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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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14 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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24 The interview in the above matter was held in room 4400 O'Neill House Office

25 Building, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

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22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ESQ.

23 [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED]. On the record.

2 Today is October 10, 2024, and this is the transcribed interview of [REDACTED]
3 House Resolutions 1367 and 1470 direct the task force to investigate all actions by any
4 agency, department, officer, or employee of the Federal Government relating to the
5 attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and
6 September 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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

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

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

11 [REDACTED]. Thank you. My name is [REDACTED], and I am special counsel
12 with the task force. I want to thank you for coming in today for this interview. The
13 task force recognizes and appreciates that you're here voluntarily.

14 You're allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.
15 Do you have an attorney representing you in your personal capacity today?

16 [REDACTED] Yes.

17 [REDACTED]. Would counsel please identify yourself for the record.

18 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED]. And is there also an attorney representing the Secret Service here
20 today?

21 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] deputy chief counsel, United States Secret
22 Service.

23 [REDACTED]. And is there an attorney representing the Department of Homeland
24 Security?

25 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] I'm DHS office of chief counsel.

1 ██████████. Thank you. There are no Members of Congress here today, but if
2 any shows up, they will identify themselves and tell you what district they represent, and
3 they will have the right to ask questions if they choose to do so.

4 Next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can the additional staff
5 members please introduce yourselves with your name, title, and affiliation.

6 ██████████. ██████████, senior counsel, task force majority.

7 ██████████. ██████████, senior counsel, task force majority.

8 ██████████. ██████████, deputy staff director for the majority.

9 ██████████. ██████████, investigative counsel for the minority.

10 ██████████. ██████████, legislative attorney with the Congressional Research
11 Service.

12 ██████████. ██████████, investigative counsel for the minority.

13 ██████████. ██████████, staff director for the minority.

14 ██████████. Thank you everyone.

15 ██████████ before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for this
16 interview. As previously agreed to by counsel for yourself and agency staff, majority and
17 minority staff, the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted
18 assassination of Donald Trump on July 13th, 2024, including, but not limited to
19 preparation and aftermath, and any information related to the September 15th
20 attempted assassination.

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

24 The majority staff will begin and proceed for 45 minutes, and then the minority
25 staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this

1 manner until both sides have no more questions.

2 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to
3 end a few minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of
4 questioning, including any pertinent follow-ups. In this interview, while one member of
5 the staff for each side may lead the questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

6 There is a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
7 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the
8 staffer questioning you has finished each question before you begin your answer, and the
9 staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.
10 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please speak
11 clearly, concisely and slowly.

12 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers, such as nodding or
13 shaking your head. So it's important that you answer each question with an audible
14 verbal answer.

15 Do you understand?

16 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

17 [REDACTED]: We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and
18 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or do not
19 fully understand the question, please let us know. We will attempt to clarify, add
20 context to, or rephrase our questions.

21 Do you understand?

22 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

23 [REDACTED]: If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you
24 are unable to recall exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of those
25 conversations or events to the best of your recollection. If you recall only a part of a

1 conversation or event, you should give us your best recollection of those events or parts
2 of conversations that you do recall.

3 Do you understand?

4 [REDACTED] Yes.

5 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you
6 are required, pursuant to 18 USC Section 1001, to answer questions from Congress
7 truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an interview.

8 Do you understand?

9 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

12 Do you understand?

13 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

16 [REDACTED] No, sir.

17 [REDACTED]: Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any statement
18 today, that assertion must comply with the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.

19 For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements,
20 witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the
21 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled day of testimony or appearance.

22 Do you understand?

23 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

24 [REDACTED]: Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is
25 confidential. We ask you not to speak about what we discuss here today in this

1 interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.

2 For these same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the
3 court reporter so that they may go into an official transcript, and any copies of those
4 exhibits will be returned to us when we wrap up.

5 We plan to take a five-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning,
6 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know. We'll be
7 happy to accommodate you. However, to the extent there's a pending question, we'd
8 ask that you finish answering the question before we take the break.

9 Do you understand?

10 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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

12 [REDACTED] No, sir.

13 [REDACTED]: All right.

14 [REDACTED] Do my usual. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States Secret Service.

15 [REDACTED] consistent with the requests of the chairman and ranking member, we're
16 making [REDACTED] -- Special Agent [REDACTED] available. Information in the records would not
17 ordinarily be discussed in public here. This information includes records that we feel are
18 covered under the Privacy Act, personnel, other privacy information, law enforcement
19 sensitive information. While the information is available, we continue to assert that any
20 discussion is not intended for public disclosure.

21 Again, for the record, as we've discussed and we've all agreed, there would be no
22 video recording and no audio recording except for purposes for the court reporters to do
23 their job. So we appreciate that.

24 And that's my usual spiel.

25 [REDACTED]: Understood. We confirm your understanding of the recording, that

1 there is no video recording. The audio recordings are only to assist the court reporter,
2 who will then -- as we understand it, will destroy the audio recordings so there will only
3 be a transcript of the interview available.

4 On the points about privilege and confidentiality, the chair will take any requests
5 that the Secret Service or DHS makes into account and will consult between staff on how
6 to deal with any such requests.

7 ██████████ Appreciate that and appreciate the cooperation.

8 ██████████: Thank you. All right. We're going to start.

9 ██████████ Exhibit No. 1
10 was marked for identification.]

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY ██████████:

13 Q Okay. First I'd just like to introduce an exhibit, which we will mark as
14 Exhibit No. 1.

15 ██████████ you were -- I'm sorry. ██████████ you were interviewed by the Senate in
16 connection with the assassination attempts. Is that right?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q This -- I'll represent to you this is a transcript, somewhat redacted, of that
19 interview by the Senate.

20 And you recall that you were interviewed some weeks back, correct?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q I'm not going to ask you to read the transcript or anything like that.

23 But is there anything, sitting here today, about what you said in that -- to the
24 Senate that you would want to change or want to clarify?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Okay. Who is your current employer?

2 A [REDACTED].

3 Q Okay. So -- and as of when have you been employed by the United
4 States --

5 A August 25th, 2024.

6 Q Just for the reporter, it's important that we -- that you wait for me to ask the
7 question so the reporter can clearly put it down and then answer, and then I'll wait to ask
8 a question until you're done. Okay?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q So you now work for the [REDACTED]?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And when did you start that job?

13 A August 25th, 2024.

14 Q Okay. And prior to that, you worked at the Secret Service?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And when was your last day with the Secret Service?

17 A August 24th, 2024.

18 Q So you went right from the Secret Service to the [REDACTED]?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q We're going to focus on your time at the Secret Service. How long did you
21 work for the Secret Service?

22 A Since [REDACTED] 2018.

23 Q Okay. So roughly about six years?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what was your final role at the Secret Service?

1 A I was a special agent assigned to the Counter Assault Team.

2 Q And before that role, did you have any other roles at the Secret Service?

3 A Yes, sir. I was a special agent assigned to the [REDACTED] field office from the
4 beginning of my Secret Service career until December of [REDACTED].

5 Q And what was your function in that -- that early role?

6 A Just investigations.

7 Q So did you do any protective services at that time?

8 A I did, but it was based on just a need to the Service. I wasn't assigned to an
9 actual protective detail.

10 Q And where were you physically based?

11 A In [REDACTED].

12 Q [REDACTED]. Okay. And for that initial role, you received
13 training for investigative services?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And did you receive training at that time for protective services?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q What -- before you became part of the CAT team, roughly what amount of
18 time did you spend on investigations versus protective services in a given year?

19 A It's kind of hard to say, but I would be -- I was assigned to investigations, but
20 there were certain months that we call ROTA. And it's where, if an assignment comes
21 up and they need people, then you could get pulled for that assignment. And that
22 assignment could be a couple days to a couple weeks.

23 So I would -- I would say, if you tried to separate them both out of a total year, I
24 would probably do protection stuff four or five months out of the whole year.

25 Q Okay. And then when did you join CAT again?

1 A I actually started CAT in [REDACTED], but I went to the training early
2 [REDACTED] -- I mean early [REDACTED] I think -- I think it started in May.

3 Q Of [REDACTED]

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. That's when you started the training?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And then you officially became a member of CAT in [REDACTED]?

8 A Well, that's when I reported to D.C. for CAT.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Once I passed the training, I guess I was an official member of CAT at that
11 point. That was probably [REDACTED]. Not a hundred percent sure.

12 Q And you had to apply to the CAT, right, or CAT team?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And there's a rigorous process of training to see if you are going to be
15 accepted for CAT, right?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q And it's both in-person physical training and also just general training at
18 which -- the use of firearms and that kind of thing?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. And you passed and you accepted the position with CAT in
21 [REDACTED]?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. When you first started -- or, actually, I'm going to try to truncate
24 some of this because we don't have a lot of time.

25 In your final role at CAT, who did you report to?

1 A My direct supervisor?

2 Q Direct supervisor.

3 A My direct supervisor was [REDACTED].

4 Q And who is that?

5 A He was [REDACTED] supervisor on CAT.

6 Q Okay. And [REDACTED] is -- are there [REDACTED] teams, or how many times are
7 there?

8 A There's [REDACTED].

9 Q [REDACTED], okay.

10 A Yes.

11 Q And you were a member of [REDACTED]

12 A Yes. Yes, sir.

13 Q And how many people are on [REDACTED]

14 A I don't want to put a hard number on it, but I would [REDACTED].

15 Q [REDACTED]. And they're all performing the same function that you
16 perform?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And was Special Agent [REDACTED] a member of [REDACTED] at the time?

19 A He was a member of [REDACTED]

20 Q [REDACTED]. I know that the day of the event you and Special Agent [REDACTED]
21 were paired together.

22 Is that pretty common that people from different teams would be paired together
23 for different events depending on need?

24 A Yes, sir, that's very common.

25 Q Very common. Okay. So being designated to a particular team is really

1 more for organizational purposes than for service purposes?

2 A I would say it's more admin-related.

3 Q Admin-related, okay. In your final job at Secret Service, did you have
4 anybody who reported to you?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Were you a GS-13?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And your supervisor is a GS-14, as far as you know?

9 A I would believe he was at least a 14.

10 Q And who did he report to, do you know?

11 A He would have reported to the assistant special agent in charge of CAT,
12 which would have been -- they just changed during that event. What is his name? I
13 don't recall his last name. Everybody calls him [REDACTED] I don't know what his last name
14 is.

15 Q Okay. So let's talk about what you do as a member of CAT, you specifically.
16 So tell us what your responsibilities were.

17 A So my responsibilities on the Counter Assault Team [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 So on July 13th, I was actually -- they had CAT -- what they called [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] advance agent even though I wasn't physically there that week at all. Everything
21 I done was over the phone.

22 So on the Counter Assault Team, you have what I call working guys, who just show
23 up to a trip or an assignment, and the advance Counter Assault agent tells them, hey, this
24 is what we're doing, this is where we're going, and explains the whole trip out. This is
25 where -- we do the [REDACTED] walking, [REDACTED]

1 And then you have the advance agent that goes most of the time before the trip,
2 gets there -- sometimes it's like -- typically, I would say at [REDACTED] before, and they
3 would plan all the tactical assets, have all the briefings, know all the movements of the
4 protectee, just all the ins and outs of the trip. So on July 13th, I was the Counter Assault
5 advance.

6 Now, those roles, they flip all the time. So you can go from an advance one
7 week, do the trip, and then you're working guy for two or three more events, and then
8 you get pulled for another advance, you know. So it's kind of just rotating.

9 Q Okay. And you were doing advance for the July 13th event?

10 A Yes. So July 13th I was on Donald Trump -- I was assigned to Donald
11 Trump's detail as a CAT Counter Assault agent from -- let's see. July 13th. Sometime in
12 June -- I don't remember the exact date -- June all the way to July the 13th. I think it
13 was a little over [REDACTED] days.

14 And being assigned to that detail, we would rotate the assignments as advance
15 versus just a working guy.

16 Q Got it. And you mentioned that you had done the advance for this
17 particular event telephonically, right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What were you doing that prior week? Where were you physically located
20 that prior week when you were doing the advance telephonically?

21 A So most of the week I believe we were in West Palm Beach at -- stationed
22 out of Mar-a-Lago. But I don't recall if we had any trips that week or what. There
23 might have been a couple of trips earlier that week.

24 But I know the couple of days before the actual July 13th that we were just
25 stationed in West Palm, and [REDACTED]

1 that area.

2 Q Okay. And you said that you had been assigned to former President Trump
3 around June of this year?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And it was always as a CAT -- a member of the CAT team?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Before your assignment as a member of the CAT team, do you know if he
8 had a CAT team assigned to him as an ongoing matter?

9 A Yes. There were CAT teams assigned to him before we got there.

10 Q Okay. Is that something -- in your experience, is that typical of [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]?

12 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 Q Okay. And do you know why it happens?

14 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 But I don't -- they usually don't tell us that. They just usually tell us, hey, this is
19 your assignment. Because our job is not going to change regardless [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. Like, our job is still the same across the
21 board, so --

22 Q Understood. So -- but the week before the event, you were [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]?

24 A Yes. Assigned -- I was working CAT.

25 Q You were working CAT?

1 A Yes.

2 Q But you were in [REDACTED]?

3 A I was in [REDACTED], yes.

4 Q He wasn't doing any events at [REDACTED], as such?

5 A No. Now, there could have been an event that week somewhere else that
6 another CAT team was covering.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I don't recall, but -- so there was [REDACTED] Counter Assault agents assigned to
9 Donald Trump's detail from whenever I was there until we left. So we would divide the
10 shifts up accordingly.

11 So me and -- [REDACTED] and I were on [REDACTED], and then there were [REDACTED] other Counter
12 Assault agents on [REDACTED]

13 Q Okay.

14 A So the way we rotated would have been based on travel and -- because we
15 don't have enough people to actually bounce ahead and to catch him. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED].

17 So, for example, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] Does that make sense?

22 Q Yeah, that makes sense.

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Prior to your assignment to former President Trump, had you ever provided
25 CAT services to [REDACTED], not as part of an event of

1 any sort?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Okay. And do you have any understanding as to whether or not the reason
4 why you were [REDACTED], was because he
5 was also the likely nominee for the Republican Party?

6 A They never told me that. I mean, I assumed that. But they never told me
7 why we were going there. We just -- we just went.

8 Q Understood. And the CAT services that you provided previous to former
9 President Trump [REDACTED], was that [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]?

11 A Yes, sir. There's [REDACTED] as well. But --

12 Q [REDACTED]?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q Oh.

15 A That was [REDACTED].

16 Q Okay. Is there any -- is it classified in any way?

17 [REDACTED] I don't -- is it classified?

18 [REDACTED] I don't know.

19 [REDACTED] I would rather --

20 [REDACTED]. I don't want to know anything that we shouldn't know.

21 [REDACTED] Let's not identify --

22 [REDACTED] It's not germane.

