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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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14 INTERVIEW OF:



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- 1 For [REDACTED]
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1 [REDACTED] So we are now on the record.

2 Today is November 15th, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of United States
3 Secret Service Special Agent [REDACTED]

4 House Resolution 1367 directed this task force to investigate the facts and
5 circumstances of the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13th, 2024, in
6 Butler, Pennsylvania.

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

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

10 [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] last name [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED] Thank you, [REDACTED]

13 My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a senior counsel with the task force majority.

14 I want to thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force recognizes and
15 appreciates that you're here voluntarily today.

16 You're allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.

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

18 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is online.

19 [REDACTED] Will counsel please identify themselves for the record?

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as in [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED] Is there also an attorney present representing the Secret Service
22 today?

23 [REDACTED] Yes, there is. [REDACTED] for the Secret Service.

24 [REDACTED] There are no Members of Congress --

25 [REDACTED] Is DHS counsel on the line?

1 [Inaudible.]

2 [Inaudible] You're very faint. Can you --

3 [Inaudible] Sorry. Is that better?

4 [Inaudible] Yes, much better.

5 [Inaudible] Yes. [Inaudible] for DHS.

6 [Inaudible] Perfect. Thank you.

7 Continue.

8 [Inaudible] Thank you.

9 There are no Members of Congress present here today, but if they should come
10 by, they will identify themselves for the record, introduce themselves to you, and they
11 have the right to ask questions as they see fit.

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

14 [Inaudible] [Inaudible], senior counsel, task force majority.

15 [Inaudible] [Inaudible], senior counsel, task force majority.

16 [Inaudible] [Inaudible], deputy staff director for the majority.

17 [Inaudible] [Inaudible] investigative counsel with the task force minority.

18 [Inaudible] [Inaudible], investigative counsel for the minority.

19 [Inaudible] [Inaudible], minority staff director.

20 [Inaudible] And those online?

21 [Inaudible] [Inaudible] senior professional staff member, task force majority.

22 [Inaudible] I'm sorry. This is the reporter. I didn't get your name. I just
23 got your title.

24 [Inaudible] [Inaudible]

25 [Inaudible] All right. Thank you all.

1 [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for this
2 interview. The way the interview will proceed is as follows.

3 The majority and minority staff will alternate asking you questions, 45 minutes per
4 side per round, until each side is finished with their questioning. The majority staff will
5 begin and proceed for 45 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask
6 questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no
7 more questions.

8 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questioning, they may choose to
9 end a few minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of
10 questioning, including any pertinent follow-ups.

11 In this interview, while one staff member for each side may lead the questioning,
12 additional staff may ask questions.

13 There's a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything that you say
14 to make a written record of this interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until
15 the staff member questioning you has finished each question before you begin your
16 answer, and the staff member will wait until you finish your response before proceeding
17 to the next question.

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

20 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers, such as nodding your
21 head or shaking your head, so it is important that each answer is responded to with an
22 audible verbal answer.

23 Do you understand?

24 [REDACTED] Yes.

25 [REDACTED] We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and

1 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or do not
2 fully understand the question, please let us know, and we will attempt to clarify, add
3 context to, or rephrase our question.

4 Do you understand?

5 [REDACTED] Yes, I do.

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

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

11 Do you understand?

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

16 Do you understand?

17 [REDACTED] Yes, I do.

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

20 Do you understand?

21 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

24 [REDACTED] No, there's not.

25 [REDACTED] Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any statement

1 today, that assertion must apply to the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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

5 Do you understand?

6 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

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

13 We plan to take a five-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning,
14 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know, and we will be
15 happy to accommodate you.

16 However, to the extent that there is a pending question, we would ask that you
17 finish answering the question before we take the break.

18 Do you understand?

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

20 [REDACTED] Do you have any other questions before we begin, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] I do not.

22 [REDACTED] Secret Service?

23 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have made available
25 to the committee, consistent with requests from the chairman, information and records

1 that would not be publicly released.

2 This includes information and records covered under the Privacy Act, personnel
3 and other personal privacy information for official use only, law enforcement sensitive,
4 and raw intelligence information.

5 While the Secret Service and the Department have made this information and
6 records available to the committee, we continue to assert that such information and any
7 discussion of such information is not intended for public disclosure.

8 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving any protections and, for
9 the purpose of administrative efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during the
10 transcribed interview, are making this assertion at the outset of the transcribed interview
11 to preserve all assertions of protection from public release or disclosure over information
12 and records used or discussed during the transcribed interview.

13 The transcript and any attachments are protected from dissemination to the same
14 extent as the documents and information they are based on. Please consult with the
15 Secret Service and the Department prior to any public release or disclosure.

16 The Secret Service and Department have not consented to and were assured there
17 would not be any audio or video recordings of this interview. The agencies understand
18 that the interview will be transcribed by a court reporter and that the court reporter will
19 be recording for the purpose of assisting with transcription.

20 ██████████ Thank you.

21 And on the last point on audio and visual recording, there is no visual recording.
22 We also do not intend to maintain any audio recording.

23 I do understand that the court reporter, as part of their function, does take an
24 audio recording to assist with creating the transcription, but that they delete or destroy
25 that audio recording.

1 And as to the points and the requests made as to confidentiality and redactions,
2 the chair will consult with the minority and will, of course, take into consideration any
3 requests that are made regarding that. And, of course, any agreements that currently
4 exist are still whole and are still going to be abided by.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

6 [REDACTED] It is now 10:08 a.m. Majority staff will begin its questioning.

7 EXAMINATION

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q [REDACTED] how long have you worked for the Secret Service?

10 A I've worked for the Secret Service for approximately four years.

11 Q Are you presently on leave?

12 A No, I am not.

13 Q Did you have your assignment changed following July 13th, 2024?

14 A I'm not -- what do you mean by assignment change?

15 Q Did you have a change in detail?

16 A I'm still with the Donald Trump protective division. I was assigned to
17 President Trump. I am now assigned to the family section.

18 Q And was that put down in any documentation, or was that done
19 administratively?

20 A It was in email format, but not that I believe that it was related to July 13th
21 at all. Just this was a change.

22 Q Okay. And who sent you that email?

23 A It came from Operations.

24 Q Okay. What is your role with the Secret Service?

25 A I'm assigned to Donald Trump protective division, and I'm a shift agent.

1 Q And how long have you been in that role?

2 A For approximately 18 months.

3 Q What are your daily responsibilities in your current role?

4 A So as a shift agent, I would ensure the protection of the protectees, whether
5 it's President Trump or his wife, the former First Lady, and his son, Barron Trump.

6 Q And how long have you served on the President-elect's protective detail?

7 A Approximately a year and a half.

8 Q How long have you done airspace security or covered CUAS capabilities?

9 A Since March of this year.

10 Q And in how many instances have you been the CUAS advance agent and then
11 subsequently served as the Counter UAS agent?

12 A Probably approximately about five times maybe, maybe one more or two.

13 Q Okay. Can you please describe your chain of command, both generally and
14 then specifically, on July 13th?

15 A Sure. So my chain of command -- at the time I was in [REDACTED], so my direct
16 supervisor was Alex Pruss. And for specifically that day, July 13th, I would -- the
17 person -- I was working at the Pennsylvania site, Butler, and all actions will go through the
18 site agent and the lead agent. So it would have been [REDACTED] and I forget who
19 the lead agent was at the time.

20 Q Okay. So did you report to the site agent and the lead agent on July 13th?

21 A No. So there -- so the site agent would be my, like, my counterpart.
22 That's just a position that we rotate through. That was just the person who was
23 responsible for the site that day.

24 So, for example, I was the site agent most recently in Allentown, so I was
25 responsible for that site. My colleagues would have vetted everything through me as

1 the site agent that was going through that site, but I'm not their supervisor, if that makes
2 sense.

3 Q Whom did you report to on July 13th?

4 A It would have been the site agent.

5 Q [REDACTED]

6 A [REDACTED] yeah.

7 Q What kind of training or certification did you receive or do you maintain to
8 serve in your role with the Secret Service?

9 A So we went through the Rowley Training Center in Beltsville, Maryland, and
10 the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. That was approximately eight
11 months of training.

12 And specifically for the CUAS, I received training from somebody that -- from the
13 Donald Trump division that was previously doing the CUAS, and that was at Mar-a-Lago,
14 for 30 minutes to one hour.

15 Q And we'll move into that a little bit later, sir.

16 Have you received training from the U.S. Secret Service's Technical Security
17 Division?

18 A No, I have not.

19 Q So in terms of training with respect to the CUAS program specifically, did you
20 receive any type of certification?

21 You have mentioned that you were trained by a DTD agent. So can you first just
22 start off by telling us, did you receive a certification of any sort?

23 A Let me just clarify the question. It was not a DTD agent. It was an IPO
24 officer. And, no, I did not receive a certification.

25 Q Do you need one to serve in CUAS in that capacity?

1 A No, not that I know of.

2 Q Okay. Do you receive any type of training to do Counter UAS advance
3 work?

4 A No.

5 Q Are there separately personnel within the Secret Service that are dedicated
6 to flying drones full-time?

7 A I'm not sure. If there is, there will be a Technical Security Division, but I
8 don't know that they do it full time. I know the TSD does fly drones, but, again, I don't
9 know how they operate.

10 Q So you mentioned that an IPO officer trained you. Is that right?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q What is that person's name?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q Okay. And can you please go into [REDACTED] training?

15 A I cannot. I don't know what his training is.

16 Q In terms of his training of you.

17 A Oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me. I thought you were referring to what his
18 training -- what training he had.

19 His training with me, he showed me the [REDACTED] that we use. He
20 showed me how to set it up. And he also showed me how to log into the portal which
21 manages the alert zones, how to set up and establish alert zones, and how to make -- and
22 how the portal functions, essentially.

23 Q And did he train you on any other assets, such as [REDACTED] or anything
24 else?

25 A No, he did not.

1 Q So he only trained you on [REDACTED]

2 A Correct.

3 Q And how long did that training last?

4 A I believe it was less than an hour.

5 Q When did that training occur?

6 A I do not recall.

7 Q Can you give a ballpark as to the time period before July 13th as to when
8 that training occurred?

9 A I was assigned to the Counter UAS program in March, so sometime around
10 March.

11 Q March 2024?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did you feel that half an hour to an hour demonstration that you were
14 provided was sufficient?

15 A Yes. I've used the system before successfully in other advances, and I was
16 familiar with the system and how to use it and operate it.

17 Q Did you ask why you weren't trained on the use of [REDACTED] or other
18 similar assets?

19 A I was trained on [REDACTED] not by [REDACTED].

20 Q Who were you trained by?

21 A I -- yeah, I don't recall any person individually. We went over to
22 [REDACTED] several times.

23 Q And we'll return back to [REDACTED]

24 Have you ever shadowed anyone during an active protection mission to observe
25 how to use the CUAS system?

1 A I don't believe I shadowed anyone, no.

2 Q Does the Secret Service require you to?

3 A I don't believe it did, no.

4 Q Are there any records with the Secret Service of you having received any
5 training?

6 A In correlation to Counter UAS?

7 Q Yes.

8 A Yes. After July 13th, we took an online course regarding the [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] and there should be a record somewhere about that, I would imagine. I'm not
10 sure.

11 Q Are there any records of you having received training prior to July 13th,
12 2024?

13 A I don't imagine so, no. I don't think so.

14 Q In order to serve in a CUAS capacity, does the Secret Service have any
15 policies or procedures in terms of certifications that are necessary to perform in that
16 role?

17 A Not that I'm aware of.

18 Q Do you have a 107 certification?

19 A No, I do not.

20 Q Do you know how to operate a drone?

21 A No, I do not.

22 Q Have you ever operated a drone in your role?

23 A No.

24 Q Who deems an agent ready or as having met the appropriate requirements
25 to conduct CUAS functions?

1 A I don't know the answer to that. I would imagine that -- well, I'll speak for
2 myself. If I didn't feel ready to do a CUAS advance and I was assigned to one, I would
3 say so.

4 So I think there's a level of trust from the supervisors to the agent where, if you're
5 assigned to do something and you can't do it, then you will be expected to say so.

6 Q So how do you know if you can't do it?

7 A I don't know. I think that would be a personal self-assessment. I don't
8 know. If you can't operate the system, then you shouldn't do it. But I don't know that.
9 I guess that will be somebody's personal assessment.

10 Q Have you gone through any troubleshooting procedures or sort of
11 reenactments or anything of that nature as part of your training?

12 A No.

13 Q So then you don't know if you would necessarily be ready in a situation
14 where you would have to perform those troubleshooting functions?

15 A I -- like I said, I believe I'm ready, and I have used it successfully before July
16 13th and after July 13th.

17 Now, I don't know if -- I'm sure there's a multitude of scenarios that can occur that
18 somebody -- someone will not be ready for, one of which scenarios will not be ready for
19 or will not be able to troubleshoot.

20 At the end, it's a -- end of the day, it's a mechanical, it's a system not built by the
21 Secret Service, and we rely on the industry product, that is [REDACTED] to operate.
22 And we do have a support number to be able to troubleshoot it, which I did that day.

23 But I don't think anyone could be expected to troubleshoot anything and
24 everything that can go wrong with the [REDACTED] system.

25 Q Have colleagues of yours in the Secret Service that also perform CUAS

1 functions, have they received longer than half an hour to an hour training?

2 A Specific to the [REDACTED] system, I don't believe so.

3 Q Is that a standard amount of time to train?

4 A I don't know if it's a standard. But that is -- the personnel that do it in
5 Donald Trump division, that's how we get familiar with the system, with that set of
6 training.

7 Q And can you please just detail for the record, since the attempted
8 assassination of President-elect Trump on July 13th, have you -- you know, just walk us
9 through the additional or new training you've received.

10 A Sure. So we have received the [REDACTED], which is a system that is
11 more -- as opposed to the [REDACTED] system, where I would call it passive, it's a more
12 active system where you can actively defend with it. We received this online training
13 with it.

14 Now, I'm not that familiar with that one just because I've only done the online
15 training with it. I haven't set it up or functioned it yet. Others have.

16 Q Okay. And then online training or programs?

17 A Yes. It's an online training.

18 Q Okay. Where are the Secret Service, I guess, standard written guidelines or
19 procedures for a CUAS role located? Where could I find those?

20 A I couldn't tell you. If I have to guess, I would say for a TSD technician there
21 might be one, but I couldn't tell you for sure.

22 Q So you are unsure as to whether there are any procedures, or there are
23 none?

24 A I'm not familiar with any.

25 Q Okay. What about a checklist?

1 A I'm not familiar with one.

2 Q When you're on assignment as a Counter UAS agent, are you required to
3 coordinate with State and local law enforcement?

4 A Yes, I am.

5 Q Okay. So what is the nature of your interactions or coordination with State
6 or local law enforcement?

7 A Sure. So if local law enforcement is going to be flying a drone for whatever
8 reason, I will have to -- I will contact them, and they would let me know whether they're
9 flying a drone.

10 And then I would set it up in my system as a white-listed drone, which means that
11 it's a drone that's friendly and a known drone. And that way it doesn't alarm the system
12 and alert everyone that there's a drone that we're not familiar with.

13 Q So the extent of your coordination with respect to CUAS is simply to find out
14 if local or State law enforcement is planning on using a drone and then to white list that
15 drone?

16 A Yes.

17 Q There is no other coordination that you do from a CUAS standpoint? You
18 don't apprise local law enforcement of the assets you're using? There are no other
19 discussions?

20 A Sure. I tell them that we're -- I'll be monitoring for drones at the time. I'll
21 discuss some of our procedures that we're doing, discuss with them that if we have a
22 drone that we identify what our response will be and if they can assist with that response.

23 There are times where local law enforcement can get to the operator of the drone
24 sooner than we can, so I ask that they assist us with that if that case came up.

25 Q Do you have the ability to approve the use of local law enforcement drones?

1 A No.

2 Q What's the extent of your sort of capabilities in that area in terms of
3 approval or denial?

4 A So if they do plan on flying a drone, then we will give them an FAA form that
5 they will have to submit. We'll also talk over the plan to use it.

6 That form will get to -- will be sent to FAA, as well as Operations, DTD Operations,
7 and as well as the supervisor in charge of the Counter UAS program in DTD. And he will
8 approve it, FAA will approve it, and then they will fly that drone.

9 Q So the Secret Service does not have the ability to say yes or no as to whether
10 local law enforcement wants to utilize a drone asset?

11 A Not the -- not the -- we have a say in it, but not the only agency with it.
12 FAA -- if airspace doesn't want it, FAA.

13 Q If the Secret Service were to say, "No, we don't want you to use a drone,"
14 does local law enforcement have to listen to the Secret Service?

