4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 October 2005 Grand Jury 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 12 Plaintiff, 13 V. 14 CHI MAK, 15 also known as ("aka") Taichi Mak, aka Daichi Mak, 16 aka Dazhi Mai, aka Jack Mak, 17 REBECCA LAIWAH CHIU, 18 aka Rebecca Mak, aka Laiwa Chu, aka Lihua Zhao, 19 aka Meihua Zhao, 20 TAI WANG MAK, aka Taihong Mak, aka Daihong Mak, 21 aka Dahong Mai, 22 FUK HEUNG LI, aka Lilly, aka Lili, aka Flora, and 23 YUI MAK, aka Billy Yui Mak, aka Yui Billy Mak, aka Mak 24 Yui, 25 Defendants. 26 27

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[22 U.S.C. \S \$ 2778(b)(2), (c), 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3): Conspiracy to Export Defense Articles; 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1 (a) (1), 127.3: Attempted Unlawful Export of Defense Articles; 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1 (a) (1), 127.3: Unlawful Export of Defense Articles; 18 U.S.C. § 957: Possession of Property in Aid of Foreign Government; 18 U.S.C. § 951: Acting as Agent of Foreign Government Without Prior Notification to Attorney General; 18 U.S.C. § 1001: False Statement]

The Grand Jury charges:

A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

At all times material to this Indictment:

- 1. Defendant CHI MAK ("CHI"), also known as ("aka") Taichi Mak, aka Daichi Mak, aka Dazhi Mai, aka Jack Mak, was a senior electrical engineer employed by Power Paragon, a subsidiary of L-3 Communications Power System Group and SPD Technologies ("Power Paragon"), which is a defense contractor located in Anaheim, California. Power Paragon specialized in power-conversion technology and advanced power systems for mission-critical applications for the United States Navy, which included the design, testing, and manufacturing of ship and submarine power and propulsion systems.
- 2. Defendant REBECCA LAIWAH CHIU ("REBECCA"), aka Rebecca Mak, aka Laiwa Chu, aka Lihua Zhao, aka Meihua Zhao, was defendant CHI's wife and also was an electrical engineer.
- 3. Defendant TAI WANG MAK ("TAI"), aka Taihong Mak, aka Daihong Mak, aka Dahong Mai, was defendant CHI's brother.
- 4. Defendant FUK HEUNG LI ("FUK"), aka Lilly, aka Lili, aka Flora, was defendant TAI's wife.
- 5. Defendant YUI MAK ("BILLY"), aka Billy Yui Mak, aka Yui Billy Mak, aka Mak Yui, was the son of defendants TAI and FUK.
- 6. In furtherance of world peace and the security and foreign policy of the United States of America, the President is authorized to control the import and export of defense articles. The President also is authorized to designate those items which shall be considered defense articles and placed on the United

States Munitions List ("USML").

- 7. "Defense articles," as that term is used in 22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c) and 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3), means items, including technical data, designated for placement on the USML, and can include weapons, weapons systems, munitions, aircraft, vessels, boats, and other implements of war. Technical data includes information which is required for the design, development, production, manufacture, assembly, operation, repair, testing, maintenance or modification of defense articles.
- 8. Persons engaged in the export of defense articles covered by the USML must be registered with the Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls ("ODTC"), and must apply for and receive a validated license or other approval to export the defense articles from the United States.
- 9. The paper and slides entitled "5 MW High Efficiency Quiet Electric Drive Demonstrator" (the "QED Document") was a defense article within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c) and 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3) in that it contained technical data covered by the USML, and could not be exported from the United States without the exporter first obtaining an export license or other authorization from the ODTC.
- 10. The paper and slides entitled "Solid-State Power Switches for Source Transfer and Load Protective Functions" (the "Solid-State Document") was a defense article within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c) and 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3) in that it contained technical data covered by the USML, and could not be exported from the United States without the exporter first

obtaining an export license or other authorization from the ODTC.

- 11. The paper entitled "Proposal, DD(X) Zonal Power, Revision A (RFP DD(X)00017)" (the "DDX Document") was a defense article within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c) and 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3) in that it contained technical data covered by the USML, and could not be exported from the United States without the exporter first obtaining an export license or other authorization from the ODTC.
- 12. The Grand Jury incorporates by reference and realleges these Introductory Allegations into each and every count of this Indictment as though fully alleged herein.