23 [REDACTED] It's not germane.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q And you said that -- were you aware of any specific threats to former

1 President Trump at the time that you were assigned to him in June of this year?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q And no one told you that you were being assigned to this because there's a
4 heightened threat risk -- or threat level as to former President Trump?

5 [REDACTED] He's asking whether anyone told you that.

6 [REDACTED] No.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Do you have security clearance, or did you have security clearance when you
9 were at the Secret Service?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you have a [REDACTED]?

12 A Yes.

13 Q That's [REDACTED]?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Okay.

16 A I believe so.

17 Q Right. And you had that from the point that you started at CAT through the
18 point that you finished?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And as part of your clearance or in conjunction with your clearance, you
21 were not informed of any specific threat to former President Trump?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q At any point?

24 A No point.

25 Q Okay. Had you done an outdoor event for former President Trump prior to

1 the Butler County event?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Which one or which ones did you do?

4 A The one in [REDACTED], Virginia. It was a rally somewhere down
5 there --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- in Virginia.

8 Q And that was -- since you were assigned in June and this was July 13th, it
9 must have been relatively close proximity?

10 A Yeah. We would rotate the assignments. So I would say that one would
11 have been probably two or three weeks before.

12 Q Okay. And based on what you saw at Butler versus what you saw in
13 [REDACTED] Virginia, or [REDACTED], was it roughly the same size of an event in terms of
14 number of people? Was it -- were they different?

15 A It -- I mean, there was a lot of people at both of them, so I don't know the
16 numbers.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But I mean, it -- I don't actually get to go and walk around the event. So I
19 can't really tell you. But I do look out there, and I mean, the bleachers were full.

20 Q Okay. Is that the only one you can recall having done before, the Butler
21 County event?

22 A That's the only one I've ever done for Trump besides the Butler County.

23 Q Okay. Had you done outdoor events for other protectees in the past?

24 A So not -- not like a campaign event.

25 Q Okay.

1 A But I have done outdoor events.

2 Q Right. And when you say campaign event, do you mean the number of
3 people that were there, or do you mean something else?

4 A Yeah, the number of people.

5 Q Okay. And you've done outdoor events for President Biden?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q For Vice President Harris?

8 A I don't think so.

9 Q Okay. But for President Biden, you have done those?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Were they fairly frequent or infrequent?

12 A I've only done one that I can think of right now. So I guess it just depends
13 on the event and the assignment and where we're going.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Had you worked with -- been paired with Special Agent [REDACTED] prior to the July
17 13th event?

18 A We -- we may have been on a couple working trips together. Actually, we
19 have, but not many.

20 Q Okay. In terms of advance trips, had you frequently done advance over the
21 course of your career at the Secret Service?

22 A Counter Assault advances?

23 Q Counter Assault advances, yeah.

24 A So when -- whenever I arrived at the Counter Assault Team in [REDACTED] of
25 [REDACTED] I become advance certified several months later. I don't know how long; maybe

1 ■ months later. And then periodically I would get an advance, but it would rotate. It
2 wouldn't be just like, all right, you're the advance guy, that's it. They would rotate them
3 through people and teams.

4 Q Right. And how did you get certified? Like, what's the process of getting
5 certified to do advance?

6 A You would -- I don't know if there's actually like a protocol in place. But
7 typically, what you would do would be you would go on several working trips as just a
8 team guy working Counter Assault agent so you can see how the trip flows.

9 And then once you've seen enough trips, domestic and foreign, then you would
10 typically get an adviser, and they would assign you another trip. And then you would
11 have an adviser with you that helps you do an advance.

12 And then once you've completed that and if they thought that you didn't need any
13 more -- like, if you didn't need another adviser on another trip, then you would go do
14 your next one as a solo trip.

15 Q Okay.

16 A So there's not really a protocol. I just know some guys need a couple trips
17 with an adviser and some only just need one.

18 Q Okay. And you got yours -- you got certified for advance about six months
19 after you joined CAT?

20 A I would say. I don't know the exact month, but it was -- and I don't think -- I
21 don't think the months really matter, like, when they're trying to do this. It's more
22 about manpower and when they can get people --

23 Q Understand?

24 A -- on it.

25 Q From your understanding at the time you were with CAT, did you have a

1 sense of whether or not CAT was fully staffed overall or was it understaffed?

2 A It was understaffed.

3 Q And do you have a sense of how understaffed it was?

4 A I'm going to say Counter Assault probably needed -- or I don't know the
5 exact number, but I'm going to say probably, like, [REDACTED].
6 I'm not sure exact number of people that's supposed to be there.

7 But I'm pretty sure we only had, when I was there, [REDACTED].

8 Q Right. Did that impact your work schedule personally?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And how -- you, obviously, worked a lot harder than you were budgeted to
11 work?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And so how did that manifest itself? Like, what did that mean for you on a
14 daily basis?

15 A I mean, the work schedule on the Counter Assault Team is the worst work
16 schedule in the Secret Service. There's no -- no other schedule that's worse.

17 I mean, every -- as far as I know, all the other details have set schedules for, like,
18 where you work [REDACTED].

19 The Counter Assault you could be working a day shift and then get off at [REDACTED] and
20 then turn around and come back in at [REDACTED] to work at midnight. It's called -- we
21 call that being shortchanged. I call it a -- we call it a Skittle schedule.

22 But it's -- basically, our schedules are [REDACTED]. So when you look at
23 your schedule for that week and you see a lot of different [REDACTED] on it, you know that,
24 man, I got a lot of different shifts. It's not the same shift.

25 It affects you personally just because maybe not getting enough sleep. But me

1 personally, it was more about family. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED],

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 Q Right. And when you were assigned to former President Trump's detail, did
8 you live in the West Palm Beach area?

9 A We would go wherever he would. So if he was there for two days [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED], and then if he was going to Bedminster, [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]. And
12 then if we were there for two days, [REDACTED].

13 And then if he goes to New York, [REDACTED], and then
14 [REDACTED].

15 Q Understood. And safe to say that -- and don't tell me where your family
16 lives.

17 A Right.

18 Q But safe to say your family does not live in West Palm Beach or in
19 Bedminster, New Jersey?

20 A No.

21 Q So your travel to perform your duties required you to travel away
22 from -- from your family quite consistently?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q When you were assigned to the -- as I understand it, the CAT -- the sort of
25 permanent CAT assignments are for [REDACTED]

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2 The -- when they add an additional assignment for former President Trump, they
3 haven't increased the resources that are available to the Secret Service, right? There
4 aren't any more people now available?

5

A That's right.

6

Q So now it's going to be spread out across additional assignments?

7

A That's right. Yes, sir.

8

Q Okay. So let's talk a bit about the advance for July 13th. I know you

9

mentioned that it was telephonic.

10

Would you have been able to physically get to Butler County to -- given your
11 duties that week to perform that advance in person?

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A I'm going to say no, just because we still have to cover --

13

Trump, and then if we -- if we -- let's just say I left and went to Butler for
14 that week, . And I just don't -- I mean,
15 that means somebody is fixing to be putting in some long, long days.

16

And before -- when we got there for Trump's assignment, we were told to do
17 every advance telephonically because of manpower.

18

Q Because of manpower. So you were told, do advance telephonically?

19

Excuse me.

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A Yes.

21

Q And who told you to do that?

22

A I believe it was CAT ops.

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Q CAT ops. And they're based in D.C.?

24

A Yes.

25

Q It's not a specific person? It's people who work at CAT ops?

1 A Yeah. It's not a specific person. It's -- because they rotate them all the
2 time. So there is a supervisor in CAT ops that reports to the ASAIC and the SAIC of SOD.
3 And so I'm sure maybe they got instruction coming down. I don't know.

4 Q Right. Just for the record, what is SOD?

5 A Special Operations Division.

6 Q Okay. I think you already said what ASAIC is, so -- maybe just say it one
7 more --

8 A So the -- an ASAIC is an assistant special agent in charge. And so the
9 structure of the Counter Assault Team, Counter Assault Team falls under special
10 operations division.

11 Q Understood. So, in fact, as of the time you were doing advance for July
12 13th, you were supposed to do it telephonically?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And would you have had to seek special permission if you wanted to do it in
15 person?

16 A I don't -- I don't -- yes. I would had to call CAT ops and see if they could
17 maybe send another body down to West Palm to cover for me.

18 Q Had you done -- prior to this time period, had you done advance in person
19 before?

20 A Not for Trump.

21 Q For anybody?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. [REDACTED] ?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And had you done telephonic advance before as well, before this?

1 A No, sir.

2 Q So this is the first time you had ever done telephonic advance?

3 A The first time I've ever done one was the [REDACTED] Trump visit and then
4 Butler.

5 Q So before the [REDACTED] telephonic advance, you had never done
6 telephonic advance before?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Always in person?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Sitting here today, looking back, did you think that advance -- that doing it
11 telephonically or in person was more effective from what your responsibilities were?

12 A So I'm going to say that any time you can do an advance in person and
13 physically talk to people and brief is going to be better. As far as the Counter Assault's
14 mission, doing a telephonic advance is really not too much different, just besides
15 your -- because you're still briefing everybody on the phone, and you're still getting the
16 assets together.

17 It would help to physically walk over the locations and see the footprints, like, the
18 [REDACTED]. So, yes, in-person advances would be better
19 in my opinion. It's the best way to go.

20 Q Okay. When you did the [REDACTED] telephonic advance, did you feel
21 that it was less effective than being in person?

22 A Yes. And the only reason was -- is because just for the briefings. If I'm
23 there, I can physically put faces with people that are assigned to me and I can go over and
24 draw stuff out and right there, you know, like what we're doing right here in a conference
25 room and go over details.

1 Whereas, telephonically, you can do the same thing, but it's -- it depends on the
2 person. And like for me personally, maybe I might not grasp what you're telling me, but
3 if you draw it out or put it on a PowerPoint, maybe I get the concept better.

4 Q Right.

5 A So that's -- that's why I would say that.

6 Q Okay. And does the same apply to the July 13th event, that you had the
7 same sense? That you may have been able to do what you needed to do telephonically,
8 but it would have been better if it was in person?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. So let's talk about what you actually did for the advance.

11 So what was your job for advance for the July 13th event?

12 A Yes. So I was assigned as part of the advance team as to Counter Assault
13 advance. So my job would be [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED].

15 So that means I need to talk to the local SWAT or tactical teams and the state,
16 local or, you know -- I mean, the state tactical teams, see what type of manpower we can
17 get together, and then I need to see the site.

18 So, like, for telephonically, I would pull it up on [REDACTED]. Or
19 something -- [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
22 [REDACTED] stuff like
23 that.

24 So you can put these teams strategically in place that, hey, this is -- [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

1 the case may be. And if we do, then they can deploy on that. And the Counter Assault
2 Team, [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED].

6 Q Okay. And so your job was principally to convey information or to receive
7 information as advance?

8 A I would say both.

9 Q Both.

10 A So I would convey information as far as my assets and what I was going to
11 get for the sites, but received information from the local and state agencies on what they
12 can provide, and then receive information from the site agents or advance -- the lead
13 advance agents or whatever. I mean, it's kind of like a two-way. It's like a telephone.

14 Q Okay. Understood. And for the July 13th event, did you have a number
15 of phone calls with the local law enforcement, the other assets that would be present
16 to -- to share information?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And did you have, like, big conference calls or lots of different people, or was
19 it more, you know, small group, multiple calls?

20 A It was multiple calls, and the way I had it organized was Butler County ESU
21 was the site. They were the tactical team at the site. Now, Pennsylvania State Police
22 was our tactical team [REDACTED] for jurisdictional purposes for traveling from,
23 you know, county to county.

24 Q Right.

25 A So there were two different jurisdictions there, but the Pennsylvania State

1 Police was [REDACTED] only.

2 Q Got it.

3 A And then Butler County ESU was [REDACTED].

4 Q Got it. Were you aware that Beaver County was going to be involved at all?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Okay. So as far as you knew, it was PSP, Pennsylvania State Police, and

7 Butler County --

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q -- from local law enforcement perspective?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. I'm going to show you what's -- we're going to mark as majority

12 Exhibit No. 2.

13 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 2

14 was marked for identification.]

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q Do you recognize that document?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q What is that?

19 A This would be the [REDACTED]. That's it.

20 Q Go ahead. Explain what it is.

21 A It's a document that the advance -- the lead advance agent puts together
22 that outlines the trip.

23 Q Okay. And who was the lead advance agent, do you recall?

24 A [REDACTED]

25 Q [REDACTED]?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And she was on the DDT -- DTD?

3 A I don't know where she was assigned to --

4 Q Okay.

5 A -- if it was a detail or if it was front office.

6 Q Okay. As far as you know, she put this document together?

7 A Yes. This document, she -- most -- so it can go a couple different ways. So
8 sometimes the site agents can go in and put the site information in here --

9 Q Right.

10 A -- or the lead can do it, depending on, like, [REDACTED] would probably do its
11 own. But, yeah, I mean, the document itself is reviewed by the -- it's reviewed by the
12 advance agent.

13 Q Okay. Do you recall if you contributed at all to this document?

14 A No.

15 Q No, you don't recall, or no, you did not?

16 A No, I did not.

17 Q Okay. So you would have reviewed this or seen it, but you did not actually
18 contribute any information to it?

19 A No. I did contribute information to it.

20 Q Oh, okay.

21 A But I did not put anything in here.

22 Q Got it. So what information did you contribute?

23 A So if you see on, like -- let me see here. Site 1 of 2, I told the lead advance
24 agent that, if you look at --

25 Q Sorry. What page are you on?

- 1 A Page 3 of 10.
- 2 Q 3 of 10. Okay. Thank you.
- 3 A So, for instance, the -- it says other assets.
- 4 Q Yeah.
- 5 A The [REDACTED] local TAC team, I'm the [REDACTED] -- sorry. The [REDACTED]
- 6 local TAC team --
- 7 Q Yeah.
- 8 A -- that would have been information I would have told the lead to put in
- 9 here.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A Let me see here. Like, right here where it says CAT on the same page.
- 12 [REDACTED] team [REDACTED], I told the lead to put that in there as well.
- 13 Q Okay.
- 14 A And it's just little information like that.
- 15 Q Got it. Okay.
- 16 A Page 5, the same -- the same thing.
- 17 Q And would you have put that in -- you wouldn't have put it in directly. As
- 18 you mentioned, you didn't put anything directly in the document. You would have given
- 19 it orally or email or whatever, sent it to the -- to [REDACTED] or her team?
- 20 A Yeah, or one of the site agents.
- 21 Q One of the site agents. Okay.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Okay. And is this pretty standard for an advance trip or -- that you put
- 24 together this kind of [REDACTED] -- or not you, but they put together?
- 25 A So on a typical advance for the Counter Assault, we would put paperwork in

1 here.

