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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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14 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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24 The interview in the above matter was held in room 4410 O'Neill House Office

25 Building, commencing at 10:06 a.m.

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1 [REDACTED]. Today is October 16th, 2024, and this is the transcribed interview of

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3 House Resolutions 1367 and 1470 direct the task force to investigate all actions by  
4 any agency, department, officer or employee of the Federal Government related to the  
5 attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13th, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania,  
6 and September 15th, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

7 Pursuant to House Resolution 1367, Chairman Kelly and Ranking Member Crow  
8 have requested this interview as part of the task force investigation.

9 Can the witness please state their name and spell their last name for the record

10 [REDACTED] It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

11 [REDACTED] Thank you, [REDACTED]

12 My name is [REDACTED], and I am a senior counsel with the task force. I want  
13 to thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force recognizes and  
14 appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

15 You are allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.

16 Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity present with you today?

17 [REDACTED] Yes. I'm sorry.

18 [REDACTED] Please answer the question.

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

20 [REDACTED]. Will the counsel please identify themselves.

21 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22 I just want to -- I have a cell phone here, but I'm not recording anything. I just  
23 want to make it clear for the record.

24 [REDACTED]. Thank you, [REDACTED]

25 Is there an also an attorney present representing the Secret Service today?

1 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] deputy chief counsel.

2 [REDACTED]: Is there also an attorney present representing the Department of  
3 Homeland Security today?

4 [REDACTED]: Yes, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 Also, could -- is there a way that we could -- the microphone could be closer?  
6 We can't hear very well.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay. We will have them speak louder.

8 [REDACTED]: Thank you, all.

9 There are no Members present today at this interview, but if Members of  
10 Congress present, they'll have the opportunity to ask questions.

11 Next, starting with majority and then the minority, can the additional staff  
12 members please introduce themselves with their name, title, and affiliation.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a senior counsel in counselors.

14 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], deputy staff director for the task force majority.

15 And then online, we have three individuals from the majority.

16 [REDACTED], will you start? We have [REDACTED]. He is a special counsel.

17 [REDACTED] He's muted.

18 [REDACTED]: And then we have --

19 [REDACTED] I'm here.

20 [REDACTED] There we go.

21 [REDACTED], can you identify yourself?

22 [REDACTED]: Yes. I'm [REDACTED], senior professional staff member on the  
23 task force for the majority.

24 [REDACTED]: And [REDACTED]?

25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior adviser, task force, majority.



1 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

2 [REDACTED], legislative attorney with the Congressional Research  
3 Service.

4 [REDACTED], minority, staff director.

5 [REDACTED]. Thank you all.

6 [REDACTED] before we begin, I'd like to go over the ground rules for this interview.

7 As previously agreed to by counsel for [REDACTED] agency staff, majority and  
8 minority staff, the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted  
9 assassination on July 13th, 2024, including, but not limited to, preparation and aftermath  
10 and any information related to the September 15th attempted assassination.

11 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff  
12 will alternate asking you questions 45 minutes per side per round until each side is  
13 finished with their questioning.

14 The majority staff will begin and proceed for 45 minutes, and then the minority  
15 staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this  
16 manner until both sides have no more questions.

17 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to  
18 end a few minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of  
19 questioning, including any pertinent followups.

20 In this interview, while one member of the staff for each side may lead  
21 questioning, additional staff may ask questions. There is a court reporter taking down  
22 everything I say and everything you say to make a written record of the interview.

23 For the record to be clear, please wait until the staffer questioning you has  
24 finished each question before you begin your answer, and the staffer will wait until you  
25 finish your response before proceeding to the next question.

1 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please  
2 speak clearly, concisely, and slowly.

3 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers such as nodding or  
4 shaking your head, so it's important that you answer each question with an audible verbal  
5 answer.

6 Do you understand?

7 [REDACTED] Yes.

8 [REDACTED]: We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and  
9 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time.

10 If you have any questions or do not fully understand the question, please let us  
11 know. We will attempt to clarify, add context to, or rephrase our questions.

12 Do you understand?

13 [REDACTED] Yes.

14 [REDACTED]: If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you  
15 are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of  
16 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection.

17 If you recall only a part of the conversation or event, you should give us your best  
18 recollection of those events or parts of conversations that you do recall.

19 Do you understand?

20 [REDACTED] Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you  
22 are required, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, to answer questions from Congress  
23 truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an interview.

24 Do you understand?

25 [REDACTED] Yes.



1           [REDACTED]. If at any time you knowingly make false statements, you could be  
2 subject to criminal prosecution.

3           Do you understand?

4           [REDACTED] Yes.

5           [REDACTED]. Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful testimony in  
6 today's interview?

7           [REDACTED] No.

8           [REDACTED]. Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any statement  
9 today, that assertion must apply to the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.

10           For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements,  
11 witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the  
12 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance.

13           Do you understand?

14           [REDACTED] Yes.

15           [REDACTED]. Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is  
16 confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in this  
17 interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.

18           For those same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the  
19 court reporter so that they may go in the official transcript, and any copies of those  
20 exhibits will be returned to us when we wrap up.

21           We plan to take a 5-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning,  
22 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know and we will be  
23 happy to accommodate you. However, to the extent that there is a pending question,  
24 we would ask that you finish answering the question before we take the break.

25           Do you understand?



1 [REDACTED] Yes.

2 [REDACTED]: Do you have any questions before we begin?

3 [REDACTED] No.

4 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] Thank you. I appreciate it.

6 As you mentioned, ATSAIC [REDACTED] is here voluntarily, and the information he will  
7 discuss today, the exhibits, are generally not in the public domain and we request they  
8 remain that way.

9 And we feel that they -- Secret Service and Homeland Security feel that they fall  
10 under the Privacy Act and other similar Federal statutes. We're not making any waivers  
11 of the protections under those statutes.

12 And, as we've agreed, there will be no audio or video recording at today's  
13 testimony and -- except for, of course, for the court reporters, who are needing the  
14 recordings for purposes of the transcript.

15 We appreciate that opportunity. Thank you.

16 [REDACTED]: Thank you, sir.

17 And in regards to the recordings, we are not keeping any recordings of this  
18 interview, and then the recording that the court reporters are transcribing, you know, will  
19 be taken for the purpose of preparing the transcript for this interview and will later be  
20 destroyed or eliminated. So thank you.

21 [REDACTED] Thank you. And appreciate the ongoing continued cooperation.

22 [REDACTED] It is now 10:13. Majority staff will now begin its questioning.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q [REDACTED] who is your current employer?

25 A Secret Service.

1 Q We heard that you are leaving the Secret Service. Is that accurate?

2 A No, it's not.

3 Q How long have you worked at the Secret Service?

4 A I've been a special agent with the Secret Service for 20 -- over 24 years.

5 Q Okay. And can you give us a brief overview of your career before joining  
6 the Secret Service?

7 A Before joining the Secret Service? I got hired -- I got hired straight out of  
8 grad school. I was in grad school. I got hired. I actually left school to take the job  
9 with the Secret Service.

10 Q Okay. Can you describe for us just an overview of your career at the Secret  
11 Service from your first job and the roles that you've held with the Secret Service?

12 A Sure. So after -- after graduating training, I was assigned to the New York  
13 Field Office. I was a special agent in the New York Field Office for 4 years.

14 From there, I went to the counter assault team for 3 years. After that, I was  
15 assigned to the President's detail for 3 years, then was an instructor at the James J.  
16 Rowley Training Center for about 4 years.

17 And then from there, I was transferred to the Pittsburgh Field Office, where I've  
18 been ever since 2015.

19 [REDACTED] I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 1 into the record. This is an  
20 organizational chart produced to the task force of the Secret Service field office in  
21 Pittsburgh.

22 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 1

23 was marked for identification.]

24 [REDACTED] Yeah.

25 BY [REDACTED]:



1 Q To whom do you directly report at the Secret Service Field Office-Pittsburgh?

2 A So at the present time, I report to SAIC [REDACTED]

3 Q And is [REDACTED] at the top of this organizational chart?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what is his role?

6 A He's the special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office.

7 Q And what is your current role for the Secret Service?

8 A I am the assistant to the special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh Field  
9 Office.

10 Q On this organizational chart, there are multiple special agents in roles below  
11 the blue box that has assistant to the special agent in charge -- sorry, the yellow box that  
12 says "ATSAC."

13 Is that assistant to the special agent in charge, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q So do all those people listed under your name where your placement on the  
16 organization chart all report to you?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Are you considered a manager or supervisor?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Can you walk us through what that entails?

21 A So as an ATSAIC of the Pittsburgh Field Office, the agents that fall  
22 underneath me, they report to me for anything involving their casework. They submit  
23 leave to me. They submit travel vouchers to me for approval. I oversee their  
24 casework.

25 And then if they're -- if they're working, I also assign, you know, casework or also

1 protection assignments. If we have a protectee coming in the district, typically the way  
2 it works is I would -- we find out about the visit.

3 I look and see who's available for the visit as far as, you know, if individuals have  
4 leave in or if they have conflicts. And then I look and see who's available, decide who's  
5 going to work what assignment.

6 And then normally, what I would do is go to either the ASAIC -- that position is  
7 currently vacant -- or to the SAIC and discuss, you know, here's what I'm thinking, what  
8 agents will fill what roles.

9 Q How does the vacancy of the ASAIC affect your roles and responsibilities?

10 A It hasn't been vacant that long. The agent who was filling that role, he  
11 retired at the beginning of July. So it hasn't -- it hasn't had a huge effect, because he  
12 hasn't been gone that long.

13 But -- and it's not -- it affects it a little bit because there's another -- there's  
14 no super -- there's not another supervisor to go to.

15 So if the agents that fall underneath me, if they had -- if they had a question about  
16 something and they can't get a hold of me, they could go to the ASAIC. So without  
17 having the ASAIC available or without having someone there, it has a small effect.

18 Q What was the name of the ASAIC that was there prior to July 13th?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 Q [REDACTED] And just to take a step back, for your managerial duties in  
21 selecting staff for protective missions, do you need approval for those assignments  
22 through, prior to July 13th, ASAIC [REDACTED] or Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]

23 A Approval to assign the agents to those specific roles?

24 Q Correct.

25 A Not necessarily approval. I would clear it with them one way or the other.



1 I would -- you know, like I -- if I -- if I assign an agent to a role and then I would -- I would  
2 just, you know, kind of okay it with them. I would go to them and say, hey, here's where  
3 I'm thinking. Here's what I'm thinking, who will fill which roles. And if they agree, they  
4 say, okay, that looks good.

5 There have been times where SAIC [REDACTED] or ASAIC [REDACTED] will say -- you know, I  
6 might have a junior agent filling a role and they might say, eh, you know, I don't think that  
7 agent's ready to do that role, so let's -- is there someone else available? And, you know,  
8 we kind of agree, you know, talk it out and agree who should fill what roles.

9 Q Okay. So effectively, you will make assignment selections and then screen  
10 those selections with Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
11 [REDACTED], correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And is that common practice for all events that -- or all site visits or  
14 protective missions or assignments that you select staff for?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Are there any vacancies under you right now in your role as assistant to the  
17 special agent in charge?

18 A Underneath me?

19 Q Uh-huh.

20 A Yes. We have several. I'm not sure of the exact number, but we've  
21 had -- we've had agents retire. We've had agents leave the job and they haven't been  
22 filled. They haven't been backfilled.

23 So right now, again, I'm not sure of the exact number, but I think we have  
24 somewhere around 17 agents in the office, and at one time we had 25. So yes, there are  
25 vacancies that need to be filled.

1 Q Is that 17 agents reporting directly to you or just overall in the Pittsburgh  
2 Field Office?

3 A That's overall.

4 Q And how many would you say are missing under your supervisory authority?

5 A I don't know off the top of my head, but, you know, probably four or five.

6 Q Does Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] lead advance agent for the July  
7 13th trip, report to you?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Does Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] protective intelligence advance for the  
10 July 13 trip, report to you?

11 A Technically, yes.

12 Q What do you mean by that?

13 A So he's assigned -- he was -- he was assigned to our ECSAP lab. He works a  
14 lot of -- he worked a lot of crypto cases, things like that. And we had -- we had -- we  
15 have a position called the TSA technical adviser. He would -- he would report to the TSA  
16 position for casework and stuff like that, but then when it comes to protection  
17 assignments then he would report to me, yeah.

18 Q Okay. So Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reported directly to you for  
19 protective assignments?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Does Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] office coordinator at the Pittsburgh Field  
22 Office, report to you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Does Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the site counterpart for the July  
25 13th trip, report to you?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Does Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the site agent for the airport for  
3 the July 13th visit, report to you?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Does Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] report to you?

6 A It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Thank you.

8 A Yes.

9 Q And can you walk us through a day-to-day as far as your responsibilities go  
10 for the Secret Service?

11 A So on a typical day, I would come into the office. I'd check email. I would  
12 check to see if there are travel vouchers that need to be approved, leave that needs to be  
13 approved, if there are case reports that need to be approved, review those reports. I  
14 also approve purchases for the field office through the administrative staff. That's a  
15 typical day.

16 Q And what is your grade on the General Schedule, GS? Are you a GS-14?

17 A I am.

18 Q And what does that entail?

19 A Everything I just -- I just said.

20 Q Okay. Do you ever serve as a proxy for any of your supervisors at the time  
21 before July 13th, ASAC [REDACTED] SAIC [REDACTED]

22 A So I would have signature authority. So if the -- if there's paperwork that  
23 needs the SAIC's signature and he's not there, then I would sign for him. But other than  
24 that, no.

25 Q Do you have experience working advance trips for Secret Service?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Can you describe your history working for those events, for advances?

3 A Sure. So when I was on the counter assault team, I would have -- I had -- I  
4 have experience doing counter assault team advance work, as well as when I was on the  
5 President's detail doing site advances for the President's detail.

6 And then also, once reporting to the Pittsburgh Field Office, any assignment I got  
7 as the site agent or lead agent in the Pittsburgh Field Office for protectees coming into  
8 the Pittsburgh district.

9 Q Prior to July 13th, did you have any experience doing advance trips for  
10 former President Trump?

11 A I don't believe so. I don't think so.

12 [REDACTED]: That includes from when he was President or any of the other roles  
13 that he's had?

14 [REDACTED] So when he was President, I'm trying to think if -- so I was the  
15 site -- I was the site assist for a site to the Pittsburgh airport when he was President.

16 So I guess yes. I was not -- I was not the site agent, but I would have been the  
17 President -- the Presidential Division's site agent's assistant. So the field office  
18 counterpart for a site, so yes.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Were any of these golf movements?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you have a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 A Yes.

24 Q What is it?

25 A It's [REDACTED].



1 Q And what kind of training or certification do you have to maintain for your  
2 current role?

3 A So most of the training is done online. It's videos and  
4 present -- PowerPoint presentation-type online --

5 [REDACTED] Do you want to go back to his hiring from training from -- in  
6 Maryland? Why don't you start from the beginning. Just aggregate all your training.  
7 I think that's what he wants to know.

8 [REDACTED] Okay.

9 [REDACTED]. Yes, please.

10 [REDACTED] Okay. I'm sorry. I thought you meant current training.

11 [REDACTED] Yeah. No, no. Go back and then bring it up to date.

12 [REDACTED] So went through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
13 down in Glynco, Georgia, as every agent does. It's -- when I went through, I believe it  
14 was 9 weeks. And then from there, you go to the James J. Rowley Training Center for 9  
15 to 12 weeks, somewhere in there.

16 And then -- so after that, what I was -- started to say was the continued training  
17 that you do is mostly online stuff. You watch a video online and then you have to  
18 answer -- take a quiz at the end of the video to make sure that you were paying attention.

19 [REDACTED]. Okay.

20 [REDACTED] Firearms.

21 [REDACTED] Oh, and firearms training. Thank you.

22 Actually, so the RIS program, if you want me to talk about that.

23 [REDACTED] Generally.

24 [REDACTED] So we do firearms -- we do -- we do quarterly firearms and physical  
25 fitness training every quarter every year. The -- there was -- there still is -- they created

1 a regional in-service training program. I can't remember when they created it, but it  
2 was training where the instructors from the James J. Rowley Training Center would go to  
3 different regions throughout the country and put on training for the field offices.

4 And they -- in 2020, because of COVID, they kind of -- the program kind of got put  
5 on hold. I shouldn't say put on hold, but they stopped having frequent training sessions.

6 For the first couple years that it was -- it was running, they -- they were doing a lot  
7 of training in field offices, scheduling training, going to field offices. I actually  
8 participated in -- as an instructor training the -- in the regional in-service training.

9 And they were trying to do -- I believe they were trying to hit a field office, one  
10 field office every month throughout the country. And they were doing that for a good I  
11 believe it was 2, 2 or 3 years. And then the -- because of COVID, that kind of got -- the  
12 program's still in place, but they -- they didn't do the in-person training.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q When you joined the Pittsburgh Field Office, did you immediately assume  
15 the assistant to the special agent in charge title?

16 A No.

17 Q When did you assume that title?

18 A It was -- I got promoted March of 2022. Yeah, that is correct.

19 Q Since that promotion, did you receive any training on managerial supervision  
20 duties at Secret Service in terms of selecting staff for protective assignments?

21 A Not specifically that, no.

22 Q Did you receive any training upon your promotion for managerial duties,  
23 supervisory duties?

24 A So it's -- there's the online that -- I participated in an online introductory to  
25 the supervision training, but most of it is on-the-job training.

1 Q On-the-job training?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And that was virtual?

4 A Not the on --

5 Q Sorry.

6 A Yes, yes.

7 Q The virtual training for your managerial duties --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- was virtual?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Most of your prior trainings, were they in person or virtual?

12 A So most of the -- I would say most of them were in person, but the virtual  
13 training that I'm talking about is -- most of it is stuff that needs to be updated, you know,  
14 either yearly or every other year.

15 And those are, you know, courses that you can watch the -- watch the video and  
16 then take the -- take the quiz at the end of it. It's -- but most of it was in person.

