1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
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3	MARY BERGHUIS, WARDEN, :
4	Petitioner :
5	v. : No. 08-1470
6	VAN CHESTER THOMPKINS :
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9	Monday, March 1, 2010
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12	argument before the Supreme Court of the United States
13	at 10:03 a.m.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(10:03 a.m.)
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: We'll hear
4	argument first this morning in case 08-1470,
5	Berghuis v. Thompkins.
6	Mr. Restuccia.
7	ORAL ARGUMENT OF B. ERIC RESTUCCIA
8	ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
9	MR. RESTUCCIA: Mr. Chief Justice, and may
10	it please the Court:
11	In rejecting Mr. Thompkins's Miranda claim
12	and ineffective assistance of counsel claim, the
13	Michigan courts did not unreasonably apply clearly
14	established Supreme Court precedent. I plan to focus on
15	the Miranda claim.
16	Now, with respect to the Miranda claim, there
17	really are two distinct inquiries at issue. The first
18	is whether Mr. Thompkins impliedly waived his rights
19	under the Fifth Amendment and, second, whether he
20	invoked his right to remain silent during a police
21	interview.
22	Regarding the waiver question, this Court
23	established in Butler that there may be an implied
24	waiver, even where a suspect remains silent after having
25	received his Miranda warnings, where that suspect

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knowingly receives his rights and there is a course of
 conduct that indicates waiver.
 The Michigan courts here did not
 unreasonably conclude that Mr. Thompkins had impliedly
 waived his rights where he expressly acknowledged his
 rights under -- from his form. After having read out loud

7 from that form, he participated in a limited fashion 8 during the interview.

9 JUSTICE GINSBURG: But he didn't -- he 10 didn't waive them. And quite unlike Butler -- Butler, 11 if I have it right, said, "I'll talk to you." So that 12 was a statement --

13 MR. RESTUCCIA: But --

JUSTICE GINSBURG: -- that he was waiving the right to remain silent. He volunteered to talk. Here there was no such indication that there was a waiver of his right to remain silent.

18 MR. RESTUCCIA: Although in Butler this Court noted that -- that Butler himself had remained 19 20 silent and did not answer the -- answer at all, or remained silent when asked whether he wished to waive 21 22 his right to counsel. So the -- the standard that was 23 established from which the Michigan courts relied is 24 really on this -- this language of the standard 25 established from Butler, that you can -- you can imply

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1 waiver from the knowing reception, and then a course of 2 conduct, because the -- the inference can be drawn from 3 the words and actions of the person interrogated. And 4 here --

5 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Could you tell me without more detail, which is what the circuit court 6 7 said, about what the limited responses -- I'm using your 8 word -- were. How do we -- how can we imply waiver? 9 MR. RESTUCCIA: Well --JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Meaning if all he said 10 was, yes, I want them in, that's much different than 11 12 saying, if someone had asked him, do you want to leave, 13 and he shakes his head no. The latter might imply to me that he waived, but the former certainly would be 14 15 neutral. 16 MR. RESTUCCIA: I have to

17 carefully delineate between waiver and invocation. So
18 here the waiver occurs at the time that he is asked the
19 series of questions: Do you believe in God? Do you
20 pray to God? Did you pray for forgiveness -21 JUSTICE BREYER: That happened about 2
22 hours and 15 minutes into the exercise, didn't it?

23 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's right. It happened 24 near the --

JUSTICE BREYER: Okay. So -- so what we

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have here is a course of conduct, 2 hours and 15 minutes
 of saying nothing.

3 MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, we -4 JUSTICE BREYER: Would you say that that's -- that's gone past the point where --5 MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, this -- if you're 6 looking at what has been clearly established for this 7 8 Court, this Court has never -- I mean, one of the 9 arguments raised against the position I'm 10 advocating is that there is an immediacy requirement. Well, this Court in Butler didn't say that the waiver 11 12 had to occur immediately. 13 JUSTICE BREYER: In Butler he said: I will talk to you, but I am not signing any forms. 14 15 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's right. But if you 16 look at what's the clearly established law -- this Court 17 identified the standard, what can be inferred from the words and actions of the person interrogated. And if 18 you look at what the two --19 20 JUSTICE BREYER: What they say is, "a course of conduct" -- we will not hold -- "This does not mean a 21 defendant's silence, coupled with an understanding and a 22 23 course of conduct indicating waiver, may never support a 24 conclusion...." 25 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right.

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1 JUSTICE BREYER: But the prosecution's 2 burden is great. 3 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. And if -- if you look at the two aspects of what constitutes a waiver, 4 5 it's knowing and intelligent, and voluntary. At the time that Mr. Thompkins gave his answer to that series б 7 of questions, there's nothing in the course of that 8 interview that suggested that no longer did he know that 9 he didn't have to answer questions. 10 JUSTICE BREYER: But going back to Justice Sotomayor's question, is there anything during the 2 11 hours and 15 minutes that could suggest a waiver? 12 13 MR. RESTUCCIA: The -- the -- the waiver occurs at the time that he answered the question. So the 14 answer is that he didn't waiver before then, but that --15 it still is evidence to show that that course -- that 16

17 nothing the police had done -- there were no threats --18 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So what do we do with our case law that says that you can't infer waiver 19 20 simply from the confession? 21 MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, the --I mean, we have said 22 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: 23 that. So that's pretty clearly established statement --

24 MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, the --

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1	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: by the Court.
2	MR. RESTUCCIA: The courts on direct review
3	have allowed where there's a knowing reception of
4	one's rights, have allowed the answers themselves to
5	provide the evidence that the person did waive his
6	rights. In fact
7	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Well, I think certainly
8	in in Butler, if someone in their confession says, I
9	know I don't have to talk to you, but I want to, that
10	that would be using those words.
11	MR. RESTUCCIA: But that would be
12	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So how can you say
13	MR. RESTUCCIA: That would be an express
14	waiver, though.
15	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: How can you say that
16	an appeal to someone's religious position after 2 and
17	a quarter hours is a voluntary waiver?
18	MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, if you look at what
19	this Court has provided in terms of guidance regarding
20	what constitutes a lengthy interrogation, Miranda notes
21	that a lengthy interrogation would be strong evidence
22	against there being a valid waiver. But what
23	this Court has determined to be a lengthy interrogation
24	were interrogations of much longer duration. In fact,
25	Miranda even talks about

1 JUSTICE GINSBURG: We didn't say -- we don't 2 have any decision that says the police are home free for 3 2 and a quarter hours. You said that that this was not 4 lengthy interrogation. 5 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. JUSTICE GINSBURG: But we -- we have no 6 7 decision that says that the police, faced with a silent 8 suspect, goes after that suspect, questioning him 9 incessantly for 2 and -- 2 hours and 15 minutes, that 10 that is not lengthy. MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, I think it's important 11 12 to remember that the factual record here was established 13 by the State court, and the factual record isn't that he 14 remained absolutely silent, but that he participated --15 JUSTICE GINSBURG: He said "yeah," "no," and "I don't know." 16 17 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. But he was 18 participating. There's a fundamental difference between remaining absolutely silent and participating --19 20 JUSTICE SCALIA: Wait. Do -- do we have any case that says that 2 and a quarter hours is too long? 21 22 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, and in fact --23 JUSTICE SCALIA: And that there can't be a 24 waiver after 2 and a quarter hours? 25 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, there's no case law to