2 Q Okay.

3 A It would be a -- it would be [REDACTED] something similar to [REDACTED] like
4 that.

5 Q Right.

6 A Then we would have a TAC survey that we would put in there.

7 Q Right.

8 A When I say put in there, we would send it to the lead, the lead puts this
9 together.

10 Q Right. Got it.

11 A And then distributes it amongst everybody.

12 Q But you said typically that would happen, but didn't happen in this particular
13 case?

14 A No. Because we wasn't there. It was a telephonic.

15 Q Okay.

16 A If I would have been there, then I could have done [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because I
17 could have seen everything.

18 Q Right.

19 A And I would have done [REDACTED] and then a TAC survey.

20 Q Got it. So did you have to rely on somebody else to give you a [REDACTED]
21 so that you understood what you were, sort of, walking into?

22 A Yeah. So I received the [REDACTED] and stuff like that as they were -- as the
23 site agents and people were putting them together.

24 Q Right.

25 A And then I could pull up the sites, like I said, on my phone.

1 Q Yeah.

2 A I mean, essentially, all these rallies are built out the same. You have the
3 stage and then you have the bleachers around it.

4 Q Right.

5 A You have an arrival and then you have the main mag point. That's
6 really -- so whenever -- going into it, I knew that it was probably going to be pretty similar,
7 you know, to most of them that I've seen.

8 Q Okay. Were you aware prior to the event that there was going to be a
9 countersniper team for this event from the Secret Service?

10 A I did. But that was leading -- that was just a few days before.

11 Q Okay. So at this point -- do you remember when you received this?

12 A This?

13 Q Roughly.

14 A The [REDACTED] usually only goes out, like, [REDACTED] before.

15 Q Okay.

16 A [REDACTED], if that. Now, I did receive information that there was going to
17 be a countersniper advance before I received this, yes.

18 Q Okay. And had former President Trump had a [REDACTED] team for the
19 [REDACTED] event?

20 A [REDACTED]

21 Q And then -- but he did for Butler. And you said you knew about it before
22 this [REDACTED] was sent out?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did that strike you as odd, that he was getting a countersniper for that
25 event?

1 A I didn't think it was odd. [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] But I thought maybe that it's just because the rallies were getting bigger
3 and maybe they -- I thought the Donald Trump detail had requested them --

4 Q Okay.

5 A -- and then they gave them to him.

6 Q Got it.

7 A I didn't know if they tried to request before then and they got denied or
8 what. But I didn't ask no questions. I mean, I was thankful to have them.

9 Q Right. So no one -- nobody told you this is why we have a countersniper
10 team available for this event?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Okay. I'd like to show you majority Exhibit No. 3.

13 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 3

14 was marked for identification.]

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q And do you recognize this document?

17 A I typically don't ever see these, but I know what they are.

18 Q Okay. And what is this?

19 A This is a [REDACTED].

20 Q And it's sort of self-evident, but what is a [REDACTED]?

21 A It's pretty much where -- I'm not sure who puts this together, if it's the lead
22 or the field office supervisor. But it's a request to -- to have whatever [REDACTED] or
23 [REDACTED] for the event or an assignment.

24 Q I take it you did not contribute anything to this document?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Okay. The -- before the event, what was the CAT manpower for that
2 particular event?

3 A For the July 13th event?

4 Q July 13th.

5 A It would have been just [REDACTED].

6 Q So [REDACTED]?

7 A No.

8 Q Just [REDACTED]

9 A [REDACTED].

10 Q And was that typical in your experience for an event of that size?

11 A I want to say no only because I've never worked -- [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] So -- and I've never worked [REDACTED]. But I know in the
13 past that that could be a typical, depending on manpower.

14 Q Okay. So -- when you say you know from the past, had you ever -- you said
15 that you had never been part of [REDACTED] before?

16 A Only one other time.

17 Q Okay. And was that for [REDACTED]?

18 A No.

19 Q Was it for a [REDACTED]

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. But it was [REDACTED] at that point?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Okay. Did you have any concerns at that time leading up to the July 13th
24 event that there's [REDACTED] who were going to be available?

25 A So we -- we have talked about this on CAT, like, leading up to, like, saying

1 amongst ourselves, like, hey, you know, these crowds are getting pretty big, would [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] -- I mean, we could still plan assets and stuff to help [REDACTED], but [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] to -- [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]. I
5 mean, it can be a lot.

6 But we -- we -- I mean, there was a couple times whenever I was on Donald Trump
7 detail where we were going to send -- we were going to take -- like I told you earlier,
8 there was [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] was somewhere in Florida
10 and -- but we ended up not doing that.

11 And I'm not sure if it was because of Donald Trump's detail, like, one of
12 the -- maybe the ASAIC or SAIC said this is not -- we don't need it or maybe -- I have no
13 idea why we didn't do it. BUT amongst ourselves, we talked about doing it before --

14 Q Okay.

15 A -- just because the event was so big.

16 Q Okay. And you talked about it, but it didn't happen. Do you know why it
17 didn't happen? There was -- that there were more than -- there were [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] CAT team?

19 A I don't know why it didn't happen. But I know -- before I arrived to the
20 Donald Trump detail, there had been times where the Counter Assault Team would [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] that are assigned and [REDACTED] just
22 because of -- I don't know why. It would have to -- it would have to come from the
23 leadership of Donald Trump's detail to ask us that.

24 Q Okay.

25 A And then we would ask CAT ops if we could do that, and they would say yes

1 or no.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Yes.

4 Q And so as part of the advance, the telephonic advance process you're doing,
5 you had a number of phone calls.

6 And did you speak directly to local law enforcement on occasion?

7 A Yes. The week --

8 Q That week before?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. Did you request any support from them specifically, or are you more
11 explaining to them what your role was and what you expected them to do?

12 A Both.

13 Q Okay. What kind of support did you request from them?

14 A So starting an advance, typically what happens -- this is a typical
15 advance -- you would have a police meeting. At the police meeting -- this is like the
16 day -- like the first day. And you would have a police meeting. And that's whenever all
17 the Secret Service events and all the local and state counter parts from that area would
18 go, you would talk about the trip, what's going to happen, a timeline, and then what the
19 Secret Service is looking for as far as assets.

20 So at a police meeting, I would typically get up there and speak, and then I would

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. And I would tell them, depending on the trip and the
24 assignments, I would say typically for a site, we would usually -- depending on how big
25 the site is -- and this is all situational dependent, but typically I would try [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 [REDACTED] teams [REDACTED]. This is call signs. [REDACTED] team is a call sign, and
3 a [REDACTED] team is a call sign. So [REDACTED] teams are assigned [REDACTED] --

4 Q Right.

5 A -- and then [REDACTED] would be assigned [REDACTED].

6 Q Right.

7 A So for this particular site or the -- yeah, the rally there in Butler, whenever I
8 was talking to Butler County ESU, they advised they had a lot of manpower and that they
9 could give us [REDACTED] teams.

10 Q Is that a QRF?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay. Something different. Okay. Please go ahead.

13 A Okay. And so with [REDACTED] teams, we -- I usually try to put
14 one -- it's always situational dependent. There's, like, no protocol and where it's all
15 based on how I look at it and see where they need to be.

16 So I usually try [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] okay?

18 Q Right.

19 A So we arrived at that site [REDACTED]. And so we -- I
20 had [REDACTED], okay?

21 Q Right.

22 A I always try to -- this is -- I always try to do this, too, is get another [REDACTED]
23 team [REDACTED] or -- that's -- in my
24 opinion, to get [REDACTED], that's really -- that's going to be an easy
25 way in because you can just -- [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED], right? Whereas, the perimeter is usually, like,
2 a lot of [REDACTED].

3 So -- but regardless, so that's -- on this one I put the other [REDACTED] team
4 at the -- [REDACTED] just
5 in case there was [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]

7 And then the [REDACTED] team could cover [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]

9 Q Got it. Just a couple of questions, and I'll hand it over to the minority since
10 my time is up.

11 Did local law enforcement -- you mentioned that local law enforcement said they
12 had a lot -- Butler said they had a lot of manpower.

13 Did you make any requests of local law enforcement, either PSP or Butler, that
14 they said they could not do?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q So they -- when you asked for something, they said they could do it?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 [REDACTED]. Thank you. I'll hand it over to the minority. Go off the record.

19 [Recess.]

20 [REDACTED]. Back on the record.

21 EXAMINATION

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Thank you again for being here this afternoon. Again, my name is [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]. I'm an investigative counsel for the minority staff of the task force.

25 I have a couple of questions to back up, but then I'd like to pick up where my

1 colleagues were with discussing the manpower requests and for -- direction to the locals.
2 We talked a bit generally about your role as the CAT advance person. I believe you said
3 in that role you're planning all tactical assets.

4 What exactly does that include?

5 A So that would only be the tactical assets that I would need for an
6 [REDACTED]. That wouldn't be -- so, for example, countersniper is a tactical
7 team. I wouldn't be planning their assets.

8 Q Precisely my question. So countersniper has a separate advance person
9 covering those pieces of the puzzle?

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q Okay. And then are you familiar with the term or the role of a CAT LNO,
12 CAT liaison? Have you heard that term before?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What does that person do?

15 A So a CAT LNO would be a person that would be -- it would be a Counter
16 Assault [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED].

18 Q Was there a CAT LNO on July 13th?

19 A No, because we had [REDACTED] CAT team.

20 Q So the LNO is really only if you have a [REDACTED], and then you need
21 [REDACTED]?

22 A [REDACTED] So, for example, the -- an LNO would be used for [REDACTED]
23 for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] We wouldn't -- I'm not going to
24 say we wouldn't provide it. It all depends on manpower.

25 But if we could not provide [REDACTED], then the LNO would -- would

1 coordinate the trip with the local TAC teams and would be placed with them to have a
2 communication between them and the detail.

3 Q That makes sense. So, essentially, if you have [REDACTED] team that you
4 had going into July 13th, that function of the communications is basically filled by having
5 [REDACTED] team?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q Thank you. And then there was a question -- we were discussing Special
8 Agent [REDACTED] as, I think we called her the lead advance agent. And you said you weren't
9 sure if she was from the detail or from the field office.

10 And based on your experience, who typically has that role? Is that somebody
11 from a local office or somebody from the detail?

12 A So it's going to be detail-dependent and how big the detail is. I'm going to
13 say that on the President's detail, which is detail I work with 99 percent of the time, you
14 will have a -- the lead advance would come from his detail, the President's detail, and
15 then they would have a lead counterpart that would come from the local field office
16 wherever the event is.

17 For this event, for, like, a former President or somebody else, I think it really just
18 depends on the detail. And if they can't provide the manpower, then it would be filled
19 through a local field office.

1 [3:07 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So it's sort of fluid who's going to fill that role, depending on manpower.

4 A I would say so, but I'm not -- I don't assign those positions.

5 Q Understood. That's why I'm just asking based on what you've seen.

6 When did you first become aware that there would be this July 13th rally in

7 Butler?

8 A I don't recall, but probably [REDACTED] before it happened.

9 Q And I think, when we were speaking earlier, you said [REDACTED] is approximately
10 average for finding out about an event or working an advance?

11 A I'm going to say it depends. That depends, just because there's a lot of
12 stuff that pops up with these protectees that it could be [REDACTED]. But I want to say
13 typically you're going to know about the advance and you're going to be boots down
14 about [REDACTED] on a typical, like, if everything went perfect.

15 Q So did you have any concerns about the timeline here that you had to do
16 your advance work?

17 A No, ma'am.

18 Q Okay. And we've spoken a bit about you did all this advance by phone,
19 that's sort of manpower-dependent, that you couldn't be on the ground.

20 We had started to talk about the police meeting. I think that -- was that on July
21 8th? Best of your recollection?

22 A I don't recall.

23 Q Okay. What typically happens at that police meeting?

24 A So the police meeting would be the field office supervisor would get up and
25 speak, and then the lead advance agent would get up and speak. They would go over

1 the trip and what itinerary that they possibly know of at that point.

2 And they would introduce the advance team. And then they would ask the local
3 and State representatives at the police meeting, if you're part of [REDACTED] then you
4 need to meet with the [REDACTED] advance.

5 If you're a [REDACTED] representative, you need to meet with either [REDACTED] or
6 [REDACTED]. If you're a part of maybe a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] for a local or
7 State agency, then you would need to meet with the [REDACTED] advance,
8 typically like that.

9 And then after the police meeting, like after all the introductions and everything
10 are over with, then you would break up into groups and talk about assets and what
11 typically we request and go from there.

12 Q So specifically for the July 13th event, there was a police meeting held. Do
13 you know who led that?

14 A No, ma'am.

15 Q How do local assets, the State assets, know to come to that meeting? Who
16 calls them?

17 A So when I worked in [REDACTED] just as an agent assigned to investigations,
18 typically the special agent in charge of that region or district, whenever he would get
19 notice that there is a potential event or a protectee is coming to town, he would send out
20 an email with all of the assets from the -- for all the departments and resources from
21 previous trips.

22 And then say, Hey, this what is we have. Could you please be at this police
23 meeting on this date, and we can discuss further?

24 Q That makes sense. But for this specific event, you're not sure who
25 coordinated that.

1 A I have no idea.

2 Q Okay. Appreciating you weren't there in person, did you call in to that
3 police meeting?

4 A No.

5 Q You said that there's sort of breakout groups, depending on the different
6 roles. Was there a breakout for the CAT group on July 8th?

7 A I wasn't there. So what we were doing would be to tell the lead or the field
8 office supe or somebody what we're typically requesting and then to give out our phone
9 number and emails, and that way we can start the communication process.

10 Q So did you give your information to Special Agent [REDACTED] to pass along?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And along with passing along your contact information, did you give her any
13 specifics about what you were looking for, for the July 13th event?

14 A Yes. I just told her typically what we typically ask for. But at a police
15 meeting nothing's set in stone. This is kind of -- a police meeting is -- because you don't
16 even know the final itinerary.

17 Ninety percent of the time at a police meeting things are going to change. The
18 sites are going to change. They may add more sites. So it's kind of hard to say, Hey,
19 this is what we're looking for.

20 And then all of a sudden they add two more sites. Then you got to come back
21 out. You know what? You know, now we need three [REDACTED] teams, [REDACTED],
22 [REDACTED] teams. How can we get that? Is that possible?

23 So we just tell them typically, based on the itinerary, this is what we would ask for.
24 And then we would ask them to, like, call -- like, I would say this is what I'm looking for,
25 for this. But could you see what your department can offer and then send me an email

1 or call me and say, "Hey, we can give -- we may not -- we can't give the six but we can
2 give you four," or something to that effect.

3 And then we would just communicate through that whole week back and forth,
4 Hey, I think the sites are confirmed now. Nothing's changed. Are we still good with
5 the [REDACTED] team?

6 Yeah, we're still good with it. We're okay.

7 And that's kind of how it would go.

8 [REDACTED]: Could I ask one quick one, just on that?

9 [REDACTED]: Please.