17 Q I'm going to shift now to the July 13th event, just from a beginning point of  
18 when you found out that former President Trump was planning a potential visit to Butler.

19 A Sure.

20 [REDACTED] I'm going to introduce exhibit -- majority exhibit 2, which is a Secret  
21 Service-provided timeline of events that walks through July 2nd through July 13th.

22 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 2

23 was marked for identification.]

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q I just want to note too that the version that you have is redacted, but we are

1       aware of the names listed in the whited racketed spaces for this exhibit.

2               Do you recognize this document?

3               A     Not this specific document, but I'm familiar with the information on it, yes.

4               Q     Okay. I'm just going to start.

5               From your recollection, if you could describe for us when you first learned of the  
6       July 13th potential visit.

7               A     So it was July 2nd, Tuesday, July 2nd via email, I believe. I'm sorry, a  
8       telephone call to the office. At that time, it was a potential visit. And then, from my  
9       recollection, I believe it got confirmed on July 4th, yes.

10              Q     So on July 2nd, just to break that down, did you receive that phone call of  
11       the potential visit of former President Trump to Butler?

12              A     I don't recall.

13              Q     Do you recall having discussions on July 2nd?

14              A     Yes.

15              Q     With who?

16              A     The SAIC.

17              Q     Okay.

18              A     SAIC [REDACTED]

19              Q     Can you recall what you discussed with him on July 2nd?

20              A     So I don't -- I don't -- I don't recall specifically in detail how the conversation  
21       went, but usually anytime we get, you know -- if I get notified that there's a visit to our  
22       district, I would immediately speak with SAIC [REDACTED] let him know so that he's aware of  
23       the potential visit, and then usually start discussing, you know, who's going to -- who's  
24       going to fill what assignments for that visit.

25              Q     Do you recall if you were called by Donald Trump protective detail about the



1 potential visit? Did you receive that phone call?

2 A I can't -- I don't recall whether I -- I got that phone call or not. I think -- I  
3 think I did receive the phone call but, again, with everything that's happened, you know,  
4 all the details and everything, you know, I'm trying to think back.

5 I know I had the discussion with SAIC [REDACTED] that, you know, there's a potential  
6 visit of former President Trump to Butler. Normally, that's how it works. Normally,  
7 they would call the ASAIC or ATSAIC of the field office. They wouldn't go direct to the  
8 SAIC. So I think -- I believe I did receive that phone call, yeah.

9 Q So it's July 2nd. You're aware of this potential visit. What are the next  
10 steps for you, as ATSAIC? What is -- how do you understand your role to be in the July  
11 13th event?

12 A So, like I said, I would -- I would notify the SAIC, SAIC [REDACTED] so that he's in  
13 the loop, that he's aware of everything that's going on. I would then -- I would then look  
14 and see who's available, you know, over the -- the police meeting scheduled for Monday,  
15 July 8th.

16 So the first thing I would do is I would look and see if -- who's available to start the  
17 advance on Monday, July 8th. It being a holiday weekend, could be, you know, the  
18 potential for there to be very few people available to be -- to attend that meeting.

19 So I would -- I would look and see who's -- who's got leave, who doesn't have  
20 leave, who's available, and then start trying to put an advance team together.

21 Q So how would you determine staff's availability? Would you be looking at a  
22 schedule? You'd be looking at, you know, whether, you know, they worked a prior  
23 event before? Can you describe just the factors that go into selecting a staff for --

24 A Yeah.

25 Q -- a protective assignment.

1           A     Sure.   So for -- for a visit, for this visit, like I said, first I would make sure  
2     that, you know, there's no conflicts with leave.   Then I would also look and see if agents  
3     are working, if they have court or if they need to, you know -- if they have casework that  
4     they need to focus on.

5           But then when it comes down to the specific assignments, I would -- I would  
6     assign the more experienced agents to the -- to the lead, to the -- to be the site  
7     counterpart, you know.   And, you know, the agents with less time on the job, less  
8     experience, typically we assign them to be the airport agent.

9           Q     Okay.   So on July 2nd, had you begun that process of checking availability,  
10    informing the ASAIC --

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     -- of the trip --

13          A     Yes.

14          Q     -- and talking about the trip?

15                On majority exhibit 2, on July 3rd, it lists that Secret Service Pittsburgh Field Office  
16    assigns lead advance for Trump and lead advance for the counterpart for the FLOTUS visit  
17    on July 13th.

18                So between July 2nd and July 3rd, had the lead advance been determined?

19          A     Yes.

20          Q     Who was the lead advance?

21          A     It was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

22          Q     And can you describe for us her selection process into becoming lead  
23    advance for the July 13th event?

24          A     So [REDACTED] is a senior agent.   She's got experience on the Vice President's  
25    detail, and she's -- you know, she had no conflicts.   So she was selected for the

1 assignment.

2 Q Jumping back to July 2nd, it lists that the Presidential protective detail ops  
3 notified Pittsburgh Field Office of FLOTUS visit to Pittsburgh on July 13th, the same day as  
4 former President Trump's visit.

5 Can you just walk us through the mechanics of how you would assign staff for  
6 protective assignments with two trips happening on the same date?

7 A So it's the same process. We would look and see who's available, the  
8 experience level of the agents, and then assign them to appropriate roles.

9 Q And who was the lead advance agent for the FLOTUS trip?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q So, in terms of priority for assigning staff for lead advance agent for  
12 protective missions, can you run us through the priorities of how you would select a lead  
13 advance agent? Is it availability, experience, any other factor, or can you describe that  
14 for us in terms of the selection mechanism?

15 A So that's -- that's the process. It's, you know, if an agent has leave in then  
16 they're not available, so they can't -- they can't work the advance. So that's the first  
17 step is to see who's available.

18 Then the second step is, you know, who's -- who's got the most -- who has the  
19 experience to fill the roles? We would never ask a junior agent, somebody that's been  
20 out of -- you know, out of training for a year or less to be the lead for either one of these  
21 visits.

22 Q Okay.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q When you're selecting agents for two different protective op -- I assume this  
25 doesn't happen very often where you have two protectees in the same city at different

1 events.

2 A It -- normally, no, but during this campaign it's happened a couple times,  
3 so --

4 Q That makes sense. So are there baseline levels of manpower that you  
5 assign based off of the protectee's status, a FLOTUS versus a candidate nominee?

6 A No.

7 Q How do you determine which agents go where or how many?

8 A So -- so the advance teams, the number's the same. And the lead agent is  
9 usually the most experienced agents. So between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] they're both  
10 former detail agents and, you know, they're both held in high regard. There's -- you  
11 know, they have the experience to do the job and they were selected for the assignment.

12 Q So the same number of advance agents for each protectee?

13 A Yes, assuming there's -- there aren't multiple sites for that visit. So if the  
14 protectee, no matter who it is, they land at the airport, they go to one place and then go  
15 back to the airport and depart, then it's the same. But if they go to three different sites,  
16 then we need three site agents.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q Is the size of the advance team based on some kind of guidance from  
19 reporters or from OPO or something like that?

20 A So it's -- that's -- it's -- the advance team's, you know, kind of, yeah,  
21 through -- it's -- you have the same roles for each advance, like I said, unless there's  
22 multiple sites.

23 So you're going to have an airport agent. You're going to have a lead agent,  
24 airport agent, site agent, protective intelligence agent, and in some cases -- with a  
25 President detail, you have a transportation agent that is in charge of the motorcade



1 route. So that's -- it's kind of like a package deal. That's the advance.

2 Q So that's baked into the guidelines that --

3 A Yes.

4 Q -- come from headquarters?

5 A Yes.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q How many senior special agents did you have available to possibly serve as  
8 lead advance agent for the former President Trump and the FLOTUS visit?

9 A I'm not sure -- I'm not sure which agents were -- are considered senior  
10 special agents, but I know -- I'm pretty sure [REDACTED] is, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is, and I believe  
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is as well. So three.

12 Q Is it a practice at all that a lead advance agent for a visit in the Pittsburgh  
13 Field Office would be a special agent from a different field office?

14 A Usually no.

15 Q In what circumstances does that happen?

16 A Well, it's happened -- actually, I don't think that it's happened even with this  
17 campaign, but what I was going to say is with the number of visits that we've been getting  
18 in western Pennsylvania, if we had -- if we just didn't have the manpower available then  
19 we would -- we would request an agent come from a different field office, but typically,  
20 they wouldn't be the lead.

21 You know, if -- and we have had to get assistance from other field offices during,  
22 you know, this campaign the last month or so. But those agents are usually -- they've  
23 been assigned to the site agent or protective intelligence advance. None of them have  
24 been assigned as the lead agent.

25 Q Between July 2nd and July 3rd, had you assigned all the staff that would be

1       there for the July 13th visit of former President Trump in Butler?

2               A     For the advance team?   I believe so, yes.

3               Q     Were you mainly consulting with Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] and  
4       Assistant Special Agent in Charge Fisher for the selection of the July 13th former  
5       President Trump visit?

6               A     I believe it was just SAIC [REDACTED]   I think -- I think ASAIC [REDACTED] was  
7       technically on the books, but I believe that week he was on leave so --

8               Q     What personnel from the Pittsburgh Field Office were staffing the July 13th  
9       former President Trump visit?

10              A     So [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was assigned as the lead, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was assigned as  
11     the site assist, and [REDACTED] was assigned as the airport agent.

12              Q     What about [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13              A     I'm sorry.   And [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was assigned as the protective intelligence  
14     advance.

15              Q     Okay.   So including yourself, Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] and those four  
16     special agents, that was the unit that would be working for the July 13th event of former  
17     President Trump, correct?

18              A     That is correct.

19              Q     Had you worked with Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] before?

20              A     Yes.

21              Q     What is your experience working with Special Agent [REDACTED]

22              A     She is very thorough.

23              Q     What about Special Agent [REDACTED] had you worked with her before?

24              A     Yes.

25              Q     And what was your experience working with her?

1           A    She was very energetic and thorough as well.  She's -- they're both good  
2 agents.

3           Q    For Special Agent [REDACTED] have you worked with him before?

4           A    Yes.

5           Q    What is your experience working with [REDACTED]

6           A    He's -- he's a good agent as well.  He's junior.  He's been out of training I  
7 think 2, 2 years now.  So he doesn't have the experience that those other agents have,  
8 but he's -- he's enthusiastic and asks a lot of questions and wants -- he's -- you know,  
9 wants to do a good job and he does.

10          Q    Had you worked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on protective advance before?

11          A    I'm not sure if I've worked a protective advance with [REDACTED] before, but  
12 probably.

13          Q    Was it -- so can you recall if this was your first time working with Special  
14 Agent [REDACTED] for a protective --

15          A    For a protective advance?  I don't recall.  I don't recall specific -- I can't -- I  
16 can't give a specific advance that I worked with him, but, you know, I probably have over  
17 the couple years that he was in the office with me.  So --

18          Q    What's your experience working with [REDACTED]

19          A    The same thing.  He's very thorough.  He's a good agent who does a good  
20 job.

21               BY [REDACTED]:

22          Q    If you hadn't ever had him as a protective advance before, why did you pick  
23 him for that, for this one?

24          A    So whether I've worked with him before or not is irrelevant.

25          Q    So it's based on experience?

1 A Yeah. Yes, yes.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q What experience did you understand [REDACTED] had had before staffing  
4 him for protective intelligence advance for the former President Trump trip?

5 A So he was -- his history of --

6 Q Your experience --

7 A -- my experience in the office.

8 Q -- working with him on protective advance.

9 A Protective advance, he's -- well, he -- whether it's in protective advance or  
10 casework, he's always very, very thorough. He's very attention to detail-oriented.

11 Q How rapidly were decisions about staffing the July 13th former President  
12 Trump visit made? I mean, you testified that between July 2nd and July 3rd, you had all  
13 the assignments down. Was there anyone -- how quickly did that happen?

14 A It's probably, you know, within, you know, that day, you know, discussed  
15 with SAIC [REDACTED] you know, who's available and, you know, the roles that we're  
16 considering them for. And then, you know -- and then making the assignments. It's  
17 not a long process.

18 Q Okay. Were there any special agents that you sought to be selected that  
19 you had a disagreement or conflict with that couldn't staff the former President Trump  
20 visit on July 13th?

21 A I don't believe so, no.

22 Q So you had everyone that you selected and raised with Special Agent [REDACTED]  
23 everyone that you wanted they got for July 13th for former President Trump's visit?

24 A So their assignments? I'm not sure --

25 Q You're working to select people for the former President Trump visit on July



1       13th. Did you get everyone that you wanted for that trip?

2           A     We filled the assignments.

3           Q     You filled the assignments?

4           A     Yes.

5           Q     On majority exhibit 2, on July 5th it lists that the Pittsburgh Field Office sent  
6       out invitation emails to local law enforcement partners for a police meeting for a FLOTUS  
7       visit on -- at 12 p.m. on July 8th and a 1 p.m. for the visit of Trump in the same briefing  
8       location.

9           The PIT Field Office contacts, via telephone, Butler County Sheriff, Butler County  
10       Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police and Butler County EMS to verbally invite  
11       them to the meeting, followed with an email.

12          Were you involved in any of the invitations or calls associated with local law  
13       enforcement partners on July 5th, [REDACTED]

14          A     No.

15          Q     Who was involved in that?

16          A     Usually, SAIC [REDACTED] takes care of that.

17          Q     Okay. Did you have a role with local law enforcement for the July 13th  
18       event?

19          A     No.

20          Q     Do you typically have a role with local law enforcement partners in your role  
21       as ATSAIC?

22          A     In general?

23          Q     In protective assignments. Thank you.

24          A     It depends. So for -- for this visit, I was -- I was at the -- I always go to the  
25       police meetings if I'm -- if I'm available. And for this specific police meeting, I was asked



1 by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to discuss with the local TAC/SWAT officers to pass along information  
2 for the counter assault team agent that would be coming off the plane with President  
3 Trump and to, you know, answer any questions they might have, the SWAT team  
4 members that were at the police meeting.

5 So at the conclusion of the meeting, the way it usually -- the way it works is the  
6 lead agent will -- will kind of break up the room and say, okay, if you're working the site,  
7 you're going to meet in this corner over here. If you're, you know, part of the airport,  
8 you're going to be in this corner over here.

9 And so she said, if there are any SWAT officers or tactical officers in the meeting to  
10 meet with me. So there were I believe two State Police SERT officers and then two  
11 officers from -- I believe they were from Butler County, but I may be mistaken.

12 There were four officers. And I passed the -- the contact information for the CAT  
13 agent that would be [REDACTED]. I gave them his -- gave them his name and  
14 phone number. I told them he -- you know, he's the CAT contact for the visit, but if they  
15 had any questions, they could -- they could reach out to me. So --

16 Q Prior to the police briefing, had you had any communications with Secret  
17 Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C., about CAT, about CAT's role for the July 13th  
18 Trump visit?

19 A No.

20 Q What about for any other matter related to the July 13th visit?

21 A No.

22 Q Were you involved in any aspect of counter sniper assets for the July 13th  
23 event?

24 A I was not.

25 Q On July 9th on majority exhibit 2, it lists that Donald Trump detail ops

1 requested CS advance, which was approved. And your name is listed as a source on this  
2 email for counter sniper advance.

3 Do you recall receiving an email regarding counter sniper advance requests?

4 A I do not.

5 [REDACTED] I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 3. I'm just going to move  
6 through this exhibit and conclude majority's time.

7 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 3

8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q So this is an email thread regarding counter sniper advance requests. Do  
11 you recognize this email or these emails?

12 A I do not.

13 Q So on pages 2 and 3, Donald Trump detail ops requests counter sniper  
14 support. On page 1 of this exhibit, that request is approved and a technician is assigned  
15 to conduct counter sniper advance for the July 13th event. A threat assessment of the  
16 outdoor rally site is scheduled.

17 [REDACTED] on page 3 and page 2 of this exhibit, it's listed as a -- there are email  
18 addresses here with the PIT acronym that follows redacted emails and names.

19 Were any of those emails yours?

20 A Probably.

21 Q For what purpose would you be receiving a counter sniper request as ATSAIC  
22 at the Pittsburgh Field Office?

23 A Just to inform me that they're assigning the counter sniper team.

24 Q It mentions that on page 1 a [REDACTED] assessment of the outdoor rally is  
25 scheduled. Did you participate in any way in assisting the [REDACTED] assessment of the

1 counter sniper assets for the July 13th event?

2 A No.

3 Q Were you aware of the information that came from the [REDACTED] assessment of  
4 the counter snipers for the July 13th event?

5 A No.

6 [REDACTED]. Majority is at time. We'll go off the record.

7 [Recess.]

8 EXAMINATION

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q Once again, sir, my name is [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the  
11 minority. I appreciate you coming in today.

12 So you explained that you are the ATSAIC and the ASAIC [REDACTED] [REDACTED] left in early  
13 July. Can you explain what his duties were that were distinct from what you did as  
14 ATSAIC?

15 A So his -- he's the second -- second in charge of the office, so the SAIC, then  
16 the ASAIC, then the ATSAIC in the Pittsburgh Field Office. So he -- he basically oversees  
17 me, and then -- and if I'm not there then, you know, the agents go direct -- would have  
18 gone direct to him with any questions or concerns.

19 Q Can you give us a sense of how many times you've participated in political  
20 rallies?

21 A Over 24 years?

22 Q Yes.

23 A I have no idea, you know.

24 [REDACTED] You want to just -- you can give an estimate. You can guess, and  
25 they understand it's a guess.

1           ██████████ Fifty-plus.

2           BY ██████████:

3           Q    About how many times would you have been a site agent?

4           A    That wouldn't be as many.   For a major political rally like that, a handful of  
5 times.

6           Q    Like four to six?

7           A    Yeah.

8           Q    What about lead advance agent?

9           A    So -- for a political event?

10          Q    That's right.

11          A    Specifically for a big event like that?

12          Q    Yes.

13          A    I'm trying to think if I -- I don't know that I was ever assigned as the lead  
14 agent for a political event like that.