15 A Yes, I would imagine so.

16 Q Okay. And if the Secret Service agrees to the use of a local law
17 enforcement drone, you just coordinate as you had just described?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Okay. Do you have yourself, sir, the ability to request or deny CUAS assets
20 for the Secret Service?

21 A I can request, definitely. I can't deny.

22 Q And who approves those requests?

23 A I guess it depends what the request will be, and I believe it will be somebody
24 from TSD, Technical Security Division.

25 Q Okay. And, sir, being on the DTD, I imagine you've staffed several

1 campaign events previously, correct?

2 A Yes, I have.

3 Q How many, ballpark?

4 A How many campaign events I've been to?

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A Ballpark, I don't know. 15, 20.

7 Q Okay. And how many of those have been outdoors?

8 A I don't recall of any that have been outdoor, actually. I don't remember an
9 outdoor event.

10 Q So to the best of your recollection, the rally in Pennsylvania in Butler was the
11 first outdoor event that you -- campaign event that you've staffed?

12 A No. So just to clarify, by my staffing, I'm taking that you mean me working
13 as a shift agent. So if you mean as Counter -- as relates to Counter UAS, then it hasn't
14 been 15 or 20; been approximately five, maybe. And I've done -- I believe three of those
15 were outdoor events.

16 So Counter UAS, we normally will only use it if it's outdoors because of the threat
17 of drones.

18 Q Okay.

19 A But, yeah.

20 Q So approximately 15 events, 10 to 15 total. And how many of those being
21 outdoors?

22 A So outdoor events where I've done Counter UAS, three.

23 Q Three, okay.

24 At these campaign events, were you partnered with State or local law
25 enforcement?

1 A One, yes.

2 Q Okay. Before we sort of move into a timeline of events sort of preceding
3 and leading up to the rally, I'd like to introduce majority exhibit 1, which is a transcript of
4 your Senate interview on August 20th.

1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1
2 was marked for identification.]

3 [REDACTED]

4 Q And I'm not going to ask you about this entire transcript, per se, but just
5 about the interview and if there is anything that you can recall sitting here today about
6 this interview and the answers that you provided that were posed to you that you'd want
7 to just change or state on the record here today.

8 A Sure.

9 Q Is there anything that you can just recall off the top of your head from that
10 interview?

11 A That I want to change?

12 Q Yes.

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. Okay, sir.

15 We're going to move into the time period prior to the campaign, the days, as I
16 mentioned, leading up to the rally and some advance planning details?

17 So when did you first learn that you'd be assigned to President-elect Trump's rally
18 in Butler?

19 A Probably about a week before July 13th.

20 Q Okay. And what was your assignment? What was the assignment that
21 was given to you?

22 A To be the Counter UAS advance agent.

23 Q And who gave you your assignment?

24 A Operations Division.

25 Q Did you ask why you were being given this detail?

1 A No.

2 Q Is it true that Counter UAS does not self-deploy but instead it comes up
3 through OPO from the advance team?

4 A I'm not sure what you mean by that.

5 Q Meaning, Counter UAS is not an automatic function, it has to be a request
6 that comes up through the advance team.

7 A Yes, I suppose so. So, yeah, someone will have to request it. But if it's not
8 requested, I think the Operations Division will automatically see that it's an outdoor event
9 and they would -- they will assign a Counter UAS agent.

10 Q So in each of the instances as you have just previously described you served
11 in the CUAS function, that was a request that had been put out and then had been
12 approved, and then you had been assigned?

13 A I don't know that for sure. So if it's an outdoor event, Operations will see
14 that it's an outdoor event, and I would imagine they will assign a Counter UAS agent. If
15 it's outdoor and Operations have not assigned one, then I would imagine the site agent
16 would request one. So it's both.

17 Q Did you, [REDACTED] express any concern to the assigning agent or anyone
18 else about this detail given that you had been responsible for CUAS capabilities for only
19 approximately three months prior to the rally?

20 A No. I felt like I can do this job.

21 Q So you felt prepared to do your job as CUAS?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And then before you, who had been responsible for CUAS capabilities for
24 President-elect Trump?

25 A Well, the person -- the supervisor responsible is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But there

1 were other agents on the Counter UAS team. I don't know them all.

2 Q Did you consult with [REDACTED] at any time prior to July 13th?

3 A In regards to?

4 Q CUAS responsibilities, functions, anything.

5 A Yes, we have. Not specific -- I wouldn't say specific to July 13th.

6 Q What were they specific to?

7 A In general, of the Counter UAS program, what we were to do, when we were
8 going out, and what our mission was, essentially.

9 Q Did [REDACTED] train you at all, sir?

10 A No.

11 Q I'd now like to introduce majority exhibit 2.

1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 2
2 was marked for identification.]

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q So, [REDACTED] these are two emails from [REDACTED], one sent on July
5 3rd, 2024. This is going to be Bates number 3077. One sent on July 5th, Bates number
6 3075.

7 If we look at the July 3rd email down in the middle of the page, D#97, we have
8 "DTD CUAS." It's redacted here, but it was "DTD: SA [REDACTED] [ph]." And then, if we
9 turn to the July 5th email, Bates number 3075, once again in the middle of the page here,
10 "D#97 (Campaign Event -- 7.13.2024) DTD CUAS: SA [redacted] [REDACTED] [ph]."

11 Who is [REDACTED]

12 A He's an agent on [REDACTED] in Donald Trump division.

13 Q So was [REDACTED] originally assigned to the July 13th Butler rally?

14 A I believe he was.

15 Q Okay. So what happened between July 3rd, 5th, and the 13th in terms of
16 assignment for CUAS?

17 A In regards to [REDACTED]

18 Q Yes.

19 A I do not know.

20 Q Do you know why he was taken off that detail and you were put on?

21 A I do not know.

22 Q But you do know that he was previously assigned?

23 A I knew afterwards.

24 Q Okay.

25 Moving along, I'd now like to introduce majority exhibit 3?

1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 3
2 was marked for identification.]

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q This is an email from a member of DTD. So this is, as I mentioned, an email
5 from a member of DTD sent on July 2nd, 2024. This is Bates number 4599.

6 So this is a scheduling email stating: "Shift A, currently on Mids, is now providing
7 CUAS advance coverage for [redacted] and PA."

8 [REDACTED] please walk us through who on the team was assigned to CUAS
9 advance coverage. Who is shift A? What is Mids?

10 A Sure. So shift -- so there's three shifts on President Trump's -- the Donald
11 Trump division [REDACTED] that protect President Trump, that worked him, [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 And what's [REDACTED] [REDACTED], usually ranging from [REDACTED] the
14 next day.

15 Q Okay. And moving along here in terms of planning, majority exhibit 4.

16 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 4
17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q So this is an email, sir, from [REDACTED] [ph] to you on July 9th, 2024,
20 letting you know to make your own travel arrangements from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
21 on July 14th to West Palm Beach.

22 So you were aware, sir, that you would be staying in Butler the night of the 13th?

23 A Yes. I don't think it was Butler, but in the area, in the vicinity.

24 Q Okay. [REDACTED]
25 communicated to you as the CUAS agent?

1 A No, there was not.

2 Q How do you typically learn of threat intelligence, sir, prior to an event?

3 A It would be briefed by a Protective Intelligence representative usually in a
4 brief given before every shift. And also -- information is also emailed out on a regular
5 basis regarding threats.

6 Q So you had received no specific briefing from PI or received no information
7 about threat intelligence prior to President-elect Trump's visit to Butler on the 13th?

8 A Correct, I don't remember a specific one.

9 Q Had you heard anecdotally, from anyone, whether that be Agent [REDACTED] or
10 anyone else, with respect to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 A Yes. Like you say, anecdotally, not from any specific person. And I have
12 been briefed on threats while I'm working shift regarding to other places, but not
13 specifically for Butler.

14 Q Okay. Thank you. And when did you and [REDACTED] sort of have this
15 discussion, or when did she sort of apprise you of this?

16 A I'm sorry. I didn't receive anything from [REDACTED] any specific threats from
17 [REDACTED]

18 Q Okay. So when did this sort of -- when did you hear this anecdotally?

19 A We're talking about the Iran threat?

20 Q Correct.

21 A So the Iran threat, mostly on news. Now, a specific threat from Iran I was
22 briefed on, I don't remember when, but it was months prior to Butler, and it was in a
23 classified format.

24 Q Okay. And that briefing was delivered by whom?

25 A I don't remember.

1 Q Okay. So just going back again to Agent [REDACTED] did you and Agent [REDACTED] talk
2 about any Iranian threats prior to July 13th?

3 A No, ma'am.

4 Q Did you speak with anyone with regard to this Iranian threat prior to July
5 13th?

6 A And we're talking about Butler specifically?

7 Q Not necessarily Butler --

8 A So like --

9 Q -- but just in general.

10 A Yes, ma'am. So like I said, there was a specific threat regarding Iran
11 months before, but -- so, yes, there was a specific brief about a threat months before, but
12 not anything to do with [REDACTED]

13 Q And in terms of a potential kind of what that threat would look like, were
14 drones discussed or a drone attack of any sort?

15 A It was a classified format, ma'am.

16 Q Okay.

17 Moving just along here, did you speak with [REDACTED] regarding your assignment
18 in Butler?

19 A I don't -- no, ma'am. I don't remember who that person is. I don't think I
20 know that person or have met him.

21 Q Okay. What about Protective Intelligence Advance Agent [REDACTED]?

22 A I don't remember a specific threat from the PI agent.

23 Q Did you speak just in general, not about threats, but at all?

24 A Yes. I emailed her regarding our procedures as it relates to Counter UAS.

25 Q Who is "her"?

1 A The PI agent. I don't remember her name.

2 [REDACTED] Does the name [REDACTED] ring a bell?

3 [REDACTED] Yes. So spoke to her about the procedures of Counter UAS on July
4 13th, and on July 12th I sent her and a number of others -- other individuals -- an email
5 regarding our procedures and response.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q And, [REDACTED] what was your understanding of what types of Secret
8 Service assets were being deployed or used for the July 13th rally?

9 A Specifically to Counter UAS?

10 Q Sure.

11 A So from what I understood, assets for Counter UAS was the [REDACTED]
12 system that I was bringing out there, and then with the motorcade it was going to be a
13 drone gun or a [REDACTED]

14 Q Okay. And did you have any input in sort of utilizing CUAS or drones on July
15 13th?

16 A So I don't have -- we don't have any drones in Donald Trump division. I did
17 talk to Pennsylvania State Police to see if they had a plan in place to fly drones, and they
18 did not.

19 Q Okay. So sort of sticking with the Secret Service, did you request any assets
20 from [REDACTED] And, if so, what were those assets, and what was his response?

21 A Yes. So I requested a [REDACTED], as well as the [REDACTED]. And I
22 think -- well, those were denied or unavailable. I don't remember what the reason was.

23 Q Okay. Can we just kind of slow down for the record.

24 You requested a [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] That was denied?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What else did you request from [REDACTED]

2 A The [REDACTED]

3 Q And what is -- is there a name for that [REDACTED]?

4 A It's [REDACTED] It's called [REDACTED]

5 Q And was that denied?

6 A Yes, it was.

7 Q Why was the [REDACTED] denied?

8 A I believe it was due to availability. I can't be certain. I don't recall exactly
9 what it was, but I believe it was availability.

10 Q And why was [REDACTED] denied?

11 A That would be the same.

12 Q Is it the case that the Secret Service had limited availability of these assets,
13 they were not in the vicinity? Can you sort of shed a bit more light on that?

14 A So there are limited assets. I can't tell you how many there are, but I know,
15 just like everything else, it's not a -- we don't have a surplus of them, definitely. Aerial
16 Armor systems we have three of in the Donald Trump division.

17 And I know that there was another nearby event where Secret Service was
18 providing protection nearby. I don't remember if that had anything to do with it. I
19 recommend you ask [REDACTED]

20 Q So [REDACTED] didn't tell you if that nearby event had anything to do with
21 the denial, is that what you're stating?

22 A I'm saying that I do not remember what he told me.

23 Q Did you express any concern to [REDACTED] after both of those asset
24 requests were denied that you did not have sort of sufficient assets for your -- to conduct
25 your CUAS functions?

1 A I'm sorry. One more time, please.

2 Q Did you express any concern to [REDACTED] after both of those assets, the
3 defense system and [REDACTED] were denied, that you did not have sufficient assets to
4 conduct your responsibilities?

5 A No, I did not.

6 Q Why is that?

7 A So I requested something we've never had before -- well, I have not used
8 before. We have done the function before. I definitely would have felt safer with the
9 [REDACTED] system, but it's not -- it's not like -- it was not like I couldn't provide some level of
10 protection without it. It definitely would have been better, but not that I couldn't do my
11 job.

12 Q Can you explain why you requested something you've never used before?

13 A Well, if I requested it, it would have -- somebody would have come with it to
14 operate it. So I requested the asset and the ability -- someone who can use it.

15 Q So this particular asset, would it be the drone gun, the defense system?

16 A No. I'm talking about the [REDACTED] system.

17 Q [REDACTED] Okay. So somebody else would have come and operated

18 [REDACTED]

19 A Correct.

20 Q And why, again, did you decide on for July 13th you wanted this [REDACTED]
21 system?

22 A Again, because it provided more protection and more capabilities.

23 Q Had you requested it before July 13th?

24 A No. No, I don't believe I have. I think I just learned about the system
25 recently.

1 Q Okay. So you just -- there's no particular reasoning as to why you wanted
2 the [REDACTED] system?

3 A Again, I wanted [REDACTED] system because it provided me with more
4 capabilities.

5 Q Okay.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q I think what she's trying to get at is you had done outdoor events prior as
8 CUAS --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- and didn't request it then.

11 A Sure.

12 Q But then you did at this Butler event.

13 So was there anything about the Butler site or the event itself that made you extra
14 concerned, or was it just, "Hey, I know this asset exists now, so I would like to request it"?

15 A Yeah. It's exactly that. So I didn't -- so the [REDACTED] system was definitely
16 new to Donald Trump division. We just recently received one. And I think prior to
17 that, I've heard that TSD had the [REDACTED] system, and they were operating it at some of
18 our sites.

19 So when I -- once I knew that, I wanted the [REDACTED] system at Butler.

20 Q So you didn't know about it at the prior events?

21 A Correct.

22 [REDACTED] Okay.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q You were comfortable with [REDACTED] That is all you were given.

25 So sort of moving into advance planning, were you involved in the CUAS planning?

1 A Yes. Absolutely. I was the CUAS advance agent.

2 Q Okay. And can you just give us a bit more detail in terms of the nature of
3 your planning, how you went about it?

4 A Sure. So starting on July 10th, I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding the
5 Butler site. He told me that he was going to be on site and that he -- told me that he
6 had found a location where I can establish the -- or set up the [REDACTED] system.

7 We talked about assets that I -- that we can use for it. Like, we just spoke.

8 Those were ultimately denied but we requested the drones and requested the [REDACTED]

9 And I traveled to Pittsburgh on the 11th. On the 12th I went to the site. I
10 looked at the site. I looked at the area where [REDACTED] had initially -- where he
11 located for us -- or for me -- looked at the site.

12 I also spoke with Pennsylvania State Police and other law enforcement, local law
13 enforcement, regarding what we were doing, our jobs, and, again, our response to the
14 job. Spoke with the second supervisor for the site and told him about our plan to use it,
15 use the [REDACTED] system, and where we were going to be set up.

16 And then on the 13th I -- we briefed at the Butler site, briefed the overall security
17 plan to the post standers. During that brief, I spoke regarding the Counter UAS system
18 and our response plan. Spoke to everyone regarding the need for anyone to call it out if
19 they saw a drone. And that was the planning.

20 Want to go into the execution or --

21 Q We're going to go into the --

22 A Okay.

23 Q Thank you very much for that overview.

24 Did you prepare any documents as part of your advance planning duties?

25 A Just an email.

1 Q Okay. I'd now like to introduce majority exhibit 5, this is the preliminary
2 survey for the Butler visit, and Exhibit 6, which is going to be the site post instructions.

3 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit Nos. 5 and 6
4 were marked for identification.]

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So these were sent to a large group of individuals, sir, on July 12th. With
7 the short amount of time I have here, we'll just start quickly on the preliminary survey.
8 Page 7, sir, if you could, on the preliminary survey.

9 So if we look at the bottom here under "Airspace Contacts," you would be the
10 sector agent. It's redacted here. Page 7. And at the bottom, under "TFR
11 Violations" --

12 A I'm sorry. I don't see --

13 Q Be under "Airspace Contacts."

14 A Okay.

15 Q And just to finish that, it just says that the FAA will monitor. But that is my
16 time. We will pick up after.

17 [REDACTED] We can go off the record.

18 [Recess.]