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1 that effect. 2 JUSTICE SCALIA: And, therefore, there's no 3 clearly established Supreme Court law that 2 and a 4 quarter hours is too long. 5 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's the position that --6 JUSTICE SCALIA: Isn't that the name of the 7 game here? 8 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's the position --9 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Is there a clearly 10 established rule that in all of the circumstances of the case, we can find that there is coercion, time being one 11 12 aspect of those circumstances? 13 MR. RESTUCCIA: I think that's right. And what -- one of the --14 15 JUSTICE KENNEDY: And so that is a clearly established rule, and then it's a question whether 2 and 16 17 a half, 3 and a half, 4 and a half suffices. -18 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. The -- the case that I cited was Frazier v. Cupp, in which the interview 19 20 started at 5:00 p.m. and it finished at 6:45 p.m., and the Court called that an interrogation of short 21 22 duration. And it is important to remember that this 23 Court has stated expressly in Davis that once you have 24 knowingly received your rights, that the knowing 25 reception itself dispels the inherently coercive

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1 aspect --

2	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The question
3	JUSTICE KENNEDY: But your your position
4	is that if same facts, but it's 10 hours instead of
5	2 and a half, is that a closer case, at least? For
6	MR. RESTUCCIA: That's a very different
7	case, because there is case law like I cited Blackburn
8	was an interview that ran 8 or 9 hours, and this Court
9	found that that person was probably incompetent or
10	insane. But that duration is there's been guidance
11	about that kind of long duration, whereas in our
12	JUSTICE KENNEDY: And does that show that -
13	that the circumstances are coercive, so that even if there
14	were a waiver it would be
14 15	were a waiver it would be MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. That's the
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	NR. RESTUCCIA: Right. That's the suggestion from Miranda, that a lengthy interrogation preceding the waiver can suggest the waiver was not valid. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The question, of course, is not whether we think 2 and a quarter hours under all the circumstances is is too long under our
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. That's the suggestion from Miranda, that a lengthy interrogation preceding the waiver can suggest the waiver was not valid. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The question, of course, is not whether we think 2 and a quarter hours under all the circumstances is is too long under our precedent. The question is, instead, whether it would be

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1 Michigan in applying the implied waiver doctrine to 2 indicate that the implied waiver couldn't come after 2 3 hours and 15 minutes of interaction in which it concluded that the -- that the suspect had been a 4 5 willing participant. The testimony from detective Helgert, which -- he was the only person to testify at б 7 the evidentiary hearing, is that --8 JUSTICE BREYER: I thought Miranda held that you can't question a person unless he waives his right. 9 10 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, Miranda in fact talks 11 about --12 JUSTICE BREYER: You can question him even 13 after he -- it's clear that he hadn't waived his right. Is that -- that's Miranda? Or at least that's unclear? 14 15 Is that --MR. RESTUCCIA: Warnings -- warnings is a 16 17 prerequisite to questioning, but the waiver is not. In 18 fact --JUSTICE BREYER: No, I'm not talking about 19 the waiver. I'm saying, imagine that it's clear that a 20 person hasn't waived his right. Now let's suppose he 21 22 says, "I do not waive my right." Okay? 23 Now, is it clear law that once he says "I do 24 not waive my right," the police cannot continue to 25 question him?

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1	MR. RESTUCCIA: If there is a
2	JUSTICE BREYER: Is that clear law, yes or
3	no?
4	MR. RESTUCCIA: Yes, that if there is
5	JUSTICE BREYER: Okay, yes. If that's clear
6	law, would you say that at some point before the 2 hours
7	and 15 minutes expires where they're continuously asking
8	him questions and he says nothing, that it has become
9	clear that he has not waived his right?
10	MR. RESTUCCIA: No. The factual record
11	JUSTICE BREYER: For the question is not
12	this. The question is whether, after 2 hours and
13	15 minutes of silence, it is clear it's nothing about
14	Supreme Court law. Supreme Court law is clear: You
15	cannot question him after he makes clear he hasn't
16	waived his right. So then the question becomes, is it
17	reasonable for a State court to say after 2 hours and
18	15 minutes of asking questions and he says nothing, is
19	it reasonable to hold that he has not conclude that
20	he has not waived his rights? Is that the question?
21	MR. RESTUCCIA: Yes. The question as I see
22	it is that let me see if I understand. Let me see if
23	I understand your question. There's a difference
24	between refusing to waive, saying I will not waive my
25	rights. Essentially if you make it an expressed statement

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1 that you are unwilling to waive, then essentially it is 2 in that case -- I want to keep this separate, but that 3 would be an invocation: I do not wish to answer your questions. If you make a crystal-clear statement like 4 5 that, it's a different question. б But here Mr. Thompkins didn't say he was 7 unwilling to waive. He's participating. Now, you 8 suggest that there was silence --9 JUSTICE KENNEDY: You're saying there's a 10 difference between a waiver and a failure to assert? MR. RESTUCCIA: Yes, exactly. Here -- the 11 12 fact pattern here is he did not say "I am unwilling to 13 waive, I do not wish this interview to go forward." He 14 doesn't do that. He just doesn't assert --15 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: You want to change the Miranda rule to say: Tell someone their rights, and 16 17 unless they explicitly say "I don't want to talk to you," then they implicitly under virtually any 18 circumstance haven't. That's what you believe the rule 19 20 in Miranda and Butler and Davis sets forth? MR. RESTUCCIA: Butler states that where 21 22 there was silence after the provision of the Miranda 23 warnings, silence, that where the subsequent conduct, 24 where knowing reception of rights and the course of 25 conduct indicates waiver --

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1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: There wasn't -- there wasn't 2 silence in Butler. There was an express "I want to 3 talk to you." MR. RESTUCCIA: I understand that's the facts 4 5 of Butler. But the standards by which all the courts are operating, including the Michigan court, are the 6 7 standards articulated by Butler. Butler says that the 8 waiver can be inferred from the words and actions of the person interrogated, indicating that the --9 10 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: My -- but we go back to the point you made earlier. Your position is the moment 11 12 that someone confesses, that's an implicit waiver. 13 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, because there could have been actions taken by the police during the course of 14 15 this interview. There were no threats. There were no improper promises. 16 JUSTICE SCALIA: I don't understand how this 17 person could just sit there for 2 hours and didn't want 18 to be interrogated and doesn't say: You know, I don't 19 20 want to answer your questions. He just sits there, and some questions he doesn't answer. And he does make a 21 22 few comments, anyway. 23 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's right. 24 JUSTICE SCALIA: Why shouldn't we have a 25 rule which simply says if you don't want to be

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interrogated, all you have to say is "I don't want to answer your questions"?

MR. RESTUCCIA: Mr. Thompkins -JUSTICE SCALIA: That's nice and clear,
wouldn't be any problem at all. That was never said
here. He, in fact, submitted to having these questions
asked of him.

8 MR. RESTUCCIA: I think that that kind of 9 cuts to the nub of what Miranda says. Miranda says that 10 ultimately the statement has to be the free election of the suspect. And here when Mr. Thompkins answered the 11 12 series of questions, he knew that he didn't have to 13 answer those questions, and nothing the police had done during the course of the interview had undermined the 14 provision of rights, because it's those two aspects 15 which are the core, the knowing and intelligent and when 16 17 it's voluntary. Nothing the police had done had 18 undermined --

JUSTICE SCALIA: Why should the police have to play this game of, you know, an hour and a half, 2 hours, 2 hours and 15 minutes, 5 hours, 7 hours? Why don't we have just a clear rule: You're read your rights; if you don't want to be questioned all you have to say is: I don't want to be questioned.