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q If you were doing CAT advance or if you ever have done CAT advance for a
12 pretty small event where you know you have [REDACTED] Secret Service CAT guys, you don't need
13 anything more than that, would you tell the field, the SAIC from the field office or their
14 equivalent, "Hey, don't even bother reaching out to local CAT teams, I don't need them"?

15 Or is it always that they're involved, whether you like it or not, and it's just a
16 question of how you're going to use them?

17 A That would never get said, and we would always use local or State
18 counterparts.

19 Q If they're available, there's always going to be something useful for them to
20 do?

21 A That's correct. I've never went to any assignment and never had any local
22 or State participants.

23 Q That's helpful. Thank you.

24 A [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q Is it purely a manpower situation, or do you also want locals there cause
3 they presumably know the site better?

4 A It's definitely -- it's a manpower issue, because if we -- so let's just use Butler,
5 for example.

6 For Butler, I had [REDACTED] teams, [REDACTED] TAC team and then [REDACTED]
7 CAT guys as the Counter Assault Team.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]. And we, like I said earlier, we only had [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Typical, a typical advance, you would get [REDACTED] CAT team, and then the
13 [REDACTED] teams and TAC teams would be local or State. That's on every -- that's just
14 about every trip, unless the local or State team says they can't fill it. Then we would call
15 CAT ops. [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED].

17 Q So in your experience, ultimately, the needs that you identified have been
18 met for the events?

19 A [REDACTED].

20 Q Okay.

21 A [REDACTED] TAC teams.

22 Q Yes, I'm speaking specifically to your CAT role.

23 On July 13th, did you feel like you had sufficient manpower for that
24 [REDACTED]?

25 A Yes.

1 Q I want to make sure that I understand sort of which comes first.

2 Agent [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED] -- puts out a request or says here is Special Agent [REDACTED]
3 information.

4 Do you then call the locals or have a discussion with local and say, "I need [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] CAT teams"? Do they say to you, "This is what I have to offer"?

6 How do you reach that ultimate staffing?

7 A So this is how this works. So in a police meeting, everybody comes in and
8 you sign in and you put your email and contact number, and the advance personnel
9 contact number and emails are on that list.

10 So during a police meeting I, assuming Agent [REDACTED] [sic] was -- this is our counter
11 assault agent -- can't be here because he's working, but this is his contact info. Reach
12 out to him after this police meeting and let him know what department you're at and
13 what jurisdictions you're under, and that way y'all can coordinate the assets. And that's
14 what happened.

15 Q And so who do you recall speaking with as far as local and --

16 A So --

17 Q -- State partners?

18 A Yes, ma'am. So for Allegheny -- I believe that's how you pronounce
19 it -- County, that would be where Pittsburgh airport is.

20 I talked to the Allegheny port authority police. I believe that's them. I don't
21 recall the gentleman's name that I worked with all week. But I coordinated the assets
22 for that.

23 And then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] assets would have been [REDACTED] -- I believe his last name is
24 [REDACTED] or something to that --

25 Q [REDACTED]

1 A [REDACTED] yeah.

2 And then he passed over team leader's information on one of his Pennsylvania

3 State Police TAC team, [REDACTED] And his last name's like [REDACTED] maybe or something to

4 that effect.

5 [REDACTED] Exhibit A

6 was marked for identification.]

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q And we could introduce as minority exhibit A just so that we have the
3 names.

4 This is an email on July 9th from Sergeant [REDACTED], who I think you just
5 mentioned. It seems to track the discussion that we were just having.

6 "I was given your email address...I believe Allegheny County SWAT will be handling
7 [REDACTED] specifically. This is common practice. Our team commonly handles the
8 [REDACTED] Butler County ESU seemed to want [REDACTED]. That doesn't break
9 my heart at all."

10 How did you respond to this message?

11 A I don't know if I sent an email or if I just called. Most of the time when I get
12 these, I call the number that they give me right then.

13 Q And do you recall --

14 A Because I was working.

15 Q Working.

16 A Yes.

17 Q So do you recall how you responded to this or the discussions with Sergeant
18 [REDACTED]

19 A I would have called him or sent an email back saying, Thanks for the
20 opportunity. Look forward to working with you. Typically how many guys do y'all
21 usually provide for [REDACTED] team? I'm looking for [REDACTED]. That's kind of
22 normal, what we normally do. Do you think that would be possible? And then go from
23 there.

24 And that would be -- that would really be about it. It would be pretty
25 straightforward like that from my role.

1 Q And here he seems to be raising his hand almost to say, We usually handle
2 [REDACTED]. Any issue with that or did you say why PSP or anything like that?

3 A No. It's common to use a State team [REDACTED] because you're going
4 from multiple jurisdictions, local jurisdictions, and they have jurisdiction in the State.

5 Q That makes sense.

6 And at this point, if you recall, had you spoken to anybody from Butler County ESU
7 that's mentioned here?

8 A I'm not -- I don't recall if I spoke to Butler County ESU before this email or
9 after, but I did speak with them pretty soon --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- around the same time.

12 Q And do you recall you who spoke to at Butler County ESU?

13 A [REDACTED] Is that how you -- [REDACTED]

14 Q And is he the, do you recall, the commander of Butler County ESU? Does
15 that sound right?

16 A Yes, ma'am.

17 Q And what were the discussions with Commander [REDACTED]

18 A Just we discussed the site and how big it was, how many guys that I told him
19 that we would typically use for that, if that would be an issue.

20 He said, No, we can provide as many guys as you want.

21 And that was it.

22 Q So you requested those [REDACTED] teams of Commander [REDACTED] and he was
23 able to fill it?

24 A Yes. Also requested a [REDACTED]

25 Q And how many people were on that team? Is that [REDACTED] team you

1 were referring to?

2 A A [REDACTED] would be -- that particular QRF was [REDACTED]. A [REDACTED], it's a
3 broad term. So a [REDACTED] can mean a lot of different things.

4 But my [REDACTED] was stationed [REDACTED]. This is [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]. So there could be a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED].

7 Q Help me understand what the difference is between a [REDACTED] and a CAT team.
8 You're responding to different things, or a [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] to support the CAT
9 team?

10 A So a [REDACTED]. So what -- that's, like, a big term, like, a
11 very broad term.

12 So a [REDACTED] for the CAT team would be [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]. That would be my [REDACTED].

17 Now, a [REDACTED] for let's just say there's a protest that's not violent but maybe has
18 violent tendencies, maybe people with, I don't know, with chanting with signs and that
19 could potentially get violent and they needed some crowd control, that could be a
20 different [REDACTED].

21 That could be, like I said, that could be just some police officers, just standard
22 patrol officers stationed [REDACTED] away that would come [REDACTED] with, like, maybe
23 [REDACTED] something to help with the protest.

24 So a [REDACTED].

25 Q Understood. Thank you for that explanation.

1 So [REDACTED] or Commander [REDACTED] is going to be able to provide an additional [REDACTED].

2 Do you recall how often you were in contact with Commander [REDACTED] over the
3 course of the [REDACTED], give or take?

4 A I don't know, but we spoke several times.

5 Q And beyond the additional request of, "I need these teams," what were you
6 discussing with him?

7 A We would discuss kind of what was expected on -- expected from counter
8 assault on, like, their role.

9 So for the [REDACTED] teams, this is an example, like, [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] That's what I'm saying. There's different assets for
14 different things.

15 So we just discussed what was expected of them. Every time on these advances,
16 I'd just tell them follow their own protocol.

17 I mean, they're tactical guys. They're [REDACTED]. So they have their own
18 tactics. I'm not going to be out there with them to tell them, Hey, you need to move
19 over here and you need to move over here.

20 It's just, Address the threat like y'all would as a team, as y'all trained. [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] One trained feature, as well, if we're in a situation like that, [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q So is it fair to say that you were sort of their commander for purposes that
25 day?

1 A Just I would say that it's fair to say that for the [REDACTED] teams.

2 Q For these [REDACTED] teams that Butler County ESU is providing, they're
3 working at the direction of the Secret Service on July 13th.

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay.

6 [REDACTED]. Sorry. Just one question.

7 By [REDACTED] teams, do you mean the [REDACTED] CAT teams and the [REDACTED] or just the [REDACTED]
8 local CAT teams?

9 [REDACTED] So the [REDACTED] teams that were Butler County ESU --

10 [REDACTED]. Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] -- would have been controlled by me.

12 The [REDACTED] team, which is Pennsylvania State Police, [REDACTED] team and [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] would have been controlled by me.

14 And then the [REDACTED] when I say controlled by me, that just means me saying, [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]. Y'all go handle the situation.

16 And that would -- when I'm saying, like, control, that's a very loose term because
17 I'm not just over there telling them, Hey, you go over here, shoot this guy, and you go
18 over here.

19 Like that's their team leader that's directing them. I would just -- I would contact
20 their team leader on, Hey, [REDACTED].

21 And then they would address it and their team leader would be in contact with me
22 saying, Hey, [REDACTED] however it may
23 be. It's a lot of communication like that.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q When you were speaking with Commander [REDACTED] did you also discuss

1 locations for these teams?

2 A Yes.

3 Q How were those locations for the TAC teams, for the [REDACTED], ultimately
4 determined?

5 A So we had conversations on the site itself, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] And ultimately
7 that's how they were placed.

8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]

12 And wherever -- there's not a set -- there's not a set clock position that these guys
13 are covering. So, for example, [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. It's all dependent because we don't know.

15 And [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]. So it's all
17 dependent, yeah.

18 Q Having not visited the site, I think you said you'll pull up [REDACTED] or
19 something and look at the site. Did you do that here?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Ultimately, is it your decision, is it the local law enforcement decision as to
22 where those units are placed?

23 A We have a discussion on it, and then we come up with an agreement.

24 Q And did you have any concerns, any pushback from local law enforcement as
25 to where you thought the site should be for you teams?

1 A No.

2 Q We've talked about Pennsylvania State Police a few times. We've talked
3 about Sergeant [REDACTED] and their role [REDACTED].

4 What is your understanding of Pennsylvania State Police's role at the Butler farm
5 ground?

6 A So [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] team, their role would
7 be to, [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED].

9 So as the Butler site, if we didn't have them there [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]

12 So their role in an emergency situation would be [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]

16 Q And did you have an understanding of PSP having a role, more broadly, at
17 the rally site that day or were you more or less focused [REDACTED]?

18 A So I'm only focused on the counter assault piece of it. They could have had
19 troopers directing traffic. That wouldn't have been -- I wouldn't have cared. They
20 could have had troopers post standing around the perimeter. That wouldn't have been
21 me.

22 I was only concerned about the assets that they were providing to the Counter
23 Assault Team, which was [REDACTED] TAC team, and that was it.

24 Q Understood.

25 We've spoken a bit about your communications with Special Agent [REDACTED] sort of at

1 the outset in setting up the police meeting.

2 What communications did you have with her over the course of [REDACTED] leading
3 up to the event?

4 A We talked several times on the phone. And I would say we would just -- I
5 would just explain the assets that were going to be at each site [REDACTED].
6 And that was really it.

7 Q Did she have any questions for you about manpower or where you were
8 placing folks?

9 A Yes. But it's very typical. Every advance I go on or have been on that is
10 the advance, Well, why are you putting them here [REDACTED] or why are you
11 putting them here? And I have to explain to them.

12 For example, Agent [REDACTED] [sic] at that one, at the Site 2, and the site agent were
13 asking me, Well, why are they [REDACTED] Why are they [REDACTED]?

14 And my response to that was, [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] The tactical assets [REDACTED]

16 So if they're [REDACTED], then they have to maneuver all
17 the way [REDACTED], whereas if they're already [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 Q And --

20 A And -- sorry. And then I explained that out to them. They're like, Okay,
21 that makes sense. Obviously, it's a longer conversation but --

22 Q And you mentioned another agent. I think you said a site agent. Who
23 was that?

24 A I believe her name was [REDACTED]

25 Q Special Agent [REDACTED]

1 What was her role?

2 A [REDACTED]

3 Q And what does that mean?

4 A Advance agent.

5 Q What -- sorry. I don't mean to speak over you.

6 What is the role of the site agent as compared to the lead agent?

7 A So the site agent, this is over the particular site, they would be coordinating
8 the assets besides -- I mean, essentially they're coordinating everything at that site and
9 they're relaying it to the lead. The lead's over the whole trip.

10 So if you have multiple sites, then you have multiple site agents that are passing
11 information to the lead.

12 Q And when you say all assets, is that all assets except for tactical, you're in
13 charge of that piece of things?

14 A So when I say in charge of the site, I mean as far as counter sniper would be
15 telling her, Hey, these are our assets and this is where they're placed.

16 I would be telling her, This is my assets and this is where we're placed. TSD
17 would be telling her, Hey, this is whatever TSD does. PI would be talking to her about PI
18 things.

19 And then she's putting all this together and coming up with a plan for the site and
20 coming up with -- I think a site agent would have to do post standers, too, come up with a
21 post standers plan, diagrams and stuff. But essentially that's it.

22 Q And did she have questions similar to Special Agent [REDACTED] about where you're
23 posting people or number of team members you would have?

24 A They asked -- every advance I go on, they ask me those same questions.
25 But it's not -- they just don't know the idea behind it. They don't understand the role

1 that we're taught in the counter assault because we're countering an assault.

2 So that's why they ask. They're not necessarily disagreeing with it. But, yes, I
3 talked with Agent [REDACTED] [sic] and [REDACTED] on the phone about this.

4 Q Understood. Was there at any point any discussion of additional Secret
5 Service CAT agents? I think we've talked about the manpower a fair amount. But did
6 you ever make a request, or are you aware of anybody else making a request for more
7 than just you and Special Agent [REDACTED]

8 A No.

9 [REDACTED]. Anything else on the advance?

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q I guess one, just one quick one.

12 Maybe this is hard because by its very nature you would not be involved. But are
13 there ever events that you're aware of where Secret Service does not have a CAT
14 presence at all but there are local CAT support personnel involved?

15 A There would be a CAT LNO.

16 Yes, there are assignments in the Secret Service where there's not a CAT element
17 at all. It depends on the -- [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 So, for example, [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. I don't know how they determine it.

24 [REDACTED] Like these.

25 Some people don't get it. And then there's certain people that get it no matter what.

1 Q And that's a decision that, Hey, there needs to be some type of CAT here
2 unit, it can't be Secret Service CAT. Where does that decision typically get made, if you
3 know? Is that in Special Operations Division, or is that out of a personal protective?

4 A So they -- people can request CAT through CAT ops. But depending on -- if
5 [REDACTED] CAT ops and
6 whoever makes those decisions will say, No, we can't provide that. We can't provide it.
7 We don't have the manpower for that.

8 If the manpower was available, they would gladly do it.

9 Q This is the last one. Sort of vague. But since CAT is specialized, as you've
10 explained, the principles involve only relate to CAT people. Appreciate the nuances.