19 [REDACTED] We'll start going back on the record as of 11:04. We also have
20 someone from the majority staff currently on who has joined online. So I just would like
21 them to identify themselves for the record, too, please.

22 [REDACTED] Hi. [REDACTED] senior advisor, majority.

23 [REDACTED] Great. Thank you.

24 EXAMINATION

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q My name again is [REDACTED] I'm investigative counsel with the task
2 force minority. Thank you again for being here voluntarily and helping us kind of work
3 through the events in the week and days leading up to July 13th.

4 A Sure.

5 Q So I'm going to work to stay away from some of the questions that my
6 colleagues have asked just so we're respectful of your time. But there might be certain
7 points where I'll go back and reclarify and expand upon those, okay?

8 A Sure.

9 Q Awesome.

10 So you've been with the Secret Service for four years. You've been with the
11 Donald Trump detail for about 18 months, you said?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Prior to that, what were you doing for the first half of your service career?

14 A I was assigned to the Chicago Field Office as a criminal investigator.

15 Q And what type of things did you investigate?

16 A Financial crimes, counterfeit crimes.

17 Q Great.

18 And you said that you were a shift agent with the [REDACTED] for the detail, correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Great. And that was [REDACTED] of July 13th?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And is it still [REDACTED]

23 A No. Now I'm with the family section.

24 Q With the family section.

25 So were you able to see through the Secret Service productions kind of an

1 operational breakout of the five or so branches that DTD has kind of set up?

2 At the time of July 13th, which branch were you -- did you fall under?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q [REDACTED], okay.

5 Out of curiosity, there's, for example, operations and staffing, Mar-a-Lago resident
6 security, training section and secondary facilities, family section and Protective
7 Intelligence, and administration and special projects.

8 Do you recall if you fell kind of within one of those?

9 A Could you repeat them again?

10 Q Sure.

11 A Maybe I can identify one.

12 Q Operations and staffing, Mar-a-Lago residence security, training section and
13 secondary facilities, family section and Protective Intelligence, and administration and
14 special projects?

15 A I would say neither. None of those.

16 Q The reason why I ask is you had mentioned later that you had been assigned
17 to the family section.

18 A Correct, yes.

19 Q Okay. So I wasn't sure if you were initially within that or if you had been
20 elsewhere.

21 A Yeah. I wouldn't even know where A, B, and C shift will fall into, but that
22 doesn't sound like any of those. So it should fall, I would imagine, laterally with family
23 section, but I couldn't identify with any one of those.

24 Q Sure. Okay. And did you ever happen to interact with or train with the
25 Mar-a-Lago residence security branch? It specifically has a CUAS section.

1 A So [REDACTED] is with the -- I believe will fall under that branch.

2 Q So you said [REDACTED] is an IPO agent, correct?

3 A He's an IPO officer.

4 Q An officer. Can you just explain for the record exactly what an IPO officer
5 is?

6 A An officer is a protective officer with no investigation powers. And I'm not
7 going to tell you -- I'm not sure if they have arrest powers either.

8 Q But he's specifically with the detail? He's not like a -- he's not a detailee?
9 He's attached to --

10 A Correct.

11 Q -- part of the Donald Trump detail?

12 A Yes, he is.

13 Q Okay. Prior to July 13th, what other types of roles have you held as a
14 special agent? For example, have you been a site PI for different events?

15 A I've never been PI. I've been a site agent --

16 Q Site agent?

17 A -- a few times.

18 Q Have you been a counter response -- Counter Sniper Response Team agent?

19 A I have not, no.

20 Q Okay. Aside from site agent, any other types of roles that you've held
21 previously for other visits?

22 A I'm usually with the -- you mean specifically in my time as -- in Donald Trump
23 division?

24 Q Yeah. With the division in general, which roles have you typically held
25 aside from the CUAS role?

1 A So typically we are shift agents. So we will come in with the protectee and
2 we will leave with the protectee. But I've also been a site agent, and I've also been a
3 Counter UAS advance agent.

4 Q Okay. So can you just explain for the record what exactly a UAS, or
5 unmanned aerial system, is to the best of your knowledge?

6 A So what you would think of a drone that you can get at Best Buy, a
7 commercially available drone. I mean, to clarify, it's not like a [REDACTED] or an
8 [REDACTED] would have or any bad nation actors will have. It's
9 commercially available, what the public would have available to them.

10 Q And in the context of that, what exactly, in your opinion, is a counter
11 unmanned aerial system, a CUAS?

12 A So there would be several. One example will be the [REDACTED] system,
13 and the [REDACTED] system will be another.

1 [11:09 a.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. Who typically determines how many UAS or CUAS platforms are
4 appropriate for given events?

5 A I think that's a group of people. A group of people that will involve
6 operations -- Donald Trump's operation division. They would include the side agent. It
7 will include the field office from the location we're going to, in this case Pittsburgh, and
8 operations protected -- protected operation division in D.C.

9 Q Great. Okay. So I'm just going to run through just to clarify for the
10 record. Because some of this just to really show.

11 So can you explain to me exactly what [REDACTED] is in laymen's terms? You
12 know, how is it set up? What does it look like? What does it do exactly?

13 A Sure, absolutely. So the [REDACTED] [REDACTED],
14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED].

17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].
21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] s [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

23 Q Thank you. The task force has given a briefing by TSD. We had talked
24 about how the [REDACTED] comprise like 80 to 85 percent of the market. So they are the
25 majority of the drones that you would detect?

1 A I will say that's -- probably at some point, that was correct. There's a lot
2 more drones being available now that are not DJI. There's more players coming to
3 market for drones, but I digress.

4 Q Are you aware of what type of drones Mr. Crooks was flying on July 13th?

5 A So I was told that it was a DJI drone.

6 Q Okay. Now, so we talked about [REDACTED] which is specifically a
7 detention-only system. From the mitigation side of it, speaking to some of your
8 colleagues, including ASAC [REDACTED] were aware of [REDACTED] which there's a
9 larger platform typically. It's an AR-style platform. Is that accurate? It's a larger
10 version of it?

11 A So I think you're referring to -- the [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]. We
12 typically call it a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. And that is, it's [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. But, yeah.

15 Q Yeah, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 A Yeah.

17 Q And just to clarify, is there essentially a larger and a smaller version because,
18 I'm under the assumption they're both handheld?

19 A Correct. Yeah, there is. There's, like, a newer one that's smaller.

20 Q And then [REDACTED] has both detention and mitigation capacity. Is that
21 accurate?

22 A Correct, yes.

23 Q And would you mind just describing that a bit? Is that also similar in size
24 and setup to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Like where does that fall within the
25 spectrum?

1 A So it's an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] essentially, like similar to the [REDACTED] except
2 that it has the [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

3 Q Great. And you were not trained on that specific dual capacity system as of
4 July 13th?

5 A Correct.

6 Q But you've since been trained on that?

7 A Yes, I have.

8 Q And what was the training like for that out of curiosity, if you wouldn't just
9 discussing it a bit more?

10 A Sure. It's just an online system. Online training. I have not had any
11 hands-on experience with setting it up. So it's not something I'm very familiar with.
12 And I would say I am --

13 Q And was the online training conducted by DTD or TSD?

14 A No, it's conducted by the manufacturer of [REDACTED]

15 Q And was that set up by the DTD or TSD?

16 A Yes, set up by DTD.

17 Q So we're just going to shift over a bit to talking a bit more about the training
18 aspect of the CUAS program. And I'll do my best to refer to CUAS as [REDACTED] since
19 that is the system you were using just to make it a bit easier for the record.

20 A Right.

21 Q So to the best of your understanding, which Secret Service components or
22 divisions typically handles the [REDACTED] equipment?

23 A From Donald Trump division?

24 Q In general, to the best of your understanding?

25 A So it predominantly is the technical security division of the Secret Service.

1 However, my understanding is that we tried to organically grow that capability within the
2 Donald Trump division to give us the ability to do some of the same functions as technical
3 security division. So there's been several agents who have been trained on the [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] system in the Donald Trump division.

5 Q Do you know exactly how many agents of the total detail?

6 A Approximately five.

7 Q Five?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q And you started 18 months ago with the -- roughly 18 months ago with DTD.
10 At that time that you joined, was the detail using the [REDACTED] equipment?

11 A I can't say for sure. I can't tell you for sure if I remember.

12 Q Okay. So it's our understanding that DTD can request equipment and
13 assistance from TSD, such as like the [REDACTED] the dual capability system.

14 A That's correct.

15 Q But DTD itself has specific [REDACTED] and other detection- and
16 mitigation-related equipment. They physically have acquired them. Is that accurate?

17 A That is accurate.

18 Q So the DTD has [REDACTED]

19 A Yes, it does.

20 Q [REDACTED]

21 A Yes.

22 Q Either the small or the larger versions?

23 A Yeah, so the larger ones were phased out, and we just have the smaller
24 ones.

25 Q Is there a reason for the phaseout?

1 A I'm not sure.

2 Q And to the best of your knowledge, you have several iterations of each. So
3 there's three [REDACTED] for example, correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So when the DTD is out with the former President on a specific protectee
6 events, you have one or however many typically with you and the rest are back at
7 Mar-a-Lago, or somewhere else. Is that accurate?

8 A Correct, yes.

9 Q And are they always functional, or is it typically you're maintaining some of
10 them, so you take one that is working at that point, for example?

11 A Well, typically, they're all functional. We have had the event where one
12 [REDACTED] system was not functional. But typically, they're all functioning.

13 Q Okay. Since the DTD, to the best of your recollection, when they started
14 doing the program, or when you were first introduced to it, have they created any
15 established training manuals or programmatic manuals or materials to help, you know,
16 train up or help agents troubleshoot or understand the systems that they use?

17 A Not to my knowledge.

18 Q So you've never seen anything or been given anything?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Could you talk about -- apologies.

21 Have you seen any of TSD's manuals or materials on these systems?

22 A I have not, no.

23 Q Okay. So can you walk me through how you are initially trained by the
24 detail? Because you had mentioned that [REDACTED], the IPO officer was one to actually
25 train you.

1 A Correct.

2 Q Can you just walk through that process, exactly what he said, what it
3 entailed?

4 A Sure. So essentially, so the [REDACTED] system is kept in a pelican case.
5 So he showed us the components of it. And he showed us how to put it together; how
6 to set it up. And that's essentially, the setting it up. And then she'll just -- the online
7 portal where we would go in and set up the alert zones. And that was the training.

8 Q Sure. And was there a separate training relating to being the [REDACTED]
9 or the CUAS advance member, anything? You know, how to best do your job when you
10 go to events? Things you should look out for. Did the detail provide any of that?

11 A So yeah, there was some conversation of that with [REDACTED], who was
12 predominantly the guy going out and doing those advances. You know, he had told us
13 about, you know, speaking with the law enforcement and, you know, making sure you
14 have power. But, yeah, so [REDACTED] did all the training essentially.

15 Q I see. So it seems like the DTD has what could be maybe described as
16 either an ad hoc or their own organic CUAS program, which is separate from TSD's
17 program? Because, typically, the [REDACTED] and CUAS materials typically fall under
18 TSD, or into their manual.

19 A Yes. So kind of separate, but also, you know, related, because we tried
20 those same functions. But there have been times where, you know, we request TSD to
21 use to bring the [REDACTED] over. I think right now, TSD exclusive -- even though we have
22 [REDACTED] TSD is the one that is operating that right now.

23 And so, it's a separate capability from TSD, but the line -- the jobs intermix as to
24 whether we're doing it or TSD is doing it, the [REDACTED] or the Counter UAS advance.

25 Q But to an extent with the detail having acquired or owning an Aerial

1 Armored system and, say, a [REDACTED] system, but mitigation, you know, having the
2 [REDACTED] system, the dual capability, that's a value add. But to an extent, is it fair to say
3 it's not mandatory because you already have other systems that essentially do the same
4 job just in two parts?

5 A I wouldn't want to do an outdoor event without [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] but
6 I wouldn't call any of them mandatory.

7 Q I guess more of what I'm trying to say is if you already have the [REDACTED]
8 and you have the [REDACTED] you know, and asking for the [REDACTED] like that be
9 awesome to have. It's an additional capability. It's additional if you can look up in the
10 sky, et cetera.

11 A Sure.

12 Q But if you don't have that, but you have [REDACTED] and the
13 [REDACTED] that still provides a level of protection?

14 A A level of protection, yeah.

15 Q To the best of your knowledge, did TSD ever come down and train the detail
16 on [REDACTED] at all, or [REDACTED]

17 A Not to my knowledge.

18 Q So you were never, specifically, trained by TSD?

19 A I was not, no.

20 Q Okay. Do you know if anyone else in the DTD was trained by TSD?

21 A Maybe [REDACTED] was. I'm not sure.

22 Q Okay. We had spoke with ASALC [REDACTED] He had mentioned that TSD
23 had come down and trained members of the DTD on how to use the platform.

24 So I'm just trying to get an idea, since you had mentioned that there were [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] of the DTD that had been trained on [REDACTED]

1 A Sure.

2 Q So it could have been before your time potentially. It could have been --

3 A Yeah, potentially. Not with me, for sure.

4 Q And to the best of your recollection, have there been any other interactions,
5 or trainings, or communications or coordination with TSD and DTD about [REDACTED]
6 and the CUAS technologies prior to July 13th?

7 A Sure. They've been out to our sites. They've done the Counter UAS
8 advance for us, if we were tied up.

9 So for us, it's an additional duty, if you will, an auxiliary duty. Primarily, I am a
10 shift agent. And the people that do it primarily are shift agents. And so, if we're tied
11 up on visits, and TSD will come out and do it. And there's also been people that have
12 done the advance along with TSD. I haven't done it, but I know there are people that
13 have. So there has been, like, a connection between us and TSD because it relates to
14 Counter UAS. But does that answer your question?

15 Q Yeah.

16 A Okay.

17 Q Thank you. We appreciate that. Yeah, it's just helpful to kind of clarify for
18 the record exactly how DTD interacts with TSD since there seems to be, you know,
19 differences in training and understanding of the technology or best practices, et cetera.
20 So it just helps to just kind of get a clear picture there.

21 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit A
22 was marked for identification.]

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q So the minority will introduce exhibit A, which is a page from the TSD
25 development admission support manual.

1 So if you wouldn't mind giving that a read. Just let me know when you have
2 completed that.

3 A Okay.

4 Q So do you recall ever seeing this document before in general, during the
5 Academy, or at any other point?

6 A No.

7 Q Does that description for the duties of the CUAS operator, does that kind of,
8 in your mind, make sense with what the DTDs trained you on? Or is there certain
9 portions of this that would be new to you that, you know, you didn't know that they
10 wanted a specific duty or --

11 A No, no, it makes sense.

12 Q It does make sense. Okay.

13 So according to your Mission Assurance Report, or MAR, you were able to gain
14 experience of two prior events before July 13th in the CUAS capacity from, like, a drone
15 detection perspective. [REDACTED], and an event in Norfolk. Is that
16 correct?

17 A Yes. And it was not in Norfolk, it was Chesapeake.

18 Q Chesapeake?

19 A I think I said Norfolk because I had flown into Norfolk Airport.

20 Q Got you. So you detected drones at both of those events. Is that correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Can you just talk a little bit about, you know, how many drones, what
23 happened exactly?

24 A So [REDACTED], I believe there was one drone, approximately a mile
25 out. The flight pattern appeared to be recreational. And so, there was no action

1 necessary for that.

2 I, at the time, alerted post standards for that site because there was a drone in the
3 air. But no action was taken or necessary. Chesapeake, I believe there was two
4 drones.

5 So one drone was the operator -- in both instances, there was two drones. In
6 both instances, the operators were located and contacted. So with the first drone
7 incident, it was during the temporary flight restriction, the TFR window. So he was
8 interviewed by protective intelligence.

9 And then in the second one, he was detained by local police. But we had
10 determined that the temporary flight restriction window had expired, and so he was
11 released.

12 Q I see. So when you detect these drones, unless the TFR is active, you're
13 really not able to do much with it to an extent?

14 A Correct.

15 Q And when you noticed or detected those drones at both of those events,
16 how did you contact the post standards of the people you had assigned to be on the
17 lookout for drones?

18 A Well, prior to, I would talk to the PI individual, or if we have a Counter UAS
19 response -- excuse me, not Counter UAS -- counter -- CS Response, Counter Sniper
20 Response. I will use that to respond to the drone operator. So we would talk about
21 that plan beforehand, before the event began.

22 [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED].

25 Q And that's because you can [REDACTED] of

1 [REDACTED]

2 A Correct.

3 Q In your capacity as an agent with the DTD and your [REDACTED] CUAS
4 responsibilities, have you ever, you know, worked that type, that role while at
5 Mar-a-Lago, or have you only really acted as shift agents around the former President?