25 MR. RESTUCCIA: I think that's right, that here

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1 Mr. Thompkins at any point could have said: I want 2 to stop" --

3 JUSTICE BREYER: What would you do with Miranda's statement "But a valid waiver will not be 4 5 presumed simply from the silence of the accused" -- I grant you, as modified in Butler to say that the State 6 7 has a heavy burden of showing that the silence followed 8 by a confession -- the State has a heavy burden of 9 showing that that is an affirmative waiver. Now, those 10 I think are the two statements of law, the third being that after, if there is no waiver, the police cannot 11 12 continue to question. Now, I thought that was the clear 13 law. 14 MR. RESTUCCIA: It's a --15 JUSTICE BREYER: I grant you, you might argue 16 for a change in the law. 17 MR. RESTUCCIA: But -- but this language from

18 Miranda that says the silence of the accused after warnings are given would not be sufficient, that's 19 20 right, but Butler then fully explained. And think about the State courts are coming in that they then -- this 21 22 Court then made clear that even silence after having 23 received Miranda warnings -- that if you knowingly 24 receive your rights and there is a course of conduct 25 that indicates waiver, that there can be a waiver.

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That's exactly what the Federal courts have done on
 direct review.

Now, thinking about the Michigan courts and trying to determine what's -- how these rules are to be applied, the Federal courts have found, in the absence of a waiver, where a suspect knowingly receives his rights and then answers questions implicating himself, that the answers themselves can serve as the basis for the finding of a waiver.

10 That's what the -- the conclusion that Mr. Thompkins waived here is a reasonable one. It's not 11 objectively unreasonable. And, of course, you have to 12 13 recall the overarching habeas law that governs this, that not just does a Michigan court decision have to 14 15 be incorrect, it has to be objectively unreasonable. JUSTICE SCALIA: Is there any difference 16 17 between -- between waiving your right and a failure to 18 assert your right? MR. RESTUCCIA: Yes, there is a difference, 19 20 that here Mr. Thompkins did not assert his right. He did not --21 22 JUSTICE SCALIA: Is every failure to assert 23 a waiver? 24 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, because at the point --

25 the point at which Mr. Thompkins waived is when he acts

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1 inconsistent with the exercise of his rights. When he 2 answers questions knowing that he doesn't have to 3 answer, that is the waiver. 4 JUSTICE SCALIA: What about before that? What is happening before that? 5 6 MR. RESTUCCIA: Before -- in that --7 JUSTICE SCALIA: He hasn't asserted his 8 right. I mean, he hasn't said I --MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. So what happens is 9 he has not waived and he has not invoked. 10 JUSTICE SCALIA: He has done neither. 11 12 MR. RESTUCCIA: He has does neither. 13 JUSTICE SCALIA: He has neither waived nor 14 asserted. MR. RESTUCCIA: And there's nothing -- the 15 way the Miranda rule works is that the waiver is a -- is 16 17 a prerequisite for the -- for admission of the evidence, but 18 not for the interrogation itself. So what happens is the -well, if there are no further questions, I'd like to 19 reserve my remaining time for rebuttal. 20 21 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel. 22 Ms. Saharsky. 23 ORAL ARGUMENT OF NICOLE A. SAHARSKY 24 ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, 25 AS AMICUS CURIAE SUPPORTING PETITIONER

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1 MS. SAHARSKY: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it 2 please the Court:

3 Respondent's confession was properly admitted at his trial. I'd like to go right to some 4 5 of the questions that this Court had about the language б that was used in the Miranda decision and in the Butler 7 decision. Both -- all of this language comes up in 8 Butler. Now, Butler was a case not about the waiver of 9 the right to silence, but a waiver of the right to 10 counsel. So the suspect said "I will talk to you," but the North Carolina Supreme Court said: Well, we don't 11 12 know if he waived his right to counsel, and that's why 13 the court got into a question of implied waiver. 14

So the Court in its analysis in Butler first reviewed this language that the Court has talked about this morning from Miranda that says "A valid waiver will not be presumed simply from the silence of the accused or simply from the fact that a confession was in fact eventually obtained."

20 And this is our understanding of that language: 21 First, it is not the case that a failure to invoke Miranda 22 rights will be taken in the Miranda context as a waiver. 23 Now, Justice Scalia, I think you 24 alluded to the fact that the normal rule for the Fifth 25 Amendment at trial is that you assert your rights or

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1 they are waived. But Miranda's an exception to that, 2 that the failure to assert we are not going to take as a 3 waiver. The government has to do something more. 4 JUSTICE KENNEDY: So do you read -- yes. So 5 do you read Miranda as saying that there cannot be questioning unless there is a waiver? 6 Then we'll go 7 on to -- or do you --8 MS. SAHARSKY: No. 9 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Okay, you do not. 10 MS. SAHARSKY: No. JUSTICE KENNEDY: So are you going to go on --11 12 because this is right where you are. Are you going to go on 13 to say that, in the Miranda context, the failure to assert 14 can -- can suffice to allow the questioning to proceed? 15 MS. SAHARSKY: As long as the warnings are given, the accused has been told of his rights, and that 16 17 the police will respect his rights, and questioning can 18 proceed. The Court said in Davis and said in other cases, Moran versus Burbine, that the primary protection 19 20 afforded by Miranda is to level the playing field by letting the accused know of his rights and that the 21 22 police will respect them. And after the point that he 23 gets his rights and understands them, the police can 24 question him. You'd have to overrule Butler to say that 25 there has to be a waiver before any questioning.

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1	Just to get back to the second thing that
2	the Court said in Miranda that was picked up in Butler,
3	it said: We are not going to assume that there is a
4	waiver simply from the fact that a confession was
5	eventually obtained; there is a burden on the
6	government.
7	And the way that we understand that is that
8	the government can't just go into court and say: Look,
9	we have a confession; we know he waived his rights.
10	JUSTICE KENNEDY: But why isn't that
11	language that you quote a negative inference that there
12	must be a waiver?
13	MS. SAHARSKY: Well, if you look back at the
14	language the other language in Miranda, it says that a
15	waiver is a prerequisite to the admission of the
16	evidence at trial. We know that to be able to use that
17	evidence we have to know that he made a knowing and
18	intelligent and voluntary decision to talk. But that
19	he that doesn't mean he has to make the decision to
20	talk right away. He might want to listen to what the
21	police have to say about the benefits of cooperation or
22	the evidence that they have in his case. And that
23	those are the kinds of things the police could say that
24	could be understood to be custodial interrogation.
25	JUSTICE KENNEDY: So there's a difference

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between waiving at the time of the interrogation and
 then waiving it at the time of trial? I don't
 understand that.

MS. SAHARSKY: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to 4 suggest that. What I'm saying is at the time the 5 Respondent makes his statements, that waiver -- there has 6 7 to be a waiver and it has to be a knowing, intelligent, 8 and voluntary one. That at the time he makes his 9 statement -- here when he admitted that he shot the boy 10 down, he had to understand what his rights were and there had -- those statements had to not be the result 11 12 of police coercion.

And no court here has found that they were the result of police coercion. There is no question about voluntariness here.

16 So what we understand this language in 17 Butler to mean about an implied waiver is the fact of a 18 confession itself is not enough to show the government has met its burden. When the Court talked about a 19 20 course of conduct, it talked about the same standard that it's always used in the Miranda context, that came 21 22 up again recently in this Court's decision in Shatzer, 23 which is that the ultimate question is a knowing, 24 intelligent, and voluntary waiver.

