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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**  
13 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION**

14 DOE I, DOE II, Ivy HE, DOE III, DOE  
15 IV, DOE V, DOE VI, ROE VII, Charles  
16 LEE, ROE VIII, DOE IX, LIU Guifu,  
17 WANG Weiyu, and those individual  
18 similarly situated,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 vs.

21 CISCO SYSTEMS, INC., John  
22 CHAMBERS, Fredy CHEUNG, and  
23 DOES 1-100,

24 Defendants.

Case No. 5:11-cv-02449-EJD-PSGx

Assigned to the Hon. Edward J. Davila, U.S.D.J.

**SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION  
COMPLAINT [F.R.C.P. 15(a)(1)(B)] FOR:**

- 1. TORTURE [28 U.S.C. § 1350];**
- 2. TORTURE [28 U.S.C. § 1350 note];**
- 3. CRUEL, INHUMAN, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT;**
- 4. FORCED LABOR;**
- 5. PROLONGED AND ARBITRARY DETENTION;**
- 6. CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY;**
- 7. EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLING;**
- 8. ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE;**
- 9. VIOLATION OF 28 U.S.C. § 2512(1);**
- 10. BATTERY;**
- 11. ASSAULT;**
- 12. FALSE IMPRISONMENT;**
- 13. UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1           DOE I, DOE II, Ivy HE, DOE III, DOE IV, DOE V, DOE VI, ROE VII, Charles LEE,  
2 ROE VIII, DOE IX, LIU Guifu and WANG Weiyu (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) hereby allege as  
3 follows:

4   **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

5 1.       Plaintiffs are U.S. and Chinese citizens and practitioners of Falun Gong, a peaceful  
6 religious practice that is based on the tenets of “Zhen”, “Shan”, and “Ren” (Truthfulness,  
7 Compassion, and Tolerance). Defendant Cisco Systems, Inc. (“Cisco Systems”) and its alter ego  
8 or agent, Cisco China Networking Technologies, Ltd. (“Cisco China”) aided and abetted and  
9 conspired with the Chinese Communist Party (“the Party”) and Public Security officers by  
10 providing substantial assistance to them, knowing and intending that they would use such  
11 assistance in the commission of human rights abuses against Falun Gong, listed below, including  
12 torture and crimes against humanity. “Cisco” refers to Cisco Systems acting by, through or with  
13 its alter egos and agents. Cisco knowingly, purposefully and intentionally designed, implemented  
14 and helped to maintain a surveillance and internal security network known as the Golden Shield  
15 in collaboration with the Party and Public Security officers in regions across China. Cisco knew  
16 and intended that the apparatus would be utilized by Party and Public Security officers to  
17 eavesdrop, tap and intercept the communications of Falun Gong believers; surveil, detect, monitor  
18 and track their online communication; apprehend, interrogate, ideologically convert and in other  
19 ways torture, arbitrarily arrest and detain them because of their religious beliefs, with the specific  
20 purpose of suppressing Falun Gong believers through the perpetration of these and other human  
21 rights abuses against them, all in violation of international, U.S., and California law. John  
22 Chambers, CEO of Cisco Systems and, Fredy Cheung, Senior Vice President for the Greater  
23 China Region directly participated in the alleged violations with both knowledge and intent as  
24 alleged below.

25 2.       The Golden Shield apparatus is not an ordinary crime control apparatus. While it does  
26 perform some standard crime control police functions, the Golden Shield differs exponentially  
27 from all previous crime control initiatives in scale, complexity, intelligence, and technological  
28 sophistication – all of which are directly related to its major purpose or functionality, i.e., to find,

1 track, and suppress Falun Gong believers wherever found.

2 3. Because Falun Gong believers reside in all regions across China, the Party and Public  
3 Security officers in China required a vast and multi-tiered surveillance system of a scale and  
4 capacity that could surveil the entire country's Internet use for all Falun Gong believers.  
5 Tracking, identifying, profiling, and suppressing Falun Gong required not only an increase in  
6 scale and capacity, but also an exponential increase in complexity and adaptive intelligence. In  
7 addition, the effort to pro-actively eliminate Falun Gong believers required that Defendant Cisco  
8 develop "*solutions*" specially tailored in design, technology, implementation, post-product  
9 support and verification which were unique in and of themselves and/or uniquely integrated. The  
10 scale, complexity, hardware, and "intelligence" of the Golden Shield enabled 610 agents and  
11 other Chinese security officers' violations against Falun Gong adherents, because, unlike all other  
12 religious groups in China, their religion is tied specifically to Internet use, including visiting  
13 specific websites, downloading material, and disseminating that religious material both in person  
14 and online.

15 4. "Solutions" is a term of art used by Cisco to describe a comprehensive, well-integrated set  
16 of products and services designed specifically to eliminate their customers' specific "problem."  
17 For prospective Golden Shield customers, i.e., Chinese security, the main problem was Falun  
18 Gong. Thus, even individual Cisco products—even, for example, routers—are not generic.  
19 Rather, they are advanced and highly customizable special-purpose computers typically  
20 comprising features that are differently integrated and configured to meet the very different needs  
21 of the customer problem. The routers and other individual products Cisco designed and  
22 developed for the Golden Shield are similarly not stand-alone generic components, but are  
23 integrated hardware and software systems, i.e., "solutions," designed for specific purposes, which  
24 necessarily requires a high degree of customization.

25 5. The Golden Shield was not only designed, implemented and customized differently than  
26 all others in use in the early 2000s, but also comprises a uniquely targeted gargantuan system of  
27 Falun Gong specific features integrated with the network as a whole in order to isolate and  
28 suppress the religious group. Security used the apparatus to suppress Falun Gong in segregated

1 zones of extra-legal human rights abuse. This anti-Falun Gong apparatus has been described as an  
2 Orwellian totalitarian social control system.

3 6. As a direct result of Cisco’s design, implementation, and maintenance of the Golden  
4 Shield technology for the Party and Public Security officers at national and regional levels,  
5 Plaintiffs and similarly situated Falun Gong believers have suffered severe and gross abuses,  
6 including false imprisonment, torture, cruel assault, and battery, for which judicial relief is  
7 warranted in the form of compensatory and punitive damages.

8 7. “Falun Gong” refers to individual believers and the religion they practice.

9 **PARTIES**

10 **A. Plaintiffs**

11 8. Many of the individually named plaintiffs and/or their families in China are likely to  
12 suffer retaliation and further human rights abuses if their identities become public, and thus are  
13 filing anonymously or through next friends.

14 9. Doe I is a resident of China. Doe I was targeted for engaging in Falun Gong religious  
15 activities online in Tianjin City, China. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which  
16 she was monitored, tracked and identified as a Falun Gong believer, apprehended, detained, and  
17 subjected to forced conversion practices that included mental torture. Without the Golden Shield  
18 apparatus, Chinese security officers could not have conducted online surveillance to identify  
19 specific online Falun Gong articles written or downloaded by Doe I, which were used to target  
20 her for detention and other forms of abuse. In addition, without the Golden Shield apparatus, it  
21 would have been virtually impossible for Chinese security officers to subject her and similarly  
22 situated Falun Gong believers to these and other abuses including physical torture, forced labor  
23 and intense public humiliation.

24 10. Doe II is a resident of China. Doe II was targeted for engaging in Falun Gong religious  
25 activities online in Tianjin City, China. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which  
26 she was monitored, tracked, and identified, apprehended, detained, interrogated, and mentally  
27 tortured. Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible for  
28 Chinese security officers to subject her and similarly situated Falun Gong believers to these and

1 other abuses in the form of physical torture, forced labor and public humiliation.

2 11. Ivy He is a resident of Canada. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which  
3 she was identified as a Falun Gong believer, apprehended, detained, interrogated, and mentally  
4 tortured. Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible for  
5 Chinese security officers to subject her to these and other abuses in the form of physical torture,  
6 forced labor and public humiliation

7 12. Doe III brings this action through his next friend, Roe III. Doe III is currently in prison in  
8 China. He was arrested in 2006 for engaging in Falun Gong activities on the Internet. The Golden  
9 Shield was the essential means through which he was monitored, tracked, identified, detained,  
10 interrogated and mentally tortured. Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been  
11 virtually impossible for Chinese security officers to subject him and other similarly situated  
12 individuals to these and other persecutory acts including debilitating bouts of enforced isolation,  
13 physical torture and forced labor.

14 13. Doe IV brings this action through his next friend, Roe III, who is also next friend for Doe  
15 III. Doe IV was arrested for engaging in Falun Gong religious activities on the Internet. The  
16 Golden Shield was the essential means through which he was monitored, tracked, identified,  
17 apprehended, detained, interrogated, and mentally tortured. Without the Golden Shield apparatus,  
18 it would have been virtually impossible for Chinese security officers to subject him similarly  
19 situated class members to these and other persecution in the form of physical torture, forced labor  
20 and public humiliation.

21 14. Doe V is a resident of China. Doe V was targeted for engaging in Falun Gong religious  
22 activities online. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which she was monitored,  
23 tracked, identified, apprehended, detained, interrogated and mentally tortured. Without the  
24 Golden Shield it would have been virtually impossible to subject her to these abuses in addition to  
25 false imprisonment for three years, following a show trial where she was denied an opportunity to  
26 challenge the charges against her, where she was deprived of sleep and subjected to beatings and  
27 other forms of torture.

28 15. Doe VI is a resident of China. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which

1 he was monitored, tracked, identified, apprehended, detained, and mentally tortured. Without the  
2 Golden Shield it would have been virtually impossible to subject him and other similarly situated  
3 class members to these abuses in addition to his detention in a re-education through labor camp  
4 without trial where he was subjected to torture and forced labor.

5 16. Roe VII, a resident of China, brings this action as the representative of Doe VII. Doe VII  
6 disappeared in the summer of 2006 while imprisoned as a result of her Falun Gong activities. The  
7 Golden Shield apparatus was the essential means through which she was monitored, tracked,  
8 identified, apprehended, interrogated, and mentally tortured. Without the Golden Shield  
9 apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible for Chinese security officers to subject him  
10 and other similarly situated class members to these and other abuses including torture. Both  
11 before and during her imprisonment, Doe VII was subjected to torture, including the forcible  
12 administration of drugs that left her unable to stand or speak during a sham trial.

13 17. Charles Lee is a U.S. citizen and resident of New Jersey. He is a Falun Gong practitioner  
14 who used the Internet to contact other practitioners in China. In 2003, he went to China to visit  
15 with friends and family. He was apprehended on his arrival at the airport and tortured, force-fed,  
16 and detained until 2006. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which he was  
17 monitored, tracked, identified, and detained. Charles Lee brings this action against Defendants  
18 John Chambers and Fredy Cheung under the Torture Victims Protection Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1350,  
19 note.

20 18. Roe VIII, a resident of China, brings this action as the survivor of Doe VIII. Doe VIII was  
21 detained as a result of his Falun Gong activities online and was tortured to death. The Golden  
22 Shield was the essential means through which he was monitored, tracked, identified,  
23 apprehended, detained, interrogated and mentally tortured. Without the Golden Shield, it would  
24 have been virtually impossible for Chinese security officers to subject him and similarly situated  
25 class members to these and other persecution including physical torture and extrajudicial killing.

26 19. Doe IX is a resident of China. Doe IX was targeted for engaging in Falun Gong religious  
27 activities online in Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province, China. The Golden Shield was the essential  
28 means through which she was monitored, tracked and identified as a Falun Gong believer,

1 apprehended, detained, and subjected to forced conversion practices that included mental torture.  
2 Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible for Chinese  
3 security officers to subject her and similarly situated class members to these and other abuses  
4 including physical torture, forced labor, and intense public humiliation.

5 20. Liu Guifu is a Falun Gong practitioner who was granted refugee status in March 2009 and  
6 who now resides in New York. She was detained in China on multiple occasions and was  
7 subjected to arbitrary and prolonged detention and torture. The Golden Shield was one of the  
8 essential means through which she was monitored, tracked, apprehended, detained and mentally  
9 tortured. Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible to subject  
10 her to these and other abuses including physical torture.

11 21. Wang Weiyu is a Falun Gong believer who arrived in the United States from China in  
12 July 2013. He was detained on multiple occasions and subjected to arbitrary and prolonged  
13 isolation and torture. The Golden Shield was the essential means through which he was  
14 monitored, tracked, captured, detained and mentally tortured. Without the apparatus, it would  
15 have been virtually impossible to subject him and persons similarly situated to these and other  
16 abuses including physical torture.

17 **B. Defendants**

18 22. Defendant Cisco Systems, Inc. (“Cisco”) is a multinational corporation incorporated in  
19 California with its principal place of business in San Jose, California, and with directly supervised  
20 branch offices in, e.g., the Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and East Europe. During the entire period  
21 relevant to this complaint, Cisco participated in the alleged violations directly and through agents  
22 and/or alter egos and in collaboration with Party and Public Security officers, affiliates and  
23 partners. Cisco tailored its Golden Project and related projects and activities in China to enable  
24 Chinese security to suppress Falun Gong via the specific forms of human rights abuse alleged in  
25 this Complaint.

26 23. Defendant John Chambers (“Chambers”) is a resident of California, who is and at all  
27 relevant times has been the Chief Executive Officer of Cisco. Chambers directs and supervises  
28 Cisco’s operations in China, and has played an essential role in establishing Cisco’s presence in

1 China. As Cisco's CEO, Chambers signs or authorizes the signature of all certificates, contracts,  
 2 and other instruments of Cisco. Significant Cisco sales operations in China are reported to its U.S.  
 3 headquarters, and major localization efforts in China require executive decisions by Defendant  
 4 Chambers and others. Chambers personally initiated or ratified the Golden Shield project through  
 5 his close connections with Party leaders, and his personal involvement in managing Cisco's  
 6 activities in China.

7 24. Defendant Fredy Cheung, who also goes by his Chinese (Mandarin) name Zhang Sihua,  
 8 directly oversaw much of Cisco's work on Public Security-related projects in China, as the Vice-  
 9 President of Cisco China and in other managerial and strategic roles. Cheung has held numerous  
 10 high-level positions at Cisco and at Cisco China. In all of these capacities, Cheung has played a  
 11 major role in the marketing of the persecutory features of the Golden Shield in China.

#### 12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 25. This Court has jurisdiction over this case pursuant to the Alien Tort Statute, 28 U.S.C. §  
 14 1350; the Torture Victims Protection Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1350 note; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal  
 15 question); 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (diversity); and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction).

16 26. Venue is proper in this court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because a substantial part of the  
 17 events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this District, Cisco is incorporated  
 18 in and doing business in this District, and Chambers is the CEO of Cisco in this District. Upon  
 19 information and belief, Cheung, routinely travelled to California to conduct business at Cisco's  
 20 San Jose headquarters in this District. In addition, Defendant Cheung maintained an ongoing  
 21 presence and role in San Jose through frequent use of Cisco's flagship videoconferencing  
 22 technology.

#### 23 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

##### 24 **A. Background on the Persecution of Falun Gong Practitioners in China.**

25 27. The Falun Gong religion developed in China in or around 1992. By early  
 26 1999, the New York Times and Associated Press estimated that there were between seventy and  
 27 one hundred million people practicing Falun Gong in China.



1 28. According to several resolutions passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, Falun  
2 Gong is a “peaceful and non-violent form of spiritual belief and practice with millions of  
3 adherents in China and elsewhere.” Absolute non-violence and compassion are two of the  
4 religion’s core defining tenets.

5 29. Since the late 1990s, Falun Gong believers have been subjected to human rights abuses by  
6 the Party in China.

7 30. The Party was established in 1921 as a political organization which was then, and which  
8 remains now, organizationally and operationally distinct from the Chinese State. In 1949, the  
9 People’s Republic of China was founded at the conclusion of the Chinese Civil War. The Party  
10 assumed a dominant political role among China’s nine recognized political parties, but has  
11 remained distinct from the PRC state.

12 31. By the early 1930s, Party had adopted the practice of periodically launching “rectification  
13 campaigns”, purges/crackdowns, or “*douzheng*” (violent struggle) campaigns against internal and  
14 external enemies. These movements were conducted outside of the authority of the state and  
15 without the constraint of legal due process or any form of objective hearing or state regulation.  
16 Instead, they relied on Party orders and officers to identify targets, ban targets and their activities,  
17 initiate their condemnation in the Party’s official mouthpieces, and then subject them to violent  
18 persecution either through direct action by Party personnel or via low-level state officers coerced  
19 into participation.

20 32. Targets are subjected to demonization/humiliation, beatings, ideological conversion and  
21 other forms of torture in ad hoc non-state run detention facilities, including psychiatric facilities  
22 (“Ankang”), “black jails,” (unofficial detention facilities run directly by the Party), “re-education  
23 through labor,” a system of administrative detention imposed without judicial review.

24 33. The demonization of these groups as state enemies, anti-humanity, anti-society, dangerous  
25 criminals and other dehumanizing comparisons has been used by the Party (and other persecutory  
26 regimes) to instigate, incite and justify the human rights abuses carried out against successive  
27 target groups, including reformist intellectuals, Tibetan Buddhist Dalai Lama supporters, and pro-  
28 democracy advocates.

1 34. A small sample of these “*douzheng*” campaigns includes: The “Attack the Anti-Bolshevist  
2 Group” Campaign (1930-31), the Yan’an Rectification Movement (1941-45), the Withdraw from  
3 the Sects Movements (anti “evil cult” extralegal campaigns, 1951-53), the Great Proletarian  
4 Cultural Revolution (1966-76), the Anti-Spiritual Pollution Campaign (1983-84), the Party  
5 Rectification Campaign of (1983-87), the Anti-Bourgeois Liberalization Campaign (including the  
6 Tiananmen massacre and subsequent arbitrary detentions 1986-92), the various “Strike Hard  
7 Campaigns” of the 1990s, and the crackdown against Falun Gong (1999-present).

8 35. By broad consensus of scholars of Chinese law and politics, the legal status of these extra-  
9 legal bans could not be openly discussed or questioned in China without severe retaliation. While  
10 international criticism by Chinese legal experts and international observers has called for the  
11 abolishment of extra-legal campaigns in their entirety, and their replacement with rule of law  
12 procedures, there have not been major substantive changes to the Party’s brutal treatment of, and  
13 control over, all targeted dissident groups in China.

14 36. In 1997, then Party Chairman Jiang Zemin and Luo Gan, then Vice Chair of the Party’s  
15 Political and Legal Affairs Committee, ordered national level Public Security officers to  
16 investigate the operation of the Falun Gong religion in China in order to justify a ban of the  
17 religion and suppression of its adherents. After two full years of investigation, public security  
18 officers were still unable to find a legitimate basis for the ban.

19 37. Without any genuine justification, in June of 1999, the Party published a document calling  
20 for the implementation of a widespread persecutory “*douzheng*” campaign against Falun Gong in  
21 China to ideologically convert through torture, murder and in other ways suppress Falun Gong  
22 believers in China based solely on their spiritual or religious belief.

23 38. Like previous campaigns which occurred throughout the Party’s history, the anti-Falun  
24 Gong campaign was similarly framed and implemented in largely extralegal terms, e.g. “as a  
25 ‘severe political struggle’ [*douzheng*] rather than as an ordinary activity of the criminal justice  
26 system. As such, involved Party agents and low-level security officers under their control have  
27 operated and continue to operate ultra vires, i.e., outside of and beyond the constraints of statutory  
28 law or precedent or government regulations.

1 39. China is an outlier when it comes to the treatment of political and religious dissidents  
2 including practitioners of Falun Gong. Like Tibetan Buddhists and other Chinese minority  
3 groups, Falun Gong adherents are free to associate and practice their religion without fear of  
4 systematic persecutory reprisal anywhere but in Mainland China.

5 40. At the campaign's higher level of organization, officials of the Party's security apparatus,  
6 i.e., the Political and Legal Affairs Committee, along with other Party officers set policy for and  
7 implemented the campaign to purge China of Falun Gong.

8 41. "Office 610" was created as a subdivision of the Party in June 1999 by Jiang Zemin and  
9 the Party to micromanage the persecution and elimination of the religious group.

10 42. Chinese security, a designation that includes 610 officers, other Party agents and Public  
11 Security officers, work in close collaboration with one another to target and persecute Falun Gong  
12 practitioners, including the Plaintiffs.

13 43. Like the targets of earlier "*douzheng*" campaigns in China, persons identified as Falun  
14 Gong are demonized as "party enemies," "hostile elements," "anti-humanity," "anti-society,"  
15 viruses and other dehumanizing imagery to legitimize their regular subjection to human rights  
16 abuses. After the increased global focus on terrorism in 2001, persons identified as Falun Gong  
17 were additionally labeled as "terrorists."