6 A Which role?

7 Q So using like the CUAS, for example, what you did at Butler, for example.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Do you also do that role while the former President is at Mar-a-Lago, or does
10 someone else handle that role?

11 A So that role is taken up by the command post, and the folks inside the
12 command post, usually about three individuals there, and they monitor the [REDACTED]
13 system, the [REDACTED] system. And they also monitor a local police system for drones.
14 And then the response will be similar.

15 Q And just going back to the training aspect for a quick second. So you said
16 that roughly [REDACTED] have been trained on the [REDACTED] system.

17 How many agents, to your knowledge, have been trained on the [REDACTED]
18 the mitigation system?

19 A More. I don't know how many, but I would say more.

20 Q And do you know if all five of the agents trained on [REDACTED] have also
21 been trained on [REDACTED]

22 A I can't say for sure.

23 Q Okay. But it seems like --

24 A I would imagine so.

25 Q But it seems like more agents have been trained on, you know, if we notice

1 something, we can mitigate that. We understand this technology, and we can apply it?

2 A Yes, there were several people at resident security branch, and Counter UAS
3 program folks have taken the course on the [REDACTED]

4 Q Great. And from a technical support and troubleshooting aspect, so are
5 you aware of any technical or physical issues that commonly affect the [REDACTED]
6 system? Because you had mentioned before that you weren't specifically trained in
7 that. But was there anything that you had been told by [REDACTED] or anyone else you
8 had interacted with?

9 A So what I have been told if the system does become active, to restart it.
10 And restart it -- I'm told that restarting normally will fix the issue, and not anything
11 specific.

12 Q Does the detail have any replacement parts or manufacturer's manuals in its
13 possession that it provides to agents for access or training or if you need it at an event,
14 for example?

15 A No, no, we don't.

16 Q Okay. And since July 13th, has the detail or TSD been training agents on
17 how to troubleshoot or better understand the technology or maybe find ways to, you
18 know, anticipate potential issues ahead of time?

19 A I can't say for sure. Not that I'm aware of.

20 Q And have you, for example, with anyone in the detail?

21 A So we talked about having extra parts on hand, but I don't -- so we've
22 ordered replacement parts from [REDACTED] but not any specific troubleshooting or
23 class or anything like that.

24 Q Okay. And, you know, when you're doing contra issue. Would you say
25 the standard is typically you'll talk to someone in your detail, see if they understand what

1 the issue is, and then potentially bump it over to the manufacturer? Or is there a
2 different chain of command, so to speak, as you attempt to analyze and fix the problem?

3 A I wouldn't say there's any specific, like, linear chain of command that you go
4 through to get it fixed. But I can tell you what I can do, I would do.

5 Q Sure. Yeah. What would you do, for example? What would be your
6 method?

7 A Okay. So specifically what I did on that day, and what I will continue to do
8 on this row is if the system is -- if it's becoming inactive or somehow not operational, I'll
9 contact support and try and get their take on it, or contact somebody more familiar with
10 the system.

11 So yes, [REDACTED]. But outside of technical support, there's not really anybody
12 that can assist with the system.

13 When you're out on a site, we'll have three that are usually all in use. I can't take
14 an additional one. It's really technical support. Our only lifeline to troubleshoot the
15 system. If one of the boxes, if you open up, there's a lot of electronics in there that
16 we're not familiar with. And technical support will be the ones that will have to assist us
17 with it.

18 Q Okay. Does the DTD have a specific time when you would formally be
19 required to activate the [REDACTED] system?

20 For example, you know, [REDACTED]? Is it a [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is there anything specific that you're required to do?

22 A So there is now. There wasn't then.

23 Q Okay. What is it now out of curiosity?

24 A Sure. It's the before -- where it states as prior to the post standard brief.

25 Q Okay. Perfect. And I'll eventually get to that, I know the majority will as

1 well, talk a little about the actual, you know, minute by minute and the day of.

2 A Sure.

3 Q But going a bit back to some of the rally planning side of things.

4 Did you have any concerns about the site from an [REDACTED] perspective, from
5 a detection perspective?

6 A Not from a detection perspective. Except for the flight hours, I did have
7 concern about. So to the [REDACTED] And it's
8 often been too small. So the [REDACTED] I can't remember the times right now, but I believe it
9 was approximately [REDACTED] And the [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]

14 Q [REDACTED] is that typically the standard, is that just what is
15 requested, or is that what the [REDACTED] Do you have any idea of how that
16 timeframe was chosen?

17 A I believe it's what the [REDACTED]. I don't know how much time
18 operations divisions request and then takes it to airspace. And if they change our
19 request, or [REDACTED] our request, but it's typically been [REDACTED], and it's definitely too
20 small.

21 Q And so, for example, former President Trump has been late in the past to an
22 event, or he may, you know, speak longer at an event.

23 Is there any way that either yourself, someone who is acting as the [REDACTED]
24 or CUAS advance member, [REDACTED]

25 A I haven't, and I don't know anybody who has. It's a process that takes a

1 few days. So I don't think it's something you can do it on the fly depending on the
2 schedule.

3 Q I see. And do you happen to know how long or how much battery life the
4 [REDACTED] system has?

5 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

6 Q I'm sorry, say that again?

7 A [REDACTED]

8 Q Oh, so [REDACTED] for example?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So you can [REDACTED], for example,
11 and it should still be the same throughout the event?

12 A Absolutely.

13 Q Okay. I would assume that that's where you will place the system too
14 when you're conducting advance work?

15 A Yes, one of the factors, yes.

16 Q Okay. And was there a reason why the position that was initially chosen, I
17 think it was a few hundred yards southeast of the stage?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Something around that. Was there a reason why it was chosen to be
20 placed there?

21 A It was a speaker, speaker podium, if you will, for, like, a track. So it was
22 elevated, and it had power.

23 Q And when that is placed there, does an agent need to stand there and watch
24 it, for example, or is it fine to be left alone?

25 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. So it's

1 generally safe there.

2 Q Would a [REDACTED]?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q Great. Before July 13th when the DTD has requested the [REDACTED] system,
5 for example, do you recall how often it had been approved or deployed at events that you
6 were there?

7 A I know it has been approved in the past prior to July 13 and been used, and
8 that's how I became aware of it. But I couldn't tell you how many times.

9 Q And when you had talked about the [REDACTED] had been requested or
10 denied, the mitigation system, can you speak a bit more to that? Just I was under the
11 assumption earlier that the detail physically has the [REDACTED]

12 A Correct.

13 Q What was it being used for, I guess, at that point if not for that rally?

14 A Sure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]

16 Q Would you be able to clarify. So the [REDACTED] was detecting a
17 drone -- I'm sorry, the [REDACTED] But the motorcade isn't arriving until later with the
18 way it's mitigated.

19 So if you detected a drone at that point, like, I guess, how would you attempt to
20 mitigate it [REDACTED]?

21 A We wouldn't. [REDACTED]. The only thing we can do is
22 [REDACTED]

23 Q Is there a reason typically, though, why the mitigation device would not be
24 paired with -- you know, would not be at the event prior instead of coming with the
25 motorcade?

1 A I believe it's a resource issue. [REDACTED] One at

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. And, excuse me,

3 [REDACTED].

4 Q Okay. And so the [REDACTED] were always there versus, you know,
5 potentially taking one to an event prior to having that available?

6 A So we still typically have [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. You can't leave it
7 without it. And there's [REDACTED] with it, and there's
8 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. What contingencies would you have, you know, in an event where
10 the [REDACTED] system, you know, does not function correctly, or the [REDACTED]
11 doesn't function correctly?

12 A And then we'll have to [REDACTED] of the drone. And that's
13 the post stander report anything that they see.

14 Q To your recollection, did the Pittsburgh field office have their own [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] equipment or [REDACTED] that they could have offered?

16 A Not to my knowledge. I'm not sure.

17 Q And TSI [REDACTED] had also mentioned that typically an agent or post stander
18 would be assigned, you know, the use of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You know, that's kind
19 of like a collateral duty for them. Do you recall assigning anyone for that duty or --

20 A We don't. We didn't have it.

21 Q Okay. But was someone within the detail, for example, because they had
22 it?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So someone on the President's detail, in the shift's detail --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- they had that as their extra collateral duty?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay. But that wasn't someone you assigned specifically?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Do you know who would have signed that?

6 A Probably the shift leader for the day.

7 Q And who was the shift leader for the day?

8 A I can't. I don't know.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I don't remember.

11 Q And has there been, I guess, a change in protocol since July 13th? Do you
12 now typically go up to an event with [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] gun, or is it the
13 still the same resource allocation?

14 A Well, there had been a significant reduction in outdoor events, first off.
15 And then, now we have a lot more capabilities that TSD brings at outdoor events.

16 Q And so the detail is requesting from TSD additional resources for the few
17 outdoor events?

18 A Yeah, I don't know who is requesting them, but I know TSD is there with
19 more resources.

20 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit B
21 was marked for identification.]

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. The minority will now introduce exhibit B, which is just a just a text
24 screenshot from a conversation you had with a Pennsylvania state police detective, or
25 Lieutenant [REDACTED]

1 Do you recall having this conversation with Lieutenant [REDACTED]

2 A Yes, I do.

3 Q And so he says, and I quote, "I confirmed with our SERT, we do not plan on
4 using our drones unless you want or need it." And you responded, "Thank you, again."

5 Did you ever, or did anyone else as part of the advance team accept the offer,
6 reject it, respond to it?

7 A So Lieutenant [REDACTED] has been in contact for that week prior to July 13th
8 with the advance team. And I don't know what their discussions were, but they set in
9 place the security plan. And I don't know if that security plan -- well, excuse me, I do
10 know now. I know that that security plan did not -- after speaking with him, I know that
11 plan did not include using drones. So I don't believe that they requested -- I don't know
12 if they requested it or not, but it didn't include drones.

13 Q Okay. So you, specifically, didn't tell them no, for example?

14 A No, I did not.

15 Q Okay. Yeah, I'm just clarifying.

16 And you're not aware of anyone else denying the use of drones? It's just that it
17 wasn't part of the security plan for the event?

18 A Yeah, I'm not aware of anybody denying it. And just to be clear, my job is
19 to know if they're using a drone and not to make a separate protection plan from what
20 was in place from the advance team. I just want to make that clear.

21 Q Was it your understanding that adding a drone would have required you to
22 amend the security plan versus just being an extra resource that was provided?

23 A It would have been easy. But it definitely would have been a change to the
24 plan. And speaking to Lieutenant [REDACTED] he would have to use an additional body
25 person to operate that drone.

1 Q Did he --

2 A It maybe changed the plan a bit.

3 Q Did he mention that TSD had personnel available to operate a drone, if
4 necessary?

5 A They said they have drones available. But what he had said is they typically
6 use it for search warrants, not for an event such as this. But if we wanted to, they could
7 pull somebody from somewhere to operate the drone.

8 And so, I just told them that I wanted to stick with the plan that they had, and I
9 just needed to know if they were flying a drone or not.

10 Q Okay. Thank you. And did you share PSP's offer with anyone else, either
11 TSI [REDACTED] or anyone else on the advance team?

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q Was there a reason, out of curiosity?

14 A No. My understanding that was that they had been working for a week,
15 and Lieutenant [REDACTED] was not going to present something to me that he hasn't
16 presented to the others or, you know, the week of -- prior to them working together.

17 Q Okay. And just going over [REDACTED], just to get a little bit of a better
18 understanding of the last few minutes I have left in my rounds. How far do they
19 typically extend? Is it typically the two nautical miles that were mentioned, or do you
20 have a bit more flexibility in requesting a certain space?

21 A So it's usually been one mile apart prior to July 13th on that due to the
22 location and the landscape, which was pretty sparse. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] But yeah.

24 Q Okay. And typically, is it the airspace sector agent that authorizes that or
25 the [REDACTED] or CUAS operator?

1 A I believe that happened in conjunction with [REDACTED]. That's not
2 something we designate.

3 And since we're talking about -- I know you haven't asked me a question about
4 this, but just I want to put this out there so that we all understand better.

5 The [REDACTED] A lot of these [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. So it's
7 another level of security, not just a "don't do this" kind of deal. It also restricts some
8 [REDACTED] which was helpful and why I was an advocate of extending the
9 [REDACTED].

10 Q I see. So when the [REDACTED] certain drones out of whatever
11 percentage that someone could fly that day, they just won't work typically? Or they'll
12 be restricted from going within a certain distance?

13 A So from our understanding, it's from -- within the TFR window, [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]

16 Q I see. Okay. And so it would have mattered if the [REDACTED]
17 during that day.

18 A Absolutely would have mattered.

19 Q It would have mattered. Okay. I'm about of time, so we can go off
20 record.

21 [Discussion off the record.]

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. We are back on the record.

24 [REDACTED] if we could just please return to majority exhibit 5, the preliminary
25 survey, which I have referred you to page 7 under Airspace. Under TFR violations,

1 excuse me. And it says that the FAA will monitor under airspace contacts, page 7. And
2 then, right in that line in the row where it says [REDACTED]

3 A Yeah.

4 Q So that is accurate in terms of if there is a [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 A I think that's referring typically to airplanes.

7 Q Okay. But not any UAS?

8 A They will be contacted. I don't think that they have a way to monitor
9 without us. So we will have to tell them there was a violation, and that we took one
10 down. If you take a drone down, then you'll have to make a report about it and notify
11 them.

12 Q Okay. So would it be accurate to say the FAA will monitor, or should it say
13 something else there?

14 A It would be accurate, but I just wanted to clarify that it's for airplanes.

15 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 6

16 was marked for identification.]

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q Okay. And if we could turn your attention, sir, now to the site post
19 instructions, which is exhibit 6. And if you turn, sir, the Bates number at the top, 3056,
20 which is going to be the last page of this exhibit.

21 So this whole bottom area, sir, has been redacted out. But basically there's a
22 heading message, "counter sniper." And it refers to a 1088 code for a UAV alert. The
23 relevant language says that, "In the event that a UAV becomes disabled, the UAV should
24 be treated as suspicious package."

25 Does that make sense to you, sir? Do you recall seeing something like that?

1 A It makes sense to me. And I will vaguely remember reading something like
2 that.

3 Q Okay. And now I'd just like to show you a photo, sir. This is going to be
4 majority exhibit 7.

5 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 7
6 was marked for identification.]

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q This is a text message exchange from a 412 area code. A Pittsburgh phone
9 number to [REDACTED] And in this photo, sir, you'll see the roof of the AGR building
10 with a suspicious package sort of red diamond symbol denoted. Have you ever seen this
11 image?

12 A I have never seen this image.

13 Q Okay. And in your sort of estimation, why would there be this diamond
14 sort of symbol with the word "suspicious package" located on the roof there?

15 A So after the event, there was talk of a suspicious package inside of the AGR
16 building. So I would imagine that after that happened, somebody put this image on
17 there.

18 Q And to your knowledge, this has nothing to do with the UAV or something
19 like that that would have been found in the vicinity?

20 A No. I believe it was a dog sat on something, an item in the AGR building,
21 and then the EOD wanted to clear it. But we wanted EOD to clear it.

22 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 8
23 was marked for identification.]

24 BY [REDACTED]

25 Q And moving along to exhibit 8, [REDACTED] I would like to introduce the

1 TSD outdoor site survey.

2 A Thank you.

3 Q Did you receive a copy of this?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. When did you receive that?

6 A It was either on the 12th or the 13th. I don't recall.

7 Q And if I could refer you, [REDACTED] the bottom of the first page where it
8 says, "Summary of Threats and Vulnerabilities." So it says here "The site is located in an
9 open farm area and is vulnerable to possible drone attacks with the limited amount of
10 CUAS equipment on site." So [REDACTED] the TSI who was handling technical
11 security, created this document. Did he ever speak with you about this summary of
12 threats and the vulnerabilities and how you plan to mitigate or deal with the fact that the
13 site was an open farm area that was vulnerable to possible drone attacks?

14 A We talked about the farm and the site. That specific language and this
15 specific summary we didn't talk about. But he did send it out, and I did see it.

16 Q And since drone attacks are specifically mentioned here, did that sort of alert
17 you to anything? Or did you find it strange that [REDACTED] had not said, You know,
18 hey, Agent [REDACTED] I want to talk to you about this. It's a very large farm area. It's
19 susceptible to drone attacks. Did you find that strange at all that you hadn't had a
20 conversation about that?

21 A No. I think it's a typical language for an outdoor event.

22 Q Okay. And did you feel the need to reach out to [REDACTED] about his
23 concerns about the summary of threats and vulnerabilities for the site?