The course of conduct doesn't mean anything

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Official 1 more than that. It means that at the time the guy spoke --2 JUSTICE STEVENS: But in this case, it was 3 the fact of the concession -- the confession that 4 constituted the waiver. 5 MS. SAHARSKY: That shows that he decided to 6 7 talk, but the confession itself isn't enough. We needed to have -- the State needed to have evidence that he 8 understood his rights, which he said he did, and that there 9 10 was -- that the confession was not the product of police 11 coercion. 12 And I think that that comes through directly in the language that's at issue in Butler. The Court 13 said "an express written or oral statement of waiver" --14 15 to remain silent or the right to counsel -- "is strong proof of the validity of the waiver but not inevitably necessary 16 The question is not one of form, but whether the 17 defendant, in fact, knowingly and voluntarily waived the 18 rights delineated in Miranda." 19 JUSTICE KENNEDY: But I just want to make 20 21 sure where we are. 22 MS. SAHARSKY: Yes. 23 JUSTICE KENNEDY: You're not -- you're conceding, it seems to me, that there must be a waiver? 24

25 MS. SAHARSKY: Before the evidence can be

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1 admitted at trial. JUSTICE KENNEDY: I just don't understand --2 3 why -- why can't --4 MS. SAHARSKY: Okay. It's --5 JUSTICE KENNEDY: We have to guide the police. б 7 MS. SAHARSKY: Yes. JUSTICE KENNEDY: Why don't we tell the 8 police, there must be a waiver before you can continue 9 10 to interrogate? MS. SAHARSKY: That would -- that would 11 12 exact a substantial price on law enforcement, and that's 13 the exact argument that Justice Brennan made in the 14 Butler case that was rejected. He was in dissent in 15 that case. He said the police should always have to --16 have to seek a waiver before they interrogate. 17 JUSTICE KENNEDY: I don't know why you 18 didn't answer Justice Stevens's questions by saying, Justice Stevens, I don't care about waiver. There was 19 20 no -- there was no assertion of the right. 21 But you're not saying that. You are 22 admitting there has to be a waiver. MS. SAHARSKY: Yes. To admit the evidence 23 at trial, there has to be a waiver. 24 25 JUSTICE BREYER: Why do you say it would

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1 change the police's behavior? Inbau and Reid and, you 2 know, the -- the NAC -- the Defense Lawyers' brief here is 3 filled with quotations from typical police manuals, and they all seem to say things like you have to have at --4 5 once the waiver is given, the police may proceed with interrogation. That seems to be what police today are 6 7 instructed across the country. 8 It says you cannot question people until he indicates after the warning is given a willingness to 9 10 answer questions. That's the police manual. So why do you say this would extract a price 11 12 on law enforcement when the typical police manuals seem 13 to say what the Petitioner here is saying? MS. SAHARSKY: Not every police --14 JUSTICE BREYER: I mean the Respondent. 15 16 MS. SAHARSKY: -- manual says that. That 17 brief itself cites many examples going both ways. 18 It is often the case, and it is often the case in Federal law enforcement, that the police try to 19 20 seek a waiver immediately after giving rights because we want to avoid the problems of proof that come up at 21 22 trial if we don't have a written waiver. 23 JUSTICE BREYER: Which -- which are the 24 police manuals that go your way? Because I want to look 25 at those, too.

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1	MS. SAHARSKY: I'm sorry, I don't I don't
2	have the specific citations from the brief. I I know
3	from asking the Federal law enforcement agencies DHS,
4	the FBI, and the DEA that the DEA does not invariably
5	seek a waiver and that we don't understand that we need
б	to get an immediate waiver.
7	And, again, that was what Justice Brennan
8	said in in dissent in Butler, is that the police should have
9	to seek an immediate waiver. And the Court said, no,
10	the Fifth Amendment right is compel about compelled
11	statements being introduced at trial. We don't need
12	this protection, that the police have to seek an immediate
13	waiver. In fact, if you adopted a rule like that, it
14	would essentially take any burden off the suspect to
15	invoke his rights.
16	He wouldn't need to invoke his rights,
17	because the police would just if the police didn't
18	seek a waiver.
19	JUSTICE SCALIA: Well, you're saying
20	there there's a difference, I I assume, between
21	not waiving and positively asserting your right not to
22	be interrogated?
23	MS. SAHARSKY: That's exactly right. If the
24	person
25	JUSTICE SCALIA: So, if if he had here

1 he simply refused to sign the -- the Miranda form, 2 right? 3 MS. SAHARSKY: That's right. JUSTICE SCALIA: Which would have -- which 4 would been the -- the waiver. And -- and you're saying 5 it's his later behavior that -- that showed that, in 6 7 fact, he waived. What if instead of just refusing to 8 sign, he had said, I do not want to be interrogated? 9 MS. SAHARSKY: Then the interrogation stops. 10 JUSTICE SCALIA: Okay. 11 MS. SAHARSKY: And that --12 JUSTICE SCALIA: So -- so he has the right 13 to terminate the whole thing by asserting his right. If he neither asserts the right nor grants the waiver, the 14 police can continue to try to obtain a statement from 15 16 him? 17 MS. SAHARSKY: Right. A contrary rule would 18 have to overrule Butler, because the Court said you can clearly infer waiver from the actions and words of the 19 20 person interrogated. That assumes that the person is being interrogated. Just to talk a minute about the --21 22 JUSTICE KENNEDY: But there also assumes 23 there has to be a waiver. 24 MS. SAHARSKY: Yes, at the time that the 25 person makes the inculpatory statements that are going

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1 at be introduced at trial, it must be the case that he 2 decided he was going to talk to the police knowingly, 3 intelligently, and voluntarily.

JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Excuse me. As I read this transcript, the police's tactic, by their own statement, was to approach him and say: This is our evidence. Explain yourself -- that's the words the officer used -- but he's entitled to an alternative explanation. Tell us.

10 What's clear is that at no point did he 11 answer those questions, because nothing about the nods 12 of the head or anything else showed a willingness to 13 confess.

And even in the responses he gave, he answered a series of questions with a "yes," but not with an explanation, which was what was being requested.

17 So my question is, how does one infer a 18 voluntary statement from a situation in which someone's 19 really not talking? I've never understood how a yes or 20 a nod to questions that don't -- that's what the circuit 21 said, to questions that we don't know what they were 22 about -- do you want a mint or not, I don't even know 23 that -- can reflect voluntariness?

And I understand that in Butler when someone says I don't want to sign that, but I'm going to spill

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1 my guts now, and does, that's a course of conduct one 2 could view as voluntary.

3 MS. SAHARSKY: Right. And we say that the waiver occurred at the time he answered the questions 4 5 about his belief in God. And it doesn't matter what he said in response to the earlier questions, as long as at the 6 7 time that he answered questions about God, his decision 8 to talk was a knowing and intelligent and voluntary one. 9 JUSTICE SCALIA: Unless, I assume, that you -- you -- you acknowledge that if the interrogation 10 had go on -- had gone on for so long that it had become 11 coercive, then that -- that -- that last statement would 12 13 not -- would not be a voluntary waiver. MS. SAHARSKY: That's right. But Respondent 14 made a voluntariness argument throughout all of the 15 courts in this case, and every court has rejected it. 16 17 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, Ms. Saharsky. 18 19 Ms. Jacobs. 20 ORAL ARGUMENT OF ELIZABETH L. JACOBS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT 21 MS. JACOBS: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it 22 23 please the Court: 24 When I review Miranda, I find language from 25 Miranda that says that you have to have a -- an advice

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1 of rights and a waiver before you question. And I just 2 want to direct the Court to page 475 of Miranda: 3 Requirement of warnings and waiver is a fundamental aspect of the Fifth Amendment privilege and not simply a 4 5 preliminary ritual to existing interrogation methods. 6 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: What happens when 7 you read Butler? 8 MS. JACOBS: Butler, I think, is an 9 interesting case, because Butler is mostly aimed at the 10 right to counsel. When you talk about the right to counsel and the right to remain silent, you have really 11 12 two different kinds of rights. And there's an 13 assertion requirement in the right to counsel. You can't exercise that right without getting some help from 14 15 the police. But the right to remain silent -- we don't 16 17 require that it be asserted. It is a presumption. And 18 that presumption remains. 19 JUSTICE ALITO: Your argument is that you can infer waiver of the right to counsel from conduct, 20 but you can't infer waiver of the right to remain silent 21 22 from conduct? MS. JACOBS: Essentially, yes. 23 24 JUSTICE KENNEDY: What's your best authority 25 for that proposition?