18 44. In one representative incident, the China Anti-Cult association, another Party-run  
19 organization closely tied to the persecution of Falun Gong, published and adopted comments  
20 explicitly acknowledging the strategy of demonizing Falun Gong in order to justify their  
21 elimination ("I say that we first define it as terrorist so that any necessary measures are justified").

22 45. As in earlier *douzheng* campaigns, Party agents have isolated Falun Gong believers  
23 without legal basis in detention facilities including "psychiatric" facilities, Public Security  
24 "hospitals" "black jails," and "re-education through labor" in addition to acts of torture and forced  
25 labor as a means of coercing them into renouncing their religious beliefs. Security in detention  
26 facility units devoted solely to the suppression of Falun Gong routinely play a role in the  
27 persecution of the Plaintiffs to the extent alleged below.

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1 46. For those who refused to abandon their religious beliefs, even harsher sanctions were  
2 leveled including indefinite detentions and more severe torture and extrajudicial killing.

3 47. Following the 2012 rise to power of a new generation of leaders, the Party has begun to  
4 discuss plans to reform or abolish some of the above-mentioned forms of extra-legal detention.  
5 These initiatives have been paired with preliminary investigations of the serious and only-recently  
6 acknowledged human rights abuses perpetrated against detainees. Notwithstanding these reforms,  
7 members of groups targeted as part of *douzheng* campaigns including Tibetan Buddhists and  
8 Falun Gong, are still systematically targeted for human rights abuse and unable to obtain any  
9 form of legal redress.

10 48. The State Department estimated as early as 2001 that several hundreds of thousands of  
11 Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted as a result of the campaign waged against Falun  
12 Gong believers in China. The State Department also estimates that a significant percentage and in  
13 many cases a majority of Chinese “Reeducation Through Labor” camps are made up of Falun  
14 Gong practitioners. The State Department Country Report on Human Rights Practices for 2011  
15 describes widespread accounts of Falun Gong adherents being committed to mental health  
16 facilities and involuntarily subjected to psychiatric treatment (including forcible medication and  
17 electric-shock treatment) for political reasons. Family members of Falun Gong adherents were  
18 also targeted for arbitrary arrest, detention, and harassment. According to the U.S. Commission  
19 on International Religious Freedom’s 2012 Annual Report, Falun Gong adherents constitute at  
20 least half of the 250,000 officially recorded inmates in re-education through labor centers.

21 49. A 2005 Human Rights Watch report states that detained Falun Gong practitioners receive  
22 the “worst treatment” of any detainees, a 2006 U.N. Special Rapporteur report states that 66  
23 percent of the reported torture cases in China were comprised of Falun Gong practitioners. The  
24 Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) 2012 Annual Report states that China is  
25 currently in the midst of an “extensive, systematic” campaign to use mental and physical torture  
26 to force Falun Gong adherents to renounce their beliefs. Amnesty International, Freedom House  
27 and the Falun Dafa Information Center have documented the severity of the persecution and  
28 torture of Falun Gong believers in China.

1 50. In 2009 the New York Times reported that at least two thousand Falun Gong practitioners  
2 have been tortured to death in China. Since then, there have been credible reports of additional  
3 Falun Gong deaths while in custody as well as many other forms of human rights abuse.

4 51. The use of the Golden Shield apparatus to further the persecutory campaign against Falun  
5 Gong (and other dissidents in China) has also been reported widely in western media outlets since  
6 1999, and has been documented and universally condemned, beginning in 1999, by the U.S.  
7 Department of State, the United Nations, and a number of international human rights  
8 organizations including Amnesty International and Freedom House.

9 52. The above described widespread human rights abuse against Falun Gong adherents and its  
10 ongoing nature were well known to Cisco at the time that they began to market their technology  
11 for the Golden Shield project in China. The use of the Golden Shield technology to assist in this  
12 abuse and other aspects of the persecution of Falun Gong and other dissidents was equally well  
13 known to Cisco and its officers at all times relevant to this Complaint.

14 **B. Cisco's Marketing, Planning, Design, and Implementation of Golden Shield**  
15 **Technology Used to Persecute Falun Gong Practitioners**

16 53. In the mid-late 1990s, in the People's Republic of China, Chinese security and Party  
17 officials proposed creating a "Golden Shield" to ensure the suppression of Chinese citizens who  
18 appeared to threaten Party influence and ideological control.

19 54. The success of the project depended on a wide range of technologies that did not exist in  
20 China at the time of its inception.

21 55. Since Chinese engineers did not have the expertise to develop these technologies, the  
22 Party in concert with Chinese security sought the assistance of Western technology companies,  
23 including Cisco, who in turn vied with one another to gain a stronghold in the lucrative security  
24 technology market in China.

25 56. According to several high-tech engineers doing business in China at the time, all of the  
26 Western high-tech companies seeking entry into the Chinese security market, including Cisco,  
27 knew that the most important goal of the Golden Shield apparatus was to "stop" Falun Gong, and  
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1 that gaining a stronghold in the Chinese security market required the design, development, and  
2 promotion of technology specifically tailored for this purpose.

3 57. Thus, when it came to purchases of Internet technology, Chinese buyers associated with  
4 the Communist Party were primarily concerned with whether the technology could eliminate  
5 Falun Gong adherents and activity, not whether it would increase productivity. This concern was  
6 communicated to potential technology vendors, including to Cisco.

7 (1) **Marketing**

8 58. Cisco's effort to establish the superiority of the Cisco brand across China required the  
9 intensive investigation of, coupled with promises to meet, the specific goals and objectives of the  
10 client. These efforts were directed from Cisco's headquarters in San Jose, California, in  
11 communication with Cisco subsidiaries in China. Cisco's plans for expansion in China also  
12 required the development of reciprocal-benefit relationships ("*guanxi*") with highly influential  
13 Party leaders, public security officers, Chinese engineers, system integrators, experts, and others  
14 who could help Cisco develop and maintain a stronghold in the lucrative security technology  
15 market in China. All of the above methods of gaining an advantage in competing for business in  
16 China required accumulating a high level of familiarity with, and providing extensive support to,  
17 the persecutory purpose of the Golden Shield apparatus. The anti-Falun Gong purpose of the  
18 apparatus, known to Defendants in San Jose, played a significant role in Cisco's marketing of  
19 Golden Shield designs and products in China.

20 59. Cisco executives frequently met with Party leaders and even set up a special Cisco Public  
21 Security marketing team specifically to ascertain and help Cisco meet Chinese security  
22 objectives. They even hired consulting agencies to provide regular updates and compilations of  
23 news articles, among other sources of information that describe the persecutory goals of the  
24 apparatus. These sources made clear that those goals included torture and other human rights  
25 abuses.

26 60. Cisco's website is used for all business purposes including China-related business. The  
27 website, Cisco.com, included "success stories" demonstrating the company's familiarity with and  
28 deliberate attempts to further the repressive purposes of the apparatus. In one website entry, for

1 example, Cisco touts the company’s enhancement of multi-tiered networked features, designed to  
2 enhance “social stability” and so-called “Strike Hard campaigns,” that are described in Cisco  
3 literature, Chinese law expert reports (and elsewhere) as a key component of the Chinese  
4 persecutory crackdown against Falun Gong.

5 61. Cisco internal files similarly include reports that acknowledge and pledge to satisfy the  
6 repressive anti-Falun Gong purposes of the Golden Shield apparatus. These include numerous  
7 invocations of the term “*douzheng*,” the term of art used to describe persecutory campaigns  
8 comprising persecution and torture. See, *supra* at sec. II. A.

9 62. The term *douzheng* was used by Cisco in internal power point presentation files to define  
10 a key purpose of the Golden Shield project as a whole, and in defining “opportunities” Cisco was  
11 pursuing in the fields of Design, Construction, Training, Security, and Maintenance. This  
12 statement of the purposes of the Golden Shield was also echoed in Cisco reports referring to the  
13 “Strike Hard” campaign against “evil cults,” which the Golden Shield assisted in furthering, as  
14 equivalent to and connected to the *douzheng* of Falun Gong. All of these materials were identified  
15 as emanating from Cisco San Jose.

16 63. In one Cisco report posted on Cisco’s United States-based website, Cisco.com, Defendant  
17 Cheung characterized as a major selling point of the Golden Shield apparatus its capacity to  
18 ensure “social stability” which Chinese security uses as a code word for suppressing groups like  
19 Falun Gong.

20 64. At a technology trade show in Beijing in the early 2000s, Cisco booth brochures similarly  
21 marketed the Cisco’s services as being in line with the major concern of the Party by claiming  
22 that that its technology could be used to *douzheng* Falun Gong. The offered services appeared to  
23 be ratified by Defendants in San Jose.

24 65. In the company’s internal marketing literature, a high-level Cisco engineer reiterated  
25 Cisco’s commitment to customize all of their products to meet security’s objectives, which the  
26 same engineer described elsewhere as inclusive of – indeed devoted to – the *douzheng* of Falun  
27 Gong and other dissident groups in China. This engineer reports to Defendant Chambers through  
28 intermediary senior executives at Cisco China and Cisco’s Asian branch office.

1 66. The characterization of Falun Gong believers as “viruses” or “despicable” during an  
2 online training session posted by Cisco on pages of its website, which were accessible from the  
3 United States until August 2012, similarly mirrors Party propaganda that describes Falun Gong  
4 believers as pestilence, viruses, diseases, and sub-human.

5 67. Invoking the Party’s use of *douzheng* and similar rhetoric has been central to Cisco’s  
6 intent to curry favor with Communist Party leaders by displaying the ideological orthodoxy  
7 needed to maintain insider status in Party dealings.

8 68. At a trade show in Shanghai also in the early 2000s, where many foreign companies  
9 offered technology specifically designed to “stop Falun Gong,” a key member of Cisco’s sales  
10 team at the Cisco booth, approved and authorized by Defendants in San Jose, similarly described  
11 the features of Cisco surveillance equipment to author Gutmann, stating that the Golden Shield  
12 “Policenet” technology Cisco developed for China could do far more than the technology Cisco  
13 provided to security in the US. The technology they had developed for China provided a secure  
14 connection to provincial security databases, allowing for thorough cross-checking of names,  
15 affiliations, political behavior, family history, and “footprints.” It even included the capacity and  
16 technology needed to read the content of email, figure out if someone had uploaded a new  
17 website, and monitor the Internet surfing history and email of designated persons whom Cisco  
18 describes elsewhere as dissidents and especially Falun Gong.

19 69. The ability to cultivate strong relationships with the Party and Public Security officials  
20 was especially crucial to San Jose-based Defendants’ well-planned marketing campaign. Cisco  
21 Senior Vice President Jim Sherriff described a key component of the company’s marketing  
22 strategy as the development of relationships to ensure future business opportunities. Elsewhere  
23 Cisco characterizes its strong relationships with Public Security customers as one of its greatest  
24 marketing advantages in China.

25 70. Defendant Cisco demonstrated in its marketing materials handed out, for example, at  
26 Trade shows across China their intention to meet the persecutory objectives of the apparatus to  
27 ensure Chinese security that the company would be a reliable partner for security contracts that  
28 would otherwise go to domestic Chinese firms.



1 71. Cisco's Public Security team played a major role in communicating the persecutory goals  
2 of the apparatus to the company. Members of this important team included the well-connected  
3 Cisco systems engineer Mao Wanding who promised to tailor the apparatus to meet all client's  
4 objectives, which he elsewhere described as including, as a major purpose, the *douzheng* of the  
5 peaceful religious group.

6 72. By 2000, Cisco had created a marketing campaign to win contracts to design and develop  
7 the Golden Shield knowing that it would be used in China for the surveillance, apprehension, and  
8 suppression of Falun Gong practitioners, through the use of torture and other extreme methods.  
9 Cisco developed and marketed specifically for the Golden Shield comprehensive technology  
10 tailored to that purpose.

11 73. As early as August 2001, after Public Security officers had initiated Requests for  
12 Proposals, Cisco was selected to submit the high-level design for the "National Public Security  
13 Network Engineering Design Proposal." By October 2001, after numerous design reviews and  
14 discussions with Public Security officers that included mention of the anti-Falun Gong features  
15 and purposes of the apparatus, Cisco completed the high-level design.

16 74. Based on an overwhelmingly effective marketing campaign managed largely from San  
17 Jose, Cisco was selected on successive occasions to design and implement many Golden Shield  
18 components marketed as part of the Cisco "life cycle", which as indicated below, include the  
19 integration of several anti-Falun Gong features with the larger network and illustrate Cisco's  
20 willingness to carry out its promises to help Party and Public Security officers persecute and  
21 suppress Falun Gong.

## 22 (2) Design Phase

23 75. Cisco's design and implementation of the Golden Shield, under the direction and control  
24 of Defendants in San Jose, occurred in at least two phases. During phase one, Cisco provided  
25 high-level design for and implementation of the Golden Shield database-driven surveillance  
26 system that could be accessed digitally by national, provincial and major municipal security  
27 across China. Beginning in 2006, Cisco began the second phase, devoted to geographical  
28 extension and technology upgrade.

1 76. Many of the design features that Cisco developed, were first-of-their-kind features or  
2 integrated systems developed specifically to aid Chinese security officers in the detection,  
3 apprehension and interrogation of Falun Gong, as well as in subsequent torture and further  
4 persecution. Cisco recommended the use of many of these first-of-a-kind features, which Party  
5 officers could not have envisioned based on their lack of expertise; even technical experts in  
6 China lacked the experience, training, or resources to develop these cutting edge innovative  
7 solutions.

8 77. Understanding the nature, needs and objectives of the Golden Shield, in particular its  
9 repressive uses were a fundamental part of the design (and implementation) phases. The need to  
10 understand clearly customer objectives is even greater in network and database driven systems  
11 such as the Golden Shield, where the nature of the data and how it will be used, i.e., applications,  
12 are essential to the design, optimization and use of the network.

13 78. Phase one required careful study of the persecutory apparatus of the Party including the  
14 role of the Political and Legal Affairs committee (see *supra* at ¶ 40), that is directly responsible  
15 for implementing many aspects of persecutory campaigns carried out by the Party in China. Even  
16 the Falun Gong specific 610 Office is listed in several internal files along with repeated mention  
17 of the vast system of detention centers, such as re-education through labor camps, public security  
18 hospitals and even mental hospitals, jails and ad hoc detention facilities devoted to ideological  
19 conversion through torture and other egregious human rights abuses.

20 79. For phase one of the Golden Shield project, Cisco and especially Defendants in San Jose  
21 had to further conduct a careful study of all purposes and objectives of the specific applications  
22 and systems required by Party and security officers. These included applications that would  
23 facilitate the identification of Internet users including Falun Gong, their location and  
24 apprehension, interrogation, forced conversion and coerced confessions, movement throughout  
25 the system, from entry into the database system through arrest, confessions, detention, release and  
26 so on.

27 80. In order for Cisco San Jose to meet the persecutory objectives of their client, Cisco's first  
28 phase designs featured a multi-tiered network comprising: a library of "signatures," i.e., carefully

1 analyzed patterns of Falun Gong Internet activity to enable the intelligent identification of  
2 individual Falun Gong Internet users; log/alert systems that provides real time monitoring, event  
3 correlation and notification based on Falun Gong Internet traffic patterns and behaviors; national  
4 and provincial “Information Centers” with “centralized databases” dedicated specifically to Falun  
5 Gong practitioners; a “National Information System for Falun Gong Contact Persons,” a Falun  
6 Gong “Web Notification Server” to enable comprehensive surveillance and tracking of Falun  
7 Gong coordinators and other suspects; integration of the Information Centers and Falun Gong  
8 databases with networked security features—such as the Intrusion Detection and Prevention  
9 Systems (IDS/IPS)—capable of monitoring and tracking Falun Gong practitioners.

10 81. Defendant Cisco’s Golden Shield designs comprise individual features designed  
11 specifically to suppress Falun Gong integrated with dual or multi-purpose features specifically to  
12 enable the suppression of the religious group. Cisco-designed routers, filtering and/or security  
13 systems are subjected to an intensive process of customization entailed in assembling and  
14 integrating the anti-Falun Gong features of the Golden Shield with neutral or dual-purpose  
15 components. The non-Falun Gong specific components were necessary to achieve its  
16 effectiveness in suppressing Falun Gong, but they were not sufficient. The effectiveness of the  
17 overall system depends on the integration provided by Cisco at the direction of Defendants in San  
18 Jose of the highly customized features noted in this section with all other components.

19 82. At the very forefront of Cisco’s first phase high-level designs is the highly advanced  
20 “Internet Surveillance System,” which as the eyes and ears of the apparatus comprises Internet  
21 traffic snoopers, highly advanced image/video analyzers, and innovative network security  
22 features capable of detecting, tracking and identifying Falun Gong believers online.

23 83. Designed primarily to “*douzheng*” all Falun Gong believers in China, it is integrated with  
24 an array of systems in Cisco designs to facilitate at minimum the following elements of the  
25 “*douzheng*” campaign: the identification, tracking, locating, isolating and forced conversion of  
26 Falun Gong. These include:

- 27 a. Detection systems.
- 28 b. Log/Alert/Notification Systems.

- 1 c. Tracking systems.
- 2 d. Information Centers with databases dedicated solely to Falun Gong.
- 3 e. Web announcement interface.
- 4 f. National Information System for Falun Gong Key Personnel.
- 5 g. A combined video surveillance and tracking system.
- 6 h. Training and long-term customer support.

7 84. To enable Chinese security to subject Falun Gong believers to ideological conversion  
8 through torture, Golden Shield components and integrated systems were designed specifically for  
9 this purpose. In fact, the technical requirements of the apparatus required Cisco to tailor each  
10 step of the design process for this purpose.

11 85. For example, Cisco designs integrate the Falun Gong Databases, the National Falun Gong  
12 Information System for Key Personnel, and the Falun Gong Web Notification System with Cisco  
13 security software systems not only to enable the identification and tracking of Falun Gong, but  
14 also and specifically to give Chinese security access to the sensitive information to facilitate the  
15 *zhuanhua* (forced conversion through torture) of Falun Gong believers based on their individual  
16 social and economic circumstances, and the amount of leverage that can be exercised against  
17 them through threats against family members, fellow adherents, and others.

18 86. Other prominent Cisco design features enable Chinese security at public security  
19 psychiatric hospitals, public security hospitals, 610 office locations, to access the profiled  
20 information stored in the apparatus and use it to forcibly convert and in other ways persecute  
21 Falun Gong.

22 87. The Golden Shield could not be designed without a deep understanding of such  
23 specifications as how the anti-Falun Gong information would be collected, who could access the  
24 information, how much may be transmitted, whether to create backup copies, how it would  
25 interface with the larger Public Security confidential security systems. Cisco could not design  
26 these systems without an equally intimate knowledge of the repressive purposes of the databases,  
27 i.e., that Public Security agents and others would subject targeted individuals to various forms of  
28 arbitrary detention, interrogation via torture and other forms of human rights abuse.

1 88. The anti-Falun Gong objectives communicated to Cisco were not only outlined in Cisco  
2 internal reports and files, upon information and belief kept in San Jose, but they were also stated  
3 in hundreds of reports or announcements publicly and conspicuously displayed by Communist  
4 Party agents throughout China. Such reports include notices by official Communist Party media,  
5 as well as announcements on local government websites by regional public security authorities,  
6 reiterating Communist Party orders to use the Golden Shield to suppress Falun Gong. Many of  
7 these reports specifically emphasized the need to develop features that would facilitate serious  
8 human rights violations of Falun Gong adherents. Prominent among such features was the stated  
9 need for Falun Gong databases, which would enable the categorization of Falun Gong believers  
10 according to their susceptibility to forced conversion tactics and thus to “solve the problem of  
11 [their] forced conversion [*zhuanhua*] easily” (See, e.g. Anhui 2001 Party/Public Security Report).