15          Q    I think you mentioned you were the site agent counterpart when former  
16 President Trump was in office.   Is that right?

17          A    That is correct.

18          Q    Have you been site agent counterpart any other times?

19          A    Yes.

20          Q    About how many times?

21          A    I don't know.   Twenty.   You know, we're talking over -- over my career?

22          Q    Yes.   What about security room agent or command post agent?

23          A    I've been assigned to that role several times.

24          Q    Several, five to ten?   And I'm not trying to pin you down.   I just want to  
25 get a sense of it.

1           A    Yeah.  No, it's -- and I'm not, you know, trying to be vague.  Just it's hard,  
2   it's hard to narrow down over -- over, you know, 24 years how many times I've been a site  
3   agent, you know.  I would say, you know, ten times or -- ballpark.

4           Q    And about -- prior to July 13th, about how many instances were the political  
5   rallies outside, in your experience?

6           A    You mean an outside event?

7           Q    Yes.

8           A    I don't know if I recall ever.  So let me ask -- to be clear, you're asking if I  
9   was the -- part of the advance team for an outside political event?

10          Q    Yes.  Would you have served in one of these roles for an outside political  
11   rally?

12          A    I don't recall ever -- ever serving in one of those roles for an outside political  
13   rally.

14          Q    And during your time in Pittsburgh, had there been an outside rally while you  
15   were in Pittsburgh?

16          A    There was, that, actually, former President Trump, I believe when he was  
17   President running in 2020, had a rally in Butler that I did not participate in.

18          Q    Was that at the airport?

19          A    I believe so.

20          Q    What is the -- so thinking about site agent, lead advance agent, site agent  
21   counterpart and the security room agent, what is the chain of command in those roles  
22   during the event?

23          A    So the site agent would be in charge of the site.  They're running the site.  
24   And then the site assist is there to assist them.  And the command post or security room  
25   in this case, they're kind of like a police dispatch.  They're disseminating information to



1 everybody.

2 Q And the site assist is synonymous with site agent counterpart?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And how does the lead advance agent play into that dynamic?

5 A So the lead advance agent oversees the entire visit, from wheels down, from  
6 airport -- from the airplane landing to the airplane taking off; and the protectee, no  
7 matter who it is, you know, those movements from the time they land on the ground to  
8 the time they take off, everything from the airport, the motorcade, the site and then back  
9 to the airport. So they're kind of coordinating the entire visit.

10 Q If there's -- so during the process of planning for the rally, if there's a  
11 decision that needs to be made and let's say there's a disagreement between the lead  
12 advance agent, the site agent, and the site agent counterpart, who ultimately gets the  
13 final word in that discussion?

14 A They should -- they should go to a supervisor in that case.

15 Q And I think you anticipated my next question. How do the supervisors fit  
16 in? So let's say yourself and SAIC [REDACTED] how do you fit into the chain of command and  
17 when would you be looped in?

18 A So normally, we would not be looped in unless there was some kind of issue.  
19 There's, you know, a disagreement over something. That's when -- that's when the site  
20 agent, the site assist or site counterpart, the lead, if they can't come to an agreement  
21 then they should bring it -- bring it to the attention of a supervisor.

22 And I -- if they brought it to me, I would -- I would always let the SAIC, let SAIC  
23 [REDACTED] know what was going on. I would -- you know, depending on what the issue was,  
24 I'm sure I would have my opinions on how it should be resolved.

25 But I would talk that over with SAIC [REDACTED] and if he -- if he agreed with me then



1       that's what I would do. But if he said, you know -- if he trumped me and said, no,  
2       don't -- this is how you should handle it, then I would do it that way.

3               Q     Is there a document that outlines the relationship between a site agent and  
4       a site agent counterpart?

5               A     I'm not aware of -- it's -- I'm not aware of one, no.

6               Q     And I recognize you're answering to the best of your knowledge.

7               A     Right, yes.

8               BY [REDACTED]:

9               Q     Just a quick one: The relationship between site agent and site agent  
10      counterpart or site agent assist sometimes has been challenging for us to understand.

11              A     Sure.

12              Q     I think, is it right that when it comes to planning, the site agent is sort of in  
13      the driver's seat and the site agent counterpart is there to help.

14              Is that the general balance of power?

15              A     Yes.

16              Q     Okay. There's an idea sometimes out there that the site agent who is  
17      typically from the protective detail that maybe that person is really more only responsible  
18      for the inner perimeter, like the event bubble around the protectee; but as it relates to  
19      broader security planning, that's not really the site agent's job, that's the site agent  
20      counterpart's job.

21              I think it sounds like you would probably disagree with that idea.

22              A     Yes, I would.

23              Q     Okay. And so maybe a version of what you were just asked by my  
24      colleague, but when trying to untangle that exact relationship, I don't think we've seen a  
25      document that just answers that question. So we're getting a lot of opinions from

1 people.

2 A Sure. Yeah.

3 Q Are you aware of a document that would just answer the question?

4 A I'm not.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q Thank you. Oh, one more, sorry.

8 A Sure.

9 Q When we talk about escalating issues to supervisors --

10 A Yes.

11 Q -- you've talked about sort of your yourself in that field office supervisory  
12 chain.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q But because that site agent is from the protective detail --

15 A Yes.

16 Q -- to what extent do protective detail supervisors come into play for the  
17 escalation?

18 A So the site agent from the Donald Trump detail could go to their supervisor  
19 with any issues as well, and if -- if that -- if their supervisor's made aware of an issue and  
20 the site assist or counterpart's supervisor is made aware of an issue then those two  
21 supervisors should -- should talk and, you know, come to some kind of an agreement.

22 It's, you know, chain of command. You're correct that the site agent from the  
23 Donald Trump detail does not fall underneath me as far as the chain of command. They  
24 have -- they have their own supervisor. So if they have issues, they could bring it up  
25 with their supervisor as well.

1           Q    And the site agent from the protective detail, just on paper for us it seems  
2    like the lead advance agent sort of sits above the site agent in terms of the planning  
3    process.   They are, of course, not from the same place.   One is from protective, one is  
4    from field office.

1 [11:16 a.m.]

2 [REDACTED] Sure.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Does that protective detail site agent, I don't want to say answer to but in a  
5 way answer to the lead advance agent even though they're in different reporting  
6 structures?

7 A Yes, in a way.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Yeah. The lead agent is -- you know, they're -- as you described, they're not  
10 the site agent supervisor, but they're overseeing the whole visit. So the site agent  
11 should, you know, discuss any issue with the lead agent. And then if they have a  
12 disagreement, the site agent could go to their supervisor and then the lead agent could  
13 go to their supervisor, and then the supervisors would come up with an agreement.

14 Q Have you, in your experience, seen a disagreement between a protective  
15 detail supervisor and field office supervisor leadership?

16 A I don't recall one, no.

17 Q Okay.

18 A Usually the supervisors, you know, because they're removed from what's  
19 happening at the time on -- you know, at the site or on scene, you know, they're a little  
20 more, you know, agreeable with each other. So they'll give a little more than, you know,  
21 the agents on the ground.

22 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

23 [REDACTED] Yep.

24 [REDACTED]. Along those lines can you talk a little bit about the relationship  
25 between field office agents and, let's say, protective detail agents? I mean, is there

1 tension between those two groups? Is there comradery? Is there cooperation?  
2 What's the usual relationship?

3 [REDACTED] Usually there's no tension. Usually it's comradery and  
4 cooperation.

5 Essentially the way it works is that the field office agents are there to assist  
6 with -- well, in this case with the site agent being from the Donald Trump detail and the  
7 site assist or site counterpart, they're there to assist and to help out the site agent.

8 A good example of that would be the site agent from the detail doesn't know, you  
9 know, what county they're in or, you know, what police department who covers the area  
10 that they're in whereas the site assist or counterpart may, you know. So if we  
11 need -- you know, if they need extra police posts, then the site assistant would know the  
12 area. Okay, well, we can contact this police department or this State Police or whoever,  
13 and that's the role that the site assist or counterpart plays.

14 [REDACTED]. And just to drive my own question home a little bit, the site agent  
15 from the protective detail should be thinking about and making decisions about police  
16 posts that might be physically very far away from the protectee, correct?

17 [REDACTED] Yes.

18 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q If there's a disagreement between the lead advance agent, site agent, and  
21 site agent counterpart, can they pick which supervisor chain to go through, or would both  
22 supervisors need to be made aware?

23 A Both supervisors should be made aware of what's going on. You know,  
24 they shouldn't really, you know, pick, you know, which supervisor they go to because they  
25 think that they're going to get the answer they want. They should inform both

1 supervisors.

2 Q I can't help but think about my kids, speaking of parenting --

3 A Right.

4 Q -- that they should go to both parents.

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q I understand.

7 Who would ultimately make any security decisions? So planning for the rally,  
8 your trying to define a perimeter, for example. Who ultimately makes that decision?

9 A So for the site, it's the site agent.

10 Q Are there any who -- we talked about going up the chain if there's a  
11 disagreement. Are there generally decisions that need approval that would have to go  
12 to a supervisor?

13 A In general, no. But if it's a specific request, yes.

14 Q Do you -- from your experience, would a site agent or lead advance agent or  
15 site agent counterpart ever review local enforcement ops plans before the rally?

16 A I mean, they may, but it's not -- that's not part of their duties as the site  
17 agent or lead agent. It's -- you know, the local law enforcement has their own ops plans.  
18 And for us we -- you might review them to know, you know, what they're doing, but  
19 you're not approving them. You know, they're their own entity, so reviewing them  
20 would just be for your own knowledge.

21 Q So it sounds like there's not a requirement to review the ops plan. Is there  
22 like a recommendation that you do so, expectation?

23 A Yeah. I would -- yes.

24 Q Is there a training for any of the roles that we've discussed, so site agent, site  
25 agent counterpart, lead advance agent, or security room agent?



1           A    So you get that training when you go through agent training at the James J.  
2   Rowley Training Center.

3           Q    Is that the 9-week training?

4           A    I think it was 9 weeks when I went to training. I think it might be up to 12  
5   weeks now.

6           Steve?

7           [REDACTED]   Yeah.

8           [REDACTED]   Yeah, it's 12 weeks now.

9           BY [REDACTED]:

10          Q    At some point my colleague was discussing with you how people are  
11   determined to be a good fit for a role, and I think you said something to the effect of an  
12   agent may not be ready for a role.

13          Did I recall that correctly?

14          A    Yes.

15          Q    So what determines when an agent is ready to be lead advance agent, for  
16   example?

17          A    So those agents may be ready for those roles when they come out of  
18   training. But just being inexperienced, we wouldn't throw that on them right away. So  
19   as supervisors, you know, you get to know, you know, the quality of work they do in the  
20   office. And, you know, if, after, you know, a period of time in the office, then they'll  
21   move up.

22          Typically, you know, we assign the junior agents to the airport because the airport  
23   posts -- airport sites are -- it's kind of a template. It's -- you know, you have so many  
24   posts at the airport. We've had -- every protectee that comes into Pittsburgh goes to  
25   one of two or three airports, so we've already been there. We already know how that

1 site is run, how many post-standers we need, and we have the contacts of people there  
2 so we can assign a junior agent with not a lot of experience to that site to get the  
3 experience.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q Can I ask one more?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q To what extent would you expect a lead advance agent to be aware of  
8 important sit-specific decisions? In other words, setting the perimeter as just an  
9 example --

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q -- it's going to be the site agent in conversation with the site agent assist  
12 making that decision. We understand that. Would you expect that group to make the  
13 lead advance agent aware of that type of a decision in sort of a buck stops with the lead  
14 advance agent type of way?

15 A So if we -- I'm not sure actually that -- the lead advance agent should be  
16 informed, whether it's the site agents going to the lead agent and saying this is where our  
17 perimeter, your example, is going to be or the lead advance agent having discussions with  
18 the site agent and the site assist, you know, saying, Okay, you know, where's your  
19 perimeter going to be? Right.

20 So the lead agent should be generally aware of that, but whether it's the site  
21 agent going to the lead or the lead agent going to the site agent, you know, I'm not sure;  
22 but they should be aware of it.

23 Q Got it. Thank you.

24 A Yeah.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q We talked about your participation in rallies as a site agent, et cetera. How  
2 many rallies have you helped plan for in a supervisor role?

3 A In a supervisor role, political rallies?

4 Q Yes.

5 A Just a couple, two or three. I'm trying to think. You know, since getting  
6 promoted, I believe there was a rally in Erie that we had. Two or three.

7 Q So when I've inquired about rallies, you've specified political. Is there a  
8 different type of rally that Secret Service may have been involved in?

9 A No. I just meant because when you asked -- you initially asked -- you asked  
10 at the political rallies like this, you know, a big event. There are -- you know, there are  
11 sites that are visits that don't involve a political speech to large crowds. It might be, you  
12 know, a private, you know, luncheon or, you know, the protectees go to fundraisers,  
13 homes, and have small, you know, intimate dinner or lunch settings where there might  
14 be, you know, 20 people there. When I say political rally, I'm thinking more of, you  
15 know, 10,000-plus people.

16 Q And for the lead advance agent or site agent or site agent counterpart,  
17 would you have to be a senior special agent to be assigned to one of those roles?

18 A No.

19 Q So, in theory, any special agent from the Pittsburgh office could have been  
20 chosen as lead advance agent?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q And I think you mentioned earlier, but I just wanted to make sure I heard  
23 correctly, that [REDACTED] was highly regarded in the office?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And I think you described [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as both thorough agents. Is

1       that right?

2           A     Yep.   Yes.   Sorry.

3           Q     The decision to assign [REDACTED] was that a joint decision between yourself and

4       [REDACTED]

5           A     I don't recall specifically, but normally, with any protection visit to the  
6       district, I look and see who's available.   You know, my idea is that [REDACTED] be the lead, or  
7       whatever, and then I go to SAIC [REDACTED] and ask him if he agrees.   So, yes.

8           Q     Was [REDACTED] the same or did you make that decision on your own?

9           A     Yes, it was the same.

10          Q     Were you involved in a decision to bring in [REDACTED] as security room agent?

11          A     No.

12          Q     Is it common for someone outside of the district to be selected as security  
13       room agent?

14          A     Yes.

15          Q     Why is that?

16          A     Manpower.   You know, I was actually the security room agent in SAIC  
17       [REDACTED] district a couple of months before that in Syracuse, so --

18          Q     And for the security room agent, what does the preparation look like if  
19       you're coming from out of town?

20          A     So if you're coming -- as a security room agent, you know, there's no real,  
21       like, preparation prior to showing up at the site.   But when you get there, you know, you  
22       have, you know, a setting where you have your radio, introduced to the local law  
23       enforcement that would be in the security room with you.   And then from there, once  
24       the posts are up, you do radio checks and make sure that all of the posts can  
25       communicate with the security room.

1           Q    So if a security room agent should be coordinating with local law  
2 enforcement in the security room, whose job is it to make sure that they are aware who  
3 local law enforcement is? In other words, how would they know who should be in the  
4 security room?

5           A    So the site agent would tell them. If the local law enforcement isn't there  
6 when you show up, when you get there, the site agent should inform them that, you  
7 know, there will be a representative from either the State Police, county police, they will  
8 be in here with you.

9           Q    Are you -- as security room agent, would you be given sort of a list of law  
10 enforcement ahead of time, or was it just sort of people show up and they introduce  
11 themselves?

12          A    No. In my experience, you get that information when you show up.

13          Q    From the site agent?

14          A    Yes.

15          Q    My colleague discussed with you earlier that [REDACTED] asked you to pass along  
16 information from CAT to local ESU?

17          A    That's right.

18          Q    Who was that? Was that [REDACTED]

19          A    It was, yes.

20          Q    And was that the extent of your conversation with the Butler ESU team?

21          A    Yes. Well, I'm sorry. That was the only conversation I had with them.  
22 The extent of the conversation was not just here's his contact information and that was it.  
23 I had a brief conversation with them about the Counter Assault Team, and I wanted to  
24 make sure I didn't give them any information that was not correct and not accurate.

25                So I told them that, you know, I was on the Counter Assault Team 20 years ago.

1 You know, I don't want to tell you anything that has changed since then. So you need to  
2 reach out to Special Agent [REDACTED] discuss the coordination with him. But if you have any  
3 issues, you can, you know, reach out to me. But I told them typically the way it works is  
4 the CAT advance usually asks the [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED].  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED],  
8 [REDACTED].

9 So I had that brief discussion with them, and that was it.

10 Q Did you discuss snipers and counter snipers?

11 A No.

12 Q Did you discuss the [REDACTED]?

13 A No.

14 Q Are you familiar with what that would be for ESU?

15 A No.

16 Q I am going to show you minority exhibit A.

17 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. A

18 was marked for identification.]

19 [REDACTED] This is a document that was redacted, and we went through the  
20 process of figuring out some of the names in it. So the red font indicates what the  
21 investigative team inserted. So to the extent that's --

22 [REDACTED] We would like to have a copy. Is there an extra copy somewhere?

23 Oh, thank you.

24 [REDACTED]. To the extent something is inaccurate, feel free to let us know.

25 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.



1           [REDACTED] Do you want to go through each particular entry?

2           [REDACTED]: No.

3           BY [REDACTED]:

4           Q    I'm actually going to ask you about two entries. The first one, which I think  
5   you just read over, so it says that -- and first off, do you have a sense of who this might  
6   come from when it says, "[REDACTED] and I discussed who was available to work"?

7           A    Yes.

8           Q    So who do you think this came from?

9           A    That indicates to me it was SAIC [REDACTED] But the next -- you know, "[REDACTED]  
10   and I discussed who was available to work and I said that [REDACTED] was already under the  
11   impression she was the lead from conversations with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] so -- but then --

12          Q    Could this be [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13          A    Yes.

14          Q    I think you mentioned --

15          A    Yes.

16          Q    I'm sorry. Go ahead.

17          A    I'm sorry. Yes. That's -- yeah, I just said -- in the first sentence where it  
18   says, "[REDACTED] and I discussed who was available to work," that's a process I go through  
19   with SAIC [REDACTED] to assign -- to make these assignments. So that's why I thought it might  
20   be SAIC [REDACTED] But reading the rest of that I think -- I agree with you -- it's [REDACTED] notes.