24 A No, I think we were in line with the same understanding that we were
25 vulnerable from drones.

1 Q Did he know what type of assets or equipment you were planning on
2 utilizing to sort of mitigate these threats?

3 A Yes, he did.

4 Q Okay. If I could refer you, sir, page 6 of this same outdoor site survey.
5 That's going to be Bates No. 445 at the top. So box 75 here says, "U.S. Countermeasures
6 Deployed." [REDACTED] checked yes. And then for 76, it's been redacted. But in
7 terms of the countermeasures listed, it would be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] So
8 why would [REDACTED] I guess, incorrectly or improperly indicate that both
9 [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] were deployed when they were not?

10 A So [REDACTED] -- so this is like a plan prior to the event. This will be
11 written before. So he was correct on the [REDACTED] And I would imagine that
12 when he said [REDACTED] that it was coming in the motorcade with President Trump.

13 Q Would [REDACTED] have to have, I guess, update this survey after realizing
14 or knowing that [REDACTED] was not available or that it would not be deployed?

15 A I don't know if TSD survey that's been updated before. I don't think they
16 will update them. They typically update them.

17 Q Okay. Even if assets change, it's not updated?

18 A Well, usually, they would be correct. And I think it was half correct in
19 stating that the system was here, but specifically, only when the protectee was going to
20 be there.

21 Q Okay. We can now kind of go into the timeline. Let's start with July 11th
22 when you first arrived in Pittsburgh. So what time did you first arrive on the 11th, a
23 Thursday?

24 A I don't know what time, ma'am.

25 Q Okay. Did you do any walk-throughs of the campaign rally site on that day?

1 A No, ma'am.

2 Q Okay. Did you have any discussions about the farm show grounds in
3 general and the open space with anyone?

4 A I'm not sure about the 11th. Definitely on the 12th.

5 Q Okay. Did you test any of your assets on the 11th?

6 A No, I did not.

7 Q Okay. So in terms of testing, just while we're on this topic, what do you
8 need to do? Do you just set up the asset and check on a laptop, or an application if it
9 was active? Can you walk me through how you would test your asset [REDACTED]
10 specifically?

11 A Yeah. So I would test it by [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED].

13 Q And you did not sort of try that out or see if your [REDACTED] went active
14 on the 11th?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. Is there a reason why you didn't check that day when you arrived?

17 A So, I had just used the system [REDACTED]. I brought it down from
18 [REDACTED] I just used it there. And I knew it to be operational.

19 Q And as part of your advance work, had you brought with you any backup
20 materials or parts or other items?

21 A No.

22 Q Is there a reason that you didn't bring any materials?

23 A It's a Pelican box where it is filled to the brim, and I don't know that we have
24 extra parts at the time. I believe there may be extra parts now, but I don't think we had
25 any extra parts at the time.

1 Q Okay. Now moving to the 12th, sir, Friday the 12th, the day before the
2 rally, did you participate in or conduct any walk-throughs on Friday?

3 A Well, was it the 12th?

4 Q Yes.

5 A On the 12th, yes, I did.

6 Q And who was there?

7 A It was the site agent [REDACTED] as well as the Philadelphia site agent. It
8 was supervisor, [REDACTED] and 815 from [REDACTED]. I don't know who he was.

9 Q And what did that walk-through entail?

10 A Well, the walk-through entailed the security plan overall. I just want to
11 clarify. I was there to walk the site on my own. And then I caught that walk-through
12 just so that I won't have to make the site agent give me a separate walk-through and talk
13 to the supervisors. But that walk-through -- the supervisor approved -- it's like a last
14 approval from the supervisor. It's not a walk-through for -- intended for me, essentially.
15 So what it entailed a walk-through from the walking path President Trump is going to
16 take. The plans of emergency actions where the motorcade was going to be.
17 Essentially, the entire security plan.

18 [REDACTED] And just to clarify quickly, sir, you mentioned that a Philadelphia
19 site agent was with you at some point. Did you perhaps mean the Pittsburgh field
20 office?

21 [REDACTED] Yes.

22 [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q On the 12th, [REDACTED] did you test any of your assets or [REDACTED] that
25 day?

1 A On the 12th, no, I didn't.

2 Q Okay. So, you know, just, you know, for our kind of edification here, we're
3 dealing with critical technology that's even more important sort of when we're dealing
4 with an open field, particularly where the TSD outdoor site survey, specifically, states the
5 site is located in an open farm area that's vulnerable to drone attacks. You did not think
6 at all to even turn on your equipment on the 12th to see if it was working the day before?

7 A Correct. So usually I will test it before I travel because I don't want to take
8 something that's broken out. But I had just taken it [REDACTED]. I knew it to be
9 working. So that's why I didn't feel the need to test it.

10 Q So if you could clarify, what day was [REDACTED], and what was the last day
11 it was operational that you used [REDACTED]

12 A I believe it was maybe 2 days, 2 or 3 days before. I don't remember
13 exactly.

14 Q So you arrived in Pittsburgh on the 11th?

15 A Correct.

16 Q So [REDACTED] would have been --

17 A A few days before.

18 Q -- the 11th?

19 A Before the 11th.

20 Q Okay. And what was your plan, [REDACTED] if the asset, if [REDACTED] did
21 not work the morning of the 13th?

22 A Well, that's why I set it up in the morning just so I can troubleshoot it, make
23 sure it's working. But to be specific and clarify, it's never not worked before. And to
24 my knowledge, it's never not worked for anyone else. It's a pretty robust system. And
25 so, like we had mentioned before that the only real recourse is to contact the support line

1 who are experts and technicians on the system. It's not something that we can -- that I
2 will have to keep up at least to troubleshoot or to fix from a technical standpoint.

3 Q Okay. And thank you. And we'll get to the morning of the 13th. In
4 general, were you ever given any orders by any inspectors at the Secret Service regarding
5 your advance or how to fulfill your duties?

6 A No.

7 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 9
8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q So on July 12th, in the morning, you and Site Agent [REDACTED] exchanged a few
11 emails. I'd like to now introduce majority exhibit 9. And as that gets passed around,
12 sir, Agent [REDACTED] indicates to you -- she sends you some contacts, including [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] (ph), Sheriff [REDACTED], PSP [REDACTED], PSP [REDACTED]. So did you ever reach
14 out to any of these individuals?

15 A Yes, I did.

16 Q Okay. And who did you actually reach out to before we move on?

17 A [REDACTED] and a few others. I don't recall anyone else who had I specifically
18 remember. [REDACTED] specifically.

19 Q And did you ever brief [REDACTED] on July 12th regarding CUAS capabilities
20 and the locals offering a drone?

21 A I did, yes.

22 Q Okay. And what did you tell him?

23 A I told them that -- regarding the entire CUAS, or specifically to drones?

24 Q Both. What was your conversation?

25 A So I spoke to him where -- we told them where we're going to set up the

1 Counter UAS system, the [REDACTED] I told him about our plan to use PI and to use
2 Counter Sniper Response. We told them about the TFR window that was in place and
3 the hours.

4 We also mentioned that we needed to extend -- it was too short, and it should be
5 extended. I spoke to him about the problem of [REDACTED].

6 I also told him that PSP was not planning on using drones.

7 And, let's see. Yeah, that's essentially what we talked about.

8 Q And as to you expressing concerns to [REDACTED] about this [REDACTED]
9 being too short, what did he respond to that?

10 A He asked if there was buffer period.

11 Q To which you replied?

12 A No, there's no buffer period.

13 Q Did he suggest expanding the window or doing anything to address your
14 concerns?

15 A I don't know that he has the capability to expand the window. And I
16 certainly don't. I don't know what he did with that information. But I don't think
17 expanding the window was within our capabilities.

18 Q Okay. And he made no other recommendations?

19 A Not that I can remember.

20 Q And you had indicated that you relayed to [REDACTED] that was PSP was not
21 planning on using drones. To be more accurate, was it that they were not planning, or
22 that the Secret Service had not indicated that they wanted that asset used?

23 A I think you are asking two different questions here. So they were not
24 planning to use the drone. From what you can see from the text message, they said
25 they were not planning on using the drone. So I arrived the day before -- to work the

1 day before to visit. There was a week of conversations and making the security plans.
2 I don't know what transfers, or what would occurred there. But from my knowledge,
3 from Pennsylvania State Police, they were not using a drone.

4 Q Okay. And then did you tell [REDACTED] that the PSP informed you, you
5 know, unless you guys wanted that they had sort of extended the option? Was he
6 apprised of the option that was given?

7 A I remember saying that specifically.

8 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 10
9 was marked for identification.]

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay. I would now like to introduce majority exhibit 10. This is an email
12 from [REDACTED] and DTD to you on July 12th at 12:42 p.m., forwarding an email from
13 [REDACTED]. And this email contains the FAA approval of [REDACTED] and then sets forth
14 the exact parameters of the flight restriction in place that day. When did you find out
15 that President-elect Trump was going to be late?

16 A He was going to be late?

1 [12:15 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Yes.

4 A I don't remember. Sometime around that day.

5 Q And did you become aware that the time that he was going to arrive was
6 going to obviously impact the window of [REDACTED]?

7 A Yes, I knew that will impact the window, yes.

8 Q And did you then mention that to anyone after finding out he was going to
9 be late?

10 A No.

11 Q Why didn't you mention that to anyone?

12 A I think everyone was aware of the [REDACTED]. It would have been
13 redundant to say that a [REDACTED].

14 Q Who would have been responsible for sort of taking into account that the
15 window, [REDACTED] did not line up with President-elect Trump's schedule?

16 A I don't know who that person would be.

17 Q Is that something that you would have felt you should have spoken to Agent
18 [REDACTED] about or Agent [REDACTED]?

19 A Again, I think that everyone was aware what the TFR window was and the
20 time of arrival.

21 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 11

22 was marked for identification.]

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. Majority exhibit 11, [REDACTED] is an email that you sent on July
25 12th at 10:22 p.m. to a group of individuals. You go into [REDACTED], the [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED], the time that it went into effect, and the time that it expired.

2 You also discuss here the [REDACTED] drone detection alerts, and you indicate
3 that: I will enter your mobile number into the drone detection notification system.
4 And then you let folks know that if a drone is detected, you will receive a text from the
5 [REDACTED] equipment, which then provides a Google Map link.

6 Did you enter in an email recipient's mobile numbers into the [REDACTED]
7 notification system?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q Okay. And this email was sent at 10:22 p.m. on the 12th, the evening
10 before the rally. What were you doing from the time that you arrived at the site until
11 10:22 p.m.?

12 A So I walk the site, get familiar with the walking path, set up the alert zones.
13 I don't remember everything. Generally, that's what it was.

14 Q Is there a reason that the email was sent so late at night the night before the
15 rally?

16 A Not specifically. Not specifically why it was so late. Do you have a period
17 of time?

18 Q Is there a time perhaps prior to dinner? Perhaps before people were going
19 to sleep? Or just wanting to know what you were doing the evening of the 12th.

20 A Just so you're aware, we -- so I brief all these people the morning of on the
21 13th of this same exact plan. So they received this and heard this information twice.
22 And it's typical. I just worked at an event. Every day I worked until midnight. It's not
23 9 to 5.

24 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 12
25 was marked for identification.]

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q Okay. Now introducing majority exhibit 12. This is a page from [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] transcribed interview. If I could refer you, sir, to line 3 here.

4 "Did Special Agent [REDACTED] add you to the text alert system?"

5 [REDACTED] responds, "I never got a confirmation that he did. I just kind of
6 assumed if we got the email that he did. There was no actual text that went out" as a
7 test.

8 And then he also responds, "Not that I was aware."

9 And the question here again, "Could you tell if you were on the alert system?"

10 [REDACTED] says, "No. We exchanged numbers, him and I, but never got any
11 notification I was on the alert system."

12 Should individuals on the alert system, [REDACTED] have received any kind of
13 notification?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. So just to clarify for the record, when you were added to the
16 [REDACTED] -- to that system, you do not receive a text message notification? There is nothing
17 that lets you know, "Hey, you've been added," other than when an alert is generated?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Okay.

20 [REDACTED] Just real quick, do you need to have an app to receive that
21 notification or is that coming through text when there's an alert?

22 [REDACTED] Just text message.

23 [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 13
25 was marked for identification.]

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q Okay. I'd now like to introduce majority exhibit 13. This is just going to
3 be a compilation, [REDACTED] of sort of text messages and call logs, your correspondence.

4 Moving back potentially to local law enforcement sort of accepting drones, did
5 former President Trump's detail accept an offer from State or local law enforcement
6 officers to fly drones in Wildwood Beach, New Jersey?

7 A I'm sorry, could you ask the question again?

8 Q Sure. Did President-elect Trump's detail, did the detail accept an offer from
9 State or local law enforcement officers to fly drones in Wildwood, New Jersey?

10 A I don't know.

11 Q Did you work that event, sir?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay. We had also just gone over in terms of denial of assets, you had
14 discussed [REDACTED] could not provide [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Is that correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. We will move to the day of the rally.

17 So what time did you arrive to the rally location on the 13th?

18 A Approximately 30 minutes before the post stander brief.

19 Q What time would that have been?

20 A I don't remember if the post stander brief was at 10 or 11. Do you have the
21 time?

22 Q 9:30.

23 A 9? If it was at 10 o'clock, I don't remember if it was 10 o'clock. If anybody
24 remembers.

25 Q Okay. And what did you do when you first arrived to the rally site?

1 A First arrived, I don't remember exactly what I did. Get ready for the brief.
2 Find my location. Put my bag down, I suppose. I don't remember exactly what I did.

3 Q Did you go to the security room? Where did you go? Where did
4 you -- what did you do to orient yourself?

5 A I went to the security room to put my bags down.

6 Q Okay. And then you went to the 10 a.m. brief?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay. And just to clarify, the only asset you had with you on the 13th was

9 ██████████

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. Did you have a modem or anything else with you to boost service
12 capabilities?

13 A No, I did not.

14 Q Okay. Were you concerned at all, with an event of over 10,000 people,
15 service might be an issue?

16 A No, I was not.

17 Q Okay. And you were just solely relying on cell tower coverage? Is that
18 correct?

19 A For what?

20 Q In terms of whatever service you were using to either operate your asset or
21 whatever you were using.

22 A Yeah. Are you referring to the ██████████ system?

23 Q Yes.

24 A So I believe it's ██████████. But, yes, to use ██████████
25 ██████████ that was nearby.

1 Q When you say partly [REDACTED] what was partly? Could you expand a bit on
2 that.

3 A Yeah. I believe it uses [REDACTED]. I don't know exactly how it
4 uses it, but from our understanding, it has a [REDACTED].

5 Q So [REDACTED] utilized both just regular [REDACTED] and then
6 another component [REDACTED]

7 A From my -- I believe so, yes.

8 Q Okay. Did you -- at what point in the day -- let me step back here -- did you
9 test or did you turn on [REDACTED] to test the asset?

10 A Immediately following the 10 a.m. post stander brief.

11 Q Okay. Around what time would that have been?

12 A I don't want to guess, ma'am. After the brief. The brief was less than an
13 hour, so after that.

14 Q Okay. So around 11 a.m.

15 Who is responsible in terms of the [REDACTED] asset for testing it and
16 functionality and upkeep?

17 A The persons in the Counter UAS program. I don't know there's anyone
18 specific to it.

19 Q So nobody sort of periodically checks in on these assets at the Secret Service
20 to see that they're operational and that they're okay to be given for events agents?

21 A I can tell you what I do personally. I check them before I travel with them.
22 And I imagine that's what the agents do before traveling with them.

23 Q And are you told to do that or given instructions to periodically check or
24 you --

25 A Not specifically.

1 Q You just do it --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- whenever you think you should.

4 A Well, I -- yes. I do it before traveling usually with it.

5 Q Okay. And then now you indicated there are requirements to test your
6 assets a certain period of time prior to an event? Is that correct?

7 A I believe so, yes.

8 Q And can you repeat for the record what that sort of time period in advance
9 is?

10 A Well, there's -- so before you've deployed with it and to have it established
11 before the post stander brief.

12 Q Okay. So moving to the operational period here, sir, when did you again
13 first sort of -- you can't say when you first came to realize that there were issues with the
14 assets you were trying to use.

15 Based upon what sort of we've seen, this occurred approximately at 11:30 a.m.
16 So would [REDACTED] have been in use from the time after the post stander brief was
17 complete throughout the day had it been operational?

18 A Yes, it would have.

19 Q Okay. How did you know who to contact for troubleshooting?

20 A So I contacted [REDACTED], the IPO [REDACTED] first, just because he's the one
21 most familiar with it, and he gave me the number to [REDACTED] from TSD, and [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] gave me the number to the support.

23 Q So could you also just walk me through, where were you when you realized
24 the equipment wasn't working? Where were you located? What did you do?