12 89. One typical report outlines that “Falun Gong [are] categorized into 3 types: Type A (fully  
13 transformed), Type B (basically transformed) and Type C (obsessed and stubbornly refuses to  
14 transform). All 3 types of people are dynamically managed using a database, and different “re-  
15 education and *zhuanhua*” methods are used for different types of people.” “Falun Gong [are]  
16 categorized into 3 types: Type A (fully transformed), Type B (basically transformed) and Type C  
17 (obsessed and stubbornly refuses to transform). All 3 types of people are dynamically managed  
18 using a database, and different “re-education and *zhuanhua*” methods are used for different types  
19 of people. Over the past few years, through in-depth investigations and meetings, the family  
20 composition, contact information, information of their sons and daughters, where they live etc. of  
21 targets of transformation (*zhuanhua*) have all been input into the database, creating a detailed,  
22 highly-effectively, flexible and free-flowing information database. . . . So we are able to . . . solve  
23 the problem [of transformation] easily.” See, “Significant Progress Seen in Education and  
24 *Zhuanhua* Work in Zhijiang County, Hunan Provice,” at URL: [http://www.cnfxj.org/Html/  
25 xgflgtbbd/2010-5/28/005052934\\_3.html](http://www.cnfxj.org/Html/xgflgtbbd/2010-5/28/005052934_3.html).

26 90. Another similarly typical report urges the creation of Golden Shield databases because  
27 Falun Gong believers often returned to the practice of their religion after having been subjected to  
28 forced conversion practices: such practices thus needed an efficiency boost. Yet another public

1 notice, from the city of Tianjin (a major market for Cisco), expressed the local public security  
2 authority's need for further technology to establish "perfect compatibility" between mobile  
3 surveillance systems and the Falun Gong database system.

4 91. According to one or more experts, Cisco's Public Security Sales team was tasked with  
5 accessing and sharing with company superiors all public security information about the Golden  
6 Shield, including public security related reports emphasizing the "*zhuanhua*" purpose of the  
7 databases, the need for other anti-cult/anti-Falun Gong confidential/secret information systems,  
8 an anti-cult/anti-Falun Gong network, and other specifications geared to surveil, torture and in  
9 other ways suppress Falun Gong.

10 92. During phase two, the practical application of the system to the torture and suppression of  
11 Falun Gong was undertaken in an even more thorough and comprehensive manner by Cisco.  
12 Existing practices were carefully analyzed and made more efficient as well as increased in scope  
13 by Cisco engineers in San Jose.

14 93. Phase two enhancements of the capability of the Golden Shield to target all Falun Gong  
15 adherents are best illustrated by the "Ironport" product that Cisco incorporated into the Golden  
16 Shield beginning by at latest 2007. This product demonstrates Cisco's key design and  
17 implementation practice of customizing its technology specifically and deliberately to target  
18 Falun Gong web activity as distinct from other web users. See *infra* at ¶ 97.

19 94. Importantly, the second phase indicates even more explicitly Cisco's compliance with  
20 Communist Party ideological objectives including the suppression of Falun Gong. To this end,  
21 second phase high-level designs reflected the objective to eliminate every instance of Falun Gong  
22 activity occurring in China including upgraded integration of Falun Gong databases with the  
23 network to "catch" Falun Gong believers who were themselves using ever more advanced  
24 methods to escape detection and persecution.

25 95. All of the high level designs provided by Cisco to its Chinese customers were developed  
26 by engineers with corporate management in San Jose, the sole location where Cisco cutting edge  
27 integrated systems and components were researched and developed at least through 2008.

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1                                   **(3) Implementation**

2       96. Cisco implemented many if not all of the features and applications described above  
3 including those customized to 1) identify, 2) apprehend and detain, 3) interrogate and transform  
4 through torture, and 4) maintain a constantly updated “lifetime” information profile for every  
5 Falun Gong adherent.

6       97. Various technologically sophisticated Golden Shield solutions were implemented to  
7 facilitate the identification of Falun Gong believers. These include:

8           (a) Log/alert Systems enabled on Cisco routers. As indicated above, this feature  
9 includes “logging” of all detected Falun Gong adherent activity with algorithms programmed  
10 into the system to profile Falun Gong in order to detect communications likely sent by them,  
11 e.g., an attempt by a Chinese Internet user to connect to the Falun Gong digital Temple that is  
12 based in the United States. The logged information related to the event, e.g. IP address,  
13 website visited, date/time of access, etc., will be sent to Chinese security as an alert, notifying  
14 them of the suspicious activity.

15           (b) Cisco Security Software System. Similar to the log/alert Systems, but more  
16 technically complex and effective in detecting and alerting security forces of Falun Gong  
17 activity. This system incorporates Cisco’s IDS/IPS security software through which it detects  
18 algorithms and other information associated with computer or network use, then compares  
19 and matches the information to Falun Gong computer usage profiles (which Cisco also had to  
20 create and maintain). Cisco staff, with express or implied authority from Defendants in San  
21 Jose, specifically recommended this software, e.g. on online Question and Answer forum, to  
22 deal with (“despicable”) Falun Gong adherents and their activity. Cisco also had contracts  
23 with Public Security officers specifically for this security software, highly customized to  
24 suppress Falun Gong.

25           (c) Ironport, an email and website blocking system that Cisco marketed in China, also  
26 included at least one new product marketed as the “only product capable of recognizing over  
27 90% of Falun Gong pictorial information.” This software product was marketed by Cisco as  
28 able to identify Falun Gong online email communication (as distinct from other

1 communication about Falun Gong) to facilitate the identification and apprehension of Falun  
2 Gong believers who typically sent and forwarded pictorial Falun Gong images to others in  
3 China. To create these unique Falun Gong “signatures” required Cisco’s extensive and long-  
4 term identification and analysis of Internet activity unique to Falun Gong practitioners. In  
5 addition, with the approval of Defendants in San Jose, Cisco intentionally incorporated the  
6 Falun Gong-specific signatures into security software upgrades at regular intervals to ensure  
7 Falun Gong activities and individuals were identified, blocked, tracked and suppressed.

8 (d) Service Control Engine. This system detects and blocks Falun Gong web content,  
9 including personal emails, and logs the data about such web presence similar to the systems  
10 above. Cisco marketing materials associated with this system include specific warnings about  
11 four “Current Threats” online – all of which were Falun Gong-related. This system, like those  
12 above, facilitated the arrest, detention, and torture of Falun Gong adherents it identified via  
13 their web presence.

14 (e) Video Surveillance. By at the very latest 2006, Cisco was actively helping  
15 Chinese security forces build a nationwide, networked video surveillance system. Touted in  
16 marketing “success stories” on the company’s website describing projects in Qinghai, Yunnan  
17 and Beijing, this video surveillance has been a primary means by which Falun Gong adherents  
18 are identified while protesting or practicing their religion, and are then taken into the custody  
19 where they are subjected to human rights abuse.

20 (f) Integration of the Falun Gong databases. The Falun Gong databases created by  
21 Cisco had to be integrated with all of the surveillance and identification Golden Shield  
22 technology. Without this integration, the data entering the system could not be matched  
23 instantaneously with existing profiles of Falun Gong adherents, web usage profiles, or  
24 “signatures” of visual or computer data, to allow instant identification. This complex and  
25 unique feature was crucial for the overall project’s effectiveness in identifying Falun Gong  
26 adherents better than could any alternative.

27 98. Cisco implemented additional features to facilitate the apprehension, detention,  
28 interrogation and forced conversion of Falun Gong believers. These included:



1 (g) The integration of Falun Gong databases with public security command and  
2 dispatch centers, intelligence and information analysis centers, mobile and front line police  
3 technology to facilitate the apprehension of Falun Gong suspects from anywhere in China.

4 (h) The integration of databases with applications designed to enable security at police  
5 stations, police detention centers, black jails, public security mental hospitals, rehabilitation  
6 clinics, “love and care” rehabilitation centers, labor camps, and other facilities many  
7 converted from existing structures into ad hoc detention centers facilities to successfully  
8 interrogate, ideologically convert and transform Falun Gong suspects. Courts in their official  
9 verdicts regularly rely on forced confessions elicited through these sessions.

10 (i) The storing of forced conversion sessions in information systems readily available  
11 for continual use and reuse against the same individual in case he or she refuses to  
12 permanently relinquish their religious beliefs and practice.

13 (j) The sharing of effective forced conversion sessions with other security to enable  
14 them to learn how best to force the Falun Gong adherent to renounce his religious belief.

15 (k) All of the above required first-of-a-kind integration and customization of features  
16 developed solely or primarily to suppress Falun Gong or dual purpose features integrated  
17 solely for this purpose.

18 99. The *zhuanhua* forced ideological conversion practices were carried out at Public Security  
19 detention facilities (including unofficial holding centers illegal under Chinese law) via the first  
20 phase Golden Shield designs in two primary ways. First through the surveillance-intelligence  
21 analysis systems and secondly through a Public Security command center. Individualized  
22 conversion procedures were used especially to convert “hard core” Falun Gong practitioners who  
23 refused to renounce their belief in compassion, truthfulness and the other tenets of the religion.  
24 Residing in all regions across China, the ideological conversion of millions of (“hard core”) Falun  
25 Gong believers could not have been carried out in China without the database driven network of  
26 the scale and capacity of the apparatus designed and developed by Defendants in San Jose.

27 100. The goal of permanent forced ideological conversion required maintenance of a dynamic  
28 information management system, that could keep up with the believers’ changes in life style,

1 thoughts, moods, susceptibility to threats, and other factors which had to be recorded  
2 meticulously in order to ensure successful *zhuanhua*. This need for the Golden Shield to  
3 constantly obtain, update, and cross-reference information about individual Falun Gong adherents  
4 throughout this entire “lifetime” in the system was closely and conspicuously tied to many forms  
5 of human rights abuses, including those suffered by Plaintiffs in this case.

6 101. To maintain a constantly updated “lifetime” information profile for every Falun Gong  
7 adherent required the integration of their initial identification, and every subsequent piece of data  
8 associated with them. This included each and every interrogation, each and every forced  
9 confession, torture/forced conversion, and further incarceration, release, medical “treatment”  
10 (often a euphemism for forced detention in converted medical facilities dedicated to the torture of  
11 dissidents), death resulting from torture and other abuses, notes of security officers handling their  
12 case, and a wealth of other information.

13 102. The Golden Shield also required post-product maintenance, testing and verification,  
14 training and support, as well as “Advanced Services”, which Cisco provided to Public Security  
15 and, by information and belief, 610 officers. All of the above required intensive and ongoing  
16 involvement by Cisco employees in San Jose

17 103. Beginning around 2001 and continuing through at least 2008, Cisco employees tested and  
18 verified the operability of the Golden Shield system they made available to Party and Public  
19 Security officers in China.

20 104. During the same period, Cisco employees trained Chinese security officers to use Cisco  
21 equipment to monitor and arrest Falun Gong practitioners. They also provided maintenance and  
22 other customer services to such officers and officials when they needed assistance with the  
23 technology.

24 105. Prior to the implementation of the Golden Shield, it was not possible for the Party or  
25 security officers to detect, identify, or track Falun Gong religious activities online.

26 106. Without Cisco’s networked technology (with first-of-their-kind features) and the Golden  
27 Shield’s far wider scale, complexity and capacity, Public Security and Office 610 officers would  
28 not have been able to obtain sensitive information from almost anywhere in China such as home

1 and work addresses, purchases, financial information, contact with other Falun Gong members,  
2 past Falun Gong activities, IP addresses, and family information (used for interrogation and  
3 forced conversion practices/purposes). Nor would it have been possible for security officers to  
4 coordinate large-scale investigations, locate, track, apprehend, interrogate, torture and persecute  
5 Falun Gong members from anywhere in China without having to search each and every home and  
6 office for evidence.

7 107. By 2007, Cisco completed the construction and implementation of a three-tiered Golden  
8 Shield network in the provinces of Yunnan in 2001, Shaanxi in 2002, Anhui in 2003, Fujian in  
9 2004, Guangdong in 2004, Hainan in 2004, Zhejiang in 2004, Heilongjiang in 2006, as well as the  
10 provincial-level municipalities of Beijing in 2002 and Shanghai in 2005.

11 108. Cisco's design solutions and security features, geared explicitly to help Chinese security  
12 *douzheng* Falun Gong, cemented Cisco's place as one of the top foreign technology providers in  
13 the Chinese market and further incentivized Cisco to provide more and more effective solutions.  
14 The decision making central to the success of the implementation processes that include  
15 construction, testing, verification, optimization, and servicing were approved by and enacted and  
16 orchestrated in San Jose. As noted above, San Jose's procedures required that headquarters  
17 controlled all decision-making and related management over the project.

18 **C. Chinese Security's Use of Cisco's Customized Golden Shield to Track,**  
19 **Identify, and Persecute Falun Gong Believers**

20 109. As early as 2001, Chinese security were encouraged to use and were praised and  
21 rewarded by their Party superiors for their use of the tiered Golden Shield apparatus to suppress  
22 Falun Gong believers in regions across China.

23 110. Cisco designed and implemented the Golden Shield for Public Security officers and Party  
24 agents to conduct the suppression of dissident groups, and other specific objectives in ensuring  
25 "social stability". Cisco had built a national database system, with real time updating and mobile-  
26 ready capabilities by 2001. According to Chinese sources, as of June 2003 it was installed and  
27 operational in every province of China except Sichuan. It has since become operational in  
28 Sichuan as well.

1 111. Public Security officers, Party officials, and Office 610 security agents routinely profiled,  
2 analyzed, and shared information on Falun Gong practitioners acquired through the Golden  
3 Shield, developed and implemented by Cisco, in order to facilitate their identification, tracking,  
4 detention, and ideological conversion and related forms of torture beginning as early as 2001 and  
5 continuing through 2012, if not later. The Golden Shield also stores sensitive information about  
6 Falun Gong practitioners who have been previously detained and/or apprehended, thereby  
7 enabling Chinese security officers to use the information to interrogate, forcibly convert and  
8 torture practitioners in part based on their previous encounters with Chinese security. These  
9 previous episodes and other assembled evidence were used to further their persecution.

10 112. Cisco website reports and internal literature confirm the use of the Golden Shield by  
11 Chinese security at the national level as early as 1999. China's mainland provincial and  
12 provincial-level municipality Public Security officers were able to digitally access the apparatus  
13 by 2001. These reports further confirm that local security officers stationed outside of big cities  
14 used the Golden Shield as the means to identify, capture and forcibly convert Falun Gong  
15 adherents between 2001 and 2012, with the date of such implementation varying by location.

16 113. Public Security reports further confirm that Public Security officers monitored Nanjing  
17 train entrances and exits, looking for Falun Gong practitioners attempting to travel to Beijing.  
18 These officers were equipped with mobile laptop computers that were connected to the Golden  
19 Shield network and which allowed the officers to identify "suspected" Falun Gong practitioners  
20 through the use of Golden Shield databases storing information on Falun Gong practitioners. The  
21 specific type of mobile police monitoring used by security in Nanjing was first promoted in Cisco  
22 sales and marketing presentations and continues to be common practice across China.

23 114. According to a former Office 610 security agent, 610 agents in Tianjin were tasked with  
24 the analysis and categorization of information stored in the Falun Gong database(s). These agents  
25 routinely instructed or ordered other Chinese security officers to interrogate and forcibly convert  
26 Falun Gong adherents through their relevant personal information collected via the Golden Shield  
27 apparatus that Cisco designed, developed and implemented.

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1 115. According to the same agent, he and other Office 610 security agents used the Golden  
2 Shield Information Management and Database System – that Cisco provided to Chinese security  
3 across China – as the essential means to manage, analyze and categorize information about Does  
4 I-III and instruct public security officers to apprehend, detain and forcibly convert them.

5 116. As early as 2001, numerous Party and Chinese security reports and documents further  
6 describe the use of Golden Shield databases to “manage” and “stop” Falun Gong in regions where  
7 Cisco specifically directed and tailored the Golden Shield apparatus to meet the security  
8 requirements and objectives of its Chinese clientele.

9 117. A report published in Anhui province in 2001, where the Cisco Public Security team  
10 collaborated with provincial security to design, develop and implement the apparatus, describes  
11 the construction of Falun Gong databases as an essential part of the anti-Falun Gong information  
12 management system used to “deepen the *douzheng* against Falun Gong... to unearth all Falun  
13 Gong online information to firmly control [Falun Gong] ... and when necessary to implement  
14 compulsory ideological conversion measures to prevent a return to their practice of their  
15 religion.”

16 118. Several other Anhui reports confirm the completion and use of the Falun Gong personnel  
17 Information System for Key Personnel in Anhui Province. Defendant Fredy Cheung, Vice  
18 President of Cisco (Greater China Region), boasted that Defendants had successfully constructed  
19 the Public Security information systems that include Falun information systems, to meet the  
20 specified needs of the customer.

21 119. A report from Guangdong describes the use of a Golden Shield Falun Gong database  
22 “constantly updated with information related to practitioners” to facilitate forced conversion  
23 practices in re-education through labor camps in Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province.

24 120. Reports from Sichuan, Tianjin City, Shandong, Henan, and other locations in China,  
25 similarly describe the use of databases of Falun Gong believers as the means to administer the  
26 crackdown against them and/or their forcible conversion.

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1 121. An Anhui Province Public Security report emphasizes the “positive” role the Golden  
2 Shield apparatus has played in the arrest and “*douzheng*” of Falun Gong believers in that  
3 province.

4 122. Multiple Public Security monitoring log and alert reports further confirm that the Golden  
5 Shield has become a fully integrated system that Chinese security are still using to identify Falun  
6 Gong adherents, to follow up such identification with “on-site investigations” of Falun Gong  
7 religious activities, and to locate and apprehend individual adherents. These reports also make  
8 clear that the Falun Gong databases, designed and developed by Cisco, made available to security  
9 forces detailed sensitive information about individual Falun Gong believers, leading to their  
10 identification, investigation, and detention. This recorded information includes: online ID  
11 numbers; physical locations; history of engagement in Falun Gong activities or association with  
12 the religion; history of detention and efforts at forced conversion through torture; and  
13 “surveillance levels”, indicating the degree of difficulty likely to be involved in the forced  
14 conversion process, with advice as to how to convert Falun Gong believers based on this and  
15 other typologies.

16 123. These reports further reveal how the Golden Shield facilitates the nationwide suppression  
17 of Falun Gong by enabling Public Security to discover, e.g., connections between an Internet user  
18 in Sichuan Province and another user in Shandong Province. Such connections and similar data  
19 were essential to the identification and arrest/detention of either or both users in such cases, and  
20 their subsequent interrogation and forced conversion in the custody of Chinese security forces.

21 124. These and other reports make clear that Public Security officers and Office 610 security  
22 agents used the Golden Shield to facilitate the identification, tracking, detention, interrogation and  
23 ideological conversion through torture of Falun Gong adherents. They did this by making use of  
24 features that Cisco specifically designed, marketed, implemented, and suggested for these  
25 purposes.

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1           **D. Cisco Participated in the Alleged Violations Directly and through Agents**  
 2           **and/or Alter Egos and in Collaboration with the Party, Public Security**  
 3           **Officers and other affiliates or partners**

4       125. In collaboration with Party and Security officers, Cisco designed and developed the  
 5       Golden Shield to incorporate advanced information and communication technologies into security  
 6       enforcement with the primary goal of creating a comprehensive online surveillance system  
 7       specifically directed to enable and facilitate the suppression of dissident activity in China,  
 8       specifically that of Falun Gong. Cisco helped its public security clients to achieve their goals, in  
 9       part via Cisco's affiliates, partners, and/or alter egos.

10                   **(1) San Jose Headquarters Office**

11       126. The company's success in the highly competitive and lucrative Golden Shield market was  
 12       due to the considerable and essential involvement of its San Jose headquarters office ("San  
 13       Jose"). Cisco orchestrated the planning and preparation, marketing, design, implementation,  
 14       operation and optimization phases from San Jose. By information and belief, San Jose  
 15       manufactured key components of the Golden Shield in the United States, such as Integrated  
 16       circuit chips that function in the same manner as the Central Processing Unit of a computer, i.e.,  
 17       its "brain."

18       127. As noted above, all decision-making essential to the project was orchestrated in San Jose,  
 19       with headquarters exercising full control. In addition, the Defendants, from their San Jose  
 20       headquarters, handled all aspects of the high-level design phases including those enabling the  
 21       *douzheng* of Falun Gong via their identification, high-level tracking, capture, interrogation,  
 22       prolonged confinement without due process, and forced conversion through torture. This  
 23       required the integration of Falun Gong specific components with all other features of the  
 24       apparatus to provide Chinese security with the profiled information they needed to forcibly  
 25       convert believers in addition to isolating and suppressing them.

26       128. Prior to initiating the Golden Shield project, the Defendants, from their headquarters in  
 27       San Jose, planned in minute detail their market strategy for China. This required close  
 28       collaboration among different San Jose departments, e.g., operational, marketing and engineering,

1 and careful evaluation of Golden Shield project objectives and careful strategizing to accomplish  
2 those objectives as regarding the suppression of dissidents, above all Falun Gong.

