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1 A. I was referring to the 45 and
2 the 90 days.

3 Q. Both of those are hard
4 guarantees?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I guess, let me break down one
7 of my previous long questions into two
8 questions.

9 So that user's data could be
10 available for model training during the
11 45-day period after the account fails the
12 checkpoint, right?

13 MR. CHAPUT: Objection,
14 incomplete hypothetical, lacks
15 foundation, vague.

16 A. Again, I think whether or not
17 it was would depend on the specific
18 implementation of the, you know, specific
19 training system.

20 And so while, you know, the,
21 like, guarantee that we ensure with a high
22 degree of rigor is 45 days, the actual
23 implementation is somewhere in that window,
24 and I'm not familiar with the, you know,
25 exact sort of system latencies that would

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1 answer your question on the exact timelines
2 that it undergoes.

3 BY MR. COCANOUGHER:

4 Q. Let's say the implementation
5 took the full 45 days.

6 Do you know if, for that
7 particular situation, if that data would be
8 used in the model?

9 MR. CHAPUT: Objection, vague,
10 incomplete hypothetical.

11 A. I guess, if the implementation
12 were to only remove the data after 45 days,
13 then it would be used for 45 days.

14 I guess, in your hypothetical,
15 it seems like somewhat tautological that
16 you're saying if it were there for 45 days,
17 would it be there for 45 days? So it's yes.

18 BY MR. COCANOUGHER:

19 Q. So we don't know -- in that 45
20 days, we don't know whether it's deleted on
21 day 1 or day 45, but for whatever period --
22 practically, for whatever period of time in
23 that 45 days -- strike that. I confused
24 myself.

25 And so the guarantee, when you

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1 say hard guarantee, is that Meta doesn't use
2 the data for model training after 45 days if
3 an account fails the checkpoint?

4 MR. CHAPUT: Object to the
5 form, vague, incomplete hypothetical,
6 lacks foundation.

7 A. After 45 days, the deletion
8 process begins, if the data was not flagged
9 for retention.

10 BY MR. COCANOUGHER:

11 Q. So for the second guarantee,
12 which is the 90-day period, is there any
13 amount of time in that 90-day period in which
14 the data still goes into the models?

15 MR. CHAPUT: Object to the
16 form, vague, incomplete hypothetical,
17 lacks foundation.

18 A. Similar answer in that the
19 guarantees that we kind of, like, rigorously
20 abide by are the 90-day deletion window. The
21 exact implementation time, I'm not
22 specifically aware of.

23 BY MR. COCANOUGHER:

24 Q. And are you aware of whether
25 the implementation time varies -- can vary?

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1 MR. CHAPUT: Object to the
2 form, vague, incomplete hypothetical.

3 A. I'm not aware, although just
4 from an engineering perspective, it is not
5 obvious why there would be, you know, a huge
6 amount of variance.

7 I think most of these systems
8 are pipelines that run on some regular
9 frequency, and so, you know, while I'm not
10 familiar with the exact specifics of this
11 one, I'd say that the kind of like regular
12 course of, like, how these things are
13 implemented is that it is a job that runs
14 daily or weekly or, you know, in some cadence
15 on a regular basis that, you know, wouldn't
16 vary significantly from, you know, user to
17 user or from one month to the next.

18 BY MR. COCANOUGHER:

19 Q. Do the guarantees -- either the
20 45-day or the 90-day, do either of those
21 guarantees have anything to do with data
22 going into machine learning models?

23 MR. CHAPUT: Object to form,
24 compound, vague, lacks foundation.

25 A. I mean, I think they apply