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1	MS. JACOBS: Let me make sure that I that
2	I said yes to the right thing.
3	You can I do you can take an implied
4	waiver of the of the right to silence. I I do
5	agree with that. And I look at the cases that have been
б	cited, and I know that there are three kinds of examples.
7	One is the person walks into the police
8	Station, and he says I want to confess. That's a
9	voluntary confession. You don't have to assert
10	anything. He's he's going to confess.
11	If you have a steady stream of speech in
12	which he says, I don't want to talk but I'll tell you
13	about this, again, you have somebody acting voluntarily.
14	Someone who says I'll only talk about drugs
15	but I'm not going to talk about murder he's implied
16	he's waived his right to that.
17	But in this case, when you look at this
18	case, the key issue really is was it volitional? What
19	fact would lead a court to decide that there that my
20	client
21	JUSTICE ALITO: So, basically what you're
22	saying is that if the defendant here had said at the
23	beginning, I don't know whether I I want to talk
24	to you or not, but I'm going to listen to your questions
25	and I might answer some and I might answer others that

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1 would be a different case?

2 MS. JACOBS: Yes, absolutely. You have an 3 implied waiver.

4 JUSTICE ALITO: And where is there -- what 5 Supreme Court case establishes the distinction between 6 those two situations clearly?

MS. JACOBS: Well, Davis is a case that talks about the assertion of the right to counsel, but does not apply to the right to remain silent. So I think as long as you still have the presumption of -the presumption of the privilege against

12 self-incrimination as a presumptive right, the police 13 have to do something to move you off square one in order 14 to make it voluntary.

Am I answering your question, Justice Alito?
JUSTICE ALITO: I'm not sure I really
understand.

JUSTICE SCALIA: It depends on what you -what you need to make "it," it depends on what "it" is. If -- if you mean the ultimate confession, I think I don't agree. Ultimately, if he confesses and hasn't been coerced, it's voluntary.

But if by the "it" you mean to make the continuation of the interrogation voluntary, that's a different question. And I don't know that our cases

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1 establish that you cannot continue the interrogation 2 until there has been a waiver. 3 MS. JACOBS: Well, Justice Scalia, I just read you page 475 from Miranda that says the requirement 4 5 is warnings and waiver, and that's not, as they said, a preliminary ritual. That means more. Seibert -- and I 6 7 know it's a preliminary -- a plurality --8 JUSTICE SCALIA: But does that make it clear that -- that there has to be a waiver before the 9 interrogation can continue? And if it does, how does it 10 square with Butler? 11 12 MS. JACOBS: Again, Butler is really a right 13 to counsel case. JUSTICE SCALIA: They're both under --14 they're both under Miranda. Both of those rights are 15 Miranda rights. 16 17 MS. JACOBS: In Butler the -- the waiver, 18 the voluntary act of the person being interrogated really occurred very, very early. There wasn't any kind 19 20 of a gap. He said, I don't -- I believe he said, I don't want to -- I don't want to do something in 21 22 writing, but I'll talk to you. 23 Now, that is a voluntary act: I'm going to 24 talk to you. That is clearly a waiver. That isn't 25 what we've got in this case. You have a young man who is

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1 sitting in a chair, looking at the ground; he's sullen. 2 The only time he looks at the officer is when the 3 officer directs him to look. 4 JUSTICE ALITO: I thought your answer was 5 that there does not have to be a waiver before 6 questioning can occur. 7 MS. JACOBS: No, there must be a waiver. 8 There's no such thing as --9 JUSTICE ALITO: There must be --10 JUSTICE BREYER: Well, Miranda does not say I mean, I think -- I think that Justice Scalia is 11 that. 12 right on that, that Miranda doesn't say you can't 13 question him. The pages that you read to us say that if you have a lengthy questioning, then the fact that he 14 15 then gives a statement cannot be taken as a -- cannot be 16 admitted. That's -- that's what it seems to say on page 476 --17 18 MS. JACOBS: Okay. JUSTICE BREYER: -- in the absence of some 19 20 special circumstance. MS. JACOBS: In this case, because it went --21 22 because the interrogation lasted so long --23 JUSTICE BREYER: Am I right? I mean Miranda 24 does not explicitly say that you cannot continue 25 questioning. Am I right about that?

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1	MS. JACOBS: Um
2	JUSTICE BREYER: I'm asking because I don't
3	know. I didn't see it in the
4	MS. JACOBS: And I and I want to answer
5	you with what what I read. "The requirement of warnings
б	and waiver is fundamental." My argument is that you cannot
7	continue to question someone who has not waived the
8	right, that there's
9	JUSTICE ALITO: So, what if the person says:
10	I'm not waiving, but I'm not saying that I will never
11	waive. I'll listen to your questions.
12	MS. JACOBS: I think you've got a waiver.
13	JUSTICE ALITO: When he says
14	MS. JACOBS: You've got a waiver.
15	JUSTICE ALITO: I'm not waiving?
16	MS. JACOBS: But he's willing to talk to the
17	police. In my case, Mr. Thompkins was unwilling. He
18	could he would not look at anybody. He would not
19	answer questions. We don't know what the "I don't know"
20	and the "yeah" was to. So that's a very my case is a
21	very different case than what you are proposing. There
22	is no willingness to engage with the police; there is, in
23	fact, this feeling that there is coercion going on. The
24	longer that interrogation
25	JUSTICE ALITO: Can I interrupt? Before I

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1 can understand your case, I would like to understand 2 this hypothetical. If the person says: I'm not waiving, 3 but I'm not telling you that I won't waive at some point 4 in the future. I'll listen to your questions. 5 MS. JACOBS: I think he is engaging in a б conversation. 7 JUSTICE ALITO: That's a waiver. 8 MS. JACOBS: I think he's engaging in a 9 conversation with the police and that the police at that 10 point can continue to talk. But that isn't what happened in this case. There was no indication by my 11 12 client that he wanted to listen, that he wanted to talk. 13 The longer that interrogation lasted, the more --14 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Well, he -- he didn't say anything. You -- I think you could say that his conduct 15 implied the very kind of statement that Justice Alito 16 17 suggested in his hypothetical: I'll listen to you guys for a while. 18 MS. JACOBS: What is key, I think, in your 19 -- in your hypothetical and in Justice Alito's 20 hypothetical, is that you have a defendant that feels 21 22 comfortable, that is not being oppressed by this 23 coercive atmosphere. My client did not engage in 24 anything, and the longer he sat there, the greater the 25 chances that anything he said was the product of

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1 coercion.