25 A I was at the initial setup site to -- behind the stage.

1 Q And that's where you first -- was that where you were supposed to be
2 posted that day or --

3 A Where the [REDACTED] system was going to be posted.

4 Q Okay. So when you realized it was not functioning properly, you then went
5 to the security room?

6 A No. I was there with the system.

7 Q Okay.

8 A And I was checking on the app for it to become active. I was seeing that I
9 was having trouble with it. Maybe I did go to the security room afterwards to see if
10 maybe it wasn't the app that was working. I did check several times on my laptop and
11 still seeing that it was not becoming active.

12 Q Okay. And you did not have that troubleshooting number? You needed
13 to get it from [REDACTED]

14 A I've had it. It was given to me. I was just trying to go through somebody
15 that would have -- not the troubleshooting number, but try and use somebody who I
16 knew.

17 Q Okay. So just referring you back to the exhibit I just handed you, majority
18 exhibit 13, Bates 1916, that is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] name redacted here.

19 So you're having phone calls with [REDACTED] at 11:47 a.m., 11:49 a.m., and this
20 was all just about troubleshooting emails?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. And then on July 13th you were also in communication with [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] and the Technical Security Division at 12:10 p.m. This is going to be majority
24 exhibit 14. And what had you discussed with [REDACTED] that day in terms of sort of
25 resources or what he could have provided you with?

1 A Can you ask me the question again about [REDACTED]

2 Q Yes. Just going through who you were in contact with that day.

3 So you spoke with [REDACTED]. He provided you with a phone number.

4 Anything else that you discussed with [REDACTED]

5 A No.

6 Q Okay. And then this next is a text exchange, majority exhibit 14, with

7 [REDACTED] And this is redacted, sir. But he provides you with [REDACTED]

8 IGL, company [REDACTED] support, and a phone number. So what was that about?

9 A That was the number for [REDACTED]

10 Q Support?

11 A [REDACTED] support, correct.

12 Q Did you call this phone number? What did you do when you received it?

13 A Called the number.

14 Q Okay. And then did you stay on the phone with this individual? Sort of
15 walk me through what you were doing from around 11:49 a.m. onward.

16 A I was on the phone with them for -- often -- off and on for several hours
17 trying to troubleshoot it, troubleshoot the [REDACTED] system. They would tell me that
18 they were restarting the system, that they can see the system, and they'll try to send
19 updates to it. They would remotely start it, reboot it.

20 It was just ways of, like, being on the phone with tech support, trying to do things
21 that they would ask me to do.

22 Q Were you in the security room over the duration of the time you were
23 troubleshooting?

24 A Often. In and out of the security room several times, yeah, checking on my
25 computer and see if the aerial system was becoming active.

1 Q Were other people in the security room aware of what you were doing?

2 A They could have been. I'm not sure.

3 Q Did you tell anyone that you were having issues and that you were on the
4 phone with tech support?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Who did you tell?

7 A I told the site agent. I told --

8 Q Who is the site agent, for clarity?

9 A [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay.

11 A I told the security room agent and supervisor [REDACTED]

12 Q The security room agent is?

13 A I don't know who he is.

14 Q Okay. While the drone was not operational, did you put in place any
15 mitigation measures, such as having someone conduct visual observation, or anything
16 else?

17 A So what I briefed that morning was that the system did not detect every
18 drone coming. So any drone that was already -- that was observed should be called out
19 to the security room. So there was a plan in place for them to report any drones that
20 they saw.

21 Q Did you ask anyone to conduct a visual observation that day while you were
22 troubleshooting?

23 A Again, I asked them that morning, not when I was troubleshooting.

24 Q Okay. So people just knew to continue on conducting visual observation
25 not knowing that [REDACTED] was not functional?

1 A Whether [REDACTED] was functional or not, they were to report every
2 drone they observed to the security room.

3 Q Okay. Who was supposed to be observing?

4 A Every post stander that was there as a general observation.

5 Q When did the CUAS system finally become operational? Can you just talk a
6 bit about when that happened and how you sort of discovered what the issue was?

7 A Yeah. So the time it became operational was sometime after 4 p.m.

8 And how it became operational, I was talking to tech support. They asked
9 me -- they told me that two of the boxes weren't talking to each other and to see if I can
10 switch out an ethernet cable.

11 So I got an ethernet cable from the audio-visual team from the campaign and I
12 [REDACTED]. And then shortly thereafter I rebooted the system,
13 turned it off, turned it back on, and afterwards it became active.

14 Q Okay. So in your Senate testimony, the CUAS system finally became
15 operational at approximately 4:33 p.m.

16 In reports received from the FBI and reviewed by the task force, Mr. Crooks flew
17 his DJI drone approximately 200 yards away at 3:51 p.m. If AA had been operational,
18 would it have detected Mr. Crooks' drone?

19 A I don't know that. So there's [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]? [REDACTED]?

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. Again, with your experience in the use of the [REDACTED] system, a
25 drone only being 200 yards away, again, to the best that you can sort of surmise here, sir,

1 would AA have picked up just such a common drone such as the one Crooks was flying at
2 3:51 p.m.?

3 A It possibly could have picked them up, but not -- it's not a certainty that it
4 would have. Again, there's drones that it's designed to pick up and some that it don't.

5 Q Assuming a scenario where [REDACTED] was deployed, what about
6 [REDACTED]

7 A Same scenario. So [REDACTED] can take down some drones and there's
8 drones that it can't take down.

9 Q In terms of the individuals that you just stated on the record you instructed
10 to conduct visual observation that day, did anyone tell you that they saw a drone?

11 A No.

12 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 15
13 was marked for identification.]

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q Okay. I'd now like to introduce to the record majority exhibit -- what are
16 we up to? 15.

17 So this is a photograph taken by a rallygoer at 6:07 p.m. I flagged for you to look
18 at the orange flag. The second photo is a zoomed-in picture.

19 Sir, what does that look like to you?

20 A Looks like an airplane.

21 Q Looks like an airplane?

22 A Yes, ma'am.

23 Q That doesn't look like a drone to you?

24 A Ma'am, I'll have to be guessing. I don't want to guess.

25 Q Okay.

1 A But if I have to guess, it looks like an airplane.

2 Q Okay. Moving to suspicious persons that day in your interaction with [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] how many suspicious persons did you hear about that day on the 13th?

4 A At least one. At least one. There was talks of other persons, but at least
5 one for sure from the times that I was in the security room.

6 Q And, sir, can we refer back to majority exhibit 13, this comms package that I
7 gave you with text messages. If we look at Bates number 1920, these are --

8 [REDACTED] It's in front of you.

9 [REDACTED] This one?

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q Yes. At the top right corner, 1920. These are photos. That these text
12 messages are sent to you at 5:51 p.m., photos of Mr. Crooks, and this is photos you
13 received from a PSP sergeant as well as a bike with a backpack.

14 Did you ever notify anyone in President-elect Trump's protective detail about
15 these pictures when you received them?

16 A No. So in the security room the PSP sergeant said the -- that he was -- that
17 snipers had identified this individual and they said they have pictures. Again, this is the
18 PSP sergeant talking to the security room. I do not have a role in this, I'm just Counter
19 UAS, but I asked the PSP sergeant to send me the picture. And then I asked the security
20 room agent if we would send out -- that we can use the Counter Sniper Response to
21 locate this individual. He agreed.

22 I then sent out this picture to the Counter Sniper Response agent, and that's who I
23 notified, is the Counter Sniper Response agent.

24 Q And if you turn to the top sir, Bates number 1914, this is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
25 the Counter Sniper Response agent, you see sort of a number of outgoing and incoming

1 phone calls, 6 p.m., 6:05 p.m., 6:10 p.m. This is all before shots went out.

2 What are you talking about with [REDACTED] at that time?

3 A I was trying to get updates from him on whether they located the suspicious
4 individual. And also I was trying to pass information to him. So that's what we were
5 talking about.

6 Q Did you find it odd that you were the one dispatching the CS Response agent
7 and it was not [REDACTED] who was the CS team lead?

8 A No, I didn't find it odd. I was just trying to be helpful at the time.

9 Q Did you tell [REDACTED] where to go?

10 A I did.

11 Q What did you tell him?

12 A I told him that the individual was seen by the Sheetz gas station.

13 Q Were you aware at any point that Agent [REDACTED] and a trooper
14 counterpart had -- following the issuance of a BOLO by [REDACTED] they got into a golf
15 cart to go to the location of the shooter but were advised to turn back and go to the
16 stage?

17 A No, I was not aware of that.

18 Q [REDACTED] never communicated that to you in your conversations with
19 him?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. Did you ever tell [REDACTED] about Crooks being on the roof?

22 A I believe I did, yes.

23 Q Okay. Can you help us understand why you were corresponding with [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] about Crooks and not the supervisors for the event?

25 A Well, there was a security room agent responsible for that, and that was not

1 in my duties. But I was trying to -- the reason why I was getting Crooks is because -- or,
2 excuse me, why I was telling [REDACTED] is just to direct them and vector him into what I
3 was receiving from the Pennsylvania State Police sergeant.

4 Q The last two exhibits before my time sort of runs out, one is going to be a
5 series of alerts in the evening around 8 o'clock and the other are handwritten notes from
6 Agent [REDACTED]

7 A Ma'am, I want to add a clarification to the roof.

8 Q Please.

9 A We're not -- at no time were we notified that there was a shooter -- or
10 suspicious individual for that matter -- in the -- adjacent to the stage.

11 So when they said that he was on the roof, the last place we have received
12 information about was that he was in the vicinity of the Sheetz gas station.

13 So I was looking at roofs on my personal phone nearly a mile away. The last
14 place I thought that this person was or to my knowledge anybody knew that he was in the
15 roof where the local tactical team was at or the local sniper team was at. So I just want
16 to clarify that.

17 If -- I did say that it was not my duty to notify the shift that there was a shooter on
18 a roof, and it's not. However, had I known there was a person, suspicious individual
19 adjacent to the stage where the local tactical -- or local sniper team was, I absolutely
20 would have notified them.

21 There is generally and routinely suspicious individuals in the vicinity of events that
22 we're tracking. It's never a completely sterile location. So we're tracking individuals all
23 over. And because he was, in my mind, in the vicinity of the Sheetz gas station that was
24 over a mile away, or approximately a mile away, that is why I did not tell -- have the
25 individual or the shift notified that there was someone out there. But I hope that brings

1 clarification.

2 [REDACTED] If minority will just allow me to finalize. Thank you.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q So shots ring out. What did you do at that juncture at 6:11 p.m.?

5 A So we never heard the shots in the security room, but we did hear on the
6 radio that there was shots fired. Shots fired, a shooter down is what was transpiring on
7 the radio.

8 We took in calls from -- for medical assistance. I assisted the security room
9 agent as best as I could. Folks who had questions -- at that point we didn't know where
10 the shooter was still, or at least I didn't, or I don't think anybody in the security room did.
11 But dispatching first aid became first priority.

12 I don't think I was able to hear any radio traffic from the Baker net where the shift
13 was at, the radio net that the shift was using, but I did hear on the radio that [REDACTED] was
14 in [REDACTED] -- excuse me, that President Trump was in his limo -- and so I knew that he
15 was leaving, which was good to hear, satisfying, that he was okay. So -- I don't know. I
16 forget the question now.

17 Q Thank you.

18 And so [REDACTED] became operational at 4:33 p.m. When did you learn that
19 Mr. Crooks had been flying his drone earlier in the day, sir?

20 A From the news the day after or maybe two days after.

21 Q And just to finalize on the two exhibits I just entered, the first are going to be
22 a series of [REDACTED] alerts the evening of Saturday, July 13th.

23 Sir, can you just go over what these alerts are?

24 A Yeah. Those are alerts from drones.

25 So police received clearance from the FAA. We contacted FAA to get clearance

1 for drones to fly and they received clearance. I believe there was Pennsylvania State
2 Police and also Beaver County. Beaver County were primarily actually, and I think
3 Pennsylvania State Police as well. There was at least two. I forget the second one.

4 Q To be clear, sir, this [REDACTED] alert at 8:08 p.m., was that the first alert
5 you received on July 13th from [REDACTED]

6 A There were -- yeah. All these alerts we received after we gained clearance
7 from the FAA to clear, and those were the first ones of the day. There were no alerts
8 prior to that.

9 Q So you received no alerts from [REDACTED] prior to 8:08 p.m.

10 A I believe so, yeah.

11 Q Okay. Lastly, looking at handwritten notes here from Agent [REDACTED] which
12 she has written down here. Just top of her concerns: CUAS, why wasn't I told it wasn't
13 working properly? What training does he have and how many times has he operated
14 the CUAS system?

15 Sir, should Agent [REDACTED] have been told that [REDACTED] was not working
16 properly?

17 [REDACTED] This is the site counterpart?

18 [REDACTED] The site counterpart. Maybe she should have been told. I
19 communicated that to Agent [REDACTED] Yeah, they should have been on the same sheet of
20 music.

21 [REDACTED] Okay. So Agent [REDACTED] was aware, and it's just your testimony
22 today, sir, that [REDACTED] should have informed [REDACTED] that CUAS [REDACTED] was not
23 working properly that day.

24 [REDACTED] They should have shared information between the two of them.

25 [REDACTED] Okay.

1 Do you have anything additional?

2

BY [REDACTED]

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Q Have you been told that you should, by the Secret Service, anyone in a
4 supervisory capacity in the Secret Service, or an instructor over training capacity, that you
5 should have transmitted over the radio that there was someone on the roof? Have you
6 been told that?

7

A So every information received in the security room should be transmitted
8 out, if that's your question.

9

Q And have you been told that? Were you specifically given feedback about
10 your performance during July 13th?

11

A No. No. So I think you're asking me two different questions. So --

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Q And I'll narrow it down for you.

13

Have you been given specific feedback for your performance on July 13th?

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A No. But to the first half of your question, yes, we have been told and
15 trained that every information put into the security room should be disseminated with
16 everyone on site. Even something that's passed on one side of a frequency should also
17 be transmitted and repeated by the security room on another frequency.

18

Q Have you been retrained for anything at all since July 13th on anything, any
19 aspect of your performance?

20

A Retrained?

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Q Yes.

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A No.

23

[REDACTED] Have you conducted CUAS advance since the 13th?

24

[REDACTED] Yes, I have.

25

[REDACTED] Okay.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q Going back to PSP, maybe local counterparts having drone capabilities for
3 July 13th, it would be helpful for us to understand that as CUAS advance, have you had
4 any type of authority to make an offer to PSP or local counterparts for their drone
5 capabilities for that day? Do you have that authority?

6 A To request for drones? I don't think anybody would deny me that request
7 if I will make one.

8 Q In order to make that request, would you need to --

9 A Coordinate with the site agent.

10 Q And that would be the site agent that you would be coordinating with to
11 request drone capabilities from local partners or Pennsylvania State Police. Is that
12 accurate?

13 A Correct, yeah.

14 Q Okay. And did you at any point coordinate or have discussion with the site
15 agent about local drone capabilities and whether you wanted to or not wanted to extend
16 an offer?

17 A No, we did not.

18 Q Okay.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q Do you carry backup materials with you now, sir?

21 A What do you mean?

22 Q An additional ethernet cord, any sort of troubleshooting materials, in the
23 event your technology does not work?

24 A Yes. We've had -- the last one I've had two ethernet cords.

25 Q And was that mandated by the Secret Service or something you're doing on

1 your own?

2 A No, something I just wanted to do.

3 Q Okay. There's no mandate presently in the Secret Service to carry backup
4 or other materials?

5 A No, ma'am.

6 [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 [Recess.]

8 [REDACTED] So we'll go back on the record at 1:02.

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q So I'm going to focus -- I have a few cleanup questions at the beginning, and
11 then I'm going to focus on the day of July 13th, just touch upon what some of my
12 colleagues have previously gone down the road on.

13 To start off, can you just explain exactly what a Pelican box is. You mentioned it
14 a few times.

15 A Yeah. So it's a hard case used to store, transport equipment, keep them
16 waterproof. It has foam on the inside, and the foam is cut out.

17 Q Okay.

18 A Yeah, the one he showed you.

19 Q And when you were talking about the TFR with ASAIC [REDACTED] you had
20 mentioned he had asked: Is there a buffer period? Can you talk a bit more about what
21 exactly a buffer period is in that context.

22 A I don't think there's anything specific to what it is. What I think he meant
23 was, like, can we go over the TFR to restrict drones from flying outside the window, the
24 TFR window.

25 Q And to your knowledge you couldn't request something like that at that

1 time.