3 129. Cisco orchestrated the marketing, design, implementation and optimization phases, as set  
4 forth above, see *supra* at, section II.B, from San Jose, as the sole location where all Cisco core  
5 advanced technology was developed, at least until 2008. During each of these phases, Cisco  
6 headquarters planned and engaged in a step-by-step process essential to establishing successful  
7 use of the Golden Shield to enact “*douzhen*” of Falun Gong. This required establishing all  
8 project specifications, objectives, and strategy, encompassing, inter alia, the development of new  
9 security software, painstaking programming of specialized applications and integration of  
10 components with a network they tailored to meet relevant project objectives. Throughout this  
11 process, Defendants from Cisco headquarters initiated communication with Party leadership and  
12 Public Security officers; conducted due diligence analyses related to shareholder inquiries about  
13 the persecutory uses of the apparatus; supervised and directed a marketing strategy to run the  
14 Golden Shield project in China; developed high level Golden Shield designs with (*inter alia*) the  
15 scale, capacity, complexity and adaptive intelligence required to isolate and suppress Falun Gong;  
16 created a plan of implementation in light of the customer geographical and scheduling  
17 requirements; and conducted careful review of types of Internet and other activity the Golden  
18 Shield was developed to identify and repress, including Falun Gong specific components and  
19 features.

20 130. This process required careful study and analysis of all customer objectives and concerns  
21 by San Jose engineering, marketing, and operations departments with top-level leadership in San  
22 Jose.

23 131. During Request for Proposal, high-level design and/or other phases of the project,  
24 Defendants, from the San Jose headquarters, ensured that the apparatus could handle the exact  
25 types of data that the Golden Shield would compile, store and make available to Chinese security,  
26 including, e.g., Falun Gong’s continuously updated geographical locations, Internet usage  
27 patterns, profiles of prior dissident activities, and other sensitive information stored in the  
28 databases such as biometric data and susceptibility to interrogation and ideological conversion.



1 132. During Request for Proposal, high level design and/or other phases, the Defendants in San  
2 Jose described sophisticated technical specification linked to the above functions of the Golden  
3 Shield, including specifications related to the “anti-cult information system,” e.g., who can access  
4 information, how the information is transmitted, transmission speeds, data storage location and  
5 capacity.

6 133. Defendants, in San Jose, were also especially involved in the process of obtaining the  
7 Golden Shield project line of business and in the various processes entailed in securing the deal.  
8 This required Cisco to adopt a coherent strategy targeting individual officials for the cultivation  
9 of “*guanxi*” contacts and to serve as allies within the Party, and to a lesser extent in government  
10 offices. This entailed identifying powerful potential allies, arranging meetings, and developing  
11 relationships. Cisco developed *guanxi* with an agenda of personal visits by high-level executives,  
12 reaching all the way up to Defendant John Chambers himself with his three personal meetings  
13 with Jiang Zemin. Below Chambers, high-level executives from San Jose and from Cisco China  
14 sought out national, provincial, and city-level Communist Party leaders who were and remain  
15 factionally tied to Jiang.

16 134. The project additionally required providing customer service and network maintenance to  
17 ensure fulfillment of client objectives and providing training materials and management of the  
18 training process, which similarly required extensive/intensive participation by San Jose and their  
19 engineering, marketing, operational specialists, and high-level executives exercising decision-  
20 making authority necessary to effectuate the persecutory and other goals of the Golden Shield.

21 135. Without the close collaboration among and decision making by San Jose divisions  
22 comprised of dozens of engineers, marketing, operational specialists, Golden Shield decision-  
23 makers and high-level management and its high-level executive officers, Defendant Cisco could  
24 not have won successive contracts to design, implement and optimize the Golden Shield in the  
25 late 1990s and the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Defendants in San Jose’s involvement was  
26 pervasive, essential to success, and dispositive of the major decisions in the ongoing Golden  
27 Shield project in China.

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1                   **(2) Alter Egos and Agents**

2   136. In addition to these and other direct participation, Cisco furthered the Golden Shield  
3 project through Cisco China and other agents and/or alter-egos. The unity of interest and  
4 ownership between Cisco Systems and Cisco China and other affiliates, agents and/or alter egos  
5 comprises high level of control over day-to-day operations and Cisco China acting as a mere  
6 proxy for Cisco System's operations in China. In addition, all claims raised herein arose within  
7 the scope of Cisco System's control over Cisco China and other Cisco operations in China.

8   137. Defendants in San Jose created Cisco China on September 22, 1998, soon after  
9 Communist Party Officers at the Public Security Party Committee meeting initiated the Golden  
10 Shield project in China. Cisco had to create an alter ego for the purpose of conforming to China's  
11 regulations restricting domestic activities of foreign corporations, introducing the Cisco brand  
12 across China, and accumulating social capital for the U.S. company through their well-established  
13 relationships with high-ranking members of the Party. Essential to this process was the promise to  
14 meet the anti-Falun Gong objectives of the Golden Shield project.

15   138. During the period relevant to this complaint, Defendants in San Jose directly oversaw the  
16 operations of Cisco China, shared the same management structure, with internal reporting charts  
17 indicating a clear chain of command in which all operations in China were reported to and major  
18 decisions were directed by executives in San Jose. Cisco maintains an agency or alter ego  
19 relationship over Cisco China by prior authorization of all acts and by subsequently ratifying their  
20 actions, including by failing to disavow their wrongful conduct or attempting to cover it up.

21   139. As the public face of Cisco in China with no clear corporate demarcation between Cisco  
22 and Cisco China, Cisco China operated primarily as a satellite marketing office for Defendant  
23 Cisco with executives reporting directly to Cisco's Asia Pacific branch executives, who reported  
24 directly to Defendants in San Jose. San Jose Defendants exercised unusual control over Cisco  
25 China's day-to-day and other operations. Many of the high-ranking Cisco China executives held  
26 equally high-level sales and marketing positions in Defendant Cisco's San Jose headquarters  
27 and/or Cisco's Asia Pacific division. For example, Jim Sheriff, who served as a high-ranking  
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1 executive in Cisco San Jose, was then appointed CEO of Cisco China. Thomas Lam, who  
2 similarly served as a high-ranking Cisco executive, was then appointed President of Cisco China.

3 140. Defendant Cisco trained Cisco China employees and provided them with skills and  
4 knowledge developed by the parent corporation. High-level executives and marketing personnel  
5 from Cisco China attended meetings at least twice a year at Defendants' San Jose headquarters  
6 with officers of the parent corporation. Additional teleconference meetings involving defendants  
7 also occurred on a regular basis.

8 141. Cisco employees regularly use the generic term "Cisco" to refer to Defendants' operations  
9 in China, represent themselves as acting on behalf of Cisco Systems in all public materials and  
10 disclosures, and in other ways do not distinguish their own actions from those carried out by  
11 Cisco Systems. For example, Golden Shield "success stories" that are posted on Cisco's website  
12 routinely describe Cisco the parent company and all subsidiaries as "Cisco."

13 142. Cisco's marketing and other offices in the Asia-Pacific region did not function as an  
14 independent contact for Cisco's customers in that region, but rather operated with and under the  
15 close supervision of the San Jose executives.

16 143. Cisco's Chinese customer support, including support related to the Golden Shield, was  
17 managed by the parent corporation from San Jose at least through 2008.

18 144. According to Cisco's internal documentation, the Cisco parent corporation follows a  
19 decision-making rubric in order to determine whether to maintain sole control over a project,  
20 outsource it, or form a partnership. For projects like the Golden Shield that required the most  
21 advanced technology and custom integration and implicated both competitive advantage and risk,  
22 Cisco's internal policy is for company headquarters to maintain sole control throughout the  
23 entirety of the project.

24 145. For technologically advanced important overseas projects like the Golden Shield,  
25 Defendants operating out of San Jose routinely assigns its own engineering resources to design  
26 and implement the project in its entirety and in particular through its Advanced Services Team  
27 ("Advanced Services Team"), a specialized service offered by San Jose Defendants that employs  
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1 experts and engineers in network technology for large-scale overseas projects or important  
2 clients.

3 146. Cisco Advanced Services Team’s approach comprises four steps: (1) *assessments and*  
4 *planning*, which includes assessments of a network’s internal security, external security, wireless  
5 security, and dialup security; (2) *design*, an intensive process in which Cisco “build[s] a scalable,  
6 adaptable, and easy-to-use security solution” involving many rounds of high-level planning and  
7 customization (3) *implementation* by integrating security solutions into the network infrastructure  
8 for Cisco clients; and (4) *optimization*, which Cisco describes as including “continually  
9 identify[ing] and mitigat[ing] risk” among other forms of continuing customization. This is the  
10 same approach Defendant Cheung describes as provided by Defendant Cisco for the Golden  
11 Shield in China.

12 147. To further consolidate its role in China, Defendants in San Jose established the China  
13 Research and Development Center (“CRDC”), which played a major role in the implementation  
14 of Cisco projects in China including the Golden Shield. Cisco maintains an agency or alter ego  
15 relationship over CRDC by prior authorization of all acts and by subsequently ratifying their  
16 actions, including by failing to disavow their wrongful conduct or attempting to cover it up.

17 148. The CRDC approves China growth strategy and decides what (technology) should go to  
18 China. All actions carried out by the China Development Office (in China) are reported to the  
19 CRDC. At the top of the CRDC’s reporting structure are Defendant Cisco’s executives.

20 149. Defendants in San Jose created the China Strategy Board (CSB) in 2008 to initiate a new  
21 phase in its control and management of Cisco projects in China including the Golden Shield. The  
22 CSB, composed mostly of Cisco executives, develops and drives the vision and strategy for  
23 China, and has veto power over the decisions of Defendant Cisco’s subsidiaries in China. Of the  
24 eleven members on the CSB, eight of them hold positions at Cisco’s headquarters in San Jose. In  
25 2008, the CSB sent a delegation to meet Dalian mayor Xia Deren to discuss goals and strategies  
26 for ongoing and future projects. Xia is both Jiang Zemin’s nephew and a key figure in the  
27 crackdown on Falun Gong. He was subject to declaratory judgment for torture, cruel, inhuman  
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1 and degrading treatment and arbitrary detention against Falun Gong in 2002 in *Doe v Qi*, F. Supp.  
2 2d, 1258, 1285-87 (N.D.Cal. 2004).

3 **(3) Collaborative Efforts**

4 150. Not only did Defendants in San Jose maintain direct and close control over its  
5 subsidiaries, partners, affiliates and alter egos in China, but they deliberately entered into  
6 collaboration with Party and Public Security officials to accomplish the clients' most important  
7 goal: the effective suppression of Falun Gong.

8 151. As early as 1999, Defendants in San Jose through employees in China entered into an  
9 agreement with Public Security officials to construct the core network of the Golden Shield. This  
10 network provided central Public Security officers at national levels with digital access to the  
11 Golden Shield surveillance and database network by 1999. By that time, Cisco had created a  
12 public security sales team, with sales representatives working directly and collaboratively with  
13 Public Security officers in regions across China, and like other Cisco China employees, reporting  
14 directly to Cisco's Asia Pacific branch and San Jose (at least until 2010). Cisco's public security  
15 marketing and sales team's collaboration with Public Security officers played a key role in  
16 securing Golden Shield contracts for Cisco in China.

17 152. Defendant Cisco, at the behest of its co-Defendants, entered into further agreements with  
18 Public Security officials at regional levels to develop and construct additional features of the  
19 Golden Shield. These included: agreements to provide the software, hardware, and infrastructure  
20 to link security at local regions, major municipalities and provinces in China to the Golden Shield  
21 backbone; agreements to provide information centers to host central Falun Gong databases;  
22 agreements to train Chinese security officers in the use of surveillance technology; and  
23 agreements, made between 2004 and 2006, to geographically expand and upgrade Golden Shield  
24 infrastructure.

25 153. Cisco acknowledged on its website that Cisco constructed the Golden Shield in "full  
26 collaboration" and "partnership" with Public Security officials in the Shanxi province of China.  
27 Numerous other statements on Cisco's website from as early as 1999 discuss Cisco's  
28 collaboration in constructing the Golden Shield in partnership with Chinese security officers in

1 regions across China including all regions where Plaintiffs and similarly situated persons were  
2 identified, apprehended and persecuted.

3 154. Defendants acknowledged on Cisco's U.S. based website that its Golden Shield designs  
4 are specifically tailored to meet the specified needs and requests of Chinese security. Moreover,  
5 the designs depicted in other Cisco internal files reflect such direct collaboration.

6 155. Defendant Cisco participated in technology trade shows and conferences where Cisco  
7 showed Chinese Public Security and Party officers and agents how its technology could "stop"  
8 Falun Gong. At least one or more of these web technology trade shows, where Cisco marketed  
9 and sold its Golden Shield products, were organized in part by the Party Central Committee's  
10 Commission for the Comprehensive Management of Social Security, a body which is in charge of  
11 monitoring dissident activity.

12 156. The Party not only oversaw trade shows, but was the entity ultimately responsible for  
13 engaging with Cisco at all stages of the Golden Shield project. From John Chambers' initial  
14 meeting with Jiang Zemin, Secretary General, in 1998, to the Golden Shield's official launch  
15 chaired by Politburo Standing Committee member Huang Ju in 2003 and afterwards, the Party  
16 was intimately involved with Cisco's managing and directing of the Golden Shield project.

17 157. The Party appears to have an office within Cisco China with a website that was accessible  
18 to all Cisco employees in China. By information and belief, this office had authority to define  
19 objectives and set important policy for significant projects like the Golden Shield. Such offices  
20 routinely operate as the eyes and ears of the Party within foreign companies, evaluating the extent  
21 to which they are fulfilling Party goals and ensuring they do not violate Party interests, e.g. by  
22 hiring Falun Gong adherents.

23 **E. Before Initiating and During the Golden Shield Project, Cisco Had**  
24 **Knowledge of the Project's Intended Use to Suppress Falun Gong**

25 158. Cisco was aware of the widespread persecutory campaign against Falun Gong by the Party  
26 and their security forces, as well as the desire to intensify this campaign and the abuses that this  
27 would entail.

28 159. The scope of the campaign by the Party to persecute Falun Gong was common

1 knowledge, both inside and outside of China, after the announcements initiating the campaign  
2 against Falun Gong in 1999. The campaign and its abuses received widespread attention from  
3 media, foreign governments including that of the United States, and international organizations.  
4 160. In particular, much early reporting on the crackdown focused on the severity and ubiquity  
5 of the torture and other forms of severe abuse employed against Falun Gong. Such abuse was the  
6 subject of Ian Johnson's 2001 Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage for the Wall Street Journal, as well  
7 as a host of other prominent reports. The degree to which such reporting made explicit the  
8 campaign of widespread human rights abuses against Falun Gong practitioners is indicated by the  
9 headline of the Washington Post's prominent 2001 article, "Torture Is Breaking Falun Gong."  
10 The following news coverage was also prominent during the period in which Cisco was  
11 evaluating and planning the Golden Shield project:

12 161. Several *Associated Press* reports covered the Chinese policy of detaining and torturing  
13 Falun Gong believers in 1999;

14 162. An article by Elisabeth Rosenthal of the *New York Times* in 1999, reporting that over  
15 35,000 Falun Gong practitioners had been detained that year, and that few of these were going to  
16 be afforded a trial;

17 163. Further reports from the *Los Angeles Times*, *Agence France Presse*, *Reuters*, and *Fox*  
18 *News*, in 1999 and afterward, all of which would have made Cisco aware of their inevitable  
19 involvement in human rights abuse by going forward with the Golden Shield project.

20 164. Each year from 1999 to present, the U.S. State Department's Country Reports on Human  
21 Rights Practices and its International Religious Freedom reports, which are submitted to Congress  
22 each year, has documented the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

23 165. Reports documenting the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China have been  
24 issued by the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Council from 1999  
25 through the present, Amnesty International periodically since 1999, Human Rights Watch  
26 periodically since 2002, and the European Parliament in 2006.

27 166. As early as 2002, Defendant Cisco's shareholders had, in public meetings and open  
28 letters, accused Cisco of aiding and abetting human rights abuses perpetrated in China via the

1 Golden Shield project. These shareholders demanded investigation into the issues they  
2 complained of.

3 167. From 2003-2004, in San Jose and Northern California more generally, there were  
4 newspaper reports about the ongoing lawsuit in the Northern District of California against former  
5 Beijing mayor Liu Qi, who was found liable for the torture of several Falun Gong plaintiffs in  
6 that case. In addition, beginning in this period, physical demonstrations, including exhibitions  
7 depicting how Falun Gong believers were subjected to torture in China, were conducted outside  
8 of Cisco's offices in San Jose by members of the United States Falun Gong community.

9 168. With direct oversight from Defendants in San Jose, Cisco had been operating extensively  
10 in China since 1994, and executives including Defendant Chambers consistently claimed this  
11 market as one of the company's key targets for future expansion. San Jose Defendants conducted  
12 continual assessments of their investments in the Chinese market. Even apart from shareholder  
13 queries and other information detailing the use of Cisco technology to further human rights  
14 abuses in China, San Jose Defendants knew based on their due diligence reports the intended and  
15 actual use of Cisco technology in China.

16 169. Based on all of the above, and on the technical requirements of the project itself,  
17 Defendants knew that a central purpose of the Golden Shield's Internet Control and Monitor  
18 System was the facilitation and advancement of the persecution of Falun Gong, and that this  
19 persecution routinely included widespread acts of torture.

20 170. For the same reasons, Cisco knew that the Golden Shield was particularly aimed at  
21 suppressing all Falun Gong activity in China. Prior to the construction and implementation of the  
22 Golden Shield, Falun Gong's continuing Internet-based communications posed a number of  
23 technical challenges to existing means of surveillance and suppression.

24 171. Before Cisco entered into contracts to design the Golden Shield, Defendants also knew  
25 that the products and services Defendant Cisco designed for the Golden Shield would be used to  
26 commit widespread human rights violations against Falun Gong practitioners, particularly those  
27 whom security forces sought to convert, or as it was officially called, "transform" (*zhuanhua*).

28 172. "Transformation" reports about the successful coercion of Falun Gong practitioners to



1 abandon their beliefs while in custody were widely disseminated in Party-run media outlets,  
2 including China Central Television and the People's Daily newspaper.

3 173. The widespread use of extreme forms of torture in the transformation process was also  
4 well documented in reports by the U.S. State Department in 2000 and 2001, in human rights  
5 reports by U.N. Special Rapporteurs in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2010, by various  
6 human rights organizations, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, as well  
7 as by survivors' public statements and prominent media coverage, from 1999 through the present  
8 day.

9 174. In October 2002 and September of 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010, Cisco  
10 shareholder resolutions identified concerns regarding potential human rights abuses arising from  
11 Cisco network technology solutions provided to foreign countries, including and especially  
12 China, and called for investigation into Defendant Cisco's complicity in these abuses. These  
13 resolutions were presented to the Cisco Board of Directors, including Defendant Chambers, and  
14 in each instance, the Board of Directors issued a statement recommending that shareholders reject  
15 the proposal. Well after this point, Defendant Cisco continued to help the Party and Public  
16 Security officers to suppress Falun Gong through use of the Golden Shield.

17 175. Cisco's Golden Shield files include several court and prosecutorial reports identifying the  
18 *douzheng* of Falun Gong and other "hostile elements" as one of the five tasks of the Strike Hard  
19 campaign created to suppress Falun Gong with the Chinese for the term "element" designating  
20 targets of persecutory campaigns in the PRC.

21 176. Cisco's marketing materials in China repeatedly boasted that Cisco's technology solutions  
22 could guard against Falun Gong, block and track Falun Gong, monitor and profile Falun Gong,  
23 and in other ways persecute Falun Gong.

24 177. Cisco's Golden Shield high-level designs further demonstrated how Cisco's stand-alone  
25 technology and integrated networks could monitor, track, apprehend, detain, convert and in other  
26 ways suppress Falun Gong. In September of 2005, Senior Director of Corporate Communications  
27 at Cisco, Terry Alberstein, wrote a letter published in the *Taipei Times* responding to allegations  
28 of Cisco's contributions to human rights abuses in China.

1 178. In January 2011, a major Cisco shareholder, Boston Common Asset Management,  
 2 announced that, “after years of campaigning Cisco for greater transparency and accountability on  
 3 key human rights and business development concerns,” it had decided to divest itself of Cisco  
 4 shares due to the company’s failure to address those longstanding human rights concerns,  
 5 especially those related to its operations in China.