21          Q    And I think you said earlier that [REDACTED] is the former ASAIC with Pittsburgh.  
22   Is that right?

23          A    That's correct.

24          Q    And [REDACTED] was the lead advance agent for First Lady Jill Biden's event?

25          A    Dr. Jill Biden, yes.

1 Q And [REDACTED] is that what is used for the First Lady of the United States?

2 A Yes, that's correct.

3 Q Was there anyone else who was involved in the planning stage besides  
4 yourself, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

5 A I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

6 Q Was there anyone else from the Pittsburgh Field Office involved in the  
7 planning stage? And I'll add [REDACTED] to my list, so [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yourself obviously,  
8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Was anyone else involved?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you participate in the July police meeting?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And is that the meeting in which you interacted with Butler ESU?

13 A That's correct, yes.

14 Q Did you participate in any walk-throughs?

15 A For the July 13th event, no.

16 Q The conversation with Butler ESU, was that at the police meeting?

17 A It was.

18 Q Did you go to the Butler Farm Show before July 13th?

19 A No.

20 Q And is that -- as a supervisor, is it typical that you would not actually go to  
21 the site?

22 A No. Normally I would, but because of the First Lady's visit on the same day,  
23 I did the manpower walk-through for the First Lady's visit, and SAIC [REDACTED] did the  
24 manpower walk-through for the July 13th former Trump visit.

25 Q Did you help determine what the perimeter of the secured area would be?

1 A No, I did not.

2 Q Did any of the agents ever come to you for your input?

3 A No, they did not.

4 Q Did you help determine what local assets would be available; in other words,  
5 local law enforcement?

6 A No, I did not.

7 Q Did any agents ever come to you for your input?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you participate in discussions about line-of-sight concerns?

10 A No, I did not.

11 Q And same question, did anyone come to you for your opinion?

12 A No, they did not.

13 Q Were you involved in a decision about support for the AGR complex?

14 A No, I was not.

15 Q Did you have any understanding of what the plan was for the AGR complex?

16 A No.

17 Q Were you ever made aware of there possibly being an opaque fence for  
18 vehicles for line of sight?

19 A No, I was not, not made aware.

20 Q I'm now going to show you what will be marked as minority exhibit B.

21 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. B

22 was marked for identification.]

23 [REDACTED]. This is a virtual manpower briefing that was sent via email.

24 [REDACTED] Thank you.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q And the manpower briefing is attached to this email and is printed out  
2 behind it.

3 I have a general question about it, so I'll let you flip through to get familiar with  
4 the document.

5 A Okay.

6 Okay.

7 Q Did you help with drafting the virtual manpower briefing?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you have an opportunity to review it before it was sent out?

10 A No.

11 Q Who sent this out?

12 A I believe it would be the Trump detail.

13 Q Well, the bottom of the email says "Special Agent, Pittsburgh Field Office."

14 A Okay.

15 Q And if you don't know, that's fine.

16 A Yeah. It may have been [REDACTED] [REDACTED] She's the lead. I don't -- I've  
17 never seen this document before, so I don't know.

18 Q Yeah. And would it be expected that supervisors, either from the field  
19 office or the detail, would review the manpower brief?

20 A From the detail, yes.

21 Q But not from the field office?

22 A No.

23 Q And why is that?

24 A Well, it's the Donald Trump detail. It's a Donald Trump visit to our district,  
25 so the detail is responsible for approving those type of things. The field office is

1 participating because it's in our district, but it's ultimately the detail's job to approve.

2 Q I'm now going to show you what will be marked as minority exhibit C, and  
3 these are site post instructions.

4 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. C  
5 was marked for identification.]

6 [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 [REDACTED]. And my first question will be if you can let me know if you've  
8 seen this document before.

9 [REDACTED] So normally I would --

10 [REDACTED] No, no. The question is have you seen it before?

11 [REDACTED] Okay.

12 [REDACTED] Look at it. Take your time. You may have recalled you saw it, you  
13 may not remember, you know, whatever you remember.

14 [REDACTED] No, I've not seen this document before.

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q And I think you started to say that you normally would. Can you explain  
17 when you would expect to see the site post instructions?

18 A So the reason I said that was when I arrived at the security room on  
19 July 13th, there were no copies left of the site post log. Normally they have those in the  
20 security room, so --

21 Q And would it be expected that a supervisor would see the site post  
22 instructions?

23 A Yes -- well, I -- as a supervisor, I would always get a copy of them if it's  
24 available. If there's -- I'm not going to not take a copy of the site post log. So typically  
25 there is, but there are times -- there was -- there are times where you run out of copies,



1 and the supervisor at this site isn't going to stand post at the different posts, so they don't  
2 need the instructions for each post. So if somebody is not going to get a copy, it's not  
3 crucial that the supervisor have a copy of those.

4 Q So the site post instructions has descriptions of what each post is expected  
5 to do, including the security room, for example. Is there any sort of guidelines written  
6 down for the site agent or site agent counterpart, whether in this document or  
7 somewhere else?

8 A No, not in this document.

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q Could I ask one question along these lines before we move on?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q You talked about planning roles of the intelligence advance agent.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q We've had a little bit of trouble understanding what exactly that role is  
15 supposed to be. How would you define what that role is supposed to be?

16 A The protective intelligence advance is they're looking for threats -- or they're  
17 not looking for them, but if there is a threat, their job is to respond to it, to go to  
18 interview anybody. And so leading up to the visit, they're in contact with our Protective  
19 Intelligence Division down here in D.C., you know, getting, you know -- not necessarily  
20 briefings but trying to gather information if there's credible intelligence of, you know,  
21 someone threatening the protectee, no matter who it is.

22 And then if it's in the area, is it something that's -- you know, if somebody posts a  
23 threat online and they're in California, and we send the agents in California out to  
24 interview those people, that person, and they're in California, then it's not as much of an  
25 issue for the PI advance in Pittsburgh. So their job is to gather, monitor intelligence



1 about threats.

2 Q And they're just receiving that information from Secret Service protective  
3 intelligence or FBI, for example? They're not generating intelligence themselves?

4 A Yes, but they do -- if there is information that needs to be disseminated,  
5 then they would do that.

6 Q Okay. Thank you.

7 A Yep.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Just for the record, did you help draft the site post instructions?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you help determine what roles were needed for the rally?

12 A No.

13 Q As you looked over the site post instructions, was there anything obviously  
14 missing in the roles that were outlined?

15 A I didn't see anything.

16 Q What was your role on July 13th for the rally?

17 A So my assignment was as the site supervisor.

18 Q And what does that mean?

19 A So the site supervisor, the title is somewhat misleading because I'm not in  
20 charge of the site. All right. As site supervisor my job is to respond to any critical  
21 incident and then also to mediate if there's a disagreement between our personnel and  
22 campaign staff or local or State law enforcement.

23 Q And how would you be made aware if there was some sort of issue?

24 A Either through the site agent, site counterpart, or, you know, the security  
25 room.

1           Q    So if there was -- we talked about during the planning stage if there is a  
2   disagreement, they can go up to the supervisors.   Is it similar the day of they would  
3   come to you if something needed a decision?

4           A    Yes.

5           Q    And how would your role -- I'll reword it.  
6                Is there a complement to you on the Trump detail side?

7           A    Not at the time at the site.   So the supervisors from the Donald Trump  
8   detail would arrive with former President Trump.   So if there's something -- if there's an  
9   issue prior to that, then they would have to come to me.

10          Q    And are you in touch with the detail supervisors during the rally?

11          A    I was not that day, no.

12          Q    And were you positioned in a particular place?

13          A    So, no.

14          Q    You mentioned arriving at the security room.   Were you -- like how long  
15   were you there during the rally?

16          A    In the security room?

17          Q    Yes.

18          A    I came and went into the security room several times that day.   You know, I  
19   wasn't in the security room all day, and, you know, I wasn't, you know, outside the entire  
20   time.   I would go in, you know, back and forth into the security room.

21          Q    And before 5:45, because we'll get into the particular timeline around  
22   Crooks, before that time, what are you generally doing from 1 o'clock to 5:45?

23          A    So on that day I was screening individuals that had medical issues because of  
24   the heat.   So there were, you know, a lot of medical -- people passing out because of the  
25   heat.   They were outside of the magnetometers, so outside of our secure area.   But

1     when they were passing out in the crowd, the EMTs were taking them into cooling tents  
2     and giving them water and monitoring them, and those tents were on the inside of our  
3     secure perimeter.

4             So once those individuals were rehydrated and the EMTs said they were free to  
5     go, they were okay to carry on with their day, I was going from the security room to the  
6     cooling tents with a handheld magnetometer, and I was screening them for weapons.  
7     And then once they were checked, they were allowed to proceed to the event.

8             Q     So would these be people who are -- they're outside waiting to go through  
9     the mags. They have a medical emergency. They're brought inside, so then you had to  
10    screen them because they had not previously been screened?

11            A     That's correct.

12            Q     I am now going to show you what will be marked as minority exhibit D.  
13                 This is an email sent on July 13th around 11:21 a.m.

14                             [REDACTED] Exhibit No. D  
15                             was marked for identification.]

16            [REDACTED]. And I know that it's redacted. I will tell you from my  
17     understanding this was sent from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and what appears to be  
18     a Listserv PIT-PI.

19                 Do you recall receiving this email?

20            [REDACTED] Again, that's pretty unique, to the extent that you recall, and the  
21     representation of who was the sender or recipient in the emails is speculative.

22            [REDACTED] Yeah, I don't recall.

23                             BY [REDACTED]:

24            Q     Were you -- is there a PIT-PI Listserv?

25            A     Yes.

1 Q Would that be protective intelligence?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you receive emails that were sent to PIT-PI?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you happen to know someone named [REDACTED]?

6 A I don't believe so, no.

7 Q What would you expect [REDACTED] or generally someone from protective  
8 intelligence to do upon receiving an email like this? And if it's easier, but I think that it  
9 might not be, can you tell me what was done in response to this particular one? But if  
10 you can't recall that, just what would be expected to happen.

11 A So normally when we get an email like this or any information, you know,  
12 Facebook posts, agents would interview the individual. They would figure out, you  
13 know, who it came from and then go out and interview that person.

14 Q And when you say agents, would that be someone from protective  
15 intelligence?

16 A So the Pittsburgh Field Office doesn't have a protective intelligence section  
17 or -- that's a role that any agent in the office could do. So we would dispatch somebody  
18 to interview the person.

19 Q And my last question, because I'm at time, who -- do you know who else  
20 would have received the PIT-PI emails?

21 A I don't.

22 [REDACTED]: Could I ask one more --

23 [REDACTED]: Sure.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q -- if that's okay before we go?



1 I'm backtracking you for a second, but we talked about planning and site agent's  
2 roles, one much which is security room structure, and normally you would have  
3 coordination with local law enforcement inside of that security room.

4 Regardless of Butler, in your experience, are you familiar with any kind of policy  
5 that local law enforcement or local government should be limited to one person in a  
6 security room?

7 A No.

8 Q Have you ever heard that?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. Thank you.

11 We can go off the record.

12 [Recess.]

13 [REDACTED]: Go back on the record.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q [REDACTED] I just want to revisit majority exhibit 3 that we were talking  
16 about at the end of our first round of questioning. That is the email thread regarding  
17 the sniper -- the counter sniper request.

18 A Okay.

19 Q When we were discussing exhibit 3, I recall you testified that you had  
20 awareness of this counter sniper asset request, correct?

21 A When it was requested?

22 Q On July 9th --

23 A Yeah.

24 Q -- you're aware that that counter sniper was --

25 A I was aware that they were getting counter snipers for the site, yes.

1 Q And was that through that July 9 email?

2 A Yes.

3 Q As far as other assets that were there for the former President Trump visit,  
4 do you have a recollection of other assets that were confirmed for use for that day?

5 A Can you be more specific?

6 Q Sure. Were you aware of additional asset requests coming through via  
7 email, for instance, regarding drone use, regarding specific Counter Assault Team assets,  
8 anything along those nature in terms of assets for the July 13th event?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. So in terms of preparing for an outdoor rally of a candidate,  
11 nominee, all the other assets that would typically be available to such a setting were  
12 available, and the only asset that was different from other advances was the counter  
13 snipers. Is that accurate?

14 A So I don't know if they were available or not.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I know that the counter snipers were the only other asset that were given to  
17 this visit.

18 Q Okay. Than a normal outdoor campaign rally for a candidate, correct?

19 A It would depend on who the protectee is.

20 Q All right. Are you familiar with the AdDocs system, software designed for  
21 advance paperwork?

22 A AdvanceDocs, yes.

23 Q AdvanceDocs?

24 A Yes.

25 Q In your career at Secret Service, would you regularly use that system for



1 advance documents in preparing for protective missions?

2 A I have used the system, yes.

3 Q Okay. For a protective mission for a campaign rally that's outdoors, what  
4 are the types of documents that you would expect to prepare for a visit?

5 A So you --

6 Q In terms of the survey, aerial diagrams, can you just run through the typical  
7 documents that would be expected for an outdoor rally campaign setting?

8 A So typically you have your preliminary survey which would have site  
9 diagrams, aerial photos, site post instructions, those -- I'm trying to think of the other  
10 documents that are required. I believe there's a protective intelligence page on the  
11 AdvanceDocs that the protective intelligence advance fills out. I think that's it.

12 Q Okay. And for the July 13th event, former President Trump visit, did you  
13 have any responsibility in providing input or signing off on any AdvanceDocs for that visit?

14 A No.

15 Q No. Did you view any of those documents prior to their finalization, prior  
16 to July 13th?

17 A No.

18 Q In regards to protective intelligence, you mentioned that there's a section on  
19 the preliminary survey -- or part of the advance docs for visits where there's a section for  
20 protective intelligence to be completed.

21 You're a [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED], correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you have any role in [REDACTED] at the Pittsburgh Field Office  
24 as ATSAIC?

25 A I'm not sure I understand. What do you mean by [REDACTED]?

1 Q Do you observe the incoming and outgoing of [REDACTED] from  
2 the Pittsburgh Field Office?

3 [REDACTED] On a -- hold on.

4 On a given routine, as a matter of routine?

5 [REDACTED]: As a matter of routine.

6 [REDACTED] Apart from this particular event. And do you understand what he  
7 means by [REDACTED] First of all, is that too overbroad of a term?

8 [REDACTED] Yeah, I think -- yeah, I think it is.

9 [REDACTED] So let's see if we can focus. I think we understand what you mean,  
10 but let's see if we can just focus on --

11 [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 [REDACTED] You mean, let's say, [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] Okay. I think he's talking about [REDACTED] to candidates -- or I don't  
15 want to put words in your mouth, but --

16 [REDACTED]: Candidates.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to candidates, let's say, on a routine basis that may come in  
18 to the Pittsburgh office that can attract any protectee or any candidate worldwide, I  
19 suppose, coming into the Pittsburgh office.

20 [REDACTED] Okay.

21 [REDACTED] Do you see anything like that?

22 [REDACTED] Do I think I understand.

23 So if we get notification from our Protective Intelligence Division that there is  
24 potential [REDACTED] in our district, that would get assigned to an agent just like a case would  
25 get assigned to an agent.

1           So somebody would go out and interview that person, and it would be -- you  
2       know, my role would be, you know, making sure that somebody is assigned to that case  
3       and somebody would go out and interview the individual and then report back  
4       to -- report their findings back to the Protective Intelligence Division?

5           ██████████. Did you receive any ██████████ for the July 13th event that was a  
6       ██████████ to President Trump or former President Trump?

7           ██████████ Okay. So he's asking you whether you were personally aware of  
8       any ██████████ made to former President Trump. I think that's the question.

9           Okay. What's your answer?

10          ██████████ The answer is no, I was not.

11          ██████████ Okay.

12          ██████████. If so, would you be required to pass along that ██████████ to the  
13       relevant special agent that would be assigned that ██████████ casework?

14          ██████████ Hypothetically, if you had received such information about a ██████████  
15       to former President Trump --

16          ██████████ Uh-huh.

17          ██████████ -- he's asking what would your protocol be, what would your practice  
18       be with respect to that information.

19          ██████████ So if I had it, I would inform individuals who would need to know  
20       the information. So if I had the information, if I was the only one that had that  
21       information, I would disseminate it to the lead, the site, the site assist, the SAIC. You  
22       know, I would make those people aware?

23          ██████████. Would you have the sole ability to disseminate that information or  
24       would you have to go through any type of screening process or raising-for-awareness  
25       process for Special Agent ██████████ or Special Agent ██████████

1 [REDACTED] Also, is this [REDACTED] Is it [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] Yeah.

3 [REDACTED] I guess there's a lot of -- I'm not sure about your question.

4 If you understand it as ATSAIC --

5 [REDACTED] Well, I --

6 [REDACTED]. If we could go back in reality for a second.

7 [REDACTED] Yes.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q So we know that there were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to former President Trump's life,  
10 which created a [REDACTED]. We know that now, but you did not  
11 know that at the time?

12 A Correct.

13 Q If you had been made aware of that at the time, what would you have to  
14 know with that information?

15 A Okay. So I would have informed the individual I mentioned before. If I  
16 was the only one that got that information, I would have informed the SAIC, the lead, the  
17 site agent, and the assistant site agent, and protective intelligence agent.

18 Q So when [REDACTED] comes into the Pittsburgh office, who does it normally  
19 go to? Is there a procedure for that?

20 A So it --

21 [REDACTED] For --

22 [REDACTED]. For the [REDACTED].

23 [REDACTED] Oh, okay.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q [REDACTED],

1 [REDACTED] ?