2 A Correct.

3 Q Once the request has been made and approved by the FDA, that's that.

4 A Well, yeah. And also takes a few days for the approval, to my knowledge.

5 Q Gotcha.

6 Regarding TSI [REDACTED] and yourself, what GS level are you?

7 A I'm a GS-13.

8 Q GS-13. Do you know what GS level TSI [REDACTED] is?

9 A I have no idea, no.

10 Q Okay. And what is your or what would you classify your relationship with
11 [REDACTED] in the sense of, like, from a supervisory capacity?

12 The reason I'm asking is that typically CUAS or [REDACTED] assets are typically
13 under TSD. It's in their operations manual, they have a lot of technical expertise on that.

14 So if you were the [REDACTED] you're bringing out the Counter UAS system to an
15 event --

16 A Sure.

17 Q -- would you consider him a supervisor to an extent or not?

18 A No.

19 Q You would not. So I guess how would you characterize your interaction
20 with him? Would you need to tell him anything? Or is it more -- like, how did that
21 really go, I guess, for the setup?

22 A So he's there longer doing his assessment, so him knowing that I'm the
23 Counter UAS person, then he would give me a heads-up of certain things, like he did on
24 the 10th. We're doing two different things. He's looking for things that explodes and
25 power issues. And two different jobs completely.

1 Q Even though there is overlap between your role and his, to an extent, in that,
2 like, that is partially under the umbrella.

3 A Correct. So, yes. CUAS is under TSD, but I was there doing the CUAS, he
4 was there doing TSD looking for other threats, explosives and such.

5 Q One thought that popped into my head earlier when you were clarifying,
6 like, the power source of the [REDACTED] system, what typically would one do in a
7 power outage situation if it's plugged in, for example, and there are speakers into an
8 outlet, I assume? Like, if the power had went out, does the system just shut off?

9 A It does, yes.

10 Q And if it does shut off, how long might it take to restart or reset or reactivate
11 that system?

12 A Given that the power comes back on, it will [REDACTED].

13 Q [REDACTED]. So it's kind of like [REDACTED]

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. And It wouldn't, to your knowledge, it wouldn't require you to do
16 anything else to get it back to being fully active.

17 A Correct.

18 Q Okay. And just to clarify a bit, just because there sometimes seems to be a
19 confusion with, like, the actual resource allocation, the request, the denials, what was
20 actually present.

21 So in TSI [REDACTED] transcribed interview, he talked about how he had put that
22 down on paper in response to a question line, because it to an extent is one could view it
23 as redundant or superfluous because the DTD, for example, had both [REDACTED] and a
24 [REDACTED] gun that they could have brought to the event.

25 So I guess I'm just trying to clarify with you, like, in your opinion, is that considered

1 a denial if, like, the detail has it and is bringing it to the event?

2 Does that make sense? I'm trying to phrase that as clearly as I can.

3 A Yeah. No, I think I understand your question. And you're asking my
4 opinion.

5 My opinion is yes, it is a denial. I mean, we're very limited in quantity and what
6 we have, and I can't bring one from, for example, the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We
7 have protectees there and we have specific things that [REDACTED] are for, so it will
8 be reducing a capability to -- then plus somewhere else, whereas TSD, I believe, has some
9 on standby.

10 Q Okay. So I think that's a helpful clarification in that you have it and you
11 were able to bring at least the [REDACTED] system with you, and then the
12 [REDACTED] came with the motorcade. And you were requesting here is an extra
13 one so we don't need to alter our current capacity. Is that accurate?

14 A Correct, yep.

15 Q Okay. And to get a better sense, since you were trained by the detail, is it
16 the detail stance that when an event occurs, would you have, in an ideal situation, or this
17 is what you're supposed to do, would you have an [REDACTED] system and a [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] -- the
19 [REDACTED]?

20 A I don't know what the bosses would clarify as a -- would designate as ideal,
21 but for me I would like to have a mitigation system like the [REDACTED] and -- or, excuse
22 me, detection system like the [REDACTED] and a mitigation system to be able to act on a
23 drone that's in our vicinity.

24 Q And has it been your experience in the [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED], that the [REDACTED] would arrive

1 [REDACTED] It wasn't present at the event with you prior to?

2 A [REDACTED], I [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. That is a helpful clarification. Thank you.

6 A Yes.

7 Q So we're going to move into the 13th. I'll try to shy away from some of
8 what my colleagues did or summarize to the best of my extent. And for part of this, too,
9 based off the call logs that they introduced earlier, so the text messages, I'll kind of go
10 minute by minute just to get an idea of exactly what was being done. That will just give
11 a clearer picture for the record.

12 A Sure.

13 Q So to the best of your knowledge, how did you -- or who did you understand
14 to be the chain of command for you that day, just to clarify. Once you finished up the
15 10 a.m. meeting, did you view the security room agent, who was SAIC [REDACTED] or was
16 it the Site Agent [REDACTED] Was it the detail lead, [REDACTED]? Who did you view to be
17 your direct line or supervisor that day?

18 A Sure. I wouldn't use the word "supervisor," but the person in charge of the
19 site was the site agent, and me being assigned to the site would, I guess, report to [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay. I'll use reporting to the supervisor just to clarify that. So you would
22 typically, if you had an issue, would report up to her.

23 Where would you potentially place SAIC [REDACTED] then, for example, on that chain?

24 A I would not put him in that chain.

25 Q Okay.

1 A He was there to do a duty. He is the SAIC of -- I forget where,
2 wherever -- he's the boss there. But on that day he was responsible for the security
3 room, the communications in there, and that's all.

4 Q And regarding the email that you sent out to some of the post standers, this
5 is the majority exhibit 11, some of the individuals in that email, [REDACTED] she's
6 the Phoenix tag. There is also TSD [REDACTED] There's also an Oklahoma City, which is
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 Is there a reason why you chose specifically just a few of those post standers
9 versus the rest of the 21-, 23-odd agents there that day?

10 A Yeah, because these were the individuals that would be receiving -- that
11 would be in the plan of the action plan if there was a drone in the area. They will be
12 deployed to contact -- make contact with the operator and do an interview.

13 Q So that wasn't your decision to choose, and specifically that was a security
14 planning advance planning decision.

15 A No. That was my decision. That's typically what we do. And I was sure
16 to inform [REDACTED] that that's what -- I was going to use them.

17 So we usually normally use PI. I had spoken to her about also, since we have a
18 Counter Sniper Response, which we don't always have, to also include them, and she was
19 okay with it, and I included him.

20 Q So Agent [REDACTED] was okay with including Agent [REDACTED] in --

21 A Yes.

22 Q -- Counter Sniper Response, in this duty?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay. And so could you actually -- you had mentioned earlier that you
25 would check the equipment prior to departure, but you didn't check it on the 12th when

1 it was initially set up.

2 Can you just walk me a bit through, had it been checked, what is the process like?

3 What would you do to check the equipment?

4 A You have to set it up completely and then see, whether on the app or on the
5 portal, to see that it was active. And then you will know that it's working and in
6 operation.

7 Q And when you entered in the information for some of the individuals, such
8 as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who would help detect and respond to, I guess how would
9 you typically enter that in? Would that be the portal or the app or would that be into
10 the machine itself? I guess how did that function?

11 A It's on the portal online.

12 Q Okay.

13 A On the computer, yeah.

14 Q So you would need to activate the machine to enter this information.

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. So you were able to enter it that evening, for example.

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. So I'm just going to run a bit through, and I'm going to attempt to
19 summarize. So some of this is drawn from what my colleagues have recently gone
20 through as well as your MAR. So some of the times I mentioned are approximate. I
21 just want to make sure that we have the full picture.

22 So you attempted to turn it on. It didn't work initially. So you initially reached
23 out to [REDACTED], the IPO officer, around 11:47, 11:49 to ask him what to do.

24 Is that correct?

25 A Yeah.

1 Q And so he suggested talking to [REDACTED].

2 A Correct.

3 Q And what was the reason specifically for choosing [REDACTED] over someone
4 else potentially within TSD?

5 A [REDACTED] is the supervisor in charge of Counter UAS and TSD.

6 Q Was there any suggestion to talk to anyone else in DTD, since DTD had kind
7 of internally trained its agents, versus, like, TSD training?

8 A No. [REDACTED] is like the expert on it. So he wouldn't recommend
9 somebody who knows less.

10 Q Okay. So if [REDACTED] didn't know, then he would choose someone else. Okay.
11 Gotcha.

12 So you ended up talking to [REDACTED] at around 12:05. Did he say anything
13 specifically or offer troubleshooting advice, or was it solely here is the tech support
14 number?

15 A He did. So he asked if there was any satellite trucks nearby, and sure
16 enough there was, so he recommended relocating. I relocated to the 12 o'clock of the
17 stage, set it up there, and I was still having problems with it.

18 Q And I just want to make -- so did you -- if you can approximately
19 recall -- what time did you actually physically move the [REDACTED] system over to the
20 12 o'clock side of the stage?

21 A It was after speaking with [REDACTED]

22 Q Okay. After [REDACTED] Okay. Gotcha.

23 Was there any concern potentially putting the [REDACTED] system close to the
24 crowd where there would have been potentially cellular issues with the number of
25 people?

1 A No, that was never a concern.

2 Q Because it also is partially functioned by satellite views, correct? There is a
3 satellite component potentially?

4 A I think it's just the fact that there was many outdoor rallies and it's never
5 been a problem before.

6 Q Okay. You ended up talking to some of your supervisors or reported to
7 other agents around that time, around -- is this accurate? You talked to Agent [REDACTED]
8 the site agent, around 2:34, and then you talked to ASAIC [REDACTED] right after that
9 conversation?

10 A I spoke to both of them. I don't recall the time.

11 Q Okay. You told him that the platform was experiencing issues. You were
12 trying to troubleshoot. Is that right?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q Did you tell him anything else at that point?

15 A No. It was just concerning that the system was not operational.

16 Q At some point, the tech support in your conversations back and forth, they
17 mentioned that there was a software update that was pushed to the platform. Can you
18 just talk a bit about that.

19 A Yeah. So speaking to tech support, they said they can see the system.
20 They couldn't figure out what the problem was with the system, so they tried sending an
21 update to it. They sent an update, but that didn't fix the problem at the time.

22 Q Okay. And then once you were able to swap out the ethernet cable at
23 around, like, the 4:16 to 4:33 time range, that's when the system fully connected, turned
24 on, and then it activated. Is that right?

25 A Correct, yeah.

1 Q How long once it was turned on did it take to activate? If you can recall.

2 A Five to ten minutes.

3 Q Five to ten minutes. Okay.

4 So as you were going through this process, you essentially did everything that the
5 detail had trained you to do, though, correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Troubleshoot the issue.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. If TSD had given you any training, you would have also utilized that
10 as well, I presume?

11 A Absolutely.

12 Q Okay. It has -- since then has -- since July 13th, has TSD provided other
13 training?

14 A No.

15 Q So I'm going to move over a bit to the security room and kind of the
16 conversation -- the conversations with Agent [REDACTED]

17 So you end up spending a good chunk of your time after working on the problem
18 and addressing the system in the security room.

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Okay. And you understood your role to be predominantly or primarily the
21 [REDACTED] CUAS operator.

22 A Correct.

23 Q So you didn't have an official role as a security room agent or as a
24 communications person, correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q But you were able to assist SAIC [REDACTED]

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Did SAIC [REDACTED] like, essentially ask you to help him? Did he, like,
4 deputize you to an extent, if that makes sense, or was it more you were proactively trying
5 to help him?

6 A He did after the shooting ask me to help.

7 Q Oh, after the shooting, like, officially. Okay.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q But prior to that, you were assisting him where necessary.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Since the system was up and working.

12 A Yeah. No, I wouldn't have been much help. I was in and out of the
13 security room checking out my system. So, no.

14 Q But once the system was activated at 4:33, did you spend more of your time
15 inside of the security room?

16 A More time, yes, but I still have to go outside and check on the system to
17 make sure -- at that point I was concerned that the system would go down again. I was
18 in and out a lot in the security room keeping an eye on it. The LED nodes on the [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] system, that I want to make sure they're still green and were remaining green.

20 Q Was there anything in particular that made you feel like this would go down
21 again, the system?

22 A Well, just the fact that it didn't -- I had problems with it earlier. That was
23 the only concern.

24 Q Okay.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q Can I ask one? Sorry. If you don't mind.

2 Your role in the communications in the 5 and 6 o'clock hour.

3 A Sure.

4 Q I guess just from an org chart point of view, it has not always been clear to us
5 why you are part of those communications at all. In other words, they're not really
6 about CUAS things or about a suspicious individual.

7 How did you come to be part of those communications in the first place, if that
8 makes sense?

9 A Yeah. Just trying to be helpful.

10 Q Okay. Proactive, trying to help out.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Okay. Got it. Thank you.

13 A No good deed goes unpunished.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q So could you actually just describe the setup of the security room, where you
16 were placed, where SAIC [REDACTED] was placed, where the PSP sergeant, Sergeant [REDACTED], was
17 placed.

18 A Sure. So the security room was in the office building of the Butler farm. It
19 was a large room and there was multiple tables set up in a U shape. So if we're at the
20 end of the table of the U shape, the security room agent was sitting on this end here.
21 PSP sergeant was sitting approximately where I'm sitting. And I was connected to a
22 power source on it would be that wall over there, and on a desk.

23 Q Okay. So if this is the U --

24 A Yes.

25 Q -- it's [REDACTED], and then to his left is [REDACTED] and you were over here to [REDACTED] --

1 A It was the PSP sergeant. I don't know what his name was.

2 Q Sure. The PSP sergeant. And then [REDACTED] was to his left.

3 A Yes.

4 Q And then you were to [REDACTED] left.

5 A I was to his left and behind. I was connected to the wall.

6 Q Okay. So around the 5:47 to 5:51 time frame you received verbal
7 information from Sergeant [REDACTED] about the suspicious person report. What exactly did
8 he say to you?

9 A I want to clarify. It was not to me. It was speaking to the site agent -- or,
10 excuse me, the security room agent.

11 Q Okay. So he directed that comment towards SAIC [REDACTED]

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. But you were able to hear that, hear the comment.

14 A Yes, I was.

15 Q Okay. From what you recall, did you -- did Sergeant [REDACTED] specifically say
16 whether Mr. Crooks was inside or outside the perimeter?

17 A I understood that it was outside.

18 Q Outside.

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And so when Sergeant [REDACTED] relayed that information, did you talk with
21 SAIC [REDACTED] Did you guys have a discussion about what to do about that information?

22 A Yes. So I recommended that we use -- [REDACTED] was the CS Response, to
23 try to locate this individual.

24 Q Is there a reason why CS Response [REDACTED] was chosen over, say, the site
25 PI, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 A From our understanding, the site PI was also deployed to locate the
2 individual. So they were both used. I made contact with [REDACTED]

3 Q Do you recall who told you that [REDACTED] was already in the process of
4 looking?

5 A So not in the process, but later deployed. And I forget who it was that told
6 me, how I got that knowledge, but I do know that she was in the process of looking for
7 him.

8 Q Sure. I guess I'm trying to clarify, like, if [REDACTED] was chosen initially,
9 why was [REDACTED] also not considered I think at that point?

10 A Yeah. In my mind, maybe I connected the dots. The gentleman has said
11 there was -- the PSP sergeant has said that local snipers have seen him.

12 Q You saw the connection of --

13 A Yeah. So his -- [REDACTED] job was to respond to anything that -- to
14 investigate things that a sniper will see. Normally, it would be something that the
15 [REDACTED] team would see, but in this case it was the local team. So I just connected that
16 with [REDACTED]

1 [1:24 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q And to the best of your knowledge, what did you understand the purpose of

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the CS response agent to be, just, like, at an outdoor event?

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A Sure. So an -- anywhere, the counter sniper response agent's job is to

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assess a possible threat identified by the snipers. That's why his title is counter sniper

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response.

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Q And who do you believe had the authority to deploy a counter sniper

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response? Could it have been the security room agents, Agent [REDACTED] as the site agent,

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counter snipers themselves?

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A Yes. So it would be either the site agent or the security room. So the

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security room kind of acts on behalf of the site agent, passing information, letting

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magnetometers know to open and close. So the security room kind of acts on behalf of

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the site agent, if you will.

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Possibly the snipers, if they see something. I don't think they wouldn't reach out

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directly to [REDACTED] but they will reach out to the security room. The security room

17

would deploy [REDACTED]

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Q When -- out of curiosity, when were you the site agent in Allentown?

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A Two weeks ago. I don't know.

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Q Two weeks ago. Okay. Who was that for, out of curiosity?

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A President Trump.

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Q President Trump. And do you recall how many times you've been a site

23

agent before?

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A At least five times.

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Q At least five times.

1 A Maybe.

2 Q So was it your understanding as a site agent, having done that role
3 previously, that you could deploy counter sniper response for a threat?