6 **F. Cisco’s Intent to Specifically Tailor the Golden Shield to Further the**  
 7 **Persecution of Falun Gong**

8 179. As is alleged above, Cisco has admitted publicly that they agreed to meet Chinese  
 9 security’s stated objectives during its work on the Golden Shield, which, as Cisco notes  
 10 repeatedly in its internal documents, include as a major objective, the persecution of Falun Gong.  
 11 See, e.g. ¶¶ 75-79 (noting instances in which Cisco restated the purpose of the Golden Shield to  
 12 crackdown against or *douzheng* Falun Gong).

13 180. Cisco San Jose and its executives knew that Chinese Security officers intended to use the  
 14 Golden Shield to persecute Falun Gong believers, and specifically developed new technologies to  
 15 achieve that purpose, and designed and implemented those technologies.

16 181. Defendant Cisco also recommended to Chinese security more advanced features for the  
 17 Golden Shield that could significantly and uniquely further the Golden Shield’s objectives and  
 18 that were essential to the suppression of Falun Gong. These included high-level Golden Shield  
 19 designs illustrating networked apparatus tasked with identification, profiling, high-level tracking,  
 20 interrogating and forcibly converting through torture all Falun Gong believers in China. See, e.g.  
 21 ¶¶ 94-97 (listing some key features of the Golden Shield specifically tailored to target Falun  
 22 Gong and suggested by Cisco).

23 182. In order to successfully *initiate* client contact at trade technology shows in China, Cisco  
 24 had to manifest its intent to assist in eliminating Falun Gong. However, given the company’s  
 25 long-term strategy of cultivating close contacts and mutual understanding with Party leaders (see,  
 26 e.g. *supra* at ¶¶ 58, 133), Cisco was already aware long before attending these shows that  
 27 eliminating Falun Gong was the primary concern of its desired clients.

28 183. The sales and marketing materials that Defendants in San Jose, through employees in

1 China presented at one or more of these technology shows also included brochures not only  
2 acknowledging that a major purpose of the Golden Shield is to persecute Falun Gong  
3 practitioners, but also that Cisco solutions were developed for this purpose.

4 184. Similarly Defendant Cisco booths featured high-tech Internet surveillance footage that  
5 was paired with sound bites from Defendant John Chambers indicating the importance of Cisco's  
6 security projects and its ability to meet client objectives.

7 185. As early as 2002 and until at least 2006, Cisco provided private training and marketing  
8 sessions for Cisco high-level management and employees in regions and provinces across China  
9 with PowerPoint presentations that specifically reference the ongoing crackdown or *douzheng*  
10 against Falun Gong and illustrate how Cisco's products are tailored to meet the stated goal of  
11 persecuting and suppressing Falun Gong practitioners in China.

12 186. During the same time frame, Cisco provided "skill training" and "technical training" to  
13 Public Security officers and to enable them to use the customized technologies to suppress Falun  
14 Gong. Upon information and belief Office 610 security agents also participated in the "skill" and  
15 "technical" training Cisco offered.

16 187. In 2002, in internal files Cisco acknowledged that the purpose of the Golden Shield was to  
17 *douzheng* Falun Gong and described this goal as a lucrative business opportunity for the  
18 company.

19 188. In 2003, Defendant Cisco stated on its website that Cisco agreed to meet Public Security's  
20 objectives during its work on the Golden Shield, which, as stated in Cisco documents elsewhere,  
21 includes the persecution and suppression of Falun Gong.

22 189. In the same year, Defendant Cisco constructed the structure for a national database system  
23 that was implemented in every province of China except Sichuan.

24 190. In 2004, Defendant Cisco provided an upgrade to the Golden Shield that connected  
25 security from all of China's provinces and municipalities to the Golden Shield. By the admission  
26 of Defendant Cisco including Cisco China the upgrade "improve[d] Public Security's ability to  
27 fight [] against crime and "maintain social stability." The latter phrase is defined in a Cisco  
28 internal file as including the "*douzheng* of Falun Gong."

1 191. Golden Shield antivirus software requires the identification of Internet activity unique to  
2 Falun Gong practitioners in order to block, track and identify Falun Gong Internet users.  
3 Defendant Cisco upgraded Golden Shield antivirus software to include protection specifically  
4 against Falun Gong activity.

5 192. Cisco went to great lengths to incorporate features solely devoted to the suppression of  
6 Falun Gong believers in its marketing and sales materials including its announcement that only  
7 Cisco software can recognize 90% of Falun Gong software signatures. See ¶ 112.

8 193. Defendant Cisco including Cisco China expressed willingness to meet the stated purpose  
9 of the Golden Shield apparatus, i.e., to *douzheng* Falun Gong through identification, tracking,  
10 interrogation and ideological conversion, in a manner intended to and which did result in Cisco  
11 being awarded Golden Shield contracts.

12 194. As indicated above, in an online training session for Internet Users in China, San Jose  
13 Defendant's employees in China offered Cisco-developed software to facilitate the suppression of  
14 Falun Gong believers, describing Falun Gong believers as "despicable."

15 195. Defendants' actions and statements emphasize their intent to meet Chinese Security's  
16 objective to torture and suppress Falun Gong.

17 **G. Cisco Executive Defendants Furthered and Facilitated Alleged Abuses with**  
18 **Knowledge and Intent**

19 196. The planning, design, training and implementation of the Golden Shield project in China  
20 were carried out under the direction of the named Defendant Cisco executives. Cisco's Chinese  
21 market was a highly significant component of its overall operations, warranting the parent  
22 corporation's active involvement in Cisco's Chinese activities, as extensively documented by  
23 Cisco's internal documents including workflow charts, and also evidenced by Defendant CEO  
24 John Chambers and other top-level Cisco officers' frequent visits to China for the purpose of  
25 overseeing Cisco's work on the Golden Shield project.

26 197. Defendant Chambers, Chief Executive Officer of Cisco, cultivated a personal relationship  
27 with Jiang Zemin, former Party General Secretary and President of China, who founded the  
28 persecutory campaign against Falun Gong in the former capacity by issuing extralegal orders

1 within the Communist Party hierarchy. Defendant Chambers has maintained his personal  
2 relationship with Jiang through various face-to-face meetings beginning in September 1998,  
3 where he explained how Cisco could help Jiang control the Internet through advanced  
4 information security networks and technology. Jiang held such meetings with the heads of  
5 especially favored foreign corporations investing in China to discuss strategic goals, as well as the  
6 Party's political conditions for Cisco's presence in China.

7 198. Defendant Chambers met with Jiang Zemin during the same month he created the  
8 subsidiary Cisco China and a Beijing technical support center (TAC) to facilitate the control of  
9 the Internet in China including the suppression of "hostile" elements like Falun Gong.

10 199. Defendant Chambers continued to meet Jiang Zemin and other Communist Party officials  
11 during the design and development phases of the Golden Shield. According to several experts,  
12 Jiang Zemin was well aware that Defendant Chamber's company was developing technology  
13 specifically to help suppress Falun Gong. According to at least one expert, the *douzheng* objective  
14 of the Golden Shield apparatus was discussed at these meetings.

15 200. In addition to meeting with Jiang Zemin, Defendant Chambers also formed strong  
16 partnerships with other Chinese decision makers, donated 30 buildings for Cisco Network Tech  
17 Institutes in West China, and directed strategy for Cisco's China operations.

18 201. By information and belief, Defendant Chambers played a major role in the design and  
19 planning of the Cisco booth at the Shanghai Trade Show where Defendant Cisco and other  
20 foreign companies showed Public Security and Party officers how advanced information security  
21 networks and technology could "stop" Falun Gong.

22 202. Defendant Chambers also met with many high-ranking Party officials to deepen Cisco's  
23 ties to Jiang's faction of the Party in China that was and continues to be directly involved in the  
24 Falun Gong crackdown. Under his direction, other Cisco employees working on China sales  
25 actively sought out meetings with influential Communist Party officials. Relationship building  
26 was a foundation of Cisco's approach to the Chinese market. For example, in preparation for one  
27 of Defendant Chambers' trips to China in 2008, Cisco maintained a wish list of officials to meet  
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1 in Shanghai and Beijing, including Yu Zhengsheng, then Party Secretary of Shanghai and close  
2 affiliate of Jiang Zemin.

3 203. According to one or more experts, Defendant Chambers' discussions of the objectives of  
4 the Golden Shield apparatus with Cisco high-level management, Party officers and others in  
5 China included Chambers explicit support of the Golden Shield's *douzheng* objectives and goals.

6 204. But for Defendant Chambers' agreement to meet the anti-Falun Gong persecutory  
7 objectives, Cisco would not have been award the Golden Shield project.

8 205. Defendant Chambers authorized the creation of the China Research and Development  
9 Center ("CRDC") in China, established in 2004 to manufacture Cisco products in China including  
10 Golden Shield parts and other technology used to "*douzheng*" Falun Gong in China to avoid US  
11 export controls and gain a more competitive edge in the Chinese technology market.

12 206. Defendant Chambers also oversees the China Strategy Board ("CSB"), established in  
13 2008 for the purpose of devising Cisco strategy, including China growth strategy and technology  
14 expert decisions, and approving Cisco projects in China. Since then, Cisco's Chinese operations  
15 have been controlled primarily by the CSB, which is composed of high-level executives working  
16 at San Jose and at its Asia Pacific branch (until 2010, when the Asia Pacific branch was divided  
17 into three theaters, including the Greater China Theater), and at its Chinese subsidiaries.

18 207. At all relevant times, Defendant Chambers was well aware of the widespread campaign of  
19 torture and persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China, as outlined in the factual allegations  
20 herein, and knew and intended that Party and Public Security officials would and did use the  
21 Golden Shield to facilitate and carry out that campaign.

22 208. As CEO of Cisco, Chambers not only was in a position to prevent Cisco's tortious  
23 conduct in relation to the Golden Shield in all factual allegations herein, but also purposefully  
24 authorized, participated in, and ratified Cisco's participation in the Golden Shield Project as  
25 alleged in sections B through F of the Statement of Facts.

26 209. Under Chamber's direction, Defendant Cisco's specific intent to meet the requirements of  
27 the Party's objectives to identify, track and thereby abuse and eliminate Falun Gong practitioners  
28 pursuant to "*douzheng*" persecutory methods was expressed in marketing/design summary

1 presentations. Under his direction, Cisco China's public security team was established, pairing  
2 Cisco employees with their regional counterparts across China.

3 210. Defendant Fredy Cheung, as Vice President of Cisco China and in other capacities,  
4 directly managed engineers working on the Golden Shield project. He participated directly in the  
5 sales process through personal appearances at Golden Shield Power Point presentation dinners,  
6 meetings, and other functions intending to procure Public Security contracts and advance Cisco's  
7 overall goals in China. He was one of the Cisco China executives who received reports and heard  
8 Power Point presentations including the one that specifically describes the persecution of Falun  
9 Gong as a primary goal of the Golden Shield project and that state that Cisco worked in full  
10 collaboration with Public Security officers.

11 211. Defendant Cheung continues to manage the sales and service operation plans for the  
12 Greater China region and reports directly to senior executives at San Jose including Defendant  
13 Chambers through intermediaries at Cisco China and Cisco's branch office in Asia. Defendant  
14 Cheung, who is listed in several online business resources with a Cisco San Jose address,  
15 participated in bi-yearly marketing and high-level management meetings at San Jose.

16 212. Defendant Cheung directly oversaw much of the coordination of Cisco's Golden Shield-  
17 related projects and Cisco's work to meet other Public Security goals, including Cisco's  
18 providing its Public Security customers with "customized solutions" designed to *douzheng* Falun  
19 Gong. According to one or more experts, Defendant Cheung discussed *douzheng* objectives of the  
20 Golden Shield with several high-level executives from Cisco's San Jose office and its branch  
21 office in Asia.

22 213. Defendant Cheung would not have been promoted to the rank of Vice President of Cisco  
23 China if he had not agreed to promote and further the Party's anti-Falun Gong persecutory  
24 Golden Shield objectives.

25 214. While Vice President of Cisco China, Cheung noted Cisco's successful construction of the  
26 "Golden Shield Project" with Public Security officers in Yunnan province, the city of Beijing, the  
27 Futian district of Shenzhen province, Zhiangjiagang city, and the public security in Shanghai.

28 215. According to Cheung, Cisco's major selling point is the company's customization of the

1 Golden Shield technology it designs and sells in China, which as he also notes, “serves as an  
2 important guarantee for the maintenance of social stability,” a phrase whose repressive  
3 connotations are known to all familiar with political repression in China.

4 216. Defendant Fredy Cheung and other high-level executives at Cisco received reports and  
5 Power-Point presentations from Mao Wanding and other Cisco China sales engineers throughout  
6 Phases I and II. The *douzheng* purpose of the Golden Shield network was clearly stated in at least  
7 one of these presentations by author Mao Wanding as an opportunity for Cisco in design,  
8 construction, training and maintenance. In related reports and/or presentations, the same author  
9 includes the client’s requirements for the Golden Shield and Defendant Cisco’s promise to strictly  
10 follow the Golden Shield project overall design.

11 217. Upon information and belief, Defendant Cheung was aware of the concerns of Cisco  
12 shareholders as expressed in shareholder resolutions described *supra*, e.g., ¶¶166, 174, 178 and  
13 participated with the other named defendants in Cisco’s efforts to conceal the use of Cisco  
14 technology from Cisco shareholders to perpetrate human rights abuses against dissident groups in  
15 China.

16 218. Upon information and belief, Defendant Cheung and his agents, or employees acting  
17 under his direction, attended several technology trade shows and conferences where Cisco and  
18 other companies showed mid-level security officers how to “stop” Falun Gong.

19 219. At all relevant times, Defendant Cheung knew of the campaign of torture and persecution  
20 of Falun Gong practitioners in China, was in a position to influence Cisco’s tortious conduct  
21 during the development of the Golden Shield, and nevertheless purposefully authorized,  
22 participated in, and ratified Cisco’s participation in the Golden Shield project as delineated in all  
23 factual allegations herein, especially the specific facts alleged in sections B through F of the  
24 Statement of Facts. Defendant Cheung’s position and responsibilities required him to work with  
25 public security officers specifically to advance the Golden Shield, one of Cisco’s most important  
26 projects under his supervision. Defendant directly supervised Cisco employees and was tasked  
27 with having detailed knowledge of the strategies employed and degrees of success in carrying out  
28 Cisco’s contracts with public security. As the Asia-Pacific Core Technology Director from 2002,



1 Defendant Cheung was also tasked with managing the technological requirements and capabilities  
2 of Cisco's projects in the region, which required a detailed knowledge of the client's goals.  
3 Defendant Cheung intended to cater to the demands of public security, thereby assisting the client  
4 in achieving its goals against dissident groups in China.

5 220. As discussed just above, John Chambers and Fredy Cheung are on the CSB.

6 221. The true names and capacities, whether individual, official, corporate, associate, or  
7 otherwise, or precise participation of Defendants, DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are not known  
8 to Plaintiffs herein at the time of the filing of this Complaint and, therefore, these Defendants are  
9 being sued by such fictitious names, and Cross-Complainant will seek leave to further amend this  
10 Complaint to show their true names and/or capacities and precise participation when the same  
11 have been ascertained. Each Defendant designated herein as a DOE was responsible  
12 intentionally, negligently, or in some other actionable manner, for the events and happenings  
13 referred to herein which directly caused damages and injury to Plaintiffs within this Complaint.

14 222. All Defendants named were mutually engaged as agents, alter egos, co-conspirators and/or  
15 employees of each and the other, and were at all times acting within the course and scope of such  
16 agency, service, conspiracy and/or employment.

17 **H. The Golden Shield Facilitated the Persecution of and Abuses Suffered by the**  
18 **Plaintiffs**

19 223. The Golden Shield is the only system in China that performs large-scale content filtering  
20 and surveillance of the Internet. It is the sole system used by Public Security in regions in China  
21 where Plaintiffs and similarly situated individuals were isolated and suppressed.

22 224. Office 610 security agents across China had access to at least three Golden Shield Falun  
23 Gong databases dedicated to the surveillance of Falun Gong: (1) Falun Gong members at large,  
24 (2) notorious Falun Gong practitioners and contact persons, and (3) captured Falun Gong whose  
25 identities are unknown.

26 225. The Golden Shield provided the essential means by which the Plaintiffs and similarly  
27 situated persons were tracked, detained, and tortured. Without the information collected and  
28 assembled through the Golden Shield, it would not have been possible to carry out the human

1 rights and other violations against them in the same manner, or at all.

2 226. All of the Plaintiffs were persecuted through the Golden Shield apparatus. None of the  
3 Plaintiffs or persons situated similarly were charged with violent crimes or the use of violence to  
4 carry out otherwise nonviolent crimes. All of their activities are perfectly legal outside of China.

5 227. The 103 Case. During 2001 in the city of Tianjin, Office 610 security agents used the  
6 Golden Shield to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, and torture between sixty and seventy  
7 persons with a history of Falun Gong activities. Office 610's internal designation for this incident  
8 was the "103 Case."

9 228. Office 610 security agents and Public Security officers used the Golden Shield  
10 collaboratively to detect, monitor, interrogate, and persecute these Falun Gong practitioners.

11 229. Plaintiffs Doe I, Doe II, and Ivy He are among the Falun Gong practitioners who were  
12 detained and tortured in the 103 Case through the use of the Golden Shield.

13 230. Doe I. Doe I was one of the individuals identified for arrest and persecution through use  
14 of the Golden Shield by Office 610 security agents and Public Security officers in the 103 Case.

15 231. Beginning on July 1, 2001, Doe I and other Falun Gong practitioners frequently met to  
16 conduct Falun Gong activities including the downloading and distribution of Falun Gong  
17 promotional materials.

18 232. Doe I was arrested and detained along with over 70 other Falun Gong practitioners in  
19 November 2001. In their investigations, Office 610 security agents identified her as one of several  
20 "backbone organizers" of the peaceful religious or protest practices upon which the charges were  
21 based.

22 233. During their interrogation, Office 610 security agents and Public Security officers  
23 subjected Doe I to severe mental and physical torture in order to force her to renounce and vilify  
24 her Falun Gong religious beliefs. Doe I was subjected to ideological conversion through torture  
25 practices based on information stored about her and profiled in the Falun Gong database system  
26 that was integrated with the apparatus as described above.

27 234. Doe I was additionally physically tortured with severe beatings, including some  
28 administered with the simultaneous use of an electric baton and a steel rod bearing sharp screw

1 threads. Her physical abuse was so severe that it caused visible gashes and bruises to cover a  
2 large portion of her body, caused her eyes to swell noticeably, and drew blood. All such torture  
3 began over a year before she was made aware of any charges against her.

4 235. In July 2003, Doe I was charged with raising funds for Falun Gong activities,  
5 downloading Falun Gong materials from the Minghui website, publishing Falun Gong materials  
6 on the Minghui website, and distributing Falun Gong materials. At a purported “trial,” the court  
7 accepted a statement from the Internet Controlling and Monitoring Division of the Tianjin Police  
8 Bureau that confirmed some of the Internet-related charges. Public Security officers and  
9 prosecutors specifically relied on evidence that was collected and analyzed through the Golden  
10 Shield. Doe I was not permitted to challenge the charges against her.

11 236. As a prisoner of conscience, Doe I was sent to a Chinese prison in July 2003 for a term of  
12 twelve (12) years.

13 237. In prison, Doe I was subjected to severe mental and physical torture and forced labor.  
14 Sensitive information from the Golden Shield databases played a significant role in her mental  
15 torture.

16 238. Doe I is currently living in China.

17 239. She is under the continued threat of Chinese security forces tracking her Falun Gong  
18 religious activities and subjecting her to further abuse.

19 240. Doe II. Doe II was one of the individuals identified for arrest through use of the Golden  
20 Shield by an Office 610 security agent.

21 241. Between August and September 2001, the Golden Shield was used by Chinese security  
22 officers to identify, monitor, and track her online activity as a Falun Gong practitioner.

23 242. In November 2001, Doe II was detained for her activities without notice of the charges,  
24 formal arrest, or other procedures. In detention, she was verbally abused, slapped repeatedly in  
25 the face, kicked, and beaten.

26 243. During their interrogation of Doe II, security officers subjected her to severe mental and  
27 physical abuse, so much so that she confessed to crimes she did not commit and subsequently  
28 denied at trial. Security officers used the sensitive information gathered, stored, profiled and

1 accessed through the Golden Shield apparatus to subject Doe II to mental torture and other forms  
2 of ideological conversion through torture.

3 244. On December 20, 2001, Doe II was formally arrested and charged.