11 Is it ever hard for a protective detail to say, "Well, I think I need CAT," but is there
12 ever a challenge for you as a CAT person where there's a little bit of disconnect? They
13 might be asking for CAT but they might not be appreciating the reasons why either you do
14 or do not need CAT, if that makes sense.

15 A Me, personally, I don't get involved like that. If I get told to go to an
16 assignment and do an advance, no, I'm going to go to do it. I don't -- it's, like, whatever.
17 It's the same job for me.

18 Now, maybe, like, people above me, yeah, it could be, like, No, you don't need it.
19 But if I get an assignment, I'm going. I don't ask questions. I've just doing the same
20 thing regardless.

21 [REDACTED]. Got it. Thank you.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q In the lead-up to July 13th, did you provide any briefings to other Secret
24 Service agents or to local or State counterparts? Sort of --

25 A Telephonic briefings.

1 Q Telephonic briefings. And were those exclusively with Commander [REDACTED]
2 and Sergeant [REDACTED] or who were you speaking to?

3 A That's who it would have been. Not necessarily [REDACTED] [sic], but the
4 TL for the [REDACTED] team, [REDACTED] not sure how you say that. But I was
5 speaking with him during the week because he was going be the TL of the [REDACTED] the
6 [REDACTED]. So I was explaining to him what was expected for [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED].

8 Q And what about any briefings among the Secret Service advance team?
9 Are you in discussions amongst yourselves over the course of that week?

10 A Yes, we all talk. We all have briefings. So there was a briefing on this
11 whole event maybe the day before. I was doing -- I was telephonically on it. But it's
12 where the whole event, I mean, the whole event is laid out, the whole trip from start to
13 finish. These are the assets at each site. And it goes from there, yes.

14 Q Anything stand out to you about that briefing? Any concerns anybody's
15 raised about the site?

16 A No.

17 Q And I think, going back a few days, you said when that July 8th police briefing
18 took place, at that point you were not aware yet of the site location.

19 A That's correct.

20 Q Is that correct?

21 When did you become aware of the site?

22 A I believe on that particular assignment it was changed. It was supposed to
23 have been maybe at an airport, and then it got changed later on during the week.

24 This is very common. They change all the time. And I've worked advances
25 where you have four sites and then the day before the protectee gets there, the staff

1 changes everything and those sites aren't the same anymore. And then now you're
2 scrambling to get additional manpower or redo everything.

3 So for this rally, I don't remember. It was a few days before whenever they said
4 it was locked in.

5 Q And when you say the staff, are you referring to campaign staff or the
6 [inaudible]? Who would --

7 A It would be the detail. It would be the protectee staff.

8 Q As opposed to Secret Service?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q So it is in this case the campaign staff that selects the site maybe has moved
11 it and Secret Service is separate from that decision?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. On July 13th, I'd like to speak a little bit about the communications
14 plan for the day.

15 How are you communicating with your team?

16 A So on July 13th, when we arrive at the airport in Pittsburgh, as soon as I get
17 [REDACTED], I walk over to Pennsylvania State Police, who is right behind us [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. While everybody's still on the plane, I walk back to the
21 Pennsylvania State -- [REDACTED] team, [REDACTED] team. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] So I got to have ways to communicate with them.

24 As far as when we get to Butler County -- I mean, when we get to the actual event,
25 Butler County, the rally, I asked [REDACTED] if he could provide a member of their ESU team

1 to meet me at the arrival/departure because, since I physically wasn't there to hand them
2 [REDACTED] that he could be with us during the event so that that way I would have
3 communication with the local teams through him.

4 Q And did you make that request to [REDACTED] that day or was that in the
5 lead-up to --

6 A It was in the lead-up.

7 Q And talking about this radio exchange, first with one of the Pennsylvania
8 State Police troopers, how many radios do you carry?

9 A Typically on my person, two.

10 Q And that day did you have two?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So you hand one off. Now you have two in your hand. One is a Secret
13 Service radio and one is a PSP radio, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you recall what channel you were monitoring?

16 A So the Secret Service radio [REDACTED], and
17 that would have been, I believe, [REDACTED] I don't know what the PSP's radio was set to,
18 but it would have been some State tactical net.

19 Q Do you recall hearing anything over that radio over the course of the day?

20 A No.

21 Q So nothing either [REDACTED] or during the rally?

22 A Nothing.

23 Q And what about on the [REDACTED] channel that you were on?

24 A So [REDACTED] channel, whenever we -- when we pull up to a site, we always do
25 radio checks with [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] Team.

1 Q Uh-huh.

2 A We did our radio checks. They come back loud and clear. Can you hear
3 us? Loud and clear. So that would be the first point of communication I heard.

4 Then there was nothing for the longest -- well, for a set amount of time. And
5 then you always hear the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. So you have all that chatter, too.

7 And then when we get -- when the protectee gets on the stage and we get -- the
8 Counter Assault Team [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED].

11 We call it [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED].

13 When we were there at [REDACTED] just for maybe a very, very short
14 amount of time, counter sniper [REDACTED] come over the radio and said that there's
15 something going on at the 3 o'clock. They could see local officers scrambling to deal
16 with something, but that was all that was said.

17 Once that was said -- and that's not a quote. That's just kind of what they -- I
18 don't remember exactly what they said.

19 Once they said that, I looked over at my local counterpart, because I don't have a
20 local radio, and I said, Hey, are you hearing anything that's going on at the 3 o'clock?

21 And he was sitting there listening. You could tell he was listening really hard for
22 about 5 seconds. He said it sounds like they're sending a [REDACTED] there.

23 And I said, like I said earlier, there's [REDACTED] And since I'm not sending a
24 QRF there, because I hadn't heard anything, I didn't think it was a [REDACTED].

25 And so I said, What is going on? Is it protest or a fight?

1 And seconds after that, I mean, I'm talking about seconds, that's when the shots
2 come out.

3 Q So before he could even respond to you what this [REDACTED] might be, shots were
4 fired.

5 A Yes.

6 Q And to the best of your recollection, that communication from [REDACTED]
7 about something at the 3 o'clock would have been over the [REDACTED] channel.

8 A It was over [REDACTED]

9 Q It was over [REDACTED]

10 Were there any other Secret Service channels being used that day, to your
11 knowledge?

12 A I'm sure there were, but I was only on [REDACTED]

13 Q Was there a channel for TAC and counter sniper? Do you recall [REDACTED]
14 being used?

15 A So [REDACTED] would -- so [REDACTED] is a channel that's available that if we need to
16 switch to it to -- because if we're all on [REDACTED] and the shift's on [REDACTED] everybody's on
17 [REDACTED] right, and then something bad happens. Everybody's talking, [REDACTED],
18 [REDACTED] So we would turn our channel to [REDACTED] so the
19 tactical assets could talk.

20 Q But [REDACTED] as sort of a general channel throughout
21 the day. You are [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] channel.

22 A I was scanning [REDACTED] but the only people that would have been on that
23 would have been [REDACTED].

24 Q Do you have an understanding of whether the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would have
25 been scanning all of these channels or monitoring these various channels?

1 A So the [REDACTED] typically monitors every channel and usually has a
2 representative from every State and local organization that has a purpose at that event or
3 that site in the [REDACTED] with them. That way when stuff is getting passed, they,
4 the [REDACTED], can pass it to us.

5 So I don't know what happened that day, but we did not receive any information.

6 Q Understood. And I think I'm probably coming up on my time.

7 But just to be clear, focusing on the Secret Service channels being used that day,
8 would the [REDACTED], to your understanding, have been monitoring [REDACTED]

9 A [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]. It's not like we're passing
11 information to the [REDACTED] to pass somewhere else.

12 Q Wouldn't it be important that the [REDACTED] have that sort of full view of
13 communications at the site?

14 A It would be important if we had to [REDACTED], but we didn't [REDACTED]. But
15 if we did, we would have come over [REDACTED] and said counter assault's [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]

17 Q Okay. So [REDACTED] sort of out there as a potential channel that you might
18 use with the [REDACTED] team, but you didn't really use it on July 13th.

19 A So it's kind of like this. No, we did not use it on July 13th at all. [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED].

21 So the [REDACTED] would be -- [REDACTED]. That
22 would be an example of where [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED].

24 We would operate on [REDACTED] if things started getting so chaotic with traffic over
25 the radios, and we would go to [REDACTED] and communicate with each other via that. It's

1 kind of just -- it's almost like -- it's like a -- it's just a secondary channel if we needed to

2 [REDACTED] But, yes, it would be important.

3 [REDACTED]: I think we're probably at about time, and it's a good place to
4 pause. So we can go off the record.

5 [Recess.]

6 [REDACTED]: Back on the record.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q [REDACTED] let me just go back to the advance briefly, and then we'll go back,
9 we'll go into the day itself a little more.

10 For the advance, did you at some point come to understand what the perimeter
11 was for the event?

12 A I understood where the perimeter was, but I don't usually get involved in
13 perimeter stuff --

14 Q Right.

15 A -- because that don't involve me and my team.

16 Q Right, because you're [REDACTED].

17 A The CAT team is [REDACTED], and then the [REDACTED] teams we put in
18 [REDACTED].

19 Q [REDACTED].

20 A Yes.

21 Q Got it.

22 Do you know who defined the perimeter for that event?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q All right. Would it likely have been the site agent or the lead agent?

25 A I would -- I have no idea.

1 Q Okay.

2 A I don't know who does that. It could have been those or TSD possibly.

3 But that's not my role, so I don't really know.

4 Q Understood.

5 So you did understand what the perimeter was, how it was defined for that event.

6 A Yes.

7 Q And did have you any concerns about it when you saw how it was defined?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Okay. Did you have a sense from either looking at the materials that have
10 been sent to you or from conversations you had with people that there was a large open
11 area outside of the perimeter?

12 A Yes.

13 [REDACTED] Wait. The question is did you have a sense?

14 [REDACTED]: Did he, yeah.

15 [REDACTED] Did you know that there was a large open area?

16 [REDACTED] Yes.

17 [REDACTED] Okay.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q And did you know about the -- that there were buildings that were located in
20 that large open area?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And did you know there were private buildings?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. As part of your responsibilities, do you have any role in defining lines
25 of sight that could be -- that could give a shooter, for example, a line of sight on the

1 protectee?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q Okay. That's not something you did.

4 A No, sir.

5 Q Who does that? Do you know?

6 A So as far as -- I've seen it happen where a site agent would say this is a line of
7 sight issue and we need to do something to mitigate that. And then I've seen it where
8 maybe CS may say, Hey, this is my concern of a line of sight issue to the site agent. We
9 need to -- this is it. If you want to mitigate it, mitigate it. Maybe a field office
10 supervisor who's doing a walk-through could do that.

11 I think -- to recognize the line of sight issue is one thing. But then to mitigate it,
12 that would be -- ultimately it would come down to somebody with authority like a
13 supervisor or something.

14 Q Okay. Okay. But that's not something that was in your responsibility.

15 A No.

16 Q Did you hear anything prior to the event, any concerns from anybody, either
17 local law enforcement or Secret Service, about concerns about line of sight issues with
18 this event?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Did you hear anyone concerned specifically about the big open area that was
21 outside of the perimeter?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Did you hear anyone suggest that the Secret Service should put [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] in between where the AGR building look over into the site and the site itself?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Okay. So as far as you were concerned, as of the day, as of July 13th, based
2 on what you knew, you believe that the site had been appropriately protected from an
3 advance perspective?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. So you were comfortable with the former President attending the
6 event based on what you understood to be the protective services that had been set up
7 by the Secret Service and by local law enforcement?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. All right.

10 So let's go to July 13th itself, and I'm going to cover some of the ground that was
11 already covered by the minority but some -- just some more details.

12 So when you arrived at the airport [REDACTED], were
13 you met by local law enforcement when you got there?

14 A So when we arrive at an airport, [REDACTED], the
15 [REDACTED].

16 Q Right.

17 A And when we -- everything should be done at this point. Everything should
18 be done.

19 [REDACTED] Wait just a second.

20 [REDACTED]: Wait. Just hold on.

21 [REDACTED]: It's just the guy checking the area.

22 [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

23 [REDACTED] Okay. Just hold on.

24 [REDACTED]: Why don't we hold on for a second, yeah.

25 [REDACTED] All right.

1 [Brief pause.]

2 [REDACTED]: Okay. Back on the record.

3 Thank you.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q I'm sorry. You were talking about [REDACTED].

6 A So everything should be done [REDACTED]. So no
7 more -- there wouldn't really be no more briefings or anything unless it's something very
8 quick like what I done with PSP when I handed over a radio.

9 And that was essentially walking over to them, introducing myself, handing over a
10 radio, getting a radio, and then getting into the car [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Q Got it. And you were exchanging radios with PSP because they were
13 providing [REDACTED].

14 A That's correct.

15 Q Okay. So you did not get a radio from Butler local law enforcement.

16 A No, sir, because I had them meet me [REDACTED].

17 Q You had them meet you [REDACTED]?

18 A They were going to be with me the whole time.

19 Q Exactly. So PSP gave you a radio. You gave them one of yours. So now
20 you had your Secret Service radio, you had the PSP radio, and you had your cell phone.

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Okay. So then you [REDACTED].

23 Where are you traveling [REDACTED]? Are
24 you in the same vehicle? Are you in another vehicle?

25 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay.

2 A [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. And how long is the motorcade -- how long is the drive, roughly?

4 A It was long. It was the longest one I've ever been in. It was probably over
5 an hour.

6 Q Over an hour, okay.

7 And so then when you arrive -- when you're in the motorcade, is your radio
8 functioning at this point --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- in term of the Secret Service radio?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So you can hear whatever traffic's coming across the channels that you're
13 tuned into.

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. And then on the PSP, you're also tuned into whatever channel they
16 have you tuned into.

17 A Their [REDACTED] channel.

18 Q Their [REDACTED] channel. Okay.

19 Now, on both channels do you hear back and forth and communications going on,
20 on both radios?

21 A No communication at all.

22 Q You didn't hear anything?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Okay. On both the Secret Service and on the PSP?

25 A Yes. Now, I wasn't scanning the other channels that the Secret Service

1 could have been operating on.

2 Q Right.

3 A [REDACTED] channels or maybe an alternate channel like what we -- like we
4 have [REDACTED] as, like, a [REDACTED] channel.

5 Q Right.

6 A But there's other teams that could be operating on something else just so
7 that there's not traffic on the [REDACTED]

8 Q I see. Okay.

9 A So, like, PI could be operating on a different channel.

10 With that being said, we didn't hear nothing on [REDACTED] and that was the [REDACTED]
11 channel.

12 Q Okay. And when you say nothing, you didn't hear -- nobody, no
13 communications at all.

14 A No.

15 Q It was nothing.

16 A Not till we got there and we did our radio checks and we heard [REDACTED]
17 talking.

18 Q Okay. So is that because, as far as you understood, no one was actually
19 using the channel at that time?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. And then for -- was that unusual in your experience?