COUNT ONE

[22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c); 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1(a)(3), 127.3]

A. OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to at least on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants CHI, REBECCA, TAI, FUK, and BILLY, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, conspired and agreed with each other to knowingly and willfully export from the United States of America to the People's Republic of China defense articles that were covered by the United States Munitions List without first obtaining from the United States Department of State a valid license or other approval for such export, in violation of 22 U.S.C. § 2778(b)(2) and 22 C.F.R. § 127.1(a)(3).

B. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished in substance as follows:

- 1. By virtue of his employment as an electrical engineer with Power Paragon and its work for the United States Navy, defendant CHI would have access to plans and other classified and sensitive technical information concerning United States Navy warships and submarines, some of which constituted defense articles.
- 2. The People's Republic of China ("PRC") would seek to obtain technical information about United States Navy warships

and submarines to assist the PRC in its own efforts to develop a so-called "Blue Water" navy and also to gain a tactical advantage over U.S. Naval and allied forces. Toward that end, unidentified co-conspirators from within the PRC would provide defendant CHI and others with lists of information about United States Naval warships, submarines, and other defense-related information that the PRC wanted, including information about extremely important and sensitive areas of Naval research concerning nuclear submarine power and propulsion quieting technologies such as "QED" or Quiet Electric Drive.

- 3. Using the tasking lists received from the PRC, defendant CHI would collect from Power Paragon and other sources the requested technical information about the United States

 Navy's current fleet and about the Navy's plans for the future, some of which constituted defense articles.
- 4. Defendants CHI and REBECCA would store the information that defendant CHI collected from Power Paragon and other sources at their home, and would review the information, including defense articles, to select the material the PRC had requested.
- 5. Defendants CHI and REBECCA would copy the material intended for the PRC, including defense articles, onto CD-Rom disks. The CD-Rom disks would then be given to defendants TAI and BILLY.
- 6. Defendants TAI and BILLY would encrypt the material provided by defendants CHI and REBECCA, including defense articles, thus making it extremely difficult to decipher should the material fall into law enforcement's hands.

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7. Defendants TAI and FUK would hand-carry the encrypted material, including defense articles, to the PRC where it would be delivered to an unindicted co-conspirator working for the PRC.

C. OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the object of the conspiracy, defendants CHI, TAI, REBECCA, FUK, and BILLY, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed various overt acts within the Central District of California, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. On or before February 11, 2004, defendant CHI delivered to defendant TAI the DD(X) document.
- 2. On or about February 11, 2004, defendant TAI and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury encrypted the DD(X) Document for delivery to the PRC by defendants CHI and REBECCA.
- 3. On or about October 18, 2005, defendant FUK purchased two airline tickets, one for herself and one for defendant TAI, for travel to Hong Kong on October 28, 2005.
- 4. On or about October 19, 2005, defendant TAI telephoned an unindicted co-conspirator in the PRC and told the unindicted co-conspirator that he worked for "Red Flower of North America," that he was traveling to the PRC on October 28, 2005, and that he was bringing his "assistant."
- 5. On or about October 23, 2005, defendants CHI and REBECCA made three CD-Rom disks containing the material defendant CHI had collected, including copies of the QED Document and the Solid-State Document, which constituted defense articles.
 - 6. On or about October 23, 2005, defendants CHI and

REBECCA delivered to defendant TAI the three CD-Rom disks that contained the QED Document and the Solid-State Document.

- 7. On or about October 24, 2005, defendant TAI spoke to defendant BILLY over the telephone and asked him to purchase recordable CD-Rom disks for something that had to be done with them.
- 8. On or about October 25, 2005, defendant TAI told defendant BILLY the location of a computer diskette that contained a "key" or password for the encryption program.
- 9. On or about October 25, 2005, defendant BILLY used the "key" or password to encrypt the material on the three CD-Rom disks provided by defendants CHI and REBECCA, and copied the encrypted material, including encrypted versions of the QED Document and the Solid-State Document, onto a single CD-Rom disk.
- 10. On or about October 28, 2005, defendants TAI, FUK, and BILLY took a suitcase containing the encrypted CD-Rom disk wrapped in women's clothing to Los Angeles International Airport where TAI and FUK intended to take it with them when they boarded a flight to the PRC.