4 A Absolutely. At a site, the site agent is -- would be responsible for everyone.

5 Q Okay. So from your recollection, did [REDACTED] pass along that information to
6 anyone else aside from -- from [REDACTED]

7 A I believe -- I believe he contacted PI. I believe he contacted PI.

8 Q And do you know, was that over the radio, through a cell phone?

9 A I don't know. Sorry.

10 Q I believe that in your MAR you previously used a site PI to investigate a
11 drone threat.

12 I guess, is there a reason why you previously chosen, like, a site PI versus the CS
13 response?

14 A It's usually a site PI because the -- usually interview a -- an operator of a
15 drone as to -- we do interview -- PI interviews. And they're to assess as to the intent of
16 the suspicious person.

17 So in the case of a UAS, like, why are you flying a drone, do you have any special
18 interest in our protectee, or were they just trying to have fun on an afternoon or
19 something.

20 Q So it seems like site PI focuses a bit more on suspicious person versus CS
21 response is more like a threat has occurred?

22 A So, I think they're both -- both would be able to respond to threats. But
23 yeah, PI is probably more prepared for interview.

24 Q And, I guess, was there any contingency, any talk of [REDACTED] for example, if CS
25 response had been deployed to look for Mr. Crooks, but then there was another issue

1 that counter snipers might have spotted, what would typically be -- what would happen, I
2 guess?

3 A Well, what I would do -- I don't know if it was typical. I would try to utilize
4 the local counterparts. If we were -- if our assets were exhausted, we'll check to local
5 counterparts, for sure.

6 Q Okay. So about 5:52, you sent a photo of Mr. Crooks to [REDACTED]
7 Did you provide any context, I guess, when you sent him the photo?

8 A Sure. Yeah.

9 Q Can you just give us an idea of, like, what the context was?

10 A Sure.

11 Q Because he eventually called you and asked for additional information about
12 the subject.

13 A I don't think he called me for additional information, or remember he did.
14 But the context was the snipers identified someone. They seemed -- thought it was
15 suspicious.

16 And I gave them the location of the vicinity of Sheetz gas station, and I asked them
17 to go investigate and try to locate the individual; sent him the picture that we had.

18 Q Do you recall if you specifically said that Crooks was outside of the perimeter
19 or inside the perimeter, or that phrase wasn't used at all?

20 A That phrase was not used. But I did say it was the vicinity of the Sheetz gas
21 station, which is what the PSP sergeant had said. So it was clearly out of the perimeter
22 because -- to look, it was a ways away.

23 Q Did Special Agent [REDACTED] seem to understand that this was a potential
24 issue outside of the venue versus being, like, at the venue?

25 A Absolutely, yeah. He definitely understood that. He said, It's going to

1 take me like 15 minutes to get there. I was like, Well, get there quickly. So, yeah, he
2 understood it was outside.

3 Q So you also received another call at around 5:55 from [REDACTED]

4 Do you recall what you spoke about? That was about a minute-long
5 conversation after you told him he's at Sheetz.

6 A I don't remember. So a lot of these phone calls -- I think I only spoke to him
7 twice from, maybe, 10 attempts that you can see on the phone log. I don't know how
8 many, but there's several. But I think I only spoke to him twice.

9 And the first one it was, this is where -- in the vicinity where he's at, Sheetz gas
10 station. And then the last one was to tell him that PSP identified -- said that he was on a
11 roof. Those are the only two times I remember speaking to him.

12 Q Okay. Did you -- do you recall passing along the contact information of a
13 local counter sniper, [REDACTED], to [REDACTED]

14 A Possibly. I don't remember.

15 Q Okay. Then it says around 6 o'clock --

16 A It should be on the text message logs, though.

17 Q Sure.

18 A Because if it was, I would have texted to him.

19 Q Okay. And then around 6 p.m., you had an incoming call from him -- from
20 Special Agent [REDACTED]

21 Do you recall what might have taken place during that conversation?

22 A I don't, no.

23 Q Okay. Around 6:05, it looked like you attempted to make two outgoing
24 calls to [REDACTED] but it seems like they both last two seconds, so they did not
25 connect.

1 Is that -- best of your recollection, is that accurate?

2 A Yes. I think a lot of the ones were no connect, even -- even maybe
3 the -- what seems like a connection, I wasn't hearing anything.

4 Q Okay. That's helpful. The one minute, for example, that's just from what
5 the call log itself says, but that's helpful to know.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Do you recall what you were trying to tell [REDACTED] at that time, at
8 around the 6:05 time frame?

9 A Yeah. I was trying to get updates to see if they located him -- if they
10 located the individual.

11 Q Did you try reaching out over radio as well?

12 A I did. I believe I did.

13 Q Did he ever respond over radio, or was it predominantly a cell phone-based
14 conversation?

15 A Predominantly cell phone-based. I think it was the distance, so he had -- so
16 we had hand-held radios, and they don't reach very far.

17 Q So around the 6:09 to 6:10 time frame, Sergeant [REDACTED] from PSP ends up
18 saying that local police have surrounded the suspect on the AGR rooftop. Per your call
19 logs, you then called Agent [REDACTED] at 6:10. It lasted for about 16 seconds.

20 Do you recall what you might have said during that short conversation with him?

21 A At what time?

22 Q At around -- it was around 6:10, according to the call logs.

23 A 6:10, I think that was the time that I have heard from State police that -- that
24 he was in a roof, and that's when I informed them -- I was trying to inform them he was
25 on a roof. I don't remember if it was -- if I told them at the time that it was AGR, or it

1 was not AGR.

2 But by the time I did hear AGR, I was still looking for a building that said AGR in the
3 vicinity of the Sheetz gas station.

4 Q Did you happen to notice the AGR building or take note of it during your
5 morning walk-through?

6 A Yeah. There was a lot of buildings. That was one of them. Specifically,
7 the AGR building was -- so I identified all the buildings just because I just like to know
8 where our access was.

9 So buildings behind we had [REDACTED], [REDACTED] had another barn with a local
10 tactical team, and then what we know now to be called the AGR buildings where the
11 snipers were at -- the local snipers were at.

12 Q Okay. When Sergeant [REDACTED] conveyed this information that there was a
13 suspect on the roof, so you clearly heard it because you were able to convey this to
14 Special Agent [REDACTED] Do you recall if SAIC [REDACTED] also heard this given that he was
15 closer and also working the communications?

16 A I believe he heard it, and I believe he put it out, yeah.

17 Q What makes you believe that he heard it?

18 A That he was in closer proximity than I was.

19 Q And if you could hear it, he most likely heard it?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay.

22 [REDACTED] Is it right that you don't recall seeing him hear it or react to it?

23 In other words, there's nothing you recall seeing or hearing that would have confirmed
24 that he heard it? It's more that you think he probably did because of how close he was?

25 [REDACTED] Yeah. I think they were speaking to each other, like, facing each

1 other. And so I -- I would say that he heard it, but --

2 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. Did you see or hear something that confirms, from
3 your point of view, that he heard it, or is it more of an assumption that he heard it.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah. It's an assumption that he heard it. But they were
5 speaking like we are speaking now. He's looking at you, I'm looking at him, so --

6 [REDACTED] Okay. I was going to follow up and say, like, was there a head
7 nod or something --

8 [REDACTED] I don't remember.

9 [REDACTED] Okay. Anything else?

10 [REDACTED] No.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q So when -- when you heard this information, you didn't discuss with SAIC
13 [REDACTED] oh, I need to get this out to Special Agent [REDACTED] or others? Did you
14 proactively -- or did you talk with him about this?

15 A No. I just tried to call [REDACTED]

16 Q Okay. And did anyone in the security room that you recall, did anyone
17 inform the counter snipers, or the site PI, about this updated information?

18 A I'm not sure. I believe he put it out on the radio, but I couldn't be 100
19 percent certain.

20 Q As a member of the detail, is there -- I guess, is there any reason why you
21 didn't reach out to the site agent, Special Agent [REDACTED] or anyone else about the ongoing
22 search for Crooks, considering that he had a rangefinder or that there was multiple
23 suspicious reports about this individual?

24 A Sure. From where I thought that he was, I don't think it was something
25 that the site agent necessarily needed to know, just because there's always -- not always,

1 but very often suspicious individuals in the outer perimeters. Had I known that he was
2 where he was ultimately, I would have said something directly to the shift to get [REDACTED]
3 off the stage.

4 But from my understanding and my updates that I received, he was about a mile
5 away in the Sheetz gas station. Definitely somebody we wanted to talk to, but not that
6 he was an immediate threat that we needed to notify the site agent and -- or the shift to
7 get [REDACTED] off the stage.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Could I ask one about that? I'm sorry I keep shouting at you from back
10 here.

11 A Sure.

12 Q At the 5:52 and 5:53 [REDACTED] communications, is it right that you had not
13 spoken with site Agent [REDACTED] about the suspicious individual at that point? That's right,
14 right?

15 A Correct. I did not personally, no.

16 Q Who, from your point of view, is allowed to deploy a counter sniper
17 response? In other words, I heard you explain counter snipers, site agent. Who else?
18 Like, you must have thought of yourself as having that ability. That must be right, right?

19 A No. I don't think I could have done it unilaterally. That's not my -- my
20 role. But certainly, the security room agent, or the site agent, one of the two site
21 agents.

22 Q Okay. Security room agent would have, from your understanding, the sort
23 of independent authority to deploy counter sniper response?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. Is that based on your experience or somebody trained it that way?

1 A So, I guess, just based on my experience, they will deploy assets normally.

2 It's something the security room agent will do. PI, please respond to this location.

3 I've never heard a security room personnel request CS response, but that's similar
4 to a PI agent to deploy an asset.

5 Q So you're saying the security room agent is not just information flow, it also
6 includes that additional ability to deploy PI or counter sniper response?

7 A Sure, yeah.

8 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q I guess if you, as an agent, did notice a threat, even if it wasn't necessarily
3 your specific job, such as a security room agent or something like that, I guess, what does
4 it take to kind of put that over the radio to inform people of a potential threat?

5 A If it was something immediately -- what I thought was immediate, then I
6 would certainly put it out. But if I was wrong in the information that -- or at least how I
7 understood the information to be that he was by the Sheetz gas station, I would not put
8 that over the radio.

9 Q Okay. Do you recall telling Special Agent [REDACTED] that Crooks was
10 armed on the rooftop --

11 A No.

12 Q -- when you spoke with him?

13 A No. We didn't know anything about a rifle until shots were fired.

14 Q And so, the detail itself, to the best of your understanding, was not informed
15 about the man on the roof report around the 6:10 time frame?

16 A I believe the -- I believe the security room agent put it out. They would be
17 scanning both on Baker and will be -- on their channel, primary channel, and the channel
18 where the post standers will be at. But I don't know if they heard it.

19 So if something is transmitted, it's not necessarily they received it. I've been
20 standing many times on a stage or next to the stage, and you can't hear anything.
21 You're standing next to loudspeakers that are blaring for, you know, 10-, 20,000 people.
22 So it could have been put out.

23 I think he put it out, but it was either not received or -- yeah. I don't know.
24 Can't tell you whether they knew or not knew, but --

25 Q Were you wearing a -- you said you had a -- were you wearing a radio?

1 Was it a hand-held radio?

2 A It was a hand-held radio.

3 Q And which frequency, if you recall, were you primarily on, or set to?

4 A I believe it was the post stander channel.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Also scanning the shift channel, though. And I had it programmed where I
7 can just turn it off and be on the shift channel, so --

8 Q So around the 6:09 to 6:10 time frame, essentially at the same time that
9 Sergeant [REDACTED] was talking about there's a man on a roof report, one of the Secret
10 Service counter snipers radioed that local law enforcement -- we're dealing with an issue
11 at 3 o'clock.

12 Do you recall hearing about that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Initial impressions when you heard that? Did that spark your interest?
15 Did that make you concerned based off of there was, you know, someone on the roof, or
16 did you -- essentially, did you connect those two events, or did you believe them to be
17 two separate events?

18 A I believe it was the same thing. So the Sheetz gas station is to the 3 o'clock.
19 So, just like, yeah, we know that there's somebody up there, but not at the 3 o'clock
20 directly adjacent to the stage. That would have been a problem.

21 Q Do you recall --

22 A It was a problem.

23 Q Thank you. Do you recall hearing the man on the roof call first and then 3
24 o'clock call, or --

25 A I don't remember.

1 Q Okay. Do you believe that SAIC [REDACTED] was putting over the radio the man on
2 the roof conversations or the 3 o'clock conversation, out of curiosity?

3 A I don't remember specifically. He was passing stuff -- information on the
4 radio. I don't remember specifically.

5 Q Since July 13th -- you might have had several interviews at this point. Can
6 you just describe to us which interviews you may have had with other entities?

7 A Sure. I spoke with the FBI, I spoke with inspections, Mission Assurance, I
8 spoke with the Senate committee, I spoke with the blue ribbon panel, and you folks.

9 Q Was there anything from those interviews that you felt that we haven't
10 covered, or that you would like to convey to us?

11 A No. I think we've covered the same thing on all of them.

12 Q Okay.

13 [REDACTED] I think that's -- do you guys have anything?

14 [REDACTED] I have a few more questions.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q So before July 13th, you did the counter drone role in the past?

17 A Yes, I have.

18 Q What was your thinking as to when you would, like, load the system up?

19 A Immediately after the post stander brief.

20 Q And why then?

21 A Because then is when post standers will be posted in the -- we have a secure
22 perimeter. Other than that, anybody could get to it, mess with it.

23 Q Was there any -- I heard you say earlier there was no formal guidance.
24 Was there any informal guidance as to what best practice would be?

25 A No.

1 Q You mentioned a conversation in which [REDACTED] conveyed the suspicious
2 person with a rangefinder, that they were looking at each other. And that you
3 eventually had suggested [REDACTED]

4 What was [REDACTED] initial reaction when hearing about the suspicious person?

5 A Well, I made that recommendation almost immediately, so I don't know. I
6 probably didn't give him any time to process.

7 Q When thinking about the security room setup, we understand that there was
8 a restroom, and maybe some, like, water and other refreshments.

9 A Yes, there was.

10 Q Do you recall seeing other agents and personnel come into the security
11 room?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Approximately how close would they have been to you and [REDACTED] when they
14 came in?

15 A As close as we are here. They were up -- the restrooms was in a hallway
16 right by here. So yeah, pretty close.

17 Q Do you recall anyone checking in to see how things are going, or [REDACTED] giving
18 you messages to people that came in?

19 A I don't recall specifically. I was -- yeah. I don't recall specifically.

20 Q So no one comes in and says, Hey, how are things going?

21 A I'm sure people did. I don't recall, though.

22 Q Did you receive the clock coordinates -- so when you mentioned 3 o'clock,
23 was a map or something given to you ahead of time?

24 A Yes. So there's a diagram that was put out. And I know the 12 o'clock to
25 be off the stage.

1 Q Do you know if PSP had a similar map?

2 A PSP, I'm not sure.

3 Q Was there a way for you to, when hearing a PSP message, place that on a
4 map as to where it would be?

5 A Well, there was a -- there was a counter sniper map on the table with the
6 grids, but there was no -- no one pointed out saying this is that location.

7 So the grid -- the map grid was not large enough from my -- so the AGR building,
8 as we know it now, it's right smack in the middle of the counter sniper grid. However,
9 from my knowledge -- from my knowledge at the time, we were talking about a location
10 that was way off the map.

11 So I don't think anybody was trying to locate or pinpoint something on that map.

12 Q Were you able to hear -- generally speaking, could you hear what [REDACTED] was
13 giving over the radio?

14 A I could hear him. I wasn't listening specifically, if that makes sense. Like, I
15 could hear him talking. I don't remember anything specific that he said.

16 Q And when -- when the message about someone being on a roof came in
17 through [REDACTED] -- because it was through [REDACTED] right, the message?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How quickly did you see [REDACTED] picking up the Secret Service radio?

20 A I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

21 [REDACTED] I don't have anything else.

22 [REDACTED] One quick question or two.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Around 6 o'clock, Special Agent [REDACTED] from Pittsburgh Field Office, the
25 intel advance, had joined the security room. Around 6:04 to 6:07, he was exchanging

1 messages with [REDACTED] the site PI, similar to, you know, he's at Sheetz, et cetera.

2 A Okay.

3 Q Do you recall what he was doing around that time as well? Was he
4 stationed nearby?

5 A I don't know who that is.

6 Q Do you recall if --

7 A I don't remember.

8 Q -- a taller blond -- or bald man?

9 A No. There was multiple peoples coming in and out of the room. I don't
10 recall him specifically.

11 Q Okay.

12 [REDACTED] That's it for me. We can go off the record.

13 [Whereupon, at 1:52 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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