22 A I want to clarify. Sorry. There was communication on [REDACTED] as far as, like,
23 [REDACTED] talking.

24 Q Right.

25 A But nothing as far as something going on.

1 Q Oh, understood. I'm not even talking about anything going on. But there
2 was actual -- the radios were -- there were people talking on the radios. It just
3 wasn't -- it was just about [REDACTED].

4 A Yes.

5 Q Right. Okay. All right. And on the PSP radio, same kind of thing, there
6 were people talking about [REDACTED], or there was nothing?

7 A No, that was just a [REDACTED] channel for me to be able to communicate
8 with the TAC team just in case the Secret Service channel went down.

9 Q I see. Okay. So were you able to hear -- so you were not hearing the
10 constant or whatever, the constant communication on the PSP radio. You were
11 just -- you were able to use it to communicate with PSP.

12 A With the TAC team that was --

13 Q With the TAC team.

14 A So every entity is going to have their [REDACTED]. And then they're going
15 to have alternate channels for the [REDACTED] units. And so that channel in particular, the PSP
16 radio, was just for me and the [REDACTED] team to use if we needed to. It wasn't -- there wasn't
17 troopers using that channel. It was just for us.

18 Q I see. Understood. So they set up a dedicated channel between you and
19 the [REDACTED] team from PSP so you could use it on an as-needed basis.

20 A Yes, that was our [REDACTED] form of communication if our primary went
21 down, [REDACTED].

22 Q Understood. The PSP, though, the only person from PSP who had a Secret
23 Service radio, as far as you know, was the person that you gave your radio to.

24 A Yeah, the TL, [REDACTED]

25 Q Okay. And where was he? Was he [REDACTED] as well?

1 A [REDACTED] he was in [REDACTED] which was [REDACTED].

2 Q Understood. So on the PSP radio, the only thing you could hear would be if
3 somebody who had -- who has that -- who dedicated that channel from the [REDACTED] team for
4 PSP wanted to communicate with you.

5 A Yes.

6 Q So there was -- so, in other words, unlike the Secret Service radio, which you
7 could hear what a lot of people, different people, could be talking on it, the PSP was really
8 you and whoever it was on the other end if you needed to talk to each other.

9 A So PSP would have been kind of [REDACTED]

10 Q [REDACTED] okay.

11 A In a sense. And that, like, these channels [REDACTED] or that [REDACTED] channel,
12 there could have been a PSP commander or something with that channel. I don't know
13 who all had that channel. But they wasn't -- [REDACTED].
14 That's a [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

15 So in a perfect situation, like if we had to [REDACTED] we would also be talking
16 [REDACTED] as well.

17 Q Right.

18 A But there's not really a purpose for -- you asked -- or somebody asked this
19 earlier about would it be purpose -- a purpose for the [REDACTED]
20 There's always a purpose. [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]. It would go
22 on the main channel.

23 [REDACTED] would have been, like, for example, [REDACTED] and I
24 would have said, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 Q Got it. In other words, so [REDACTED] would be the thing that you'd use if you

1 needed a lot of people to know who was going on, if something important was
2 happening.

3 A That's right.

4 Q So [REDACTED] kind of --

5 A That's all it is --

6 Q [REDACTED]

7 A -- is [REDACTED]

8 So in a perfect situation when you have [REDACTED] CAT team, most of your CAT
9 guys are going to be operating on [REDACTED] --

10 Q Right.

11 A -- [REDACTED], but they're only going to talk to each other
12 on the [REDACTED], but the [REDACTED] so that the [REDACTED]
13 knows what's going on.

14 Q Understood. And so for the PSP person who got the Secret Service radio, it
15 was for him -- I assume it was a "he," if I recall correctly.

16 A Yes.

17 Q He could hear, like, effectively, [REDACTED]

18 A Yes.

19 Q Right. So he knows what's going on because he hears [REDACTED] He hears

20 [REDACTED]

21 A Yes.

22 Q I got it. And you don't have, though, the PSP version [REDACTED]

23 A No.

24 Q Got it. Okay.

25 So now you arrive, the motorcade arrives into the event sometime after 5 o'clock.

1 And when you arrive, are you met by Butler ESU Deputy Commander [REDACTED]

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And you remember his name?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. And is that immediately upon when you arrive, like you get out of
6 the car and he comes over to you guys, or do you have to find him?

7 A I believe he was right there, I think, standing [REDACTED].

8 Q Right.

9 A I believe I called him. It's like, Hey, we're here. [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] You can come out and meet us.

11 Q Got it. And you called him on your cell phone, or did you call him, like, on
12 the radio?

13 A It would have been on my work cell phone.

14 Q On your work cell phone?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So you had his number from the planning.

17 A Yes.

18 Q So, you know, Hey, I'm contacting him.

19 And he came over pretty quickly?

20 A Yes, sir. He was [REDACTED], waiting on us on arrival. I was
21 communicating with him along with the other TAC teams all morning before we even got
22 there.

23 Q Got it.

24 Now I'm going to go to some like -- this is going to sound very specific, right, but
25 I'm doing it because we're just trying to get a picture of what happened.

1 So he comes to you at the car after you call him. You introduced yourself. And
2 what is the first thing he tells you about what's going on as far as you can recall?

3 A So we do an introduction. At the site, [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]

6 So we jumped into the [REDACTED]. We were talking while we were setting up
7 the -- while the [REDACTED].

8 I kind of gave him a brief on, Hey, you're my primary communication to the
9 response teams and to the QRF. So if you hear -- for example, if I need you to deploy
10 one of the [REDACTED] teams to this area, that would be -- you need to do that and tell
11 them.

12 Q Right.

13 A As far as stuff site specific, I don't think that he said anything was going on.

14 Q Okay. Got it.

15 So when you guys get [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED].

18 A Yeah, so [REDACTED].

19 Q [REDACTED], right. You come in -- to come in. Then you obviously
20 have to [REDACTED]. So [REDACTED].

21 So you don't lose any time, you can tell him, Here's what's going on. What do you have
22 to tell him with respect to us?

23 A So [REDACTED]

24 Q Right.

25 A So when [REDACTED], we're still one -- there's nowhere else for

1 us to go [REDACTED].

2 Q Right.

3 A So [REDACTED] while we're doing everything.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And then [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED].

7 Q Okay. So I'm going to give you -- I'm going to tell you some information
8 that we've gotten from some other witnesses and then also some documents.

9 So the -- [REDACTED] best recollection is that you guys arrived around 1752 or
10 so --

11 A Okay.

12 Q -- 5:52. And that he came, he started talking to you guys.

13 Do you have any recollection of him saying anything about a suspicious person --

14 A No.

15 Q -- that he reviewed under or of being spotted?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Do you have any recollection of him telling you that there was -- that the
18 suspicious person had a rangefinder?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Okay. Do you have any recollection of him saying anything at all that would
21 give you any concern about the safety of the protectee?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Okay. So as far as you can recall, what did he tell you about, if anything?

24 A I mean, I really don't remember the whole conversations but --

25 Q Yeah.

1 A -- I mean, making sure our [REDACTED] teams were where they needed to be.

2 And we were just -- probably just small talk while [REDACTED]

3 Q Right.

4 A I don't think we said anything too specific about the site.

1 [4:22 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Got it. Did he go through what they had been doing all day? Like, did he
4 just give you sort of like an overview of, like, what their -- what their -- what they'd
5 been -- you know, literally been doing all day?

6 A He may have. I don't remember.

7 Q Okay. But nothing about what he said to you stands out to you as anything
8 other than normal course routine discussion?

9 A Yes. I will say this. Now, you're saying that -- like, if he did say that to me
10 and if he told you all that -- and it's probably true --

11 [REDACTED] Don't make any assumptions, please. Don't go there. Just -- he
12 wants to hear what you recall.

13 [REDACTED] I don't recall [REDACTED] here.

14 [REDACTED]: You don't recall. All right. But you actually anticipated my next
15 question, which is, in your experience, if you were told a suspicious person is on the
16 grounds, would that necessarily raise your antenna up to a level that this is a threat.

17 [REDACTED] Could you repeat that? Raise to a what?

18 [REDACTED]: A threat.

19 [REDACTED] Okay. There's two issues there. A, if you were aware that there
20 was a suspicious person, would that -- would that raise in your mind that that was a
21 threat. Now, that requires you to distinguish between a suspicious person and a threat.

22 Maybe you want to talk about, in your mind, what the difference is so you can
23 answer the question. I think you're sort of combining two different --

24 [REDACTED]: No. I'm trying to anticipate your speculation. So I can break it
25 down even more.

1 [REDACTED] Please.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So a -- when you say you don't recall, are you saying that -- you mentioned
4 this. Did you say it didn't happen or you don't remember?

5 A I don't remember.

6 Q So since you don't remember, let me ask you this question.

7 If somebody told you a suspicious person was present at the event, would that be
8 something you would likely remember?

9 A Yes.

10 [REDACTED] That's good.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q So -- and why is that?

13 A Because on any protectee, any time that I'm on assignment, we always get
14 intelligence information, and we go through it.

15 Q So --

16 A Now, this would be -- if he is straight telling me this face to face, I would
17 think that there was something weird about that, because that wouldn't come to me.

18 Q Why do you mean it wouldn't come to you?

19 A They wouldn't -- somebody -- it would have went to the [REDACTED] or to
20 the site agent. That information don't come to me if there's suspicious people.

21 Q But why? I'm not sure I follow.

22 A So there's -- there's people -- there's people that respond to suspicious
23 people.

24 Q Right.

25 A Okay? That's not Counter Assault's job. But if -- if the -- if he told me that

1 there was a suspicious person, and then I would -- and then he explained everything, my
2 next question would have been, you know, is it mitigated? Have you passed this
3 information along to protective intelligence? Does the [REDACTED] know this
4 information? And then I would have relayed it.

5 But a suspicious person is -- I think a lot of people that is not Secret Service agents
6 maybe think a lot of people are suspicious. But at the end of the day, I mean, there's so
7 many suspicious people if we just walk down the street or even at this rally that you
8 might say they're suspicious.

9 And -- but that don't -- that is not a means of necessarily, like, acting -- it's
10 not -- on the Counter Assault side, I couldn't do nothing about it besides [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Q Right. Okay. But I think what you're saying is your best recollection as to
13 whether or not that was actually said to you is that it probably was not said to you
14 because it is something that would have been something you remember?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. And even if the person was telling you this, you understood, well,
17 there's nothing I can do, but I'm here with the protectee, it's still something you would
18 have passed on to the [REDACTED] or to the [REDACTED] --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- that person had told you?

21 A Yes. I would have passed it on.

22 Q Okay. And you have no recollection of him mentioning that a suspicious
23 person had a rangefinder?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q All right. And is that something you would remember?

1 A Yes.

2 Q All right. And why is that? Why would you remember that?

3 A Because I feel like if you're ranging distances -- I mean, so if the person just
4 had a rangefinder and tried to get into the site, then that's one thing, right? It was in his
5 pocket or whatever. But then if he's out there at far distances ranging -- walking around
6 the outer perimeter, then that's another.

7 So it's going to be all based on the details that he's telling me. But with just a
8 rangefinder, I mean, I think it's a very suspicious item to come to an event with.

9 Q Right.

10 A But I've worked these rallies before, and people bring all types of stuff.

11 Q Right.

12 A There's boxes of knives and everything that they take from these people
13 coming into the rally.

14 So a rangefinder wouldn't necessarily be probably the weirdest thing I've seen.
15 But it would definitely -- I would -- definitely would want to send a PI team to talk to this
16 guy.

17 Q Got it. PI is protective intelligence?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Got it. Okay. So where did you go after -- where did you and Special
20 Agent [REDACTED] sort of place yourselves while former President Trump was going on the stage?
21 Where were you located?

22 A We -- so when former President Trump was walking out on the stage, [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q [REDACTED]. And where is that, roughly?

25 A That was [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 Q Okay. And then where was [REDACTED] at that point?

3 A Right next to me.

4 Q Okay. So he was coming with you to where you guys were going?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And so then when former President Trump gets on the stage, you're
7 still [REDACTED]?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. And [REDACTED] is still with you?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Now, at this point you have the two radios, you've got the PSP,

12 [REDACTED] let's call it PSP [REDACTED] I know that's not what it is, but meaning that it's the
13 dedicated line. And then you've got [REDACTED] right?

14 Over [REDACTED] did you -- do you recall hearing anything about a suspicious person
15 before the -- shortly before the shooting, like from the -- from the moment that the
16 President -- the former President took the stage, until that point, did you hear anything
17 about a suspicious person?

18 A Not a suspicious person.

19 Q Okay. Did you hear anything about a rangefinder?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Okay. And [REDACTED] was not telling you anything at that point either?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Okay. So as far as you were concerned, when you went into the tent and
24 when former President Trump took the stage, there was no reason to be specifically
25 concerned about his safety?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Okay. Had you been aware of something that was a threat, not just a
3 suspicious person, but an actual threat, did you have authority to pull him off the stage?

4 A I would have authority to tell the detail leader over [REDACTED] and then the
5 detail leader would have pulled him off the stage.

6 Q Understood. So you wouldn't have the authority to run up there and grab
7 him. You'd call -- you'd contact the detail leader and say, threat, pull him down, and
8 then they would go and do that?

9 A Yes. [REDACTED].

10 Q [REDACTED]. But that -- but, obviously, [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]?

12 A That's right.

13 Q So it wouldn't make sense for you to be the person [REDACTED] and pull
14 him down, but you'd tell the detail leader, pull him down?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. So you were aware of nothing when [REDACTED] the stage?

17 A Nothing.

18 Q All right. And then -- PSP [REDACTED] -- again, I'm just going to use that for a
19 shorthand -- PSP [REDACTED] you wouldn't have heard anything on PSP [REDACTED]
20 because -- unless somebody from the TAC side of PSP was specifically contacting you to
21 say I just learned of a threat or I just saw something, right?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q Because it's not a [REDACTED] it's a [REDACTED]

24 A That, and PS -- yes. Unless somebody contacted PSP directly and told them
25 the information, they wouldn't have known because if they didn't hear it over [REDACTED]

1 which we didn't hear anything --

2 Q Right.

3 A -- their PSP radios -- now, PSP could be scanning another channel on their
4 radios --

5 Q Right.

6 A -- that were set to local -- the local -- I mean, you know, whatever.

7 Now, if they would have heard something like that, then they didn't pass nothing
8 over.

9 Q Right. You wouldn't have heard whatever they were scanning; you would
10 have only heard what they decided to contact you about through the PSP [REDACTED]

11 A That's correct.

12 Q Got it. And then on [REDACTED] again, you didn't hear anything like that?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Until you did, which we'll talk about in a second.

15 And then what did you hear come across [REDACTED] that led you to think there was
16 actually some kind of problem out there?