2 JUSTICE STEVENS: May I -- just refresh my 3 recollection. In the record in this case, do we know whether he said he understood his rights? 4 5 MS. JACOBS: Justice Stevens, that's kind of iffy. The police officer --6 JUSTICE STEVENS: Because that was present 7 8 in Butler. MS. JACOBS: Yes, the police officer in this 9 case said either "I don't remember whether I asked him" or 10 "I think he nodded that he understood." I don't think 11 12 we've got a real solid proof of that. 13 JUSTICE SCALIA: It was read to him. MS. JACOBS: Yes, it was read to him. 14 JUSTICE SCALIA: And they had him read a 15 16 portion of the Miranda warning. 17 MS. JACOBS: I don't think they had him read a portion --18 19 JUSTICE SCALIA: Huh? 20 MS. JACOBS: -- Justice Scalia. JUSTICE SCALIA: What? 21 22 JUSTICE KENNEDY: I thought, in order to test 23 his knowledge of English, they asked him to read one or two 24 paragraphs. 25 MS. JACOBS: Okay.

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1 JUSTICE SCALIA: Yes, they had him read --2 MS. JACOBS: I guess it was just that 3 they didn't ask him to write anything, so that they didn't know whether he could write in English. Yes, 4 5 Justice Scalia, you're correct. б JUSTICE SCALIA: So I -- boy, I -- what more 7 do you need? 8 MS. JACOBS: You need --9 JUSTICE SCALIA: I mean, he -- he's 10 listening when -- when they read it to him. He -- he -he can read it himself. 11 MS. JACOBS: You are presuming that a 12 13 defendant thinks that they've got the kind of power to look at a police officer and say, "I don't want to talk 14 15 to you. Remove me." JUSTICE SCALIA: Maybe -- maybe he doesn't 16 want to talk for the moment, but he does want to listen. 17 18 I'm not sure you're doing defendants a great -- a great I mean, some of them might want to listen to --19 favor. 20 to the police telling them, you know, by the way, your co-conspirator is singing like a bird and he's trying to 21 22 pin it all on you, and maybe, you know, if -- if you don't want to get left holding the bag, maybe you'd better 23 24 to talk to us and tell us what really happened. 25 I'm not sure that -- that if I were there,

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1 even if I didn't want to talk right now, I might still 2 want to listen, which is apparently what this -- what 3 this person did. He could have said, I don't want to --4 I don't want talk. 5 And it -- and it would have ended. That would have been an assertion of his right. He didn't 6 7 assert his right, but --8 MS. JACOBS: What --9 JUSTICE SCALIA: -- he -- he sat there and listened. Now, maybe he wanted to find out what the 10 police would have to say to him. 11 12 MS. JACOBS: There is nothing in -- on this 13 record that indicates that he wanted to listen to them 14 as opposed to what Justice Alito's hypothetical is, where the gentleman says: Well, I'm not going to say 15 16 anything, but I want to hear what you have to say. We 17 don't have that here. 18 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, we have it to the extent that he was told he had right to remain 19 20 silent and he didn't say, I'm not going to talk to you. 21 MS. JACOBS: There's no clearly established 22 law that says that he has to assert his right to remain 23 silent. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Is it there any 24 25 clearly established law the other way, which is the

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1 pertinent question?

2 MS. JACOBS: I think that because there is 3 the presumption of the -- the privilege is a presumptive right, that he does not have to assert it. This is --4 5 this is -- the right, or the privilege against self-incrimination, the constitutional command, is the 6 7 one right that really defines our criminal justice 8 system. It means that you cannot talk to -- the police 9 do not have the right to talk to the defendant. It 10 makes us an accusatorial system --CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: We're not talking 11 12 -- we're not talking about the Fifth Amendment right. 13 We're talking about the Miranda warnings. There's no 14 issue of voluntariness in this case. Right? 15 MS. JACOBS: Well, when --CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: There's no 16 17 suggestion that there's -- that the statements are not 18 voluntary. The suggestion is that they may have 19 violated Miranda. 20 MS. JACOBS: Right. That's correct. But if you are going to adopt the suggestion of the government 21 22 that you do pre-interrogation waiver, which I think is 23 what we're talking about -- that is, you don't give him 24 his rights and then you can just talk and talk 25 until you are blue in the face, that that ends up being

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1 a more coercive situation than we have now. 2 This is the kind of situation that could 3 have been easily resolved just by the officer asking Mr. 4 Thompkins, do you want to talk to us? Instead, once 5 they establish --CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: What if he said, do 6 7 you want to remain silent? 8 MS. JACOBS: He could -- that's fine. 9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And he doesn't 10 answer either one. 11 MS. JACOBS: Then -- then he's not 12 cooperating. He's not waiving his rights. It's not 13 voluntary. Take him back to the cell, that's it. 14 Because the police --15 JUSTICE GINSBURG: Then you're saying then 16 that the defendant has to -- never has to invoke his 17 right? That --18 MS. JACOBS: The state of the -- the state of the law is a defendant does not have to invoke his 19 20 right to remain silent. Davis is the invocation case; it applies to the second stage of -- of the 21 22 interrogation. And it has to do with --23 JUSTICE GINSBURG: Was the Miranda warning 24 adequate in this case? He got the four warnings, but 25 then, unlike some police forms that then ask the

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1	defendant, do you waive your rights, this form never					
2	asked, did you waive your rights? It just said: Do you					
3	acknowledge that we have informed you of your rights?					
4	MS. JACOBS: That's correct, Justice					
5	Ginsburg. That's all that form said. And what the					
б	officer said is once Mr. Thompkins would not sign it, he					
7	then moved into interview mode. There was no					
8	further if this was an ambiguous act to him, then the					
9	officer should have asked a clarifying question.					
10	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: You say you don't					
11	have to invoke your rights, but Butler also says that					
12	you can impliedly waive them. You don't have to					
13	expressly waive them.					
14	MS. JACOBS: I'm saying you don't have to					
15	invoke the right to remain silent, that that's not the					
16	state of the law, that only the right to remain I'm					
17	sorry the right to counsel must be invoked.					
18	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Right. So the					
19	question under AEDPA you agree there can be an implied					
20	waiver; that's what Butler says, right? So the question					
21	under AEDPA is whether the State court was unreasonable					
22	to determine that there was an implied waiver on these					
23	facts?					
24	MS. JACOBS: The State actually found two					
25	I think you're saying that there was an objectively					

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1	unreasonable determination of the facts in this case?
2	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Yes.
3	MS. JACOBS: And I think that
4	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Maybe.
5	MS. JACOBS: It's one way or the other.
б	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Right.
7	MS. JACOBS: And I think clearly that there
8	that there were facts that the Michigan Court of
9	Appeals found that were not supported by the record and
10	were objectively unreasonable.
11	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: What are those?
12	MS. JACOBS: The Sixth Circuit found that
13	when the Michigan Court of Appeals said the defendant
14	continued to talk with officers, the Sixth Circuit said
15	that that was an objectively unreasonable finding
16	because there was no continuation, there was no talking.
17	They also found unreasonable that the defendant talked
18	with officers sporadically. The Sixth Circuit said that
19	that was a misrepresentation of the record.
20	The last fact that they talked about is the
21	Michigan Court of Appeals said that the defendant made
22	eye contact several times or a number of times. And the
23	Sixth Circuit said, quote this is what the they
24	said that that was incorrect. What the officer said at
25	the hearing is that eye contact came only at the end,