2 A I don't know that answer.

3 Q Okay.

4 A [REDACTED]. I don't know that -- I don't know if  
5 they would contact me or SAIC [REDACTED]

6 Q There's not like a standard procedure for, hey, there's something related to  
7 this event. It needs to go to X?

8 A Not that I'm aware of, no.

9 Q Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] ? [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] --

13 A Correct, yes.

14 Q But you never received that call?

15 A Correct.

16 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q [REDACTED]

19 event and it was directed solely to your attention, who would you have notified?

20 A The same individuals I just mentioned, SAIC [REDACTED] lead [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the  
21 site agent, [REDACTED] who was the site counterpart, and Site Agent [REDACTED] from the  
22 Donald Trump detail.

23 Q Would you have passed that information along to the protective intelligence  
24 advance for the July 13th event?

25 A Yes, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well. He was the protective intelligence advance.



1 Q Were you aware of the protective intelligence advance counterpart that was  
2 there for the July 13th event, Agent [REDACTED] I believe is her name?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q Correct, yeah.

5 A I'm aware that she was working the visit -- the site, yes.

6 Q Would that information have also been passed on to her?

7 A Yes.

8 Q [REDACTED], what would  
9 you have done differently for the July 13th event?

10 [REDACTED] What? Can you just repeat the question? I just want to -- it's  
11 okay. Just repeat it the way you had said it.

12 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

13 [REDACTED] ne  
14 [REDACTED]?

15 [REDACTED] Well, okay. Well, you just described what you -- the disclosures  
16 you would have made to everybody.

17 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.

18 [REDACTED] He's asking you would you have done anything in addition to that or  
19 differently. You wouldn't have done anything differently. You would have done that.  
20 Anything in addition to that I think is what he's asking.

21 [REDACTED] Oh, okay.

22 So it would depend. It would depend on when I received that information.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Okay. If it was before the event?

25 A How long before the event?



1 Q July 2nd when you first became aware of the potential visit to  
2 Pittsburgh -- to Butler.

3 [REDACTED] You can try -- you can hypothesize what -- in your role, what would  
4 or could you have done, if anything, other than make disclosures to the proper parties.  
5 Is there anything more you could have or would have done?

6 [REDACTED] Actually, can we --

7 [REDACTED] Yeah.

8 [REDACTED] Step outside.

9 [REDACTED] We can go off the record.

10 [Recess.]

11 [REDACTED]: We can go back on the record.

12 [REDACTED] We know what the question is and you're privileged to answer.

13 [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED].

16 BY [REDACTED]:

17 Q When there's adverse intelligence of a [REDACTED] at an event for a protectee, are  
18 there regular check-ins regarding that [REDACTED] information, you know, as the advance  
19 progresses? Like how is the intelligence followed up on throughout the advance to  
20 know that concerns are being addressed, [REDACTED] are being mitigated? Can you talk us  
21 through that process?

22 A Sure. So if a [REDACTED] is received, you know, during the advance process,  
23 somebody, whether it's the protective intelligence advance person or someone else in  
24 the office, [REDACTED] and then report back to the  
25 Protective Intelligence Division.

1 Q Okay. Going back to the July 8 police briefing where you were present, do  
2 you recall if any concerns were raised at that police briefing about any [REDACTED] to former  
3 President Trump?

4 A I don't recall.

5 Q Do you recall a command post being discussed at the July 8th police  
6 briefing?

7 A I don't recall that, no.

8 Q Do you recall communications in how local law enforcement would be able  
9 to communicate with Secret Service on the July 13th event?

10 A No.

11 Q Do you recall any discussion of drone mitigation for the July 13th event at  
12 the police briefing on July 8th?

13 A No.

14 Q And that July 8th police briefing was the only in-person briefing or meeting  
15 that you attended for the July 13th event?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q In the week prior to the event, what was your day-to-day responsibilities in  
18 regards to the former President Trump visit?

19 A So specifically the Trump visit?

20 Q Correct.

21 A So I had no -- no specific duties for the Trump visit. I was --

22 Q Up until July 13th?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. What were your day-to-day responsibilities in regards to the FLOTUS  
25 visit on July 13th?

1           A     So I performed the manpower walk-through on Wednesday, the Wednesday  
2 before the visit, and that's to determine the number of post-standers needed for the site.

3           Q     Okay. You didn't attend in any way the July 13th FLOTUS visit, correct?

4           A     No, I did not.

5           Q     What was the purpose of attending the manpower walk-through on, if I  
6 understand, Wednesday, July 10th, for the FLOTUS visit but then staffing and reporting to  
7 the Butler visit for former President Trump?

8           A     So manpower walked through the layout for each site to determine the  
9 number of -- the correct number of post-standers needed for each site. So they were  
10 both happening on the same day. I attended the manpower walk-through for the First  
11 Lady's visit in downtown Pittsburgh, and SAIC [REDACTED] attended the manpower  
12 walk-through at the Butler Farm Show site.

13          Q     Understood.

14                Did you -- when you reported to Butler on July 13th, did you do any walk-through  
15 of the site when you initially reported?

16          A     Not -- no.

17          Q     But during the day you walked around the site, correct?

18          A     That's correct. I was starting to elaborate there that I didn't do an official  
19 walk-through.

20          Q     Uh-huh.

21          A     But I did -- you know, when I arrived, you know, I knew where the security  
22 room was located -- or, you know, I knew where the main magnetometers were, the main  
23 entrance. I could see where the stage was. I asked Agent [REDACTED] where the  
24 motorcade would be arriving, and then I could see the arrival departure tents. So I had  
25 a good layout of the site.

1 Q For the layout of the site, did you have an understanding of the perimeter  
2 that day of what were its boundaries?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Did anything stand out to you as a concern regarding its boundaries?

5 A No.

6 Q Did anything about the site concern you?

7 A At the time, no.

8 Q In the week prior to July 13th, did you have any concerns about the  
9 manpower, the survey work, the advance work that was being done for the July 13th  
10 former President Trump visit?

11 A No.

12 Q Looking back now, is there anything that you think that could have been  
13 done differently the week prior in the advance of the July 13th former President Trump  
14 visit that you would have done differently?

15 [REDACTED] This is a completely speculative and hypothetical question.

16 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.

17 [REDACTED] And are you capable of even answering that?

18 [REDACTED] I don't know.

19 [REDACTED] You're asking him whether with the specific information that he was  
20 aware of, all of it -- based on all of the subjective awareness that you had at that time,  
21 would you or could you have done anything differently? That's what he's asking.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah. So what I --

23 [REDACTED] That based on not being a proficient observer in a room with 20/20  
24 hindsight, but based on reconciling your state of mind on scene on that day, could you  
25 have done anything differently?

1           [REDACTED] No.

2           [REDACTED] All right.

3           BY [REDACTED]:

4           Q    You wouldn't have worked more hours or reviewed more paperwork?

5           A    No.

6           Q    Exactly what you did going up to the July 13th event --

7           A    Right.

8           Q    -- you would have done again?

9           A    Yep.

10          Q    Around what time did you arrive at the Butler site on July 13th?

11          A    It was around 10:40.

12          Q    Did you have any type of golf cart or transportation around the event that  
13 day or were you on foot?

14          A    So at first I was on foot, and then there was an employee from the Butler  
15 Farm Show that gave me a ride in a golf cart to get to the post where the motorcade was  
16 going to be arriving because it was all the way at the other end of the Farm Show.

17          Q    Okay. Where were you when the motorcade arrived?

18          A    I was back stage.

19          Q    Back stage. And did you remain there when shots fired?

20          A    Until shots were fired.

21          Q    Until the shots were fired, correct?

22          A    Yes.

23          Q    Okay. What issues, if any, did you address during the day in your role as  
24 site supervisor for the July 13th event?

25          A    So the big issue was the medical emergencies that were happening. That



1 was the -- that took up a large part of my day. I would go to the cooling tents, screen  
2 the individuals that were there, and then go back either to the security room or, you  
3 know, around the site. And then the EMTs that were there would wait until there were,  
4 you know, a group of individuals. They weren't calling me every time they had one  
5 person. So they would wait until there was, you know, ten people or so, and then they  
6 would call over to the security room. I would go over and mag them and then let them  
7 into the site.

8 And then the other issue was, you asked about the golf cart going down to the  
9 arrival/departure point. That was -- I had received a phone call from Butler County  
10 Sheriff [REDACTED], and he told me that he was escorting [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED], and he asked if I could expedite him getting into the site.

12 So I told him I would, that the Butler County -- or I'm sorry. The Butler Farm  
13 Show employee gave me a ride down to that post. Sheriff [REDACTED] showed up with [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]. I checked them with the handheld magnetometer. Then I escorted them  
15 to [REDACTED] where he got changed into a suit, and then I escorted  
16 them back to the back stage area.



1 [12:34 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Did you -- were you ever physically located out in front of the stage towards  
4 the outer perimeter of the secured perimeter by the AGR building? Were you ever  
5 physically over there?

6 A Could you be more specific? I was never in front of the stage.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I was -- I was at one point to the right of the stage if you're standing on the  
9 stage, stage right. So in between -- in between the stage and the AGR building.

10 Q Prior to shots fired, did you observe the AGR building?

11 A So --

12 Q And by prior to shots fired, I mean, throughout the day.

13 A Oh. So, no. No. I did not -- I was not on the outside of the perimeter.

14 Q Okay. But you never looked over there and observed those buildings?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. During the day, did you hear reports about drone issues in the  
17 security room with Secret Service?

18 A During the day, no.

19 Q When did you learn about those issues?

20 A I found out after --

21 Q Okay.

22 A -- after the 13th that the -- the drone detection equipment was  
23 malfunctioning.

24 Q How did you find that out?

25 A Word of mouth. You know, through discussions with SAIC [REDACTED] SAIC [REDACTED]

1       Yeah.

2               Q     During the day on July 13th, did you observe any suspicious individuals at the  
3       event?

4               A     No.

5               Q     Just in your opinion in doing advance work, I understand that Secret Service  
6       encounters suspicious people at events regularly, correct?

7               A     Correct.

8               Q     What in your mind as a special agent for the Secret Service rises from a  
9       suspicious person to the level of threat?

10              A     In my opinion?

11              [REDACTED]     Yes.

12              [REDACTED]     In my opinion, that would have to be either a threatening statement  
13       or the presence of a weapon.

14              [REDACTED]     Okay.    So what is your understanding of what an actual threat is?  
15       What is a threat?

16              [REDACTED]     So it would have to be either a -- you know, somebody verbally, you  
17       know, saying that they're going to do harm to somebody.

18              [REDACTED]     Okay.

19              BY [REDACTED]:

20              Q     Okay.    I want to talk about your awareness of other Pittsburgh Field Office  
21       agents that were at the July 13th Butler event to the best of your recollection.

22              Throughout the day on July 13th, can you describe your interactions with

23       [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24              A     So [REDACTED] being a lead would have been at the -- you know, prestaged at  
25       the airport with the motorcade.    So I'm trying to recall if I had any interactions with

1 [REDACTED] that day at all. I don't believe I did, not prior to the shooting.

2 Q And if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is lead advance agent, if she had any issues, who did  
3 she need to report to?

4 A So she could have reported -- SAIC [REDACTED] would have been in the  
5 motorcade with -- he was in the motorcade with [REDACTED] So if she -- if something  
6 came up while she was at the airport, she could have just, you know, talked to SAIC [REDACTED]  
7 about it in person versus calling me.

8 You know, I am her direct supervisor, but it's not so rigid that she has to call me  
9 first before she goes and talks to the SAIC. If the SAIC is standing 10 feet from her, she's  
10 just going to walk over and talk to the SAIC.

11 Q Uh-huh. But Pittsburgh Field Office staff, yourself, Special Agent in Charge  
12 [REDACTED] are all at different points -- are at different physical points at the rally during the  
13 day, correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. So it can get a little bit difficult in terms of just contacting the direct  
16 report for a given issue, correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q So that's fair to say?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And that probably extends to other members of the advance too, correct?  
21 Because people are in different physical locations, there's different communications  
22 devices, and there's a layered approach, I understand, to advance work where there's  
23 different roles that have direct report capability, necessity, and others that do not. Is  
24 that fair?

25 A That's fair.

1 Q Okay.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q If you needed to communicate with others at the site, how were you doing  
4 that, other Secret Service agents, whether that's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 A You mean what equipment am I using?

6 Q Yes.

7 A A radio. My Secret Service issued radio.

8 Q Phone calls, texts?

9 A Oh, that as well, yes.

10 Q That as well?

11 A Yeah. Issued -- issued cell phone. Yeah.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Do you know what radio frequency you were on for the July 13th Butler  
14 event?

15 A So I believe we were initially on [REDACTED] and the issue was the visit for the First  
16 Lady in downtown Pittsburgh was also on the [REDACTED] frequency. And the initial thought  
17 was that it was far enough away that we wouldn't -- we wouldn't hear their traffic, there  
18 wouldn't be any -- any confusion between who's at what site.

19 And then once the posts were -- once everybody was on post, they realized that  
20 they were hearing some of that communication. So I believe we switched to [REDACTED] I'm  
21 not a hundred percent sure on that, but I believe we did.

22 Q Okay. And did you have your work phone and personal phone on you that  
23 day?

24 A I had my work phone on me.

25 Q You had your work phone. You did not have your personal phone?

1 A Not on me, no.

2 Q Were you texting and emailing off of your work phone and calling off of your  
3 work phone that day?

4 A Yes. And when I arrived at the site initially, I called SA [REDACTED] and  
5 informed her that I was, you know, onsite and, you know, asked her -- that's how she told  
6 me at the time she was posting up the agents. And I said, okay, I'll report to the security  
7 room.

8 Q What were your -- what were your interactions with Special Agent [REDACTED]  
9 during that day?

10 A So I called her when I first got there, let her know that I was there, let her  
11 know I responded to the security room. I believe I discussed with her where the  
12 motorcade was going to be coming into the site. You know, she informed me. I think I  
13 had -- I had a discussion with her about [REDACTED] coming to the site, and I think  
14 that was it.

15 Q Can you describe your interactions with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the day?

16 A Sure. So [REDACTED] was also -- as the PI advance, was at the airport. So I  
17 didn't discuss anything with [REDACTED] until he got to the site with the motorcade. And  
18 then, of course, after the -- after the shooting, he remained on scene, and so I was in  
19 discussions with [REDACTED] about what -- you know, what went on and what was happening  
20 late into the night.

21 Q Do you recall if [REDACTED] brought up Protective Intelligence information  
22 that was available to him for shots fired?

23 A I don't recall.

24 Q Okay. Can you describe the physical locations of the Pittsburgh Field Office  
25 staff that were there around the time shots fired, if you can recall? Do you recall where

1 Special Agent [REDACTED] was?

2 A So she was -- if my memory serves, she was backstage near the motorcade, I  
3 believe.

4 Q Okay. What about Special Agent [REDACTED]

5 A I don't know where she was. I don't recall.

6 Q And what about Special Agent [REDACTED]

7 A I believe he was in the backstage area as well. If you're on the -- stage left.  
8 If you're on the stage, stage left.

9 Q Prior to shots fired, did you observe the Secret Service CAT team arrive  
10 behind the tent or in the tent?

11 A I don't -- I don't remember specifically observing them arrive.

12 Q What did you do when shots fired?

13 A So initially I went from where I was stage right to the stage. I ran towards  
14 the stage. When I got there, I saw the detail piled on top of former President Trump.  
15 And at that time I went back to the area where I was when shots were fired.

16 Q After shots fired, what was your reaction? What did you experience?  
17 What were you feeling when shots fired?

18 A So my first indication that there was a shooting was actually our counter  
19 sniper taking a shot to eliminate the threat. So I -- I observed the Counter Sniper Team  
20 that was on the barn behind the stage, if you're facing the stage, to the left. So stage  
21 right if you're on the stage.

22 But I observed them looking through their scope, and then I heard the other  
23 Counter Sniper Team take that shot. That was my first indication that there was -- that  
24 there was an issue. That's when I responded to the stage.

25 The shift had already piled on top of former President Trump. I went back to the



1 area I was in. There were several police officers there, mostly State police. At that  
2 time there was a gate there that had a padlock on it. So we couldn't get through the  
3 gate.

4 So one of the State troopers told -- there was a trooper on the other side of the  
5 gate with the vehicle. So we told the trooper to get in his vehicle, ram the gate to open  
6 it up so we could get through.

7 Q Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues in a second, but I just have  
8 quick follow-up questions.

9 Did you observe a local law enforcement partner taking shots at Crooks?

10 A No, I did not.

11 Q Okay. Were you aware of that information?

12 A I was -- I became aware of it after the fact. But I did not -- I did not witness  
13 local law enforcement take a shot.

14 Q Okay. Prior to shots fired, did you hear anything about a suspicious person  
15 or individual with a rangefinder over Secret Service radio?

16 A No, I did not.

17 Q On your work phone, did you have any conversations or text messages about  
18 a suspicious individual with a rangefinder prior to shots fired?

19 A No.

20 Q All right. Do you recall what you heard on your radio -- Secret Service radio  
21 prior to shots fired?

22 A So prior to shots fired, I don't recall what the last thing I heard on the radio  
23 was. And then once shots were fired and the fog of war that was happening with all  
24 the -- everyone responding to it, I don't know if there was -- if there was radio traffic that  
25 I didn't hear.

1           So I don't recall what the last thing I heard prior to shots fired was.

2           Q    Last question.  As site supervisor, did you at all stop by the local command  
3 post trailer that was present that day?

4           A    No, I did not.

5           Q    Okay.

6                BY [REDACTED]:

7           Q    Were you aware that it existed?

8           A    Yes.  Later in the day.  I wasn't aware when I first respond -- when I first  
9 showed up at the site.  But then at some point during the day, I was made aware that it  
10 was there.