17 A Nothing.

18 Q Nothing. Did you hear anything from the countersnipers on the -- on

19 [REDACTED]

20 A Sorry. This is before the shots were fired?

21 Q Before the shots were fired.

22 A Yes. Countersnipers come over the radio while we [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] and said there's something going on at the 3:00. And that's not a quote, but
24 it was something similar to that.

25 And it looked like maybe there was officers scrambling or something to that effect.

1 I looked at my counterpart, [REDACTED] and I said, are you hearing anything over the local
2 radios?

3 Q This is [REDACTED]

4 A Yes.

5 Q Right.

6 A And he sat there for just a second or two, and he said it sounds like they're
7 sending a QRF to the 3:00.

8 So I said, okay. What's going on? Is there a fight? Is there a protest?

9 Q Right.

10 A And that's when the shots were fired.

11 Q Got it. So it was right after that?

12 A Right after. I couldn't have probably -- at the time it couldn't have even
13 been so perfect to where the shots hadn't even fired until after I stopped and then the
14 shots were fired.

15 Q Understood. So, again, I don't want to belabor the point, but just so the
16 record is clear, you recall hearing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the CS, the countersnipers, are saying that
17 there's -- looks like there's something going on at 3:00. You turn to [REDACTED] and you
18 say, are you hearing anything going on? He tells you, yeah, there's a QRF has been
19 deployed to 3:00; something along those lines?

20 A He didn't say there was. He said I think --

21 Q I think.

22 A I think they're deploying a [REDACTED]. And what I told you all earlier,
23 there's -- QRF could be a lot of things. And that's -- I didn't deploy [REDACTED], and I hadn't
24 heard of any reason to [REDACTED].

25 So when he said that, I said, was there a fight or a protest, because that would be

1 common at a rally like this.

2 Q Right.

3 A And then the shots were fired.

4 Q Got it. So -- and to be clear, you never heard about a suspicious person as
5 far as you know?

6 A No.

7 Q You have no recollection of that. Okay.

8 So then when the shots are fired, what do you do?

9 A When the shots are fired, we deployed.

10 Q And what is that? And just tell us what that is.

11 A So that just -- deploying means we -- we -- [REDACTED], and we have
12 set tactics that we do, and [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED].

14 Q Right.

15 A And to make sure there's not any threats [REDACTED].

16 And then we're [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED].

18 Q Okay.

19 A I don't -- the Counter Assault [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]

22 Q Understood.

23 A And then we [REDACTED]

24 Q Understood. So when you heard the shots fired, you immediately
25 deployed?

1 A Yes.

2 Q [REDACTED] immediately deploy?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And are you heading -- [REDACTED] at that point?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Okay. Do you see any muzzle flashes, when you're heading up there, from

7 the AGR building?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q Okay. Do you have any sense of the countersnipers shooting back at the

10 shooter?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Okay. So you're acting [REDACTED], effectively?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And you're [REDACTED] to make sure that -- to protect the

15 protectee?

16 A That's correct. I'm [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED].

18 Q Got it.

19 A So I'm looking [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED].

21 Q Got it.

22 A I did see [REDACTED], but it was -- [REDACTED], like, [REDACTED] and

23 stuff. So I didn't know where --

24 Q Right.

25 A -- the actual shooter was.

1 Q Right. You did not actually know that the shooting had come -- you knew it
2 was 3:00, but you had no idea if it was outside the perimeter, inside the perimeter, you
3 didn't know where it was coming from?

4 A I didn't know it was at 3:00.

5 Q You didn't know -- you heard something -- fair point. You didn't know
6 where it was coming from, basically.

7 Did you have a sense from the sound where it was coming from?

8 A I heard the shots, but [REDACTED]. So I didn't know where they come
9 from.

10 Q Okay. All right. So then when you -- when the protectee is taken off the
11 stage, what is your -- what do you do then?

12 A So when [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED].

15 So my job as a Counter Assault agent would be [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED],
17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. So they already set up everything.

21 And so I'm [REDACTED]. And
22 then from there, [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] essentially.

24 Q Okay. Got it. And then you [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 A Yes.

1 Q And then you all leave?

2 A Yes.

3 Q [REDACTED]?

4 A [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. [REDACTED]?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 Q And then [REDACTED]?

8 A [REDACTED].

9 Q When -- did you fly back to Bedminster [REDACTED]?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And roughly what time did you -- you get back in the middle of the night?

12 A It was late. It was probably early morning.

13 Q All right.

14 A In the a.m.

15 Q Were you contacted by the FBI the next day?

16 A I don't think it was the next day.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But it was pretty quick.

19 Q Pretty quick. All right. And they interviewed you?

20 A FBI and PSP.

21 Q FBI and PSP. How long was that interview, roughly?

22 A Wasn't that long.

23 Q No?

24 A I mean, it wasn't -- when I say that, maybe an hour. I really don't

25 remember.

1 Q Okay. And then when -- you've been interviewed by the Senate, you've
2 been interviewed by PSP and FBI.

3 You've been interviewed by Secret Service?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Okay. And have you been interviewed by the DHS independent
6 commission?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Okay. Let me ask you -- I'm going to -- actually, we've got about ten
9 minutes left. I'm going to turn to my colleagues and do some further questioning. I'm
10 going to ask some questions at the very end, but I'll turn it over to them to do some
11 follow-up questions.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Special Agent [REDACTED] was the first time that you were on the stage for the July
14 13 event, was that after shots were fired and CAT assets were deployed?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Did anything stick out to you while you were [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]? Were you able to identify where the shots were coming from while you were [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]?

19 A No. But there were people pointing and screaming everywhere. And at
20 my [REDACTED] there -- I mean [REDACTED], there was a lot of people pointing down, so
21 I thought maybe there potentially was a shooter maybe under the stage or that ran
22 around to the back of the stage. [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED].

24 And that's where our -- [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]. So whenever they say [REDACTED], I kind

1 of -- that's when I got off to check to make sure everything was -- but that was the only
2 thing that -- I didn't know where the shots come from.

3 Q Did you -- [REDACTED], were you [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] you know, [REDACTED] where shots could possibly be coming from?

5 A I probably did take a look, but there were so many people in the crowd that I
6 was trying to focus on that I don't recall looking [REDACTED].

7 Q Uh-huh.

8 A But that -- I mean, there was so many people just right there around us that I
9 was really [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because I didn't know where the shooter was, and that
10 would have been the closest thing to me [REDACTED].

11 Q Could you see the AGR building?

12 A I don't -- I don't recall looking for the AGR building because everything -- I
13 didn't look -- so whenever the shots went off and [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] there's so much commotion going on at that point, I'm not looking around, there's
15 the AGR building, right here's the horse and box. You know, I'm not looking -- [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED].

17 Q Uh-huh.

18 A So I didn't -- I mean, I may have glanced over there, but nothing stuck out to
19 me for me to remember.

20 Q Uh-huh. I know that you had mentioned -- and just jumping back to the
21 advance before the July 13th event, you had mentioned just [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]. You talked about [REDACTED] you talked about
23 [REDACTED].

24 Is it CAT's responsibility at all to, you know, [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] such as the July 13th campaign rally?

- 1 A What do you mean? Like, post CAT assets?
- 2 Q Yes, post CAT assets.
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Is it typical to have CAT assets [REDACTED]?
- 5 A [REDACTED]
- 6 Q And what type of circumstances would CAT assets be posted [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 A One of the responses was posted [REDACTED] here on this one,
- 9 [REDACTED]. And then the response at [REDACTED] was [REDACTED].
- 10 Q And you knew prior to July 13th that that CAT advance team would be -- that
- 11 CAT asset group would be [REDACTED], correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Do you have any concerns or thoughts on the placement of them [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]?
- 15 A No. [REDACTED].
- 16 Q You know, after -- after shots fired, after you're back [REDACTED], when
- 17 [REDACTED], when you're -- after -- all after shots fired, after the assassination
- 18 attempt, do you recall talking to your colleagues about what happened that day?
- 19 A Colleagues, as in the guys I was working with that was part of the advance?
- 20 Q Yes.
- 21 A No. The only person I talked to -- I'm sorry. I did talk to, like, my friends,
- 22 like some of the shift people and stuff, but it wasn't -- it wasn't necessarily, man, what
- 23 happened? It was, are you okay, are you all okay? Like, are you all [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED], you know, that you all need, stuff like that.
- 25 I talked to -- at the hospital when [REDACTED] got there, when they were walking in, they

1 said, hey, we just got here. Do you want us [REDACTED]? I said, yeah, that would be
2 great. And then I asked them where the shots come from. They said the 3:00, the AGR
3 building. But that was it.

4 Q Just in the days after shots fired -- I think your post with the Trump detail
5 was until July 13th, correct?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q What was your post after the July 13th event? Were you on break? Did
8 you resume other duties? Did you report to another location?

9 A So we flew back to D.C. July 14th in the early morning, and then I was told
10 that I would just be doing in-town stuff for a little bit so they could figure out about these
11 interviews and what's the next steps in this process.

12 Q Do you remember talking about the July 13th event to your colleagues after
13 shots fired July 14th onwards about what happened that day?

14 A So the only -- the only people that I went into details with about this was my
15 supervisors the next day because they were calling me asking me questions, and I was
16 giving them the information that they wanted.

17 Q And who are your supervisors that you were talking to?

18 A It would have been -- I'm sorry. It would have been the ops, the ops
19 supervisor. Oh, what is his name? I can't recall his name. But CAT ops supervisor.
20 And then maybe the ASAIC. But I talked to just about every supervisor in CAT and SOD,
21 but not specifically about the events, just how are you doing and stuff.

22 But as far as the events, it would just -- the CAT -- the ops 14 and then the -- the
23 ASAIC over CAT.

24 Q Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]?

1 [REDACTED]. I think you said -- you had mentioned your supervisor's supervisor, if I
2 recall correctly, [REDACTED]. Is that [REDACTED]; does that sound correct?

3 [REDACTED] Yes, that's it.

4 [REDACTED]. Really quickly, concisely, when you say shift versus detail, can you
5 explain what the difference is between -- are those equivalent terms or similar terms?

6 [REDACTED] So the detail is just a broad range of agents that are assigned to the
7 Trump detail or assigned to a potential protectee. The shift is an assignment on the
8 detail, just like an advance agent would be.

9 So the shift agents would be [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]. Whereas, like, a site agent could be part of
11 the detail, but that particular assignment, that site agent is not working the shift.
12 They're working -- they were there doing the advance process.

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. That's helpful. Thank you.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q So we have a couple minutes left, so just a couple final questions for us.

16 So you've left the Secret Service last month or the month before last. Were the
17 events of July 13th, did that have anything to do with your decision to leave the Secret
18 Service?

19 A No, sir. I actually knew that I was getting this job before the July 13th
20 events happened.

21 Q Okay. So it's completely independent. You decided to take a new
22 opportunity? Understood.

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q You've mentioned today several times that the CAT, for lack of a better term,
25 is pretty understaffed, undermanned. And it sounds like it's pretty dramatic from your

1 perspective. You said maybe [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 And you talked also about the very debilitating effect it's had on your life in a lot of
4 ways in terms of, like, your personal life, your family.

5 Do you have concerns about the Secret Service -- or I should say, before you left,
6 did you have concerns about the Secret Service and the way it operates in terms of its
7 ability to perform its functions?

8 A The only concerns I've ever had about protection operations were [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] And nobody ever seemed to answer that question. And it shouldn't be like
11 that.

12 It should be [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]. So that would be the only protection thing that I ever really had a
14 concern about. It's not knowing, I guess, why things were that way, and they shouldn't
15 have been that way with, in my opinion, but --

16 Q Got it. And so your sense was that the Secret Service didn't always line up
17 [REDACTED] in the
18 environment that he or she would be in?

19 A Yeah. So, like, for example, when I was in [REDACTED] and I was doing, like, an
20 advance, a lead advance for [REDACTED] that was coming to [REDACTED] whatever that
21 [REDACTED] may be, and I would say, well, why can't -- for example, on a [REDACTED] like that,
22 I would be doing the advance and I would be doing transportation as well. So it's two
23 things in one.

24 Q Right.

25 A And I was, like, why can we not get another person to do transportation if

1 I'm the lead having to coordinate everything. Like, oh, this is a [REDACTED], you -- we
2 don't -- they don't get assets like that. I'm like, well, it shouldn't matter about the detail.
3 It should matter about, okay, what's going on at this assignment, do we need more guys
4 here. Because if there's ten sites here instead of just two sites and you're having to deal
5 with all this, you know, maybe we need to get somebody in here to take a portion of this
6 off.

7 Q Right. Understood. Your point, I think -- correct me if I'm wrong -- is that
8 your sense was that the Secret Service would make determinations about what level of
9 assets to provide [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 A If they did that -- I'm saying that's what it appears as it was. I'm not saying
12 they did that.

13 Q That was your impression?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Understood.

16 [REDACTED]: Any other questions? Oh, sorry. One last thing, with your
17 indulgence.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q You mentioned that you provided protective services for former President
20 Trump at Mar-a-Lago, including with golf outings. I know you weren't involved in the
21 September 15th assassination attempt, but were you involved in providing -- well, I guess
22 you already said this.

23 But you were involved in providing protective services to him while he golfed in
24 Mar-a-Lago?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And in Florida, generally?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Were there any particular challenges that that would pose for your role as a
4 CAT member?

5 A Yes. So I'm going to go back to the July 13th --

6 Q Sure.

7 A -- because you were talking about an open area --

8 Q Yeah.

9 A -- and why didn't that bring up concern.

10 Well, when we're golfing, there's open areas everywhere.

11 Q Right.

12 A There's buildings everywhere, there's houses everywhere, windows
13 everywhere. So an open area is always a concern to me, right?

14 But when you're golfing like that, [REDACTED]. There's no way.

15 Q Right.

16 A I mean, I just don't know how you would do it. Would you go and knock on
17 people's doors and say, hey, you can't look out the window. I mean, you can't do that,
18 right?

19 Q Right.

20 A So, yeah, I mean, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 Q Right.

1 A And then that would take more manpower and stuff.

2 So, yeah, I mean, like, the concerns were there. But I mean, I don't know how
3 you can stop it unless you give the Secret Service enough time to do the job.

4 And that kind of leads me back to, like, advances. I told you all earlier that
5 typically the Secret Service is on the ground [REDACTED] sometimes even before. But that
6 doesn't mean that everything -- itineraries and everything is set to start doing our job [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED].

8 Q Right.

9 A And a lot of things change during those [REDACTED].

10 So I'm not trying to throw blame out on anybody. But I feel like that there needs
11 to be things set in stone so that the Secret Service can do their job appropriately in a
12 timely manner and not holding information -- or Secret Service is there [REDACTED], but then
13 [REDACTED] staff arrives but we've been there for [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED] staff arrives there
14 and all of a sudden they can't figure out, okay, well, we're going to use this venue, no,
15 we're going to use this venue. And we're sitting there saying, hey, we got to start
16 planning, like, we need to know stuff. And then the day before we're locking this venue
17 right here. I mean, that don't make sense to me.