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1 one of the very -- one of the very first times came only 2 at the end. 3 So -- but those are important facts. The fact that he was not continuing to talk -- he wasn't 4 5 talking at all. How do you find this -- this voluntariness, that the rights are waived --6 7 JUSTICE SCALIA: Of course, those facts are 8 relevant only if we accept your -- your principal assertion, 9 which is that you -- you don't have to invoke the right and 10 interrogation must cease immediately. If we agree with that, then all of these facts become relevant. But if 11 12 we think that, until you invoke the right, the police can 13 continue to ask you questions and it's up to you to answer or not, then those facts are really not relevant 14 15 at all, are they? 16 I think that's true. 17 MS. JACOBS: I don't want to say it's true 18 _ _ 19 JUSTICE SCALIA: It wasn't meant to be a trick question. 20 MS. JACOBS: -- just because you are asking 21 22 it. If you invoke those -- if you invoke -- if 23 24 you hold that he has to invoke those rights. 25 JUSTICE SCALIA: On your theory, those --

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1	those factual things are irrelevant, whether
2	MS. JACOBS: Well, my theory is that you
3	don't get past the failure to get the waiver.
4	JUSTICE SCALIA: Exactly, exactly.
5	MS. JACOBS: Yes.
6	Returning now to to the idea of the
7	pre-interrogation waiver, I would suggest to the Court
8	that that would return this this Court back to the
9	kind of test that Miranda stopped, which was the
10	applying the totality of the circumstances test, and
11	that you would then, again, revert to pre-Miranda law,
12	where and this I believe is what the Wayne County
13	prosecutor amicus wants to do, is just apply totality of
14	the the circumstances test to whether in fact someone
15	has waived their rights. And I would suggest to you that
16	Miranda has not been a failure, that this bright-line rule
17	you give the rights, you get the waiver, then can you talk
18	that that's
19	JUSTICE SCALIA: I must say I've never
20	understood that to be the law, and I don't think it's
21	generally understood to be the law, that unless you get
22	a waiver right at the outset, you have to you have to
23	terminate interrogation. I think there are a lot of
24	police departments that don't I've never understood
25	that to be the rule.

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MS. JACOBS: Justice Scalia, the opposite of that then becomes the ability to keep the defendant in a room, and the longer --

JUSTICE SCALIA: I'm not saying it isn't a good rule. It may be a good rule. But the issue here is whether it is so clearly established that it was unreasonable for the State court to think otherwise.

8 MS. JACOBS: And we would just suggest that 9 the State court applied Moseley incorrectly and applied 10 Miranda, that those are the clearly established law 11 in that case.

12 JUSTICE SCALIA: I like clear rules. Your 13 rule is a clear one. Another clear one would be just the opposite of yours; that is, that interrogation can 14 continue unless he asserts his right. That's another 15 clear rule. We can go either way, and it will be clear. 16 17 MS. JACOBS: But if interrogation continues, 18 the longer it continues the less likely that the statement that is taken is going to be the product of my 19 client's free will. So the government is going to have 20 an even greater burden in trying to prove that this 21 22 statement was voluntary or that the waiver of rights is 23 voluntary.

So this Court should not adopt apre-interrogation waiver rule, especially not one

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1 that -- that ends up being as long as this case is, and 2 just in case --3 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Could you tell me when the police have to stop? They read somebody their 4 5 rights; the person says nothing. Are you saying at that point they have to stop? б 7 MS. JACOBS: I think that they can say to 8 the person: Do you now want to waive your right and 9 talk to us or do you want to remain silent? I think 10 that that's an easy and expedient answer. If --JUSTICE SCALIA: But he doesn't answer. 11 He just sits there --12 13 MS. JACOBS: Then that's it. JUSTICE SCALIA: -- impassively. 14 15 MS. JACOBS: Then that's it. 16 JUSTICE SCALIA: Then they have to stop? 17 MS. JACOBS: There's no burden -- I mean, 18 then the burden isn't met, this heavy burden that he has knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived 19 20 those rights. 21 JUSTICE KENNEDY: I don't see how you 22 square that with Moseley. MS. JACOBS: Well, Moseley says that the 23 24 longer that you question someone, that -- Moseley is the 25 persistent questioning case, where you keep questioning

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1 the guy and questioning the guy. And this is very 2 clearly a Moseley case. You've got two officers in that 3 room, and they talk about the fact that they are both questioning and they talk about the different themes 4 5 they used. And the very fact that they had to change б themes showed that the defendant was not being 7 cooperative and not -- and was not engaging in this 8 conversation willingly. 9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And all he has to 10 I don't want to talk to you. It's over. do is say: MS. JACOBS: And all they had to say -- I've 11 12 got to take the flip side -- is -- and because it's their 13 house, because if they don't want to create the ambiguity, they are the ones that have to say: Will 14 15 you talk to us now? 16 They don't even have to ask him to sign the 17 waiver, although I think the waiver is proof positive. 18 Once he signs the waiver, you know, I haven't got much to argue in terms of the admissibility of the 19 20 confession. But if they create the ambiguity, then according to Miranda, that ambiguity is resolved against 21 22 them. 23 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: I don't understand 24 how they create the ambiguity. 25 MS. JACOBS: Because they are leaving --

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1 they're not moving off of square one. They're leaving this, where they are not looking for an answer to 2 whether the rights want to be waived and they are 3 immediately, as they did in this case, going into 4 interview mode. They are going to start to question 5 6 him. And this gets to Moseley, where, in fact, you 7 end up where you are badgering somebody, and in this case, 8 they used many different tactics: the softening technique --9 10 - here, have a mint. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, I quess this 11 12 gets back to a question I had earlier. I thought 13 there was no dispute on this record that there was no 14 involuntariness. We are talking about a violation of 15 the technical, important but formal, Miranda requirements. This is not a case where the person says: 16 17 My statements were involuntary. MS. JACOBS: If you are going to base this 18 on an implied waiver, don't you have to look to see what 19 the circumstances were that were going on? How can you 20 21 look at the very end of a 2-hour and --22 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: But that's correct --23 and that's where -- how I read Butler; you have to look at 24 the circumstances. And you're saying no, you don't look at any circumstances; they have got to ask the question and 25

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1 he has to waive. 2 MS. JACOBS: Yes. 3 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The other circumstances are irrelevant. 4 5 Well then, if yes, why are you talking to me about 2 hours 15 minutes, what they are doing? You say 6 7 that circumstances don't matter. 8 MS. JACOBS: If you find that the officer 9 does not have to ask the question, does not have to 10 clarify whether in fact the defendant is remaining silent, then I do have to talk to the rest to try and 11 12 persuade you that in those 2 hours and 45 minutes he was 13 not being cooperative, he was not willingly entering 14 into --15 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: That issue is not in 16 this case, though. 17 MS. JACOBS: Well --18 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: As I understand it, you've lost at every stage on the voluntariness and have 19 20 not renewed that, correct? This is a Miranda case; it's 21 not a Fifth Amendment case. 22 MS. JACOBS: I did -- I did talk about 23 voluntariness in my brief to this Court. 24 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Your argument would be the 25 same if this was compressed to 45 minutes?

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1	MS. JACOBS: Yes.				
2	JUSTICE KENNEDY: Same result?				
3	MS. JACOBS: Yes.				
4	JUSTICE KENNEDY: 30 minutes?				
5	MS. JACOBS: Yes.				
6	JUSTICE KENNEDY: 15?				
7	MS. JACOBS: Yes.				
8	(Laughter.)				
9	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: One? I mean,				
10	that's I don't want to piggyback off				
11	Justice Kennedy's point, but that's the whole point, is				
12	you do not look at any of those circumstances, you say.				
13	Before they can say anything more, they have to get a				
14	waiver. So it's 30 seconds if they go on, before				
15	they if they sit there for how long before how				
16	long do they have to ask, do you want to waive?				
17	MS. JACOBS: If if you were going to go				
18	and use implied waiver, if and I think that you can use				
19	an implied waiver, you you are interested in looking at				
20	what happened in this case to decide whether, in fact,				
21	the "yes" answers were an implied waiver. And that's why				
22	I'm arguing about the circumstances, that there's				
23	nothing in these circumstances that could lead you to				
24	believe that after 2 hours and 45 minutes, there was a				
25	voluntary waiver, the implied waiver.				