11          Q    How did you become aware of it?

12          A    I think it was when we drove by it on the golf cart, to be honest with you.

13          Q    So were you aware -- you were in the security room for some of the time,  
14 right?

15          A    Yes.

16          Q    Were you aware that that security room was not communicating  
17 with -- directly with some of the local law enforcement?

18          A    No, I was not aware of that.

19          Q    When did you become aware of that?

20          A    After that day.

21          Q    After that day.  Okay.

22          [REDACTED]:  Go ahead.

23          [REDACTED]  One quick one.  Were you aware that SAIC [REDACTED] didn't have a  
24 working radio at some point during the rally?

25          [REDACTED]  So, again, I wasn't aware at the time on the 13th.  I think I found

1 out the next day.

2 [REDACTED]: Did you communicate with him by phone or text or something like  
3 that?

4 [REDACTED] So I saw him backstage when the motorcade arrived. But I don't  
5 recall if he mentioned that his radio wasn't working at that time. But I was -- I did  
6 become aware of it, you know, the next day, I believe.

7 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q In Special Agent [REDACTED] interview with the Senate she mentions a  
10 conversation with Special Agent [REDACTED] about her be -- there not being a CAT LNO.

11 Is that your recollection as well, there was no assigned that role that day?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q Is it normal for when you have a CAT team assigned to a event to not have  
14 an LNO?

15 A So the CAT team working former President Trump, that was -- that was their  
16 standing operating procedure. They had a [REDACTED] team that [REDACTED]  
17 with him, [REDACTED]. That's how  
18 that --

19 Q And that was just for the -- that was the detail's procedure?

20 A Yes. I mean, that's how it -- the Counter Assault Team isn't part of the  
21 Donald Trump detail. They're part of the Special Operations Division. So they  
22 supplement the Donald Trump detail.

23 Q Okay. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] told her that she did not feel qualified to fulfill  
24 that role that day, the CAT LNO. Did she ever communicate that to you?

25 A No.

1 Q If she had communicated that to you, would you have assigned someone to  
2 that role?

3 A That's not my position to assign someone to be the CAT LNO. That would  
4 go through the Special Operations Division.

5 Q Okay. If [REDACTED] needed additional resources, additional agents, additional  
6 people to do the advance, would that go through you?

7 A She should have that discussion with me, yes.

8 Q Okay.

9 A But in your example of what the CAT LNO -- in her example of the CAT LNO,  
10 it's not -- I'm not responsible for the CAT agents. So I can't -- I can't assign a CAT agent  
11 to be the CAT LNO because they don't fall under me.

12 Q Okay.

13 A But I would have that discussion with the Special Operations Division.

14 Q And she was also in charge of the transportation, right, coordinating the  
15 transportation?

16 A SA [REDACTED]

17 Q Uh-huh.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Is that something that's normal for the lead agent to do?

20 A Yes. In that situation, yeah. For a former President detail, yes.

21 Q For other details, like FLOTUS or POTUS?

22 A No.

23 Q There's a --

24 A There's a transportation agent assigned.

25 Q Okay. Has that changed since the 13th?

1 A I believe it has, yes.

2 [REDACTED] Okay. I think those are all our questions. We can go off the  
3 record.

4 [Recess.]

5 [REDACTED]: We can go back on the record.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q So I want to pick up with talking about the radios. I think you mentioned  
8 that you recall listening to [REDACTED] and possibly being switched to [REDACTED]

9 A I believe so, yes.

10 Q Do you remember being on [REDACTED] at some point?

11 A So I believe the shift was supposed to be on [REDACTED] and I would have been  
12 monitoring [REDACTED] which means my -- my radio is set so that I can hear what's being  
13 discussed on [REDACTED] But when I -- if I key up the microphone and talk, it's going to be on  
14 [REDACTED]

15 Q Were you scanning that day?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Were there any issues with scanning considering the event in Pittsburgh?

18 A I don't -- I don't recall. I don't think so.

19 Q The switch from [REDACTED] to possibly [REDACTED] was because of the -- [REDACTED] was  
20 picking up the Pittsburgh event, right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q So if you were to scan, would that include [REDACTED] or could you pick what  
23 channel to scan?

24 A You can choose which channels you're scanning.

25 Q What was your -- oh, you said that "we" were on [REDACTED] and switched to [REDACTED]



1 Who's we?

2 A Everybody at the site. All the post standers, the site agent, the assistant  
3 site agent, the security room.

4 Q And you said the [REDACTED] people were a shift?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Who would that include?

7 A That would include the Trump detail. And then typically the lead agent  
8 would be on that same frequency and then, hopefully, monitoring the other channels as  
9 well.

10 Q And what about the TAC crew?

11 A Similar. They would be monitoring [REDACTED] and then typically the [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 then [REDACTED].

14 On that day, I think they may have all been on [REDACTED] I'm not positive of that,  
15 but I think they may have been.

16 Q Did you have an understanding about the radio interoperability between  
17 local law enforcement and State law enforcement?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And what was your understanding of that capability?

20 A So the State -- it was my understanding that State, county, and local law  
21 enforcement were all on the same frequency.

22 Q And who made you -- who gave you that impression?

23 A There was a State trooper representative in the security room, and he  
24 had -- he had one radio with him, and he was -- he was the communications  
25 representative in our security room for the State, local, county assets.

1 Q So it was based on observation, not necessarily a conversation with him or  
2 anyone else?

3 A That is correct.

4 Q Did you -- were you made aware that Secret Service would exchange radios  
5 with local law enforcement?

6 A I'm aware of that, that we do from time to time.

7 Q Is that a standard procedure to take at rallies?

8 A So the Counter Assault Team -- having worked on the Counter Assault Team,  
9 that is standard operating procedure to -- that way you can communicate with your local  
10 assets, being that they don't have our radio frequencies.

11 Q Were you aware of -- well, you mentioned that there was a switch from [REDACTED]  
12 to [REDACTED] Was this related to any issues beyond picking up communications from the  
13 Pittsburgh event?

14 A At the time it was my understanding that it was because we were -- we were  
15 hearing the traffic from the First Lady's visit in Pittsburgh.

16 Q Did any agents from the Secret Service complain about not being able to  
17 hear anything on the radios?

18 A I don't recall anyone complaining.

19 Q And was it [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who made the decision to switch radio channels?

20 A I believe it was.

21 Q In your experience at rallies in the past, have you had an experience in which  
22 there was a separate command center for local law enforcement?

23 A I don't recall any. I mean, I'm sure it's happened, but I don't recall a  
24 specific time.

25 Q And if there is -- so when you -- do you recall approximately what time

1 during the rally you were made aware there was a separate command center from local?

2 A I don't recall the exact time. I would -- I would guess that it was later in the  
3 day, closer to the arrival of the motorcade. Maybe an hour prior to the arrival of the  
4 motorcade.

5 Q Did you discuss this two command center setup with anyone?

6 A No, I did not.

7 Q At some point do you recall observing that local law enforcement officers  
8 were inside of the barns?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Can you tell us more about that?

11 A Yes. When the motorcade arrived, I was backstage in the -- there were  
12 three tents, the arrival/departure tent, a whole tent, and then a photo line tent. And  
13 behind the photo line tent in the barn, behind that tent, there was a local TAC team or  
14 ESU team.

15 I say local tactical team, but they were -- I believe they were comprised of, you  
16 know, different -- different officers from different municipalities around the area.

17 Q Approximately how many law enforcement officers were in there?

18 A I would say at least [REDACTED].

19 Q Was that expected or did it stand out to you as unusual?

20 A It stood out to me as being unusual because normally they would be  
21 stationed outside the perimeter.

22 Q Was that your understanding going into the event or was it just based off of  
23 prior experience?

24 A It's based off of prior experience. It's my assumption that they were going  
25 to be stationed outside the perimeter.

1 Q Did you talk to any Secret Service or local law enforcement about that?

2 A No, I did not.

3 Q Did you have any concerns about how the security area -- by that I mean the  
4 space inside the perimeter -- how it was situated, including pathways in the crowd?

5 A So I didn't have -- let me start over.

6 SA [REDACTED] did mention to me at one point -- I had a discussion with her -- she said  
7 that the crowd was so big and it was -- they were compacted into such a tight area that it  
8 made it difficult to -- there were medical emergencies, people -- you know, because of the  
9 heat, people passing out, and trying to get to those people and get them out of the crowd  
10 was very difficult.

11 Q And did you discuss this with [REDACTED] at some point during the rally?

12 A Yes.

13 Q How did you resolve it? What happened?

14 A So at the time it was -- we didn't resolve it, because the issue is that there  
15 were so many people in the crowd, that to try to tell them, hey, we need to create  
16 a -- like an aisle to get back and forth, the people -- as soon as you say, hey, move, you  
17 know, let's make a chute to get this individual that needs medical attention out, as soon  
18 as you pull that person out, the crowd just filled in that area.

19 Q And did you say that you were backstage once the motorcade arrived?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q And did you stay there until the shooting?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q I want to now sort of focus more on the 5:45 to 6:11 period. See if my  
24 colleagues have any questions about a radio first.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q No. Maybe just one.

2 I think you said there were two command posts maybe an hour before the event.

3 Did I hear that right?

4 A Yeah. That's a -- that's a guess.

5 Q Great. Did it strike you -- did that fact strike you as odd given that you have  
6 not really seen that before?

7 A No. My opinion of it was that the Butler County, if they have a mobile  
8 command post, that they -- municipalities want to use that mobile command post;  
9 whereas, we have our security room. And so this is -- this is an opportunity for them to  
10 bring their mobile command post out and utilize it versus having it sit in a parking lot  
11 somewhere.

12 So it's -- as long as we had -- as long as there's someone in our security room, you  
13 know, passing traffic to our security room agent, SAIC [REDACTED] then it didn't seem -- it's not  
14 odd.

15 If I had shown up to the security room and there was no local representative there  
16 and -- oh, yeah, they're not here, they're in the command post, that would be odd to me.

17 Q And so -- great. That makes sense.

18 So when you learned about those two command posts or local trailer, at that time  
19 that you learned of it, did you already know that there was a State trooper in the security  
20 room?

21 A Yeah. Yes.

22 Q And were you under the impression then that that State trooper was on a  
23 single frequency with all State and local assets at the site?

24 A Yes.

25 Q If it had been represented to you upon learning of the two command posts

1     that that State trooper was not actually on the same frequency as all State and local  
2     assets, that trooper is only talking to other troopers, and there were all sorts of other  
3     frequencies for local assets, would that have changed your view -- hypothetical, but if you  
4     can answer -- would that have changed your view of the two command post structure  
5     that day?

6           A     Yes.

7           Q     And in what way?

8           A     So if the representative in the security room, the State trooper, I believe he  
9     was a sergeant, if he's -- if he's hearing all the local assets, then he can -- he can relay that  
10    information to our security room agent.   We're getting all the information and we're  
11    getting it in the same manner as if we had an agent sitting in the command post.

12                But if the county police are communicating to the command post, and then the  
13    command post is communicating to the sergeant in our security room, and then the  
14    sergeant in our security room is turning to the -- to SAIC [REDACTED] and that process would  
15    take much longer and it wouldn't be effective.   You know, I would've -- you know, I  
16    wouldn't -- it's not efficient.   I was under the assumption that that sergeant was hearing  
17    all of the local radio traffic.

18           Q     Would you, in your experience when you've acted as lead advance agent or  
19    site agent, view that entire structure, entire communications structure you just described,  
20    as falling under the umbrella of the Secret Service's planning responsibility?

21           A     Yes.

22           Q     Thanks.

23           [REDACTED].   Were you aware of which local law enforcement agencies were  
24    participating in the rally?

25           [REDACTED]   Not all of them.   So it was my understanding at the time that it



1 was State, Pennsylvania State, the troopers, Butler County, and then Butler -- I believe  
2 Butler City.

3 I learned after the fact that there were also officers there, I believe, from Beaver  
4 County that were kind of supplementing and filling in. So I didn't know that at the time.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q Could I ask about -- that has been challenging for us as well to really unpack  
7 the relationship between the Secret Service and State and local law enforcement for a big  
8 event like this.

9 A Yeah.

10 Q In your experience, are State and local law enforcement more or less  
11 working at the direction of the Secret Service?

12 A Not -- not entirely. Normally, the way it works is the site agents or the site  
13 agent and the site counterpart or site assist, they will be in communication with local,  
14 State, county law enforcement and have a request for them as far as can you provide  
15 manpower to, you know, for instance, secure an intersection or something along those  
16 lines.

17 When it comes to outside our perimeter, there's typically discussions with the -- a  
18 local law enforcement representative about, you know, posting up officers in areas of  
19 concern. And we wouldn't -- we wouldn't give them detailed instructions as far as, you  
20 know, if we ask them to provide assistance for us, we're not then going to turn around  
21 and, you know, nitpick the way they do it and hover over top of them and, you know,  
22 basically tell them how to do their job.

23 You know, if we -- can you secure this intersection for us, and they say yes, then  
24 okay, it's -- we consider it done.

25 Q Okay. When a local law enforcement asset is present as the result of a

1 Secret Service request, manpower request -- I guess I should ask -- is that always the case  
2 or are there times when a local law enforcement asset of some kind has designated  
3 themselves to participate in an event and assist in some way, or is it always the result of a  
4 Secret Service request?

5 A So I wouldn't say it's always the result of a Secret Service request.  
6 Sometimes they come to us, and they'll say -- a good example would be utilizing EOD  
7 canine dogs.

8 If we have an event in an area, we might have an officer come say, hey, I'm not  
9 sure if you guys are aware, we have an EOD dog, and if you need assistance sweeping,  
10 you know, the parking lot or whatever it may be. So it's not always a request on our  
11 part. Sometimes they learn of the visit, and then they'll come to us and inform us that  
12 they might have assets that we aren't aware of that we could utilize.

13 Q And that would typically be the framing, where it would be uncommon if it's  
14 never happened at all, or you would show up the day of the event and there's a K-9 unit  
15 out here that you've never heard of, never seen, they would typically come to you first  
16 and talk through what the plan is?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And I would imagine -- you can tell me -- that there would be a  
19 degree of -- "deference" is a tricky word because it can be subjective, but I'll say  
20 deference to the Secret Service as the ultimate protector of the protectee. Is that fair?

21 A It's fair. We're coordinating the assets.

22 [REDACTED]. Okay. I think that's it on that for now.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q A few followups that I gathered, before we get to the 5:45 time.

25 In your experience at rallies -- I think you said somewhere around 50 -- is it typical

1 for State and local law enforcement to have interoperability with their radios?

2 A With each other?

3 Q Yeah.

4 A Yes. It's my understanding. So trying to think of the visits I've been  
5 involved with, especially being the security room agent. There's usually one entity in  
6 there from local and State. You're dealing with one officer.

7 You know, you usually don't have -- if you have State, county, local, and, you  
8 know, maybe a second local department, you wouldn't show up to the security room and  
9 have six guys in there all with their radios, you know, trying to give you information.

10 Q Okay. So there's been -- as you may have seen, there's been discussion  
11 about two separate command centers. But if I'm hearing you correctly, in your  
12 experience in the security room, it is typical to see one person represent sort of local and  
13 State law enforcement in that security room, not five or six as you said?

14 A That's correct.

15 [REDACTED]. What would be the drawback with five or six, just if you can  
16 explain for us?

17 [REDACTED] So the -- the big issue would be the volume of radio traffic and  
18 the -- just the noise, for lack of a better word.

19 If you have four different radio frequencies and all those officers are listening to  
20 their own radio frequency, and then you're sitting trying to listen to the frequency that all  
21 the post standers are on, it becomes hectic. It's a different -- all the different radio  
22 traffic coming in -- on that day, actually, the sergeant that was in the security room, he  
23 had his radio, like, cranked all the way up. So when he got -- when someone came  
24 across his radio, it was so loud that you couldn't hear the radio that the post standers  
25 were on.

1           [REDACTED]. So it's not that the idea of one standard local representative is  
2 inherently unreasonable for reasons you just described, it's just that that one person  
3 needs to be linked up directly to every other asset that's out there?

4           [REDACTED] Yes.

5           [REDACTED]. Okay.

6           BY [REDACTED]:

7           Q   When did you -- and I'm transitioning a bit. I appreciate the explanation.  
8           When did you learn that you would be the site supervisor for the Trump rally?

9           A   I'm not positive, but I'm going to guess it was July 2nd or 3rd when I had the  
10 discussion with SAIC [REDACTED] about who was going to be, you know, filling what roles for  
11 the different visits. I believe he wanted me to be the site supervisor for that visit.

12          Q   And SAIC [REDACTED] was he with the former President throughout his trip to  
13 Butler?

14          A   Yes.

15          Q   Who was with the First Lady of the United States?

16          A   The RAC from our Charleston, West Virginia, office. His name is [REDACTED]

17          [REDACTED] So he came up from Charleston to be the supervisor for the First Lady visit  
18 that day.

19          Q   You mentioned having a conversation with [REDACTED] the day of the rally.  
20 How do you know him?

21          A   Working with him, visits -- he was at the -- I believe he was at the police  
22 meeting. I don't recall the first time I met him was, but if we get -- if we get notification  
23 that there's going to be a visit in our district, western Pennsylvania, we set up a police  
24 meeting, but we don't know where exactly, and we don't know where the site's going to  
25 be, sometimes he would show up at those police meetings.

1 Q Do you have relationships with the other law enforcement leaders in the  
2 Butler area?

3 A Not as much as SAIC [REDACTED] does. He usually communicates with the sheriff,  
4 the chief of police. That's his responsibility.

5 Q All right. Going to around the time of 5:45, were you in the security room  
6 at that time?

7 A No.

8 Q I understand that you were behind the stage once the motorcade arrived.  
9 What time did the motorcade arrive?

10 A I believe the motorcade arrived, I'm going to say it was like 5:30. I'm not  
11 positive. But I believe it was around 5:30.

12 Q Were you near the Trump detail?

13 A I was in the photo tent. So I was -- another role that I played that day was  
14 coordinating the police and fire photos.

