

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL NO: 11-96
VERSUS * SECTION: "A" (1)
NICHOLAS BILLIOT *
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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter proceed to trial, the Government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible, tangible exhibits, including the testimony of Special Agents of the United States Secret Service and Postal Inspectors of the United States Postal Service, employees of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) and others, the following facts, to support the allegations charged in the indictment now pending against the defendant, Nicholas Billiot.

On April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire occurred on the Deepwater Horizon, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico where British