enforcement team – which we appreciate greatly – could... impede the ability of law enforcement to search Twitter for potential threats about Misko and other HPSCI staff.”



10. For more, watch [@ShellenbergerMD](#), [@bariweiss](#), [@lhfang](#), [@davidzweig](#), [@AlexBerenson](#), and others.

Twitter had no editorial input. Searches were carried out by third parties, so the documents could be limited.