15 So there were, you know, police officers and two of the EMTs that were there  
16 helping at the visit, they got their picture taken with former President Trump. And I was  
17 responsible for getting them lined up, getting them to the photo tent, making it an  
18 efficient process.

19 Q Were there any Trump detail agents present as well?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Were they able to hear, like, your radio? Like, were you within earshot of  
22 them?

23 A I don't recall. But we wear earpieces, so they wouldn't -- they wouldn't  
24 have been hearing over my radio, the air traffic, unless they were scanning that  
25 frequency.

1 Q And the Trump detail, they were on a separate channel, right?

2 A I believe so. I believe they were on Baker.

3 Q Do you happen to recall the names of some of the law enforcement officers  
4 who went to get their picture taken?

5 A I know Sheriff [REDACTED] got his picture taken. I don't recall the other names.  
6 There were, I believe, eight law enforcement officers and two EMTs. I'm not a hundred  
7 percent on that, but I believe that's correct.

8 Q Around what time would have been the last time you were in the security  
9 room?

10 A It would have been before that, so before 5 o'clock, I would say.

11 Q Do you recall who was in there? I think you mentioned SAIC [REDACTED] and the  
12 trooper from Pennsylvania State Police. Anyone else?

13 A Yeah. Yes. There was the -- [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] is the -- I believe  
14 he's from the Donald Trump detail. I believe he was assigned to the Donald Trump  
15 detail, and he was the countersurveillance -- he was operating the countersurveillance  
16 detection equipment.

17 There were also the EMTs in there, and there were, I believe, two individuals from  
18 the Butler Farm Show, you know, site itself, employees of the Butler Farm Show.

19 Q And did you learn who those people were after the fact or were you made  
20 aware when you went in?

21 A So I was made aware of the trooper, the EMTs, and then at some point  
22 during the day the Butler Farm Show employees. The one gentleman, his name's -- his  
23 first name's [REDACTED] I forget his last name. He's the individual that gave me a ride in the  
24 golf cart down to where the motorcade was going to be coming on to the site. And then  
25 I learned [REDACTED] name after -- after the event.



1           Q    Can you give me an overview -- and this is not particular to July 13th. But  
2   what information is expected to go to the security room and what should be going out to  
3   the agents?

4           A    Any pertinent information. Anything that any agent working the site, you  
5   know, feels needs to be disseminated.

6           Q    Suffice to say that a threat would be disseminated from the security room if  
7   they were made aware?

8           A    Yes. Yes.

9           Q    What about a suspicious person?

10          A    So a suspicious person could be disseminated via the radio. It would  
11   depend on the location of that individual, and then where the PI team, Agent [REDACTED]  
12   where she was located, and if she could respond to that suspicious person.

13          Q    You mentioned a location. Does it matter if the person's inside or outside  
14   the perimeter?

15          A    Yes.

16          Q    And how so?

17          A    So if the person's outside of the perimeter, that's more of an issue for local  
18   or State law enforcement. Inside the perimeter is more our responsibility, and that's  
19   our PI -- our PI site team, Agent [REDACTED] she's -- she can respond with inside the site.

20           [The] other thing is our post standers, they're -- they're on post. They're not  
21   allowed to leave their post. So if they see a suspicious individual, they could -- they  
22   could put it out on the radio that, hey, I see somebody who I deem to be suspicious. But  
23   if that person walks off, they can't follow them. They can't leave their post.

24          Q    And does the distance from a protectee influence the relevance of the  
25   suspicious person?

1 A Not necessarily.

2 Q [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] -- and I'm putting aside rangefinder for now.

4 But how would sort of the distance to the stage influence how suspicious they are?

5 A I don't know that it would influence it at all. I mean, somebody's either  
6 suspicious or they're not. [REDACTED].

7 Q And what about Secret Service's response given the proximity to the stage?

8 A What about it?

9 Q So how would -- [REDACTED]  
10 the site, [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 A [REDACTED] --

13 [REDACTED]. I'm sorry. If I could. If you could just speak louder, I think  
14 we're having a little trouble.

15 [REDACTED] Sorry.

16 If they're [REDACTED], then it's best for [REDACTED] to  
17 respond to that.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q Could I ask just a question on that perimeter line?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q I understand what you're saying about a suspicious person adding to that.

22 In the planning phase, how do you view the Secret Service's obligations as it  
23 relates to [REDACTED]? In other  
24 words, is it something where the Secret Service, yeah, they need to know generally what  
25 the plan is, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] to plan for that space as it would be [REDACTED]?

2 A It's their responsibility to coordinate with State, local law enforcement

3 [REDACTED].

4 Q [REDACTED]. So is it their responsibility to

5 know [REDACTED] is even if that plan is ultimately a [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] if necessary, or is it just like keep us in the loop type of thing?

7 A I think it's more of a keep us in the loop type thing because it's not our role

8 to modify their plan. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]. It becomes -- you know, it's insulting to

10 them, and [REDACTED].

11 So we want to remain in the loop. [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED], but we want -- we certainly want to know

13 about it.

14 Q I guess it is not -- for somebody learning about this, it's not always clear why

15 that should be, at least in the sense that a [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] could, in theory, come

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 A The way I would explain it is -- [REDACTED]. So

19 once we set up our perimeter -- now, as the Secret Service, we have the [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED]. We can't pull someone

22 over on the road -- you know, a vehicle. We can't pull a vehicle over because we deem

23 it to be suspicious and interview that driver. We would [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED].

25 Q That makes sense as a factual point. But the protective responsibility has

1 no physical boundaries, I think, right?

2 [REDACTED] Now we're getting to legal --

3 [REDACTED]: I'll say -- within a reasonable proximity to that day's event. I'm  
4 not talking about 700 miles away, but --

5 [REDACTED] Are we talking about maybe posting local operators and deciding  
6 where they should be posted or --

7 [REDACTED]: Not as much, no.

8 So when we talk about a site such as the Butler Farm Show, as we all understand,  
9 have this perimeter that has been set. And I understand that, from a planning point of  
10 view, that [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]. That's where post standers are on the inside,  
12 you're screening people. I understand that.

13 And I understand, as a general matter, that local law enforcement is sort of  
14 handling [REDACTED]. That's where they are going  
15 to respond to a suspicious person. I understand that basic construct.

16 I guess what I am sometimes not sure about is, in the security planning  
17 responsibility matrix, it's not totally clear to me. But the question is, does the [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED] of that  
19 perimeter? And, if so, I guess, why? Because a [REDACTED] could reasonably come just as  
20 likely from [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED] What is your -- what is your --

22 [REDACTED] I don't know.

23 [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 [REDACTED] You don't know the answer, do you?

25 [REDACTED] I don't know.

1           [REDACTED]. Okay.

2           [REDACTED] That's your answer.

3           [REDACTED]. Great. Thanks.

4           [REDACTED] Sorry.

5                   BY [REDACTED]:

6           Q     Around 5:45 p.m., were you made aware of a suspicious person with a  
7 rangefinder?

8           A     No.

9           Q     Is that something that you would expect the security room to disseminate if  
10 it was made aware of that?

11          A     So I believe they informed the Protective Intelligence site team and the  
12 counter sniper response team. Those are the individuals that are most important to be  
13 made aware because they're able to actually move about the site freely and go try to  
14 locate this suspicious individual.

15                So I don't know if it was put out over the radio or not. I don't recall it being put  
16 out over the radio. But if it was, it doesn't affect who can respond to that suspicious  
17 person.

18          Q     Would the site agent or site agent counterpart need to be made aware at  
19 that point?

20          A     Typically, yes.

21          Q     My colleague from the majority asked you earlier about threat versus  
22 suspicious person. Is there anything in between those two categories?

23          A     Citizen.

24          [REDACTED] No. In between.

25          [REDACTED] As a matter of law? Based on case -- yeah. Maybe if you're



1 going to be --

2 [REDACTED] And in transition -- there could be a transition from a suspicious  
3 person to a person who's posing a threat.

4 Is there some status in between or is it just --

5 [REDACTED] No.

6 [REDACTED] -- two mutually exclusive categories or one or the other?

7 [REDACTED] I would say one or the other.

8 [REDACTED] Yeah.

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q And the distinctions between suspicious person and threat, is that a policy  
11 written down somewhere? Is it in a handbook for law enforcement?

12 A Not that I know of.

13 Q So at some point, the security room passes along a description of the  
14 suspicious person. Did you receive any of that information?

15 A Not at the time.

16 Q And I understand -- I heard you previously that you generally weren't aware,  
17 but I just want to make sure that I hit certain landmarks to make sure I give you an  
18 opportunity to respond specifically.

19 So around 5:52, the counter sniper response and the site PI are dispatched.

20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]?

22 A First off, they're the only [REDACTED] about. Everyone else  
23 is on [REDACTED]. The site PI team has local law enforcement with them. So they're able  
24 to -- through their partner, they can detain, interview people outside of the secure area.

25 Q But why not just leave it to local law enforcement to engage the suspicious



1 person?

2 A You would -- to have more assets involved to locate the individual?

3 Q And if you don't recall, I think we can go to the post instructions. I think it  
4 says that if counter sniper response is dispatched, the site agent needs to be made aware.  
5 Is that consistent with what you understand to be the case?

6 A I don't --

7 [REDACTED] If you know the answer.

8 [REDACTED] I don't know. I didn't -- if that's what it says in the --

9 [REDACTED] Yeah. You accept that. That's fine.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q Around 6 o'clock, around the time when former President Trump came on  
13 stage, do you recall seeing local TAC leave the barn and line up along the AGR fence?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Can you describe that a bit more? What did you see?

16 A So that was the first indication I had that there was something happening in  
17 the -- over by the AGR building. I didn't hear any radio traffic. The local TAC team  
18 came out of the barn, and they were kind of lined up along the fence, you know, almost  
19 like a scrimmage line. There was, you know, 6 feet in between each one.

20 And I -- personally, I just -- I looked at them and thought to myself, what are they  
21 doing? Why are they lining up? What's going on over there? You know, and  
22 oriented my attention in that direction. But that was my first indication that there was  
23 some kind of concern over there.

24 Q About how many tactical officers did you see?

25 A Say about [REDACTED]

1 Q Was it -- was it the crew that you saw inside the barn earlier that day?

2 A It was.

3 Q Did you check with anybody about what was going on, why they went that  
4 direction?

5 A No, I didn't. Not a lot of time elapsed between them coming out and then  
6 the shots fired.

7 Q Around 4 minutes after 6 p.m., were you made aware of law enforcement's  
8 unsuccessful attempt to find a suspicious person?

9 A I was not.

10 Q If you were made -- if the site agent or site supervisor's made aware that law  
11 enforcement has unsuccessfully been searching for someone for about 15 minutes, does  
12 that elevate the response in any sort of way?

13 A No.

14 Q And so what would you expect to happen if law enforcement is looking and  
15 they haven't found the person, keeping in mind they have a rangefinder? So I'm  
16 thinking about this context.

17 [REDACTED] Again, this is a hypothetical. You're not aware of any of this.

18 [REDACTED] I would expect them to be vigilant and continue to look for them.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Would there be a scenario in which you might increase resources to assist?

21 A Not for a suspicious person.

22 Q Based on your experience, who would make the decision to take a protectee  
23 off the stage in the event of a security threat?

24 A The detail leader for the -- the Trump detail.

25 Q And who -- what position is that?

1 A The SAIC of the Donald Trump detail.

2 Q Would the site agent have the authority to make that call?

3 A No.

4 Q Do you know whether the detail was aware of the search for the suspicious  
5 person at any point?

6 A I'm not aware.

7 Q I understand that you interacted with Special Agent [REDACTED] at some  
8 point. Is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Can you tell us what that interaction was about?

11 A So I think the -- my only interaction with her was after the shooting. She  
12 actually -- she sent me the text message, the picture of Crooks that she had received.

13 Q And what did she say about her pursuit of Crooks?

14 A She didn't say anything about her pursuit of Crooks.

15 Q Was there any explanation beyond showing you the text message?

16 A So after the shooting, I was on the roof. And then after I came down off  
17 the roof, I was in the security room. And she asked me, was it the guy, the suspicious  
18 individual? And I said, I don't know. And she said -- she said, here, I'll send you a text  
19 message with a picture of the guy.

20 She sent me the text message, and I looked. I said, yeah, that's the guy.

21 Q How did she respond?

22 A I don't recall.

23 Q Around 9 minutes after 6 p.m., were you made aware that the suspicious  
24 person with a rangefinder was on the roof?

25 A No.

1 Q At any point before the shooting, were you made aware that there was  
2 someone with a firearm?

3 A No.

4 Q Did you know something about a woman on a horse leaving the location?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How did that come about?

7 A So when the ESU team was lined up along the fence and I was looking in the  
8 direction of the AGR building, there was a lady on a horse with a Trump flag who was just  
9 walking her horse back and forth along the fence.

10 And then I know now that when the shooting started, she took off, you know, as  
11 fast as the horse would run, and I actually saw -- I didn't hear the gunshots, but I saw her  
12 running on the horse. And I thought, what's going on over there? Why did she just  
13 take off running on her horse?

14 Then I saw the -- saw our Counter Sniper Team behind their scope, and then I  
15 heard the gunshot.

16 Q At any point while you were at the rally, did you have any concerns about  
17 the crowd size in the AGR complex?

18 A No.

19 Q I want to talk about your role immediately after the shooting.

20 A Okay.

21 Q Did you need to report fatalities or injuries to anyone?

22 A I don't know that I needed to, but I believe I did.

23 Q Did you go about gathering that information?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And how did you do that?

- 1 A Word of mouth with the officers on the roof.
- 2 Q Did you and SAIC [REDACTED] talk about any injuries and fatalities?
- 3 A Yes.



1 [1:42 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED]: I'd like to show you an exhibit, which I believe is minority exhibit

3 E.

4 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit E

5 was marked for identification.]

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q First of all, do you know -- this appears to be a chat message, based off of  
8 the subject "SMS - Chat Group," and this is sent around 6:27:14.

9 Do you recall this text message?

10 A I do.

11 Q And the question: "Can either of you confirm if Trump was hit? My  
12 bosses are blowing me up."

13 Do you know who sent that message?

14 A I don't recall who sent it.

15 Q And if you turn the page, SAIC [REDACTED] responds, "Not hit." Do you know  
16 what that means?

17 A Yes. I also had a telephone conversation with SAIC [REDACTED] and I remember  
18 him telling me that he was under the impression that the blood that was on the  
19 President -- former President Trump's face was -- happened when he -- when the agents  
20 piled on top of him.

21 They thought maybe he hit his -- his head off of the podium or -- or potentially  
22 pushing him into the limousine, that he was not aware that there was a -- that he had  
23 been struck by a bullet.

24 Q So in the 16 minutes from 6:11 to 6:27, you guys were unaware of what  
25 actually happened to the protectee?



1 A We weren't aware that there was -- that a bullet had struck him, no.

2 [REDACTED]. Did he say why he was under that impression?

3 [REDACTED] Well, he just explained.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah. He said that he thought it was, you know, from them either  
5 shoving him into the car and he hit his head or potentially hitting his head off the podium  
6 when they -- they piled on top of him.

7 [REDACTED]. I'll phrase it differently. Did he say how he came to have that  
8 impression? In other words, did somebody say that to him?

9 [REDACTED] No, he didn't say.

10 [REDACTED]. And did you or SAIC [REDACTED] later learn otherwise and, if so, how  
11 did you learn that?

12 [REDACTED] We did learn later that it was a bullet, but I don't remember how we  
13 learned. I don't remember if it was -- SAIC [REDACTED] called me once they got to the  
14 hospital. I don't recall if he informed me that he had been struck in the ear or if -- you  
15 know, who passed that information, but we did learn that he had been hit in the ear.

16 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit F

17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q And I want to now direct your attention to minority exhibit F. This is an  
20 email -- no, actually, this appears to be an SMS as well. And -- well, first, do you recall  
21 this message?

22 A I believe I do.

23 Q And was this from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 A I believe it was, yes.

25 Q Who is FBI RAC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1           A    I believe he's the RAC in the Butler -- or the RAC in the Erie district.  He's  
2 responsible -- the supervisor for the FBI in the Erie district.

3           Q    Do you know why he was reaching out?

4           A    I don't.  I assumed he was aware, watching TV and was aware of what  
5 happened.  He reached out to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reached out to me.

6           BY [REDACTED]:

7           Q    Could I ask a question?  We're short on time, but just a thematic question.

8           In your experience, is there an inherent tension -- I think there probably  
9 is -- between, in this case, campaign staff?  It could just as easily be White House staff.  
10 The interests of staff are not totally aligned with the interests of Secret Service personnel.  
11 Is that a fair statement?

12          A    Yes.

13          Q    Have you experienced that tension personally over the course of your  
14 career?

15          A    Yes.

16          Q    Do you have a perspective as to how that tension ultimately typically gets  
17 resolved, whether one group or the other is getting their way more often, whether you  
18 think it's the appropriate balance at the moment or perhaps not?

19          A    I don't know.  I don't know with the Trump campaign and the detail.  I  
20 don't know if it's the appropriate balance or not.  But I know that in -- throughout my  
21 career, I've experienced issues with staff.  And typically, you know, reasonable people  
22 can disagree but, you know, you talk out your differences and you come -- you come to  
23 some common ground.

24          You know, what the staff does and what we do are two completely different  
25 things.  They're night and day.  And, you know, if we had it our way -- you know, if staff

1 doesn't want to do it the way we want to do it and we don't want to do it the way they  
2 want to do it, normally you come to some common ground.

3 Q I was just going to ask, in your experience, has that theory of, okay,  
4 reasonable people get together and find common ground, has that worked always, in  
5 your experience? Mostly? Sometimes? Hardly ever?

