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The first question is:

Should the files be released?

Yes, the files should be released. I'm tired of the government saying that they want to release them, so please just do it.

The next question is:

Should Ms. Maxwell be pardoned?

No. Ghislaine Maxwell should not be pardoned. She was convicted of sex trafficking of children. This is a terrible crime.

Our next question:

Did you ever meet Virginia Giuffre?

Yes, briefly. Before Ms. Maxwell was arrested, there was a meeting in New York with law enforcement (with either FBI or Homeland Security) and with many victims.

Virginia and I were there. I said, "Hi, Virginia. Did you ever file a police report? I did in California." Virginia said, "No, I could not do that. I was around rich and powerful people."

At the same meeting with victims and their attorneys, the law enforcement agent at the podium asked the victims if they had any questions. Virginia asked why Maxwell was still walking around free. The agent responded that they were going to find her. I am very glad that Virginia asked that question.

Another question is:

Do you want Ms. Maxwell to testify?

I am not sure because I don't know if we can believe her, but I would like to know what U.S. Deputy Attorney General, Todd Blanche, asked her and what she said to him.

The last question:

How do you feel about seeing the Jeffrey Epstein story in the news almost every day?

It's very upsetting to me. I cry and shed tears in my living room when I see this on the news every day. Jeffrey is in my brain again and I remember what happened to me in the hotel room. I feel pain in my heart for myself and for the victims when I see it every day in the news.

Statement of Alicia Arden

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