COUNT TWO

[22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c); 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1(a)(1), (d), 127.3]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles
Counties, within the Central District of California, defendant
CHI knowingly and willfully attempted to export from the United
States of America a defense article, namely, the Solid-State
Document, without first obtaining from the United States
Department of State a license or written authorization for such export.

COUNT THREE

[22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c); 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1(a)(1), (d), 127.3]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, defendant CHI knowingly and willfully attempted to export from the United States of America a defense article, namely, the QED Document, without first obtaining from the United States Department of State a license or written authorization for such export.

COUNT FOUR

[22 U.S.C. §§ 2778(b)(2), (c); 22 C.F.R. §§ 127.1(a)(1), (d), 127.3]

In or about March 2004, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, defendant CHI knowingly and willfully exported from the United States of America a defense article, namely, the DD(X) Document, without first obtaining from the United States Department of State a license or written authorization for such export.

COUNT FIVE

[18 U.S.C. § 957]

In or about October 2005, in Orange County, within the Central District of California, defendant TAI, in aid of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowingly and willfully possessed and controlled property, namely an IBM Thinkpad laptop computer, model no. 2647-4AH, serial no. 99-TKL05, equipped with encryption software and two floppy diskettes containing an encryption "key," for use with the encryption software, that was used and intended for use in violating 22 U.S.C. § 2778 and 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT SIX

[18 U.S.C. § 951]

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant CHI, knowingly acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowing that he had not given prior notification to the Attorney General of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT SEVEN

[18 U.S.C. § 951]

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant REBECCA knowingly acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowing that she had not given prior notification to the Attorney General of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT EIGHT

[18 U.S.C. § 951]

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant TAI knowingly acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowing that he had not given prior notification to the Attorney General of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT NINE

[18 U.S.C. § 951]

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant FUK knowingly acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowing that she had not given prior notification to the Attorney General of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT TEN

[18 U.S.C. § 951]

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about October 28, 2005, in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant BILLY knowingly acted in the United States as an agent of a foreign government, namely the People's Republic of China, knowing that he had not given prior notification to the Attorney General of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 951.

COUNT ELEVEN

[18 U.S.C. § 1001]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, defendant CHI knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations. More specifically, defendant CHI claimed that he had given documents relating to research for the United States Navy to defendant TAI so that TAI could select engineering books for CHI while TAI was in Hong Kong, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant CHI then well knew, he had given the documents to TAI for delivery to the government of the People's Republic of China.

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COUNT TWELVE

[18 U.S.C. § 1001]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, defendant REBECCA knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations. More specifically, defendant REBECCA denied knowing that CD-Rom disks containing material to be delivered to the People's Republic of China had been given to defendant TAI, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant REBECCA then well knew, the CD-Rom disks had been given to defendant TAI for delivery to the People's Republic of China.

COUNT THIRTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 1001]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, defendant TAI knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations. More specifically, defendant TAI denied knowing that the CD-Rom disk found in a suitcase belonging to TAI and FUK contained files consisting of documents given to him by CHI and REBECCA for delivery to the People's Republic of China, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant TAI then well knew, he had directed defendant BILLY to encrypt the files containing the documents onto the disk in preparation for taking the files to the People's Republic of China.

COUNT FOURTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 1001]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, defendant FUK knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations. More specifically, defendant FUK denied that she and defendant TAI were carrying, or had ever carried, documents or computer files to the People's Republic of China for defendant CHI, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant FUK LI then well knew, she and defendant TAI were carrying computer files to the People's Republic of China for defendant CHI on October 28, 2005, and had carried documents to the People's Republic of China for defendant CHI in the past.

COUNT FIFTEEN

[18 U.S.C. § 1001]

On or about October 28, 2005, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, defendant BILLY knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations. More specifically, defendant BILLY denied participating in the encryption of material contained on a CD-Rom disk recovered from luggage belonging to his parents, defendant TAI and defendant FUK, at the Los Angeles International Airport on October 28, 2005, when, in truth and in fact, as defendant BILLY then well knew, he had encrypted the material found on the CD-Rom disk.

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