“While we can confirm that Ms. Towill spoke to Mr. Cohodes, we are unable to discuss why the call was made or provide other answers that may constitute a waiver of privilege. At the time the telephone conversations were held, Mr. Cohodes publicly portrayed himself as retired from short-selling. We will say, however, that Mr. Cohodes raised with Ms. Towill the subject of his being compensated, not the other way around.

“As BofI has consistently maintained, we will pursue such legal recourse as is available to address the malicious falsehoods and defamatory statements that some short sellers and their cohorts have disseminated in an attempt to unlawfully manipulate the share price of BofI's stock.”