4 245. She remained in detention until July 2003, at which point she was put on “trial” along  
5 with several other Falun Gong practitioners. At trial, she was not permitted to challenge the  
6 legality of the charges against her and was not allowed to submit a plea of “not guilty.”

7 246. After a sham trial, the trial court convicted Doe II of “utilizing the cult organization to  
8 sabotage law enforcement.” Based on her so-called conviction, she was detained as a prisoner of  
9 conscience for a term of four years.

10 247. In prison, she was subjected to public humiliation and physical torture that included  
11 frequent interrogation and severe beatings. She was also forced to work under harsh conditions  
12 that included long hours, intermittent torture, and interrogation and public degradation in order to  
13 force her to make false statements about her religious belief and practice. The sensitive  
14 information used by Chinese security to interrogate and (mentally) torture Doe II was collected,  
15 profiled, categorized and made accessible to Chinese security through the Golden Shield  
16 apparatus.

17 248. Doe II is currently living in China.

18 249. She is under the continued threat of Chinese security forces tracking her Falun Gong  
19 religious activities and subjecting her to further abuse.

20 250. Ivy He. Ivy He was one of the sixty to seventy individuals identified for arrest as a Falun  
21 Gong practitioner in the 103 Case through use of the Golden Shield.

22 251. Ivy He has resided in Canada since December 2006.

23 252. Throughout 2001, Plaintiff He downloaded Falun Gong materials from the Minghui  
24 website, communicated by cell phone with other Falun Gong believers involved in Internet-  
25 related Falun Gong activities, and in other ways supported these activities while living in China.

26 253. In November of 2001, Public Security officers went to her home and forced her to  
27 accompany them to the police station.

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1 254. She was detained without being advised of any charges against her and was refused any  
2 opportunity to contact family or legal counsel.

3 255. At the police station, Public Security officers interrogated her continuously for many  
4 hours in order to force her to confess to crimes she did not commit. They poured ice-cold water  
5 over her naked body and forced her to stand in a bucket of ice. She was also kicked, beaten,  
6 insulted and subjected continuously to other forms public humiliation, and mental and physical  
7 torture. Some of these abuses were carried out in front of her very young son to coerce Plaintiff  
8 He to confess to crimes she did not commit.

9 256. The sensitive information Chinese security used to interrogate Ms. He was gathered,  
10 stored, profiled, and made accessible to security through the Golden Shield apparatus.

11 257. Public Security officers sent her to a detention center. She was subjected to continuous  
12 interrogation and physical abuse.

13 258. After a month at the first detention center, Public Security officers sent her to a different  
14 detention center. She spent about a month in that center without being formally charged or  
15 permitted access to family or legal counsel.

16 259. In January of 2002, she was sent to a re-education through labor camp without a hearing  
17 or an opportunity to challenge the legality of her detention and treatment.

18 260. There, she was beaten so severely that she lost consciousness. At one point she was sent  
19 from the labor camp to a hospital, was drugged, and was forced to sign a statement denouncing  
20 the Falun Gong religion. She was subject to ideological conversion through torture at the labor  
21 camp, based on information stored about her in the Falun Gong database system that was  
22 integrated with the Golden Shield.

23 261. After about two years of detention and torture, she was released.

24 262. After residing abroad for several years, Ms. He returned to her home in China.

25 263. In 2008, Public Security officers visited her at her home in China and informed her that  
26 they would be sending her to brainwashing classes again based on her continued practice of the  
27 Falun Gong religion. She left China that night and boarded a plane to Canada, where she now  
28 resides.

1 264. Internet Cases. All of the cases below involved Falun Gong practitioners who had  
2 downloaded Falun Gong materials from foreign Falun Gong websites.

3 265. Doe III. Doe III is a Falun Gong practitioner filing this action through his next friend, Roe  
4 III. Doe III is currently in prison in China and cannot file directly.

5 266. Roe III and Doe III became close friends in 1998. Since 1998, they have remained in close  
6 contact until 2005 when Doe III was arrested, detained and persecuted based on his use of the  
7 Internet to peacefully practice his religion and protest its persecution in China.

8 267. Between 2003 and 2005, Doe III used the Internet to download a significant amount of  
9 Falun Gong material from the Minghui website that he printed and distributed to Chinese citizens  
10 residing in Shanghai.

11 268. In early 2005, after Cisco's Golden Shield work had been completed in full collaboration  
12 with Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents and was fully operational in  
13 Shanghai, Doe III's Internet use and identity were detected by Chinese security through the  
14 Golden Shield, and as a result, he was taken into custody in Shanghai without being advised of  
15 any charges against him.

16 269. In detention, security officers subjected him to interrogation that included ideological  
17 conversion through mental and physical torture to force him to denounce and vilify his religious  
18 beliefs. The sensitive information used by Chinese security to mentally torture Doe III was  
19 routinely collected, stored, profiled and made accessible to security through the Golden Shield  
20 apparatus.

21 270. A month later, Doe III was transferred to the Detention Center of Qingpu District in  
22 Shanghai where political prisoners including but not limited to Falun Gong practitioners are  
23 subjected regularly to torture and persecution.

24 271. In late 2005, at trial, Doe III was not permitted to challenge the legality of the charges  
25 against him and was not allowed to submit a formal plea of "not guilty."

26 272. After a sham trial, Doe III was pronounced guilty of downloading Falun Gong material  
27 online over a two-year period.

28 273. He was "sentenced" to a seven and a half year prison term. While in prison, he was

1 subjected to severe beatings on several occasions, interrogation, and ideological conversion  
2 through mental torture and other forms of torture and persecution. The sensitive information used  
3 by Chinese security to mentally torture Doe III was routinely collected, stored, profiled and/or  
4 made accessible to security through the Golden Shield apparatus.

5 274. Doe III resides in Tilanqiao Prison in Shanghai that is well known for its brutal treatment  
6 of Falun Gong practitioners and other dissident group members. Doe III is currently very weak  
7 and in poor condition due to his subjection to torture and persecution.

8 275. Doe IV. Doe IV is a Falun Gong practitioner filing this action through his next friend, Roe  
9 III, also the next friend for Doe III. Doe IV is currently in China and cannot file directly.

10 276. Roe III communicated with Doe IV and Doe IV's family extensively before, during, and  
11 after Doe IV was imprisoned. He maintains a close relationship with Doe IV and Doe IV's  
12 family. Roe III procured an attorney to represent Doe IV in China, who represented Doe IV in  
13 China until officials began to persecute the lawyer.

14 277. In early 2003, Doe IV began to download information about Falun Gong from the  
15 Minghui website. Throughout the year, Doe IV used the Internet to download a significant  
16 amount of Falun Gong material from the Minghui website.

17 278. In October of 2003, a year after the Golden Shield was identifying Internet users as Falun  
18 Gong in Beijing with the participation of Cisco, Doe IV was taken into custody in Beijing and not  
19 advised of any charges against him.

20 279. In detention, he was subjected to interrogation and forced conversion procedures that  
21 included mental and physical torture to force him to denounce his religious beliefs. He was  
22 shocked with electric batons on his hands, mouth and face on several occasions, locked in  
23 isolation chambers and forced to stand on his feet in sweltering heat for more than seven days on  
24 several occasions, slapped in the face, beaten, deprived of sleep for prolonged periods of time,  
25 and subjected to ice water being poured on his body and clothing without any relief. Security used  
26 the sensitive information routinely collected, stored, profiled and made accessible to them and  
27 other security through the Golden Shield to mentally abuse and torture Doe IV, in order to force  
28 him to betray his beliefs and confess to crimes he did not commit.

1 280. Specific information used in Doe IV's torture included his anonymous creation of a  
2 website on which he posted Falun Gong-related content, as well as the contents of his private  
3 emails and text messages related to Falun Gong. Doe IV was interrogated about and forced to  
4 admit these specific activities during his above-described torture. He was also tortured in order to  
5 force him to divulge names of other Falun Gong adherents. Although Chinese security officers  
6 clearly already had access to information regarding the identities of all of his Falun Gong  
7 contacts, they still threatened him in order to force him to divulge such information and help  
8 implicate those contacts.

9 281. In addition to the torture noted above, Chinese security officers threatened Doe IV with  
10 reprisals against his brother, including firing from his job and forced removal from Beijing, if he  
11 failed to comply with their interrogation and forced conversion demands. Chinese security used  
12 detailed information about his brother's personal circumstances, derived from the Golden Shield,  
13 in order to make such threats.

14 282. In 2004, after a sham trial, Doe IV was pronounced guilty of constructing a Falun Gong  
15 website, using the Internet to download Falun Gong related material and burning the information  
16 onto CDs and sending mass email about the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

17 283. He was not permitted to challenge the legality of the charges against him and was not  
18 allowed to submit a formal plea of "not guilty."

19 284. He was "sentenced" to seven years in prison and in November 2004 was transferred to  
20 Jidong Prison in Tangshan City, Hebei Province.

21 285. While in prison, he was subjected to torture and persecution. He was deprived of sleep for  
22 weeklong periods of time, beaten, and in other ways injured physically and mentally.

23 286. Doe V. Doe V is a resident of China. Doe V used the Internet and telephone to engage in  
24 Falun Gong-related activities. Her use of the Internet and telephone was monitored using the  
25 Golden Shield.

26 287. In 2004, after the core apparatus of the Golden Shield became fully operational with the  
27 participation of Cisco, she used the Internet to access the Minghui website. She also used the  
28 Internet to download materials about Falun Gong and to produce DVDs about the nature of the



1 religion and its persecution in China.

2 288. In spring 2004, Public Security officers from the Xingtai Police Department in Hebei  
3 Province entered her residence as she was downloading material from the Minghui website. They  
4 seized laptop computers, printers, other personal property, and funds.

5 289. On the same day, Public Security officers took her to a hotel for interrogation to force her  
6 to denounce and vilify her religion. The interrogation included severe physical and mental forms  
7 of torture. They placed her in heavy foot-cuffs and tied her to an iron chair for six days and five  
8 nights. She was allowed to be removed from the chair only to go to the restroom and was not  
9 permitted to sleep. During the interrogation, she was mentally tortured and beaten. The sensitive  
10 information used to subject Doe V to mental torture was routinely collected, gathered, profiled  
11 and made accessible to security through the Golden Shield. Officers repeatedly threatened her,  
12 slapped her and pulled her in handcuffs into excruciating positions. As a result of the  
13 interrogation, she was traumatized mentally with severe injuries in the areas in which she had  
14 been cuffed and was covered in bruises and cuts.

15 290. Five days later, Doe V was then taken to a detention center in Xingtai where she was  
16 formally charged. At the detention center she faced further abuse. She was forced to eat spoiled  
17 food and to perform hard labor for long hours in unhealthy conditions. The materials she was  
18 forced to work with caused dizziness and vomiting. She was also put in foot-cuffs, a penalty  
19 typically reserved for death-row inmates.

20 291. She was later taken to the Qiaoxi Municipal Court where she was subjected to a mock  
21 trial. At no time during the “trial” was she permitted to challenge the legality of the charges  
22 against her; nor was she allowed to submit a plea of “not guilty.” She was “sentenced” to a three-  
23 year term of detention in a Chinese prison as a prisoner of conscience.

24 292. While in prison she was subjected to the excessive forms of abuse perpetrated against  
25 Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience. She was forced to make clothes for export, often  
26 working overnight to complete an order. The work made her dizzy and she vomited at the end of  
27 most days. She was deprived of access to essential hygiene products and subjected to other  
28 forcible conversion practices that included intense physical abuse and mental torture, using the

1 sensitive information routinely collected, stored, profiled and made accessible to Chinese security  
2 through the Golden Shield.

3 293. Since her release, she continues to suffer from an irregular heartbeat, cold sweats, and  
4 other severe physical and emotional damage.

5 294. Doe VI. Doe VI is a resident of China. During 2007, Doe VI used the Internet to  
6 download Falun Gong flyers from the Minghui website. He shared the flyers and other  
7 information posted on the website with others in China, including Falun Gong practitioners.

8 295. In spring 2007, more than five years after the Golden Shield was identifying Internet users  
9 as Falun Gong, and tracking and monitoring them in Shandong Province, approximately ten  
10 Public Security officers raided his home in Shandong Province and took him into custody without  
11 advising him of any charges. At the police station, he was subjected to interrogation techniques  
12 that included torture. He was beaten throughout the interrogation process and forced to sleep on  
13 the floor with his hands and feet bound with rope and handcuffs. The information used to subject  
14 Doe VI to interrogation and mental torture was routinely collected, gathered, profiled and made  
15 accessible to security through the Golden Shield.

16 296. The next day, Public Security officers took Doe VI to Weifang City detention center.  
17 While at the detention center, he was subjected to continuous interrogation and torture to force  
18 him to confess to criminal conduct and to abandon the practice of Falun Gong. He was not  
19 formally charged until almost a month later.

20 297. About a month later, a Public Security administrative committee issued a decision stating  
21 that Doe VI had “downloaded, produced, and hid Falun Gong illegal flyers at home.”

22 298. Based on these facts, the administrative committee sent Doe VI to a re-education through  
23 labor camp for 18 months without a hearing or any other opportunity to challenge the legality of  
24 the charges and his term of detention. The committee relied on evidence that Public Security  
25 officers and Office 610 security agents routinely collect through use of the Golden Shield.

26 299. From spring 2007 until early fall 2008, he was detained at Shandong Province No. 2  
27 Labor Camp, where he was subjected to forced conversion practices perpetrated against Falun  
28 Gong and other prisoners of conscience, including physical and mental abuse at the hands of the

1 labor camp officers. The forced conversion techniques used against Doe VI used information  
2 routinely collected, gathered, profiled and made accessible to security through the Golden Shield.  
3 He was also required to work without pay under conditions that included torture.

4 300. Doe VII. Roe VII files as a representative of her daughter, Doe VII. Doe VII has  
5 disappeared and is believed dead.

6 301. After the Golden Shield had been identifying Internet users as Falun Gong and tracking  
7 and monitoring them in the city of Taishan, Doe VII engaged in Falun Gong-related Internet  
8 activity for several years that included the downloading of Falun Gong information from the  
9 Minghui website.

10 302. In the city of Taishan in June 2004, Public Security officers apprehended Doe VII and  
11 took her blindfolded to a police interrogation room where Public Security officers interrogated,  
12 electrically shocked, beat, and kicked her. The officers subjected Doe VII to forced conversion  
13 practices, including mental torture, using information routinely collected, gathered, profiled  
14 and/or made accessible to security through the Golden Shield.

15 303. She was held in a detention center where Public Security officers force-fed her and  
16 subjected her to additional beatings and interrogation.

17 304. In the fall of 2004, after several months of torture, she was injected with a drug that  
18 affected her nervous system so severely that she was unable to speak.

19 305. A few days later, Public Security officers took her to a court in Taishan District of Taian  
20 city. The officers had to hold her up by her arms because she was unable to walk or stand  
21 unassisted. In this condition, she was forced to stand trial. Due to her physical condition she was  
22 unable to speak at trial.

23 306. Approximately a week later, the court convicted her for using the Internet to download  
24 Falun Gong-related material although her physical condition prevented any participation in the  
25 trial. The court relied on evidence of Internet use that was routinely collected and analyzed  
26 through use of the Golden Shield. The court sentenced her to more than eight years in prison.

27 307. Before she was taken to the prison to serve her sentence, Public Security officers injected  
28 her again with drugs that affected her central nervous system, rendering her mute, with a hard and

1 numb tongue and constant salivation.

2 308. In the subsequent two years, her family, including Roe VII, was permitted occasional  
3 prison visits and noted her extremely weak physical condition.

4 309. Since the summer of 2006, Doe VII's family has not had contact with her despite repeated  
5 attempts to do so and believes she may have been tortured to death while in custody. Her family  
6 has been refused visitation and is unaware of her whereabouts.

7 310. Doe VIII. Roe VIII resides in China and is the surviving family member of a deceased  
8 Chinese citizen, Doe VIII, who was born and resided in China. Roe VIII files individually as the  
9 survivor of Doe VIII.

10 311. Doe VIII accessed the Minghui website on numerous occasions in Shandong Province  
11 after the Defendant had implemented the Golden Shield in Shandong Province and Chinese  
12 security were using it to identify Internet users as Falun Gong, and track and monitor them.

13 312. In the summer of 2002, Public Security officers arrested him and another Falun Gong  
14 practitioner at a bus station in Shandong Province, a province where the Golden Shield had been  
15 completed and was fully operational.

16 313. Following his arrest, he was taken to a detention center where he was interrogated,  
17 severely beaten, and subject to ideological conversion practices, including mental torture. The  
18 sensitive information used by security to interrogate, ideologically convert, and mentally torture  
19 Doe VIII was routinely collected, stored, profiled and made accessible to security through the  
20 Golden Shield apparatus.

21 314. Sometime between August 21 and August 30, 2002, Doe VIII was beaten to death at the  
22 detention center.

23 315. Doe IX. Doe IX is a resident of China. Doe IX was targeted for engaging in Falun Gong  
24 religious activities online in Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province, China. The Golden Shield was the  
25 essential means through which she was monitored, tracked and identified as a Falun Gong  
26 believer, apprehended, detained, and subjected to forced conversion practices that included  
27 mental torture. Without the Golden Shield apparatus, it would have been virtually impossible for  
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1 Chinese security officers to subject her to these and other abuses including physical torture,  
2 forced labor, and intense public humiliation.

3 316. While working as an elementary school teacher, Doe IX was previously detained by  
4 Chinese security officers in 2000 and 2002 based on her peaceful Falun Gong religious activities.  
5 Between April 19 and August 2002, Doe IX was physically battered and restrained, including,  
6 e.g., a period of six days being bound to a metal chair while Chinese security officers beat her,  
7 deprived her of sleep, and attempted to force her to renounce her belief in Falun Gong. She was  
8 also force-fed hard liquor and had a menthol-based liquid poured into her eyes, causing extreme  
9 pain and lasting damage. In August 2002, she was released

10 317. In 2004, Doe IX was sent to Division 5 of the Shijiazhuang Reeducation Through Labor  
11 Facility, to be detained for the next three years. During her period of Reeducation Through Labor,  
12 Doe IX was subjected to sleep deprivation, physical torture via battery and extended periods of  
13 physical restraint, e.g. being forced to sit cross-legged and still for 18 hours at a time, and violent  
14 force-feeding after she tried to protest her treatment via a hunger strike. During Doe IX's force-  
15 feeding, chopsticks were shoved down her throat, as was a feeding tube which guards  
16 intentionally twisted so as to lacerate her sinus cavities, drawing blood. During her detention in  
17 the Reeducation Through Labor system, Doe IX was handcuffed, bound and injected with large  
18 quantities of unknown drugs that caused extreme physical pain and swelling.

19 318. Doe IX was subjected to forced conversion via torture (*zhuanhua*), whereby she was  
20 continually physically abused for sessions lasting many hours, while Chinese security personnel  
21 demanded that she renounce her Falun Gong religious faith. During these *zhuanhua* sessions, she  
22 was also physically tortured via the insertion of needles under her fingernails, sleep deprivation  
23 for up to ten days, and the other above-noted forms of physical battery and restraint. Doe IX's  
24 friends, acquaintances, and family members were also threatened.

25 319. In 2008 and 2009, Doe IX was again detained based on her Falun Gong activities online,  
26 including posts on forums, downloading Falun Gong materials, and allegedly maintaining an  
27 online blog which included peaceful advocacy of Falun Gong religious freedom. Documents  
28 related to Doe IX's detention indicate that Chinese security utilized the Golden Shield to monitor

1 her use of the software Dongtaiwang, which allows users to evade normal Internet controls. The  
2 documents also indicate that Doe IX's IP address was tracked such that even her anonymous  
3 Internet activity was logged, requiring high-level Golden Shield functionalities. Doe IX's Internet  
4 use at her workplace, including the use of multiple, unconnected devices, was also tracked to her  
5 specific identity. Similarly, her website visits were tracked in extreme detail, to the level of every  
6 individual "click" online. Finally, Chinese security "matched" files from their own databases with  
7 those on Doe IX's computer hard disk, using detailed and specific information to prove the  
8 "match." This detailed "matching" of data to confirm Doe IX's identity, as well as the other  
9 forms of tracking and surveillance above, was only possible via the advanced anti-Falun Gong  
10 features of the Golden Shield. Chinese security officers also utilized the Golden Shield to forcibly  
11 convert Doe IX through torture. During her current and previous periods of detention, she was  
12 been subjected to the same or highly similar forms of physical and mental abuse as those  
13 described in the paragraphs above, including threats to her friends and family members.

14 320. General Surveillance Cases.