18 Q Right.

19 A So golfing is kind of one of those other events. It's like, which golf course
20 are we going to? Are we going to have enough time to actually do a proper advance?
21 And unless they can set that stuff in stone, I don't think -- I don't think you can.
22 Personally, I don't think you can.

23 [REDACTED]. Anything else?

24 Thank you. Thank you very much. I'll turn it over to minority. Off the record.

25 [Recess.]

1 [REDACTED]: We can go back on the record. Thank you.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So I think we have just a few more topics that I'd like to go back to.

4 We've talked a fair amount about the AGR building. Prior to July 13th, was that
5 on your radar at all, the AGR building?

6 A So I knew about the AGR building because I was briefed that there would be
7 a local countersniper team over there --

8 Q Okay.

9 A -- on the AGR building.

10 Q Were you aware of any other coverage of the AGR building, any other local
11 or state police posted there?

12 A I don't recall.

13 Q Was coverage of that location from a CAT perspective discussed at all?

14 A No. Because we don't -- on the Counter Assault side, we're not going to -- I
15 mean, so this is all -- our -- when we're putting places and looking at things, it's all
16 situational dependent, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED].

21 Q Fair enough. I guess I'm thinking about whether you were thinking about
22 an assault from that fence line, if there were any crowds that were going to gather there,
23 was that a consideration?

24 A Yes. So now as far as that -- when we discussed it, [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 So -- but we don't deal with crowd control and stuff like that anyways. But

3 if -- [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q So you're really more focused, again, on [REDACTED]. That's where you

6 and Special Agent [REDACTED] will come in, [REDACTED]

7 teams to deal with an event like that?

8 A It would -- it wouldn't be Counter Assault's [REDACTED] teams that would have

9 dealt with that.

10 Q So who would deal with that?

11 A It would be -- that would be a site asset. That's a site agent or somebody

12 would have to request beforehand that had it set up.

13 Q What type of team would that be?

14 A That would be, like, a -- that would be, like, a crowd control or, like, what do

15 they call those teams that -- I mean, they're all over New York and stuff. It's like protest

16 teams. I'm not really sure the name of them, but that would -- civil disturbance team.

17 There you go.

18 That would be -- most of the time, site agents and at every -- every site that I've

19 ever done, been to, even as a working guy, they would have, like, a civil disturbance team

20 there.

21 Q And this is probably a good segue to where I wanted to go, which is probably

22 to go back over a few things, but I just want to have a clear understanding of, sort of, the

23 interplay between CAT, the local tactical teams, and [REDACTED]

24 As I understood you to say, the role of the Secret Service CAT team, you and

25 Special Agent [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

1 Is that accurate?

2 A Yeah. To [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. And to that end, you and Special Agent [REDACTED] would [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] while he's speaking?

5 A [Nonverbal response.]

6 Q Is that a yes?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Thank you. And so you were [REDACTED]?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What could you see from that area, if anything?

11 A [REDACTED]

12 Q Okay. So how would you respond to the -- a threat, to an assault on the
13 site [REDACTED]? Are you relying on somebody to come over the radio and say, we
14 need you to deploy?

15 A Yes. So this is what would happen. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED],

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 Just see how this -- what we need to do real quick.

3 Q Got it. So those local teams that you recruit, you have [REDACTED] local TAC
4 [REDACTED], [REDACTED] local TAC [REDACTED]. But if there is
5 some sort of assault warranting a CAT response, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] Is
7 that fair?

8 A No. That's exactly what it is. They are maneuver elements in the tactical
9 world is what they would be called.

10 Q Okay. And we've talked a bit about the [REDACTED] and you said that there was a
11 local tactical QRF there at your request, correct?

12 A [Nonverbal response.]

13 Q Were there, to your knowledge, other types of [REDACTED] at the site?

14 A I don't recall if that was ever briefed. So that's not something I would
15 typically ask anyways.

16 Q And was that [REDACTED] located [REDACTED]?

17 A They would be stationed [REDACTED].

18 Q Where exactly were they? If it -- we can look at one of the maps.

19 A I don't know exactly where they were at. They were [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] So a [REDACTED] -- the purpose -- they
22 could respond [REDACTED]
23 what they're -- but a QRF, for me, I'm planning for, okay, the worst. So now we're
24 getting attacked; we're going to [REDACTED]. But before we get to [REDACTED],
25 while we're going [REDACTED], hey, [REDACTED] get them [REDACTED], get there

1

2 Q Almost an advance team of a different sort in that example?

3

A [REDACTED].

4

Q Okay. Did you see -- I guess I already asked this. But did you see any local QRF team? Were you aware of anybody from Butler County ESU also in a QRF role?

5

A Yeah. So this was kind of -- this right here kind of bothered me because I wasn't really sure who they were. But when we were leaving, [REDACTED]

6

[REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

7

[REDACTED]

8

[REDACTED].

9

And so I don't know who that was either. So not sure if somebody else dispatched a [REDACTED], but that wasn't [REDACTED] that pulled up there.

10

Q Okay.

11

A And any TAC team -- during any TAC team at all that's going to be part of this -- an assignment has -- or supposed to be told to me whether -- whether they're at [REDACTED] or whatever, yes.

12

Q So this [REDACTED] that you were aware of that was posted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it would not really be their role [REDACTED]? You're really thinking about them [REDACTED]?

13

A That's correct.

14

Q Okay. We've said you were not aware of a person with a rangefinder, not aware of a person on the roof or someone armed until the time shots were fired. Is that correct?

15

A That's correct.

16

Q Based on your experience and your training, what would be the appropriate

1 response to somebody with a rangefinder? I think you said to deploy a local -- or,
2 excuse me, not local -- to deploy a PI agent?

3 A I would -- so typically at these assignments, you would have a PI team, a site
4 PI team. That would be a Secret Service agent and a local officer or a state officer.
5 They would be paired, and they would go to these suspicious people and talk to them.
6 Hey, what are you doing, why do you got the rangefinder, stuff like that. That's what
7 typically happens.

8 Q And what about somebody with a rangefinder and now the person is on the
9 roof, is that something that a TAC team would respond to you?

10 A I'm going to say yes. So if countersniper was not able to eliminate the
11 threat and we were taking shots, it was determined that it was at the 3:00 on the AGR
12 building, I would maneuver a [REDACTED] over there. [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED].

14 [REDACTED]. Anything else?

15 [REDACTED]. To go back to your previous answer, I think you said that you
16 would deploy [REDACTED] in that situation if countersnipers had not eliminated the threat.
17 Is that correct? Did I hear that correctly?

18 [REDACTED] I wouldn't have deployed [REDACTED]. I would have deployed a [REDACTED]
19 team that was there at the site.

20 [REDACTED]. Okay.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] teams.

22 [REDACTED]. Okay.

23 [REDACTED] And I would have told [REDACTED] hey -- because, hopefully, he would have
24 been hearing something on the radio, too, at that point. Because if we didn't know
25 where the shots were, then we couldn't really deploy nobody nowhere. So it's all a

1 communication piece, right?

2 So, hopefully, [REDACTED] or, like, [REDACTED] or the CS team is like, hey, the shots are
3 coming from the 3:00 at the -- somebody is telling us this. And at that point I would say,
4 [REDACTED] tell the response team to maneuver over there and find whatever -- where these
5 shots are coming from and take care of the problem, however that may be.

6 Because the local teams are the ones that have communication with the
7 local -- the other local officers. Like, they should be on other channels. So it
8 shouldn't -- this -- this whole situation should have never happened because there should
9 have been so much communication even if -- there should have been so much
10 communication everywhere that this should have been -- been blasted everywhere, but it
11 was nothing.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q And on that point, I think you said earlier when we were talking about a
14 [REDACTED], that it would be your expectation for Secret Service to be co-located with
15 local -- local law enforcement. Is that correct?

16 A Yeah. The whole purpose of a [REDACTED] is to -- is to have everybody in
17 there for comms purposes. Because communication is the main thing. And if you
18 don't have -- then why else would you have a [REDACTED] everybody couldn't be in
19 there?

20 Q What is your understanding of whether there was a [REDACTED] on July
21 13th?

22 A I know there was one. I don't know where it was at.

23 But my -- my understanding of the [REDACTED] that day, before leading up to it,
24 I didn't know if there was, like, a [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]. Because, typically, at some sites when there's not -- sometimes the

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].
3 But I wasn't for sure where or -- I mean, Counter Assault really wouldn't deal with
4 that.

5 Q And that's why I'm just asking for your understanding of --

6 A Yeah. So as far as communication, that's why -- that's why we swap radios,
7 and that's why I had [REDACTED] with me. And I personally -- as a Counter Assault agent, I
8 don't have to talk to the [REDACTED]. I go straight to the [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] or my [REDACTED] teams.

10 I'm not -- I'm not radioing to security and saying, hey, can you maneuver my
11 response team over, because it's too much time. That's why I have direct
12 communication with them.

13 Q But the [REDACTED], if I'm hearing you right, should be listening to all that
14 to have the full perspective of the site?

15 A Yes. They should be monitoring -- they should have [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] in that room with radios and -- and then listening to the Secret
17 Service channels.

18 Q Do you have any understanding of who was in the [REDACTED] on July
19 13th?

20 A No.

21 Q It sounds like you're saying that sometimes the [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]. Was that also a [REDACTED] on July 13th?

23 A I have no idea. We -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] should hear all that and should be --

25 Q Do you know whose responsibility it was to set up either the [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]?

2 A I -- typically, it would be the site agent or the field office supervisor.

3 Q So either Special Agent [REDACTED] or Special Agent [REDACTED]

4 A I wouldn't think [REDACTED] would be, but I have no idea on that part because I
5 don't deal -- only thing I've ever done was really Counter Assault stuff.

6 Q Understood. Just asking about your experience of how these advance
7 events work.

8 Going back to the location of the local tactical team of you and Special Agent [REDACTED]
9 did anybody ever tell you that you should remain out of sight, out of sight of the media or
10 the crowds?

11 A No. But it's common practice for us [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED].

13 Q And why is that?

14 A It's just a kind of -- just -- honestly, I have no idea, but we don't want to be
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]. But nobody told us that we had to do that.

17 Q Did you tell anyone -- did you tell Commander [REDACTED] that he should keep the
18 local assets out of sight?

19 A I told [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] when we pulled up to stand behind the tent until
20 Trump got in the tent and was walking in.

21 Q Okay.

22 A And that was only because in the past Trump would walk up to every law
23 enforcement official or person he would see and would talk to them, and this is kind of
24 just to keep things flowing. And then once Trump got in, that's whenever I called [REDACTED]
25 to come meet me.

1 Q So was that before the, sort of, VIP photo session with the former President
2 that you met [REDACTED]

3 A Yes. As soon as we pulled up. As soon as Trump -- as soon as I pulled up.
4 I mean, within -- I would say within a few seconds I was calling him.

5 As soon as Trump -- I mean, [REDACTED]. They
6 [REDACTED] and then I was on the phone, all right, let's meet real quick, and you
7 get with us.

8 Q We were talking about, sort of, advance, and we were talking about golf a
9 bit. We've talked about the potential for sites to change in the lead up to an event.
10 How would you describe sort of the element of unpredictability with candidates
11 for office? Are they moving around a lot, and how does that impact your job?

12 A They definitely move around a lot. As far as a Secret Service agent, it is
13 very frustrating because you won't -- you can tell them and give them advice or their
14 staff, like, hey, we don't need to do this, but ultimately, the staff is going to win. They
15 don't listen, and they don't tell us information until last minute.

16 So if there was something set to where they had to do that or it wasn't going to
17 happen, then I would say that these events would be 100 percent locked down or there's
18 not -- there's not a hundred percent. But they would be very secure because you could
19 potentially do a lot of things.

20 But, I mean, things change. It's just frustrating. I've been on advances to
21 where I'm, like -- I mean, I need to know where we're going so I can at least plan for
22 resources here, and then the day before that it's here. And then it's like, well, I haven't
23 even done a walk-through here. So how do I know, you know. So it can be frustrating.

24 [REDACTED]. Anything else from --

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q Just a couple of quick questions.

2 So we know that U.S. Secret Service assigned countersnipers to the Butler event,
3 correct? And it's our understanding that's the [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 Is that your understanding as well?

6 A I believe that was [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED].

8 Q Okay. And you had said that you were at -- was it a [REDACTED] rally a
9 few weeks before?

10 A It was somewhere down there.

11 Q And that was a -- that was a [REDACTED] event. Is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q So there were not -- [REDACTED] -- U.S. Secret Service
14 [REDACTED] at that event?

15 A That's correct.

16 Q So were there local snipers of any sort at that event?

17 A I don't recall.

18 Q Because if we're talking about local tactical teams, they have various assets,
19 one of which are usually snipers and then also [REDACTED] and counter response folks. And
20 when there is a U.S. Secret Service countersniper team assigned to an event, they're
21 going to coordinate local snipers.

22 But what if there is no countersniper team, like at [REDACTED], would -- and
23 let's say the local tactical team offers snipers -- would that offer be made, do you think,
24 would it be to you, would it be to the CAT lead?

25 A [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. And this is -- this is what I would tell those -- the local
2 assets at that point would be, yes, we would love counter- -- you know, your local snipers.
3 Have them come out, do a survey, and let me know what they think, where they need to
4 be posted, and send me their countersniper survey.

5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED].

7 Yes. So that would go through me at that point.

8 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thanks.

9 [REDACTED]. I think that's all we have. Thank you so much for your time.

10 [REDACTED]. Can I ask one quick clarifying thing? Sorry.

11 [REDACTED]. Yes, sure.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Hi.

14 A Hi.

15 Q You said that the staff always wins when you're talking about moving an
16 event or having to make last-minute changes or things like that, right?

17 A Yes. From my understanding.

18 Q And where does that understanding come from? Did someone tell you that
19 you can't push back on staff?

20 A I typically wouldn't be the guy that pushes back. But I know the way that
21 we're trained, that we would -- there would be recommendations made, like, [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 Q So when you're making those sort of calculations, who do you tell that to?

1 A Well, I don't personally dealing on the Counter Assault Team. But if it
2 was -- if I was a site agent, like in [REDACTED] or something, I would tell that to my field
3 office supervisor, who would then contact the detail field office supervisor and go from
4 there.

5 Q So the field office supervisor and the detail is making that determination?

6 A That is correct.

7 Q Okay. Thank you.

8 A Uh-huh.

9 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. I have one more quick one.

10 We were talking, I think, about an earlier trip. I think you said maybe [REDACTED]
11 maybe [REDACTED]. Was that possibly [REDACTED]? Was that possibly the
12 location?

13 [REDACTED] That could have been it.

14 [REDACTED] Thank you.

15 [REDACTED]. We can go off the record.

16 [Whereupon, at 5:23 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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