6 A I would say mostly. However, when push comes to shove, staff usually  
7 wins.

8 Q Does that strike you as good, bad, or indifferent?

9 A In my opinion, it's bad.

10 Q Why?

11 A Because what we're doing is, in my opinion, more important work. Our job  
12 is to protect somebody's life. And what they're doing is trying to make them look good,  
13 trying to, you know, make the site, you know, appeasing -- appealing to the eye. And,  
14 you know, they want it to look nice and pretty, and we don't care about any of that, and  
15 we want -- we're concerned about safety.

16 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

17 [REDACTED]. I have about 15 minutes left, but we're at time, so we're going to  
18 stop and go off the record.

19 [REDACTED] Okay.

20 [Discussion off the record.]

21 [REDACTED]. Majority staff will go back on the record.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q [REDACTED] are you on [REDACTED] or any type of [REDACTED] currently?

24 A I'm not on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 Q What type of [REDACTED] are you on?

1 A I would -- I don't know how to describe it, but I was told to [REDACTED].

2 Q Okay. Is that --

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] Yes.

5 [REDACTED] Thank you.

6 What is the purpose for that [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] Well, it's not [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]: Sorry. [REDACTED].

9 [REDACTED] It's [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

11 [REDACTED] That's what it is.

12 [REDACTED]: What is the purpose of that?

13 [REDACTED] Do you know? Has anyone articulated?

14 [REDACTED] I don't know. I was told to [REDACTED], so I'm --

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q Who told you?

17 A [REDACTED] from home.

18 Q Yeah. Who told you?

19 A SAIC [REDACTED] told me. He received a phone call from assist -- Deputy

20 Assistant Director [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and we believe it was August 14th.

21 Q Was the first day?

22 A Yes. We -- SAIC [REDACTED] called myself, Agent [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED] and

23 Agent [REDACTED] into the office, into his office, and told us that he was told to tell us to [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED].

25 Q Did he give you a reason?



1 A No. I don't think he was given a reason.

2 Q And did he give you an estimated [REDACTED] date?

3 A No.

4 Q Have you since gotten an estimated [REDACTED] date?

5 A No, I have not.

6 [REDACTED]. While you're working from [REDACTED] are you doing investigation,  
7 protection? What are you doing from [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] I'm trying to do all the things I normally do in the office. It's a little  
9 difficult with [REDACTED], but I'm doing the same -- same roles as  
10 far as approving paperwork, granting leave, approving purchases, all the things I would  
11 normally do [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q In your career at Secret Service, have you been placed on this type of  
15 [REDACTED] before?

16 A No, never.

17 Q Sorry, [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 A Never.

19 Q Never? Have you had any past [REDACTED] measures taken against you by  
20 the Secret Service?

21 A No.

22 [REDACTED]. Do you think this is a [REDACTED] measure? Just your opinion,  
23 does this feel like a [REDACTED] measure?

24 [REDACTED] It sure does, yeah.

25 [REDACTED] Have you expressed any concern about being interviewed by

1 Congress or by Secret Service or any other interviewer related to the events of July 13th?

2 [REDACTED] No.

3 [REDACTED]: Just going back to your engagement with local law enforcement  
4 partners and your perception and opinion of local law enforcement's role in the July 13th  
5 event, have you expressed any concerns about how local law enforcement did their jobs  
6 that day in any interview or followup?

7 [REDACTED] Not in any interview.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q What about outside of an interview? Are you concerned about how local  
10 law enforcement did their job?

11 A Yes, I am.

12 Q What are your concerns?

13 A I don't believe they executed their duties the way we expected them to. It  
14 was my assumption that they were responsible for securing the AGR building.

15 Q Before you go further, why did you understand it was their responsibility to  
16 secure the AGR building?

17 A So the building was outside our secure perimeter. And typically,  
18 that's -- anything outside of our perimeter falls on local or State law enforcement.

19 I knew that there were snipers, county snipers located in the second floor of the  
20 AGR building. I -- I didn't -- I wasn't briefed specifically on the number of officers on the  
21 ground around the AGR building, but, again, through my 24 years of experience, I would  
22 expect that there would be officers posted around that building.

23 Q How did you learn those snipers were in the building?

24 A So I actually -- I believe I was told after the shooting.

25 Q Okay. So you weren't aware at the time?



1           A    No.  I'm sorry, no.  No, no, no.  I was not aware at the time that there  
2   were -- that there were local snipers in the AGR building prior to the shooting.

3           Q    Prior to the shooting, were you aware that local law enforcement was going  
4   to be in that area at all?  Did you know?

5           A    I may have assumed that, like I said, from my experience.  I don't recall  
6   specifically being told by anybody, like, there will be local law enforcement securing that  
7   building, but I knew that there were officers posted along the fence line outside of the  
8   perimeter.  So --

9           Q    And you knew that because?

10          A    There was a map in the security room.  And through discussions with SAIC  
11   ██████ about the site on that day, you know, kind of getting a layout of what's happening, I  
12   knew that there were officers posted along the fence.

13          Q    Did you have any concerns when you looked at that map that maybe that  
14   area wasn't adequately covered?

15          A    Not at the time.  It didn't register.

16               BY ████████:

17          Q    ██████ ████████ ████████ and ████████ ████████ ████████ have called the July 13th  
18   Butler visit a failure.

19               Have you experienced a failure at this scale before while working at the Secret  
20   Service?

21          A    No.

22          Q    In the past where there have been instances where advances have gone  
23   wrong, protectee visits haven't been a success, can you describe as an example of where  
24   you've seen an advance go wrong before or an example where a protectee visit was not a  
25   success, from your opinion?

1 A I can't think of a specific example.

2 Q Okay. What would you grade the Pittsburgh Field Office's performance on  
3 the July 13th Butler --

4 [REDACTED] Are you able to even do that?

5 [REDACTED] No, no. I don't feel comfortable with that.

6 [REDACTED] You could grade your own performance.

7 [REDACTED] I wouldn't give --

8 [REDACTED] Do you have an opinion? Did you perform your duties diligently?

9 [REDACTED] I believe I did, to the best of my abilities.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] I'm going to continue with this line of questioning --

12 [REDACTED] Okay. Go ahead.

13 [REDACTED]: -- to get a better understanding of this.

14 [REDACTED] But the bottom line, and I want to make sure it's clear, that you're  
15 not -- you can't grade the performance of Pittsburgh.

16 [REDACTED] No.

17 [REDACTED] Okay.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q You were the supervisor and helped in assigning the roles for the July 13th  
20 Butler visit, correct?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q How would you grade Special Agent [REDACTED] performance on July 13th, in  
23 your opinion?

24 A I don't have all the information to -- to give her a grade.

25 Q What information would you need?

1           A    I haven't discussed with her in detail, you know, everything that she did  
2 leading up to the visit and then during the visit. So I just -- I don't -- I don't think it's fair.

3           Q    What about from what you observed from Special Agent [REDACTED] in the  
4 advance --

5           [REDACTED] That's unfair. He doesn't have access to the totality of her  
6 interactions with anybody.

7           [REDACTED]: I'm asking about his interactions with her on that day.

8           [REDACTED] Were they acceptable?

9           [REDACTED] Yes, they were acceptable. And I'll say this: Agent [REDACTED] and  
10 Agent [REDACTED] are fine agents. They do a good job. So with their -- you know, as  
11 employees, they're dedicated, and I've never had an issue as their supervisor with them  
12 not performing their duties.

13          [REDACTED]: I want to get a clean transcript.

14          What grade would you give [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for her performance on July 13th?

15          [REDACTED] Go ahead. Can you answer that even? Go ahead. You already  
16 answered it.

17          [REDACTED] Yeah. I don't know that I could give her a grade. You want a -- I  
18 don't feel comfortable with that.

19          BY [REDACTED]:

20          Q    How would you describe her performance on July 13th, including the  
21 advance work?

22          A    She's -- she's a good agent that does good work.

23          Q    What about Special Agent [REDACTED] how would you grade her performance  
24 on July 13th and the advance work for it?

25          A    Not knowing every detail of every conversation that she had, I would say the

1 same. She's -- she's a very dedicated agent. She -- [REDACTED] likes to work. She  
2 volunteers for work all the time and she's a good agent.

3 Q For Special Agent [REDACTED] how would you grade his performance for July  
4 13th?

5 A I would say the same. He's very dedicated and does a good job.

6 Q Would you select Special Agent [REDACTED] again for a protective advance for  
7 an outdoor rally doing protective intelligence advance?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What about for Special Agent [REDACTED] what would you grade Special  
10 Agent [REDACTED]

11 A Same answer. He doesn't have the experience of the other agents, but he's  
12 a smart guy who's dedicated and does a good job.

13 Q What would you grade your performance for the July 13th event and the  
14 advance work for it and the preparations for it?

15 A I would say I performed my duties to the best of my ability.

16 Q Can you give us a grade? How would you grade yourself?

17 A I wouldn't feel comfortable grading -- grading myself.

18 Q My colleagues -- in the past round, you mentioned the schism that arises at  
19 times between campaign staff, protective detail staff, and Secret Service staff. And you  
20 mentioned that it's bad sometimes when there's -- Secret Service necessarily isn't getting  
21 what they want in terms of advance and protective work for protectees.

22 If it's always bad, then why does Secret Service staff always let staff win?

23 A I don't know.

24 Q What's your opinion about that?

25 A So I wouldn't say it's always bad, but I believe what I said was when push

1 comes to shove, staff gets their way. And my opinion of that is it's because, ultimately,  
2 staff will push it up to the chief of staff, who, you know -- if staff ends up having to talk to  
3 the protectee about whatever the issue is, the protectee's going to tell the staff to do  
4 what they want to do. And the protectee's going to tell the detail leader that the staff is  
5 going to do what they want them to do. So that's just my opinion.

6 Q Does Secret Service -- regardless of the direction that's taken for a protectee,  
7 in terms of the advance work and preparations for that protectee's safety, does Secret  
8 Service not have the sole responsibility of ensuring that protectee's safety?

9 A I'm sorry. Can you -- they do have -- that is their responsibility is --

10 Q At the end of the day, the Secret Service is responsible for protecting the  
11 protectee, correct?

12 A On paper, yes.

13 Q What do you mean by that?

14 A What I mean is other factors get involved. And so, again, if -- if the Secret  
15 Service had their way all the time, then the campaign -- the protectee and the staff  
16 wouldn't get to do what they want to do.

17 They wouldn't do outdoor rallies. They wouldn't do -- you know, there would  
18 be -- when I was going through training, I had an instructor tell me that if we had it our  
19 way, the protectees -- let's take the President, for instance.

20 The President would never leave the White House. If the President never leaves  
21 the White House, then we can guarantee that he doesn't get shot at. But the  
22 President's not going to stay in the White House. They're going to go out and they're  
23 going to campaign and they're going to fundraise and they're going to do all the things  
24 that they want to do.

25 Q What I'm trying to get at is that the Secret Service as a whole, as an agency,



1 has a responsibility to ensure the protectee's safety at the end of the day, correct?

2 A It's our responsibility to provide protection for the protectee.

3 [REDACTED]: Thank you. I'll go off the record.

4 [Discussion off the record.]

5 [REDACTED]: The minority will go back on the record.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q You were presented earlier with a timeline. I believe it was majority exhibit

8 2.

9 A Okay.

10 Q And I think you had a limited or did not recall the timeline. Is that right?

11 A I'm not sure -- I'm not sure I understand your question. I don't --

12 Q I'll ask it a different way. I have a copy. It's majority exhibit 2, but --

13 A This one?

14 Q Yes. Do you recall this document?

15 A From earlier today?

16 Q No, from -- prior to today.

17 A So I recall the -- SAIC [REDACTED] and the agents involved. I recall

18 putting it -- that it was being put together. Yes, I --

19 Q So you participated in this document being put together?

20 A So I was present. I didn't -- because I wasn't -- because I didn't participate  
21 in the advance for the visit, I was -- I was in the room when this document was being put  
22 together, but I did not participate. I didn't really have anything to add to it.

23 Q And there was a -- I believe my colleagues in the majority showed you a  
24 bullet under July 9th. It was the third bullet with regards to counter sniper advance?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And I think you said you do not recall receiving that email. Is that right?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q Do you recall why there was a request for counter sniper advance?

4 A I don't. I remember -- I assumed it was the -- it was -- I made the  
5 assumption that SA [REDACTED] requested counter snipers because of the -- the fact it was an  
6 outdoor venue and the size of the event.

7 Q But you didn't know anything beyond the assumption that you articulated?

8 A I do not.

9 Q Is it typical for Secret Service radio communications to be captured in some  
10 sort of recording?

11 A Depends. The -- if it's the President, if it's for -- all radio communications  
12 involving the President are captured. For other protectees, former Presidents, they're  
13 not.

14 Q You were discussing earlier that outside of the perimeter, including the AGR  
15 building, you would expect that local law enforcement would secure it, but you weren't  
16 aware of how many individuals were around the building. Do you recall that?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q If local law enforcement had told Secret Service, including like the site agent,  
19 that local law enforcement could not secure the AGR complex, would it change your view  
20 on what Secret Service should do in response?

21 A It wouldn't change what the Secret Service would do, because it's still  
22 outside our perimeter. What it would change is we would reach out to other law  
23 enforcement entities to see if they could provide assistance to secure that building.

24 Q And I asked you earlier but just to confirm, you were not involved in any  
25 discussions about patrol for AGR. Is that right?

1 A No. No, I was not.

2 Q Right -- before the rally begins, should the site agent know how many local  
3 law enforcement would be around something like the AGR complex?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Was there a diagram with Secret Service post stander spots on it?

6 A I'm sure there was. I didn't have a copy of it that day, but we -- yes, the  
7 diagrams are usually -- are something that they go -- go along with the site paperwork.

8 Q And is your view that there should be a diagram like that indicating where  
9 Secret Service agents are posted?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you recall having a -- and I'm -- I'm jumping around a bit, but it means I'm  
12 just wrapping up.

13 A It's okay.

14 Q Do you recall having a conversation with an officer named [REDACTED] with  
15 regards to his speculation about the ladder that was used to access the roof?

16 A Yes. I didn't know he was an officer. I thought he was -- I believe you're  
17 referring to --

18 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 A PSP [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 Q Yes. Sorry.

21 A Yes. Yeah. You want me to just recap that conversation?

22 Q Yes, yes.

23 A So I was on the roof. This -- this wasn't the initial time I was on the roof. I  
24 got up on the roof by following the ESU officers up on the roof. And there was no ladder  
25 in place.

1 I came off the roof, went to the security room, went back up onto the roof. And  
2 that's when the ladder was put in place. And Agent [REDACTED] said -- he mentioned -- he  
3 had said something in conversation to me that that's how Crooks got on the roof was  
4 from that ladder.

5 And I said, no, it wasn't. And he said, yeah, there's the ladder right there. And I  
6 said, I was on the roof less than 5 minutes after the shooting. That ladder was not  
7 there. So he said, oh, I thought that's how he got up on the roof. And I said, no, that's  
8 not how he got on the roof.

9 And I know now -- I know that the police officers brought that ladder over so that  
10 they could gain access to the roof easier. And I also know that that ladder is -- was the  
11 possession of an electrician that worked at the Butler Farm grounds.

12 So not Crooks' ladder. He didn't bring it. The police put it there. And then  
13 the rumor started, you know, circulating that that's how he got on the roof.

14 Q Do you recall a conversation with Butler ESU Officer [REDACTED] after the  
15 shooting?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Can you tell us about that conversation?

18 A So when I was on the roof, one of the officers on the roof told me that local  
19 snipers that were in the second floor window of the AGR building had taken a picture of  
20 Crooks, and they were kind of -- they had observed him being -- acting suspicious.

21 And they told me that I could go over and shout in the window and he would  
22 come over. So I went over to the window. I asked him to meet me down on the  
23 ground. And he walked me through what they had observed.

24 And he told me that they saw Crooks with a rangefinder. He then moved closer  
25 to the building to a position where they couldn't actually see him. He was backed up

1       against the window.   And they're trying to look down, and there's exterior ductwork.

2               And then from there, he moved to -- there's about a 3- to 4-foot -- 3-foot wall that  
3       he sat down on.   And that's where he encountered -- the local sniper took the picture of  
4       him sitting on that wall.

5               He told me that he then moved to -- towards the, what would be the front of the  
6       AGR building.   And then Officer [REDACTED] told me that Officer [REDACTED] got the attention of a  
7       uniformed officer in the area and told him to go find the guy because he was acting  
8       suspicious.   And then that was the last they saw of him.

9               Q     You mentioned with my colleagues in the majority that you're still working  
10       but you're at home.   Is that right?

11              A     That's correct.

12              Q     Were you involved in the planning for the Butler rally on October 5th --

13              A     No.

14              Q     -- for former President Trump?

15              A     No, I was not.

16              Q     Were you -- are you aware of the changes between July 13th and October  
17       5th with regard to the AGR complex?

18              A     No, I'm not.

19              Q     You said you began your Secret Service career about 24 years ago in New  
20       York?

21              A     That's correct.

22              Q     Were you there for September 11th?

23              A     I was.

24              Q     I'm from New York, so I want to -- I always thank everyone for their service,  
25       but especially for your duties presumably that day.



1           A    Thank you.

2           Q    I don't have any questions.  I'll see if my colleague has any questions.

3                   BY [REDACTED]:

4           Q    Just one question.  To your knowledge, does the Secret Service ever  
5 reimburse local law enforcement for services or assets that they provide at a rally like at  
6 Butler?

7           A    Not to my knowledge.

8           Q    Do you think that at all plays into the relationship between Secret Service  
9 and local law enforcement?

10          A    In my opinion, yes.

11          Q    In what way?

12          A    If we -- if the Secret Service is asking local or State law enforcement to assist  
13 us and it requires them asking officers who are on leave to come to work and get paid  
14 overtime, then that comes out of their budget.  And if they are reimbursed for that, then  
15 it would probably be easier to get additional assets.

16          [REDACTED]:  Thanks.  That's all I have.

17          [REDACTED]:  We can go off the record.  Thank you again.

18               [Whereupon, at 2:14 p.m., the interview was adjourned.]

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