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2	describe a situation where you think there would be an					
3	implied waiver?					
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6	to what you have to say, but I'm not going to answer					
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9	is what Justice Alito					
10	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, I thought					
11	that that doesn't sound implied. That sounds					
12	express to me.					
13	MS. JACOBS: Okay.					
14	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: So, is					
15	JUSTICE SCALIA: Wait. Excuse me. A waiver					
16	of what? I thought the Chief Justice was talking about					
17	a waiver of your right to remain silent.					
18	MS. JACOBS: Yes.					
19	JUSTICE SCALIA: That wasn't a waiver					
20	MS. JACOBS: Okay.					
21	JUSTICE SCALIA: of his right to remain					
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25	JUSTICE SCALIA: I'm willing to talk to you,					

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1 waiver case is North Carolina v. Butler.

2 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, that's right. Now, getting back to Ms. Saharsky's point, she said if you 3 prevail, you have to overrule Butler. And it seems to 4 5 me that that's the point we're at. б MS. JACOBS: But Butler -- I don't think you have to overrule Butler, because Butler really was a 7 8 right to counsel case. It did talk about the right to 9 remain silent, but most of language has to do with the 10 fact that this gentleman did not waive the right to 11 counsel. So, I don't think you have to. I think you 12 13 can still have implied waivers. CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: So, there's --14 so, there's no implied waiver with respect to the right 15 16 to remain silent? 17 MS. JACOBS: That's a hard question, and I 18 don't have -- I don't have an easy answer or a hard answer for you. I -- I don't think that -- I don't 19 20 think that you want to hog-tie the police. I agree with I think that the police should be able to talk to a 21 that. 22 defendant, but there's got -- but it's got to be 23 voluntary, and that in order to do that, you really have 24 to get a waiver. 25 U.S. v. Cardwell I think is an implied

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1 waiver where the defendant starts to talk to the officer 2 there -- they're in a police car, and the defendant 3 starts to talk to the officer after an hour and a half of silence, although that, again, isn't a custodial 4 5 situation, but the police found -- but the court found б that that was, in fact, a waiver. 7 So if there are no further questions, I'll cede my time. Thank you. 8 9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel. Mr. Restuccia, you have 4 minutes remaining. 10 JUSTICE KENNEDY: I -- I have to say that --11 12 page 475 and 476, particularly, of Miranda do talk in terms of a -- of a waiver. Did -- are there -- did the 13 subsequent cases indicate an articulation of that view 14 that's closer to your position? 15 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF B. ERIC RESTUCCIA 16 17 ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, I think Miranda itself 18 contemplates pre-waiver interrogation. If you look at 19 page 14 of the -- of the reply brief, the yellow brief, 20 and the quote from Miranda talking about the processes is, 21 22 on page 14, "Once warnings have been given, the 23 subsequent procedure is clear. If "-- it's on page --24 JUSTICE GINSBURG: What page is --25 MR. RESTUCCIA: Page 14 on the left side in

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1 the middle. It's a block quote from Miranda. This is 2 Miranda's description of the processes: "Once warnings 3 have been given, the subsequent procedure is clear. Ιf the individual indicates in any manner at any time prior 4 5 to or during questioning, that he wishes to remain silent, the interrogation must cease." The --6 7 JUSTICE STEVENS: Well, why doesn't it --8 JUSTICE BREYER: But I don't think that was the question. The question, at least as I understood it, is 9 that Miranda says you cannot admit a confession into 10 evidence unless he has first waived it. 11 12 MR. RESTUCCIA: That's right. 13 JUSTICE BREYER: Then it says, clearly, that even if the police and the prosecution testify he did 14 waive it, even if they say he did, explicitly, still, if 15 there's a long questioning, even then, the court should 16 17 be very careful about admitting it. 18 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. But then --JUSTICE BREYER: And doesn't it flow from 19 that a fortiori that if he doesn't admit it and all there 20 is, is the long questioning that, there has been no 21 22 waiver? 23 MR. RESTUCCIA: But here Mr. Thompkins 24 answered a series of questions knowing --25 JUSTICE BREYER: He answered three

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1 questions. MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. 2 JUSTICE BREYER: All right. One, do you 3 4 believe in God? Yes. 5 Two, do you pray to God? Yes. 6 Three, have you asked God for forgiveness 7 for shooting the boy? Yes. 8 Okay. So, where -- where did he waive it? MR. RESTUCCIA: He -- that's what the 9 10 Federal courts have done on direct review -- this is what Cardwell did, and there are five or six circuits have 11 12 found the answers to the questions themselves can be the best --13 JUSTICE BREYER: So, in this case, after 2 14 15 hours and 15 minutes when he gave the answers I just said, when did he waive his Miranda rights? 16 MR. RESTUCCIA: When he answered those 17 questions, because the --18 JUSTICE BREYER: No, I think any then -- then 19 Miranda is --20 21 MR. RESTUCCIA: No, because --22 JUSTICE BREYER: It says you can't admit the stuff 23 after a long questioning unless he waives. Obviously, he says something or there would be nothing to admit. 24 MR. RESTUCCIA: The -- that's what the 25

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Federal courts have done in applying Butler, because the words and actions of the person interrogated can give rise to the inference that the person has waived. Where the person has taken action that's inconsistent with the exercise of his rights, it is proper to find waiver. The -- this --

JUSTICE STEVENS: May I ask, can you go back to page 14 in your reply brief? "Once warnings have been given, the subsequent procedure is clear. If the individual indicates in any manner, at any time prior to or during questioning, that he wishes to remain silent, the interrogation must cease."

13 MR. RESTUCCIA: Right.

JUSTICE STEVENS: So the question is whether during those two hours by not answering a -- a number of questions, did he indicate in any way that he wished to remain silent?

MR. RESTUCCIA: Right. That this -- so if you look at the implication analysis, did he make it clear that I don't want to participate in this interrogation? Detective Helgert's testimony --

JUSTICE STEVENS: Then it says that any -- in any manner that he wished to remain silent. And until the 2 hours and a half later when he did answer the three questions, that's pretty -- it's at least arguable

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1	that his silence indicated he wished to remain silent.					
2	MR. RESTUCCIA: Well, what happens, though,					
3	in Davis, this Court made clear for the purpose of					
4	invocation, that the invocation has to be unambiguous					
5	because the police have to know when they have to cut					
6	off their questioning. The so, if it's ambiguous,					
7	it's ultimately, for the question of invocation, his					
8	burden to assert the right to take an affirmative action					
9	to show, I don't want to answer any questions.					
10	Detective Helgert believed, through his					
11	limited responses, the give and take of part of this					
12	interview, that he was a willing participant in the					
13	interview. This is the factual record that was					
14	established by the State courts. It's important to					
15	remember that this case being reviewed in habeas that					
16	those factual determinations are entitled to deference					
17	unless disproven.					
18	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.					
19	MR. RESTUCCIA: Thank you.					
20	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The case is					
21	submitted.					
22	(Whereupon, at 11:00 a.m., the case in the					
23	above-entitled matter was submitted.)					
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