15 321. Charles Lee. Charles Lee was born and educated in China. He later came to the United  
16 States and became a U.S. citizen. He now lives in New Jersey.

17 322. While in the United States, he joined an email exchange for those interested in the  
18 persecution of Falun Gong in China. This e-mail exchange involved extensive correspondence  
19 with individuals living in northern China. These e-mails entered China through its Beijing  
20 gateway, where the Golden Shield had by that time been completed and was fully operational.  
21 These e-mails included correspondence with Falun Gong practitioners in China who had  
22 participated in high-profile protest activity. The Golden Shield was used to monitor and track this  
23 email.

24 323. In 2003, he flew back to China to visit with friends and family after corresponding  
25 through e-mail with a small number of friends living in northern China, letting them know he was  
26 coming.

27 324. Upon his arrival at the airport, Public Security officers placed him under arrest.

28 325. One of the officers who arrested him told him that they knew he was coming to China and

1 had been waiting for him.

2 326. At trial, he was convicted of using the Chinese media for Falun Gong-related activity. He  
3 was not permitted to challenge the legality of the charges against him and was not allowed to  
4 present evidence or defend himself as “not guilty.”

5 327. He was sentenced to a prison term of three years, from January 2003 to January 2006, at  
6 Nanjing Prison. During this time, he was frequently subjected to interrogation and forced  
7 conversion practices, using information stored about him in the Falun Gong database system that  
8 was integrated with the Golden Shield.

9 328. He was forced to take classes on a daily basis in which he was surrounded by ten to fifteen  
10 guards and fellow inmates who subjected him to constant insults and verbal abuse regarding his  
11 practice of Falun Gong. He was referred to as mentally imbalanced and his beliefs were called  
12 “laughable, insane and poisonous.” Lee was called a “traitor” for his U.S. citizenship. He was told  
13 “we can make your living worse than death.”

14 329. Charles Lee was not permitted to interact with other prisoners and oftentimes not  
15 permitted to read. He was permitted to see his mother only twice during the last two years of her  
16 life and not permitted to attend her funeral.

17 330. In addition, he was frequently tortured. He was regularly forced to stand or sit in the same  
18 position for hours at a time on a daily basis, sometimes for up to seven weeks in a row. He  
19 suffered from severe mental trauma and physical damage to his heart while in prison. He was  
20 forced to attend military drills, and when he refused he was dragged across the grounds for hours  
21 at a time.

22 331. He went on nine hunger strikes over the course of his detention, one for fifty days.  
23 Chinese security officers force-fed him on four occasions. On one of these occasions, security  
24 officers tied him down and placed a tube down his throat for feeding, which was kept there for  
25 thirty-three hours.

26 332. In January 2006, Charles Lee was released. He returned to the United States and continues  
27 to be severely disturbed by the aftermath of the torture in the prison.

28 333. Liu Guifu. Liu Guifu was born and raised in the People’s Republic of China. She currently

1 resides in the state of New York with asylum status.

2 334. Plaintiff Liu Guifu was arrested and persecuted as a result of her participation in Falun  
3 Gong Internet activities in the city of Beijing where Cisco had helped to construct the Golden  
4 Shield in collaboration with Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents. Liu Guifu  
5 was subject to multiple arrests. The Golden Shield was used to assemble information about her  
6 following her initial arrest. This information enabled subsequent arrests and detentions. The  
7 detailed information used in the interrogation of Liu Guifu would not have been accessible to  
8 security officers without use of the Golden Shield.

9 335. In February of 2001, she was taken to the Qing Long Qiao police station where she was  
10 detained and subjected to physical and mental forms of torture.

11 336. On February 25, 2001, Public Security officers accused her of “making public statements  
12 with others on the Internet” and sent her to a labor camp for a term of eighteen months. She was  
13 deprived of her legal right to a hearing and was not permitted to challenge the validity of the  
14 charges against her.

15 337. At the labor camp, she was kept awake for eighteen days. She was whipped and beaten  
16 until she was unable to walk. Eventually she began to have hallucinations, and she often lost  
17 consciousness.

18 338. Liu Guifu was released on or about August 14, 2002.

19 339. In early 2003, she was taken into custody again by Public Security officers in Beijing and  
20 was accused of sheltering Falun Gong practitioners.

21 340. During her interrogation, the police told her that another practitioner she knew was  
22 wanted for using the Internet to engage in Falun Gong activities. Upon information and belief,  
23 Liu Guifu was identified by her connection to this practitioner through use of the Golden Shield.  
24 She was detained for three weeks.

25 341. In February 2005, Public Security officers again took her into custody. Public Security  
26 officers sent her to a labor camp for two and a half years.

27 342. Liu Guifu was not permitted to challenge the legal or factual validity of any accusations.

28 343. At the labor camp, she was interrogated and subject to forced conversion practices. The



1 interrogators repeatedly told her that someone in her home had downloaded information from the  
2 Minghui website and asked her repeatedly who had used her computer to download the Falun  
3 Gong materials. The information security used to interrogate Liu Guifu is routinely collected,  
4 stored, profiled, and made accessible to security through the Golden Shield apparatus.

5 344. She was released from the labor camp in the summer of 2007. In 2009, she escaped to the  
6 United States and now resides in New York.

7 345. Wang Weiyu. Wang Weiyu was born and educated in China. He graduated from  
8 Tsinghua University where he studied optical engineering. He left China and arrived in the United  
9 States in July 2013. He currently resides in the United States.

10 346. Plaintiff Wang was detained in police stations and detention facilities on several occasions  
11 between July 20, 1999 and July 2000 for his practice of his religious beliefs in China and his  
12 protest of the persecution of his religion.

13 347. Plaintiff Wang was seized, detained and interrogated by Chinese security in connection to  
14 articles he published on the Minghui website from May 2001 through August 2002. These articles  
15 discussed specifically the persecution of other Tsinghua University graduates in China.

16 348. During his interrogation, Chinese security told him that they had been monitoring his  
17 Internet activity for a while. They specifically told him that they knew he had sent encrypted  
18 materials to the Minghui website. They knew his online anonymous pseudonym. They were  
19 aware of his anonymous Internet communications with another Minghui contributor. They were  
20 even aware of the titles of some of these articles.

21 349. Mr. Wang did not sign his name to or in any other way indicate his authorship of any of  
22 these articles.

23 350. Although another Falun Gong believer verified Mr. Wang's authorship of Minghui related  
24 publications, she made these statements to security four months after Chinese security told Mr.  
25 Wang of their awareness of his Falun Gong related Internet activity.

26 351. Mr. Wang was identified as the author of these articles through Golden Shield  
27 surveillance. His encrypted Internet communication with the Minghui website and other Minghui  
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1 contributors were also identified through surveillance and monitoring facilitated through the  
2 Golden Shield apparatus Cisco designed, implemented, serviced and maintained.

3 352. Plaintiff Wang was detained from August 12, 2002 through February 21, 2003 in the  
4 Legal Training Center in Beijing without a trial, hearing, and access to legal counsel or any other  
5 due process rights guaranteed to Chinese citizens under the Chinese constitution.

6 353. In the detention center, he was beaten with electrical batons for over eleven hours on  
7 successive occasions. Security from the Domestic Security Bureau electrocuted his entire body  
8 including each and every fingertip in addition to piercing his back with electrodes. They grinned  
9 as they beat his head and shouted (we will) “scorch every inch of your skin.” He was not  
10 permitted to bathe, wash, and engage in other basic hygiene necessities. He was kept in total  
11 isolation without contact with other persons for a full six months.

12 354. At a sham trial where he was not permitted to enter a plea of “not guilty,” Plaintiff Wang  
13 was found “guilty” of uploading information on to the Minghui website and sent to Qianjin  
14 Prison and detained there as a prisoner of conscience until February 20, 2011.

15 355. The torture Plaintiff Wang was subjected to in Qianjin prison was so severe as to cause  
16 severe medical ailments such as tendon avulsion. In spite of the cold weather and his infirmities,  
17 he was forced to participate outdoors in unpaid labor that aggravated his already frail condition.  
18 He was repeatedly refused medical attention in spite of requests by Plaintiff Wang and his family.  
19 After he was finally examined in a medical hospital, he was denied access to any information  
20 regarding his infirmities. After he was released from the medical hospital, he was subjected to  
21 additional bouts of torture and forced labor. These included severe beatings by other inmates at  
22 the provocation of Chinese security at the detention facility.

23 356. During the period of his detention, information about his wife and especially her  
24 anonymous Internet communication with overseas Falun Gong believers, were used to force  
25 Plaintiff Wang to confess as to her whereabouts and renounce his own belief in the Falun Gong  
26 religion. Security made threats against him and his wife. Their information was collected,  
27 profiled and accessed by security via the Golden Shield.

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**NO ALTERNATIVE REMEDIES AND**  
**CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

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3 357. There is no adequate alternative remedy available in China to Plaintiffs for the claims  
4 asserted here.

5 358. Attorneys in China have been disbarred, arrested, and persecuted for their attempts to  
6 defend Falun Gong practitioners in Chinese courts. Plaintiffs residing outside of China cannot  
7 return to China without danger of serious reprisals, nor can those residing inside China bring suit  
8 without danger of serious reprisals.

9 359. Plaintiffs still detained continue to suffer from beatings, sleep and food deprivation, and  
10 other forms of torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, forced labor, and crimes against  
11 humanity.

12 360. Technologies and other measures used to suppress Falun Gong practitioners in China  
13 make it virtually impossible for plaintiffs to bring cases in China without reprisal and further  
14 persecution of them and their families. In addition, it is virtually impossible for detained Falun  
15 Gong practitioners to bring cases in any foreign courts.

16 361. Many Falun Gong practitioners in China have attempted to seek administrative remedies  
17 against responsible Party officials or Public Security officers. This has resulted in further  
18 retaliation against them, including renewed detention and increased persecution. In fact, a  
19 commonplace ground for arrest and persecution is the use of the Appeal Office in Beijing to  
20 formally (and legally) file an administrative appeal at the appeal office in Beijing.

21 **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

22 362. **Class Definition.** Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves individually and on  
23 behalf of all other similarly situated individuals as a class action. This action may properly be  
24 maintained as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)  
25 and (b)(3). The Class which Plaintiffs seek to represent is comprised of, and defined, as follows:

26 363. All persons who were subjected to ideological conversion through torture and other  
27 human rights abuses through the use of information provided by Golden Shield apparatus. The  
28 information collected, profiled and stored in the apparatus was used by Chinese security to

1 identify Internet users as Falun Gong, track, capture, isolate and torture them, and they suffered  
2 injury as a result.

3 364. Upon application by Plaintiffs' counsel for certification of the Class, the Court  
4 may be requested after appropriate discovery, to also utilize and certify subclasses in the  
5 interests of ascertainability, manageability, justice, and/or judicial economy.

6 365. **Ascertainability.** This action may be properly brought and maintained as a class  
7 action because there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the  
8 members of the proposed Class are ascertainable and identifiable.

9 366. **Numerosity.** The class for whose benefit this action is brought is so numerous that  
10 joinder of all class members is impracticable. Plaintiffs believe that there are many  
11 thousands of members of the class as described above, although the number and identities  
12 of individual class members are presently unknown.

13 367. **Typicality** Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the other members of the  
14 class, since all such claims arise out of Defendants' actions in actively participating in the  
15 development of the Golden Shield through which plaintiffs and class members were  
16 identified and subjected to detention and torture. Plaintiffs have no interest antagonistic to  
17 the interests of the other members of the class.

18 368. **Adequacy.** Plaintiffs are committed to the vigorous prosecution of this action and  
19 have retained competent counsel with extensive experience in the prosecution of human  
20 rights actions and class actions. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of  
21 the class and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

22 369. **Commonality and Predominance.** Common questions of law and fact exist as to  
23 all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual  
24 members of the Class. These common legal and factual questions, which do not vary from  
25 Class member to Class member, and which may be determined without reference to the  
26 individual circumstances of any class member, include, but are not limited to, the  
27 following:

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- 1 a. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants intended to design the Golden Shield to
- 2 specifically facilitate the online identification of the Plaintiff Class by Party and Public
- 3 Security officers;
- 4 b. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants intended to design the Golden Shield to
- 5 specifically facilitate the prolonged detention of the Plaintiffs Class by Party and
- 6 Public Security officers;
- 7 c. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants intended to design the Golden Shield to
- 8 specifically facilitate the ideological conversion and related abuses;
- 9 d. Whether Cisco and/or the individual Defendants knew or should have known that the
- 10 Golden Shield would be used to target and persecute the Plaintiff Class;
- 11 e. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants intended that the Golden Shield be used
- 12 to target and persecute the Plaintiff Class;
- 13 f. Whether Defendants gave substantial assistance to Public Security and the Party
- 14 officers in the persecution the Plaintiff Class;
- 15 f. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants specifically intended to aid Public
- 16 Security and Party officers in the persecution of and commission of other crimes
- 17 alleged herein against the Plaintiff Class;
- 18 g. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants' subsidiaries in China acted as alter egos
- 19 or agents of defendant Cisco with regard to the actions that are the subject matter of
- 20 this complaint;
- 21 h. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants unlawfully designed, implemented,
- 22 optimized, serviced, possessed, tested, verified and/or provided to Party and Security
- 23 officers the components, training and integrated systems required to create and operate
- 24 the Golden Shield; and
- 25 i. Whether Cisco and the individual Defendants violated Section 17200 of the
- 26 California Business and Professions Code.

27 370. **Superiority.** A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient  
28 adjudication of this controversy. Individual litigation of the claims of all Class members is

1 impracticable. Even if every member of the Class could afford to pursue individual litigation, the  
2 Court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual  
3 litigation of numerous cases involving highly technical issues would proceed. Further  
4 participation in the lawsuit might expose the would-be plaintiffs to further gross human rights  
5 abuses

6 371. By contrast, the maintenance of this action as a class action, with respect to some or all of  
7 the issues presented herein, presents few management difficulties, conserves the resources of the  
8 parties and of the court system, and protects the rights of each member of the Class and of  
9 Defendants. The same evidence, the same witnesses, and the same legal arguments and  
10 explanations will be used to prove that Defendants bear liability for injuries suffered by members  
11 of the Class. Numerous fluid recovery methods exist to aid the Court in assessing damages on a  
12 Class-wide basis. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty that will be encountered in the management of  
13 this litigation that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

14 372. Additionally, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it virtually impossible  
15 for the Class members individually to seek redress for the unlawful conduct alleged herein. The  
16 prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of  
17 inconsistent or varying adjudications, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct  
18 for the Defendants in this action. There is no other litigation that has commenced against  
19 Defendants regarding this matter.

20 373. Cisco and the individual Defendants have engaged in unlawful and unfair business  
21 conduct, which has affected the members of the Class, thereby making appropriate compensatory  
22 relief with regard to the members of the Class as a whole, as, requested herein.

### 23 **LEGAL AND EQUITABLE TOLLING**

24 374. No statute of limitations has begun to run on the Defendants' actions or on the Plaintiffs'  
25 legal right to seek remedies for Defendants' knowing, purposeful and intentional design, supply  
26 and assistance in maintaining the Golden Shield network in collaboration with the Party and  
27 Public Security officers with knowledge and intent that such assistance was for the specific  
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1 purpose of ultimately subjecting Plaintiffs to gross human rights abuses in violation of  
2 international and state law.

3 375. Plaintiffs' claims are equitably tolled due to the extraordinary circumstances outside of  
4 their control, including the Party's pattern of repression, torture, and other crimes against  
5 humanity that they themselves suffered.

6 376. All plaintiffs, even those residing outside China, justifiably feared retribution against  
7 them, their families and friends if they publically criticized the treatment they and other Falun  
8 Gong practitioners suffered in China. Even now the Doe plaintiffs and the Roe next friends are  
9 fearful of having their identities known to Chinese officials.

10 377. The political climate in China also prevented plaintiffs from freely investigating the  
11 circumstances of the abuses they suffered.

12 378. Lawyers, who represented Falun Gong practitioners, have themselves been persecuted.  
13 This year alone, several lawyers, who do not practice Falun Gong yet nonetheless risked their  
14 personal safety to represent Falun Gong clients in criminal proceedings, have been disbarred and  
15 then themselves arrested, as in the cases of Tang Jitian, Liu Wei, and Teng Biao, or simply  
16 imprisoned and tortured without any formal charges, as in the ongoing ordeal suffered by human  
17 rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng.

18 379. In addition to these bases for tolling applicable to all plaintiffs, they have individual and  
19 distinct bases for tolling.

- 20 a. The claims of Doe III and Doe IX are equitably tolled while they remain in prison  
21 with limited access to anyone outside.
- 22 b. The claims of Doe I are equitably tolled while she was imprisoned under isolating  
23 conditions that restricted her access to anyone able to present her claims. She was not  
24 released from the harsh and isolating conditions of her confinement until 2011.
- 25 c. The claims of Doe IV are equitably tolled while he was imprisoned under isolating  
26 conditions that restricted his access to anyone able to present his claims. He was not  
27 released from the harsh and isolating conditions of his confinement until November  
28 2010.

- 1 d. The claims of Doe VII are equitable tolled while in prison. Her family did not confirm  
2 her disappearance until last year, when they made repeated unsuccessful attempts to  
3 communicate with her or ascertain her whereabouts.
- 4 e. The claims of Does II, V and Doe VI are equitably tolled while in prison. Doe II was  
5 released in 2005 and Does III, V, and VI were released in 2008. They all continue to  
6 live in China in fear of further abuse, including further detention if they sought redress  
7 in China or if their accounts of the abuse they suffered were made public. For that  
8 reason they sought leave to proceed anonymously. Their claims should be tolled after  
9 their release from detention because of the continued threat of persecution.
- 10 f. Charles Lee suffered repeated torture causing mental and physical trauma during his  
11 detention and torture. After his release he continued to suffer depression and anxiety  
12 to such a degree that tolling was appropriate even after his release.
- 13 g. The claims of Liu Guifu are tolled for the period of her detention and continued while  
14 she remained in China for fear of further retribution. She arrived in September 2009  
15 and received permanent resident status in the United States in March 2011. Her claims  
16 are tolled until she receives permanent residence status and no longer fears that she  
17 might be forced to return to China.
- 18 h. The claims of Ivy He are equitably tolled while she was detained and while she  
19 remained in China after her release. She was released from prison in 2004 and arrived  
20 in Canada in 2008. Her claims should continue to be tolled because Plaintiff He was  
21 concerned that she would be in danger of retaliation from the Party if she participated  
22 in an action critical of the treatment of Falun Gong in China. In 2010 she returned to  
23 China to see her family and close her affairs there. After that she was no longer afraid  
24 of retaliation for bringing a case, which reflected badly on China's human rights  
25 record. The running of the statute is tolled as to her claims until after her trip to China  
26 in December 2010.
- 27 i. The claims of Wang Weiyu are equitably tolled while he was detained and while he  
28 remained in China under security surveillance and close monitoring. Plaintiff Wang



1 was released from detention on February 20, 2011. He was not able to leave China  
2 until July 2013.

3 380. Tolling is further appropriate to ensure that abuses abroad do not thwart the administration  
4 of justice in the United States.

5 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 *(Torture under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS))*

7 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Roe VII, Roe VIII, Doe IX, Wang Weiyu  
8 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

9 381. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
10 reference as if fully set forth below.

11 382. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu suffered from torture  
12 inflicted knowingly and purposefully in order to, among other things, punish the victims and/or  
13 induce a forced confession and public renunciation of their religious beliefs. Plaintiffs Roe VII  
14 and Roe VIII, personal representatives of Does VII and VIII, are injured in that the individuals  
15 they represent were victims of torture.

16 383. Plaintiffs Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu suffered  
17 severe mental and physical injuries as a result of the abuse inflicted while in custody. Plaintiffs  
18 Roe VII and Roe VIII, personal representatives of Does VII and VIII, are injured in that the  
19 individuals they represent suffered severe mental and physical injuries as a result of the abuses  
20 inflicted while in custody.

21 384. Such conduct was in violation of international law and was contrary to the laws of China.

22 385. Defendants are liable under the Alien Tort Statute for the harm suffered by plaintiffs Ivy  
23 He, Liu Guifu, Does I through VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu and class  
24 members similarly situated. Defendants, directly or through their agents, knowingly and  
25 purposefully aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal enterprise with the  
26 Party and Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to the torture they or those they  
27 represent endured as a result of the Golden Shield.

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1 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 *(Torture under the TVPA)*

3 (Charles Lee and class members similarly situated,  
4 against Defendants Chambers and Cheung)

5 386. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
6 reference as if fully set forth below.

7 387. Plaintiff Charles Lee suffered from torture inflicted knowingly and intentionally in order  
8 to, among other things, retaliate against him and induce a forced confession and public  
9 renunciation of his religious beliefs.

10 388. Plaintiff Charles Lee suffered severe mental and physical injuries as a result of the abuse  
11 inflicted while in custody.

12 389. Such conduct was in violation of the Torture Victim Protection Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1350  
13 note.

14 390. Defendants John Chamber and Fredy Cheung are liable for the harm suffered by plaintiff  
15 Charles Lee, and class members similarly situated, in that these Defendants, directly or through  
16 their agents, knowingly and intentionally aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint  
17 criminal enterprise with the Chinese Communist Party and Public Security officers in the  
18 unlawful conduct that led to the torture he endured as a result of the Golden Shield.

19 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 *(Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment under the ATS)*

21 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Roes VII-VIII, Doe IX, Wang Weiyu  
22 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

23 391. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
24 reference as if fully set forth below.

25 392. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu suffered severe mental  
26 and physical injuries as a result of the abuse inflicted while in custody. Plaintiffs Roe VII and Roe  
27 VIII, personal representatives of Does VII and VIII, are injured in that the individuals they  
28 represent suffered severe mental and physical injuries as a result of the abuses inflicted while in

1 custody.

2 393. The acts described herein were done with the intent of and had the effect of grossly  
3 humiliating and debasing the Plaintiff Class, forcing them to act against their will and conscience,  
4 inciting fear and anguish, and/or breaking their physical or moral resistance.

5 394. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu were placed in great  
6 fear for their lives and forced to suffer severe physical and psychological abuse and agony.  
7 Plaintiffs Roe VII and Roe VIII, personal representatives of Does VII and VIII, are injured in that  
8 the individuals they represent were placed in great fear for their lives and forced to suffer severe  
9 physical and psychological abuse and agony.

10 395. Such conduct was in violation of international law and was contrary to the laws of China.

11 396. Defendants are liable under the Alien Tort Statute for the harm suffered by plaintiffs Ivy  
12 He, Liu Guifu, Does I through VI, Doe IX, Roes VII and VIII, Wang Weiyu and class members  
13 similarly situated, in that Defendants directly or through their agents knowingly and purposefully  
14 aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal enterprise with the Party and  
15 Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to the cruel, inhuman and degrading  
16 treatment they or those they represent endured as a result of the Golden Shield.

17 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 *(Forced Labor under the ATS)*

19 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Doe VI

20 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

21 397. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
22 reference as if fully set forth below.

23 398. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Doe VI and class members similarly situated were sent to  
24 reeducation through labor camps, where they were forced to work involuntarily under threat of or  
25 as part of a regime of serious harm and physical restraint. At no time were these plaintiffs  
26 charged, convicted or sentenced for a violation of a crime.

27 399. Defendants are liable under the Alien Tort Statute for the harm suffered by plaintiffs Ivy  
28 He, Liu Guifu, and Doe VI and class members similarly situated, in that Defendants directly or

1 through their agents knowingly and purposefully aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or  
2 joint criminal enterprise with the Chinese Communist Party and Public Security officers in the  
3 unlawful conduct that led to the forced labor they endured as a result of the Golden Shield.

4 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 *(Prolonged and Arbitrary Detention under the ATS)*

6 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Doe VI, and class members similarly situated, against all  
7 Defendants)

8 400. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
9 reference as if fully set forth below.

10 401. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu and Doe VI, and class members similarly situated, were  
11 detained in reeducation through labor camps without due process because of their practice of  
12 Falun Gong, during which they were subjected to torture and denied access to legal counsel. At  
13 no point were these plaintiffs convicted for any crime.

14 402. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, and Doe VI were injured by prolonged and arbitrary  
15 detention in violation of international law.

16 403. Defendants are liable for the harm suffered by plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu and Doe VI,  
17 and class members similarly situated, in that Defendants directly or through their agents  
18 knowingly and purposefully aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal  
19 enterprise with the Party and Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to their  
20 prolonged and arbitrary detention, or the prolonged and arbitrary detention of those they  
21 represent.

22 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 *(Crimes against Humanity under the ATS)*

24 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Wang Weiyu, Does I-VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX,  
25 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

26 404. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
27 reference as if fully set forth below.

28 405. Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, and Wang Weiyu were injured by crimes

1 against humanity described above, including extrajudicial killings; torture; cruel, inhuman and  
2 degrading treatment; arbitrary and prolonged detention; forced exile; forcible transfer; enforced  
3 disappearance; and persecution. Plaintiffs Roes VII-VIII, personal representatives of Does VII  
4 and VIII, are injured in that the individuals they represent were injured by these crimes against  
5 humanity.

6 406. Each single act constitutes a crime against humanity because it was committed within the  
7 context of widespread or systematic attacks against a civilian population. These acts were  
8 directed against plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Does I-VI, Doe IX, Wang Weiyu and Does VII-VIII  
9 because they were Falun Gong practitioners.

10 407. Such conduct was in violation of international law and was contrary to the laws of China.

11 408. Defendants are liable under the Alien Tort Statute for the harm suffered by plaintiffs Ivy  
12 He, Liu Guifu, Wang Weiyu, Does I through VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX, and class members  
13 similarly situated, in that Defendants directly or through their agents knowingly and purposefully  
14 aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal enterprise with the Party and  
15 Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to the crimes against humanity they or  
16 those they represent endured as a result of the Golden Shield.

17 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 *(Extrajudicial Killing under the ATS)*

19 (Plaintiff Roe VIII, and class members similarly situated,  
20 against all Defendants)

21 409. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
22 reference as if fully set forth below.

23 410. Doe VIII's death by torture was an extrajudicial killing not authorized by a lawful  
24 judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court affording all the judicial guarantees which  
25 are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples.

26 411. This extrajudicial killing was in violation of international law and was contrary to the laws  
27 of China.

28 412. Defendants are liable for the harm suffered by Doe VIII's survivor, Roe VIII, and class

1 members similarly situated, in that Defendants either directly or through their agents knowingly  
2 and purposefully aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal enterprise with  
3 the Party and Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to Doe VIII's death.

4 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 *(Enforced Disappearance under the ATS)*

6 (Plaintiff Roe VII, and class members similarly situated,  
7 against all Defendants)

8 413. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
9 reference as if fully set forth below

10 414. Doe VII was forcibly disappeared while in the custody. After being detained and  
11 imprisoned, she was not permitted access to any friends or family members, and has not been  
12 seen or heard from since 2006. Her whereabouts have not been disclosed, and she is presumed  
13 dead by her family.

14 415. This disappearance was in violation of international law and was contrary to the laws of  
15 China.

16 416. Defendants are liable for the harm suffered by Doe VII's representative, Roe VII, and  
17 class members similarly situated, in that Defendants directly or through their agents knowingly  
18 and purposefully aided and abetted or entered into a conspiracy or joint criminal enterprise with  
19 the Party and Public Security officers in the unlawful conduct that led to her enforced  
20 disappearance.

21 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 *Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2512(1)*

23 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Wang Weiyu, Does I-VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX,  
24 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

25 417. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
26 reference as if fully set forth below.

27 418. Defendants designed, implemented, optimized, serviced, and made available to Public  
28 Security and Party officers the components and integrated systems required to create and operate

1 the Golden Shield.

2 419. Defendants knew of China's poor human rights record with respect to Falun Gong  
3 practitioners, and knew of Public Security and Party officers' intent to use the Golden Shield for  
4 the purpose of identifying and tracking Falun Gong practitioners via the surreptitious interception  
5 of their electronic, wire and/or oral communications in order to unlawfully detain, torture, and  
6 harass them as described herein. Defendants specifically designed and customized the Golden  
7 Shield network (including hardware and software) with the scale, complexity and capacity  
8 required to enable Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents to covertly monitor and  
9 intercept information from the Chinese population without their consent. The technological  
10 tailoring enabled Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents to identify, track,  
11 apprehend, interrogate, detain and torture Falun Gong practitioners, including Plaintiffs and  
12 persons similarly situated. Defendants also designed, implemented, optimized, integrated,  
13 possessed, and provided routers programmed with blocking and surveillance features that are not  
14 typical to a router's default configuration in order to more easily track the movement of Falun  
15 Gong practitioners, including Plaintiffs.

16 420. Defendants knew that Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents intended to  
17 commit such acts on Falun Gong members, and purposefully provided the Golden Shield  
18 technology to them as the sole or essential means by which Plaintiffs could be identified as Falun  
19 Gong and detained by Party officials.

20 421. Plaintiffs' electronic, wire and/or oral communications were intercepted, disclosed, and  
21 intentionally used by Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents to identify, track,  
22 and commit human rights abuses against them.

23 422. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered, and will continue to suffer,  
24 irreparable harm and compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

25 423. As a legal, substantial and direct result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiffs are  
26 entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2512(1).

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1 TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

2 *Battery*

3 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Wang Weiyu, Does I-VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX, and class  
4 members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

5 424. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
6 reference as if fully set forth below.

7 425. The Party, through its agents in Public Security and Office 610 officers, used the Golden  
8 Shield technology, implemented and maintained by Defendants to surveil the Internet activity of  
9 Falun Gong, in collaboration with other security agents, with the intent and as the sole or essential  
10 means to facilitate the apprehension, detention, interrogation, forcible conversion and severe  
11 physical and mental abuse of Plaintiffs, and in order to submit Plaintiffs to forced public  
12 humiliation and degradation.

13 426. For example, while at a reeducation through labor camp in 2002, Ivy He lost  
14 consciousness while being tortured, was slapped repeatedly, and during an interrogation in  
15 November 2001 she was forced to stand in a bucket of ice-cold water while ice was poured over  
16 her body. While in prison from 2003-2006, Plaintiff Charles Lee was forced to stand or sit in the  
17 same position for hours at a time on a daily basis, sometimes for up to two weeks in a row. He  
18 was forced to attend military drills, and when he refused he was dragged across the grounds for  
19 hours at a time. Chinese security officers force-fed him on four occasions; on one of these  
20 occasions, they tied him down and placed a tube down his throat for feeding, which was kept  
21 there for thirty-three hours. Other Plaintiffs were beaten, slapped, and force-fed.

22 427. Plaintiffs did not consent to these acts of touching. They were forcibly detained and sent  
23 to re-education through labor camps, where they were interrogated and tortured, without being  
24 charged or tried. Further, they were also sent to prison camps following sham trials in which they  
25 were not allowed to enter a “not guilty” plea, challenge the legality of the charges against them,  
26 or have counsel be present during interrogations. The unwanted touching occurred in these  
27 camps.

28 428. Defendants knew that security officials intended to commit such acts on Falun Gong



1 members, and conspired with the Party and Public Security officers to purposefully and  
2 intentionally provide Golden Shield technology as the sole or essential means by which Plaintiffs  
3 could be identified as Falun Gong practitioners and detained for such acts to be committed on  
4 them.

5 429. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs suffered injury, damage, loss, and harm as a  
6 result of these unlawful acts of touching. In particular, Plaintiffs suffer from severe mental trauma  
7 and lingering physical effects such as heart damage and loss of movement.

8 430. Defendants knew that the Party and Public Security officers intended to use Golden Shield  
9 to identify, track, detain, and commit acts constituting battery against Plaintiffs. Defendants gave  
10 substantial assistance or encouragement to the Chinese Communist Party and Public Security  
11 officers in carrying out these acts, and Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
12 harm to Plaintiffs.

13 431. Defendants' marketing schemes and creation of a custom surveillance system for the  
14 Golden Shield network were developed and tailored in California in order to meet Party and  
15 Public Security officers' requirements to "douzheng" Falun Gong members, which resulted in the  
16 commission of battery against Plaintiffs.

17 432. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs or those they represent have suffered, and  
18 will continue to suffer, irreparable harm and damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

19 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 *Assault*

21 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Wang Weiyu, Does I-VI, Roes VII and VIII, Doe IX,  
22 and class members similarly situated, against all Defendants)

23 433. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
24 reference as if fully set forth below.

25 434. Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents intentionally used Golden Shield  
26 technology to analyze and share information on Falun Gong practitioners as the sole or essential  
27 means of facilitating the detention, interrogation, and severe physical and mental torture of  
28 Plaintiffs, and in order to submit Plaintiffs to forced public humiliation and degradation.

1 435. Public Security officers, Office 610 security agents, and other security officers committed  
2 widespread acts of torture. For example, while at a re-education through labor camp in 2002, Ivy  
3 He lost consciousness while being tortured and slapped repeatedly. During a police interrogation  
4 in November 2001, she was forced to stand in a bucket of ice-cold water while ice was poured  
5 over her body. While in prison from 2003 to 2006, Plaintiff Charles Lee was forced to stand or sit  
6 in the same position for hours at a time on a daily basis, sometimes for up to two weeks in a row.  
7 He was forced to attend military drills, and when he refused he was dragged across the grounds  
8 for hours at a time. Chinese security officers force-fed him on four occasions; on one of these  
9 occasions, they tied him down and placed a tube down his throat for feeding, which was kept  
10 there for thirty-three hours. Other Plaintiffs were beaten, slapped, and force-fed.

11 436. Defendants knew that security officers intended to commit such acts against Falun Gong  
12 members who were detained, and Defendants conspired with them and intentionally and  
13 purposefully provided the technology of Golden Shield to them as the sole or essential means by  
14 which Plaintiffs could be identified as Falun Gong by security officers, who then committed such  
15 acts against Plaintiffs. Such acts constituted an unlawful touching with the intent to harm or  
16 offend Plaintiffs.

17 437. Plaintiffs did not consent to the touching. They were forcibly detained and sent to  
18 reeducation through labor camps being charged or tried. Further, they were also sent to prison  
19 camps following sham trials in which they were not allowed to enter a “not guilty” plea,  
20 challenge the legality of the charges against them, or have counsel be present during  
21 interrogations. The unwanted touching occurred in these camps.

22 438. Plaintiffs suffered injury, damage, loss, and harm as a result of these unlawful acts of  
23 touching. In particular, Plaintiffs suffer from severe mental trauma and lingering physical effects  
24 such as heart damage and loss of movement.

25 439. Defendants gave substantial assistance or encouragement to the Party and Public Security  
26 officers in carrying out these acts, and Defendants’ conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
27 harm to Plaintiffs.

28 440. Defendants’ marketing schemes and creation of a custom surveillance system for the

1 Golden Shield network were developed and tailored in California in order to meet the Party and  
2 Public Security officers' requirements to "douzheng" Falun Gong members, which resulted in the  
3 commission of assault against Plaintiffs.

4 441. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs or those they represent have suffered, and  
5 will continue to suffer, irreparable harm and damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

6 **TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 *False Imprisonment*

8 (Plaintiffs Ivy He, Liu Guifu, Doe VI, and class members similarly situated, against all  
9 Defendants)

10 442. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
11 reference as if fully set forth below.

12 443. Public Security officers and Office 610 security agents intentionally used Golden Shield  
13 technology to analyze and share information on Falun Gong practitioners as the sole or essential  
14 means of facilitating the detention, interrogation, and severe physical and mental torture of  
15 Plaintiffs, and in order to submit Plaintiffs to forced public humiliation and degradation.

16 444. Plaintiffs were detained in reeducation through labor camps without an arrest, charges, or  
17 trial for periods of time ranging from several days to several years.

18 445. While being held in re-education through labor camps without any legal process, Plaintiffs  
19 were subjected to unlawful treatment including torture, public degradation, and interrogation, and  
20 were forced to work long hours in harsh conditions.

21 446. Plaintiffs suffered injury, damage, loss, and harm as a result of being wrongfully detained  
22 without arrest, charges, or trial. In particular, Plaintiffs suffer from severe mental trauma and  
23 lingering physical effects such as heart damage and loss of movement.

24 447. Defendants knew that security officers intended to commit such acts against Falun Gong  
25 members, and conspired with the Party and Public Security officers to intentionally and  
26 purposefully provide Golden Shield technology as the sole or essential means by which Plaintiffs  
27 could be identified as Falun Gong and detained and tortured by security officers.

28 448. The use of the Golden Shield to track, identify, detain, and torture Falun Gong

1 practitioners, directly caused their false imprisonment.

2 449. Thus, Defendants knew that Party and Public Security officers intended to use Golden  
3 Shield to identify, track, detain, and commit acts constituting false imprisonment against  
4 Plaintiffs. Defendants gave substantial assistance and encouragement to the Party and Public  
5 Security officers in carrying out these acts, and Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in  
6 causing harm to Plaintiffs.

7 450. Defendants' marketing schemes and creation of a custom surveillance system for the  
8 Golden Shield network were developed and tailored in California in order to meet Party and  
9 Public Security officers' requirements to "douzheng" Falun Gong members, which resulted in the  
10 false imprisonment of Plaintiffs.

11 451. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs or those they represent have suffered, and  
12 will continue to suffer, irreparable harm and damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

13 **THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 *Unfair Business Practices*

15 *(California Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.)*

16 (All Plaintiffs, and class members similarly situated,  
17 against all Defendants)

18 452. The allegations set forth in the above paragraphs are re-alleged and reincorporated by  
19 reference as if fully set forth below.

20 453. Plaintiffs allege that by engaging in the above-described acts and practices, Defendants  
21 have committed one or more acts of unfair competition within the meaning of California *Business*  
22 *and Professions Code* §17200, et. seq.

23 454. Defendants' unlawful and/or unfair business acts and/or practices as alleged herein have  
24 violated numerous laws and regulations, and said predicate acts are therefore per se violations of  
25 § 17200, et seq. As described in more detail above, these predicate unlawful and/or unfair  
26 business acts and/or practices include, but are not limited to, Defendants' solicitation of the  
27 contract to design, implement, optimize, service and maintain the Golden Shield system to Party  
28 and Public Security officials for the specific purpose of furthering their intent to identify, track,

1 unlawfully detain, and torture Falun Gong practitioners including Plaintiffs; by information and  
2 belief, Defendant Chambers' signature or countersignature on Cisco's contracts in California to  
3 design, manufacture, build, and supply Golden Shield technology to Party and Public Security  
4 officials as required by Cisco's corporate bylaws; Cisco's misrepresenting to United States  
5 authorities that its design, implementation, optimization, assembly, possession, and /or provision  
6 of the components and integrated systems required to create and operate the Golden Shield was  
7 lawful or fair; Cisco's tailoring of Golden Shield components and integrated systems to include  
8 the specific goal of the "douzhen" of Falun Gong, and designing the custom surveillance system  
9 to be used in Golden Shield in California.

10 455. Defendants' actions as alleged herein, which include but are not limited to agreeing to  
11 meet the goals of Party and Public Security officials to suppress Falun Gong believers, gave  
12 Cisco an unfair competitive advantage over its competitors, who were also trying to break into the  
13 Chinese market.

14 456. Plaintiffs allege that as a direct result of Cisco's unlawful conduct alleged herein,  
15 Plaintiffs lost income that they could not receive during the period of their detention. Plaintiffs  
16 further lost income to the extent they were not able to continue working after their release from  
17 detention due to the mental and physical injuries they received while in detention. Plaintiffs are  
18 victims of Defendants' unlawful conduct, as herein alleged, and have suffered injury in fact, and  
19 have lost money as a result of Cisco's unfair competition.

20 457. Plaintiffs seek a permanent injunction enjoining Cisco from future unlawful activity.  
21 Plaintiffs allege that the unlawful acts and practices, as fully described herein, present a  
22 continuing threat to members of the public to be misled and/or deceived by Defendants as  
23 described herein. Plaintiffs have no other remedy at law that will prevent Defendants'  
24 misconduct, as alleged herein, from occurring and/or recurring in the future.

25 458. This litigation will result in the enforcement of an important right affecting the public  
26 interest. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereupon allege that this action confers a  
27 significant benefit on the California public who have been misled and/or deceived by the  
28 unlawful businesses practices of Cisco.

1 459. As a legal, substantial and direct result of the above-described pattern of conduct,  
2 Plaintiffs are entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to California *Code of Civil Procedure*  
3 § 1021.5.

4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 WHEREFORE, each and every Plaintiff prays for judgment against each Defendant as follows:

- 6 (a) For certification of a class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23 (a) and (b)(3);
- 7 (b) For compensatory damages including general and specific damages;
- 8 (c) For punitive damages;
- 9 (d) For injunctive relief enjoining Cisco from future unlawful activity;
- 10 (e) For costs of suit, including attorney's fees;
- 11 (f) For such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

12 DATED: August 1, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury herein.

Dated: August 1, 2013

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