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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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8 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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12 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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21 The interview in the above matter was held in the Aspen Conference Room,

22 O'Neill House Office Building, commencing at 10:02 a.m.

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2 [REDACTED] Today is October 31st, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of

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

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

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

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It's [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED] Thank you, [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] Yep.

14 [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED]. I'm the senior counsel with the task
15 force majority staff.

16 I want to thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force
17 recognizes and appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

18 You are allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.
19 Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity present with you today?

20 [REDACTED] Yes, I do.

21 [REDACTED] Will counsel please introduce themselves?

22 [REDACTED] Good morning. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED], last name [REDACTED] outside
23 counsel to Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

24 [REDACTED] Thank you. And let the record reflect that [REDACTED] is virtual
25 today on our Teams chat.

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

2 [REDACTED] Yes, there is. [REDACTED], representing the Secret Service.

3 [REDACTED] And DHS?

4 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] representing Department of Homeland

5 Security, from the Office of General Counsel.

6 [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 There are no Members of Congress present here today, but should any come, they

8 have the right to ask questions. They will identify themselves and explain their

9 affiliation with the task force.

10 Next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can the additional staff

11 members please introduce themselves with their name, title, and affiliation?

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], task force majority.

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] senior counsel, task force majority.

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

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], professional staff member with the task force

16 minority.

17 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], investigative counsel with the minority.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], minority staff director.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], investigative counsel, minority.

20 [REDACTED] Thank you all.

21 [REDACTED] Anyone online?

22 [REDACTED] And then majority staff on Microsoft Teams, can you please

23 introduce yourself?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], senior advisor to the task force majority.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], senior professional staff member, task force

1 majority.

2 [REDACTED] Thank you guys.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers, such as nodding or
23 shaking of your head, so it's important that you answer each question with an audible,
24 verbal answer. Do you understand?

25 [REDACTED] I understand.

1 [REDACTED] We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and
2 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or you do
3 not fully understand the question, please let us know. We will attempt to clarify, add
4 context to, or rephrase our questions. Do you understand?

5 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

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

12 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

16 Do you understand?

17 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

20 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

23 [REDACTED] No.

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

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

4 Do you understand?

5 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

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

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

16 Do you understand?

17 [REDACTED] I understand.

18 [REDACTED] Do you have any other questions before we begin?

19 [REDACTED] No, sir.

20 [REDACTED] Secret Service?

21 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you.

22 Very quickly, the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have
23 made available to the committee, consistent with requests from the chairman,
24 information and records that would not be publicly released. This includes information
25 and records covered under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal privacy

1 information, For Official Use Only/Law Enforcement Sensitive and raw intelligence
2 information.

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

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

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

14 The Secret Service and the Department have not consented to and were assured
15 there would not be any audio or video recordings of this interview. The agency
16 understands that the interview will be transcribed by a court reporter and that the court
17 reporters are recording for the purpose of transcription only.

18 [REDACTED] Thank you.

19 And on that last point on audio and visual recording, there is no visual recording.
20 We also do not intend to maintain any audio recording. We understand that the court
21 reporter, as part of their function, does take an audio recording to assist with creating the
22 transcription but that they then delete or destroy the audio recording.

23 As to the points and the requests made as to confidentiality and redactions, the
24 chair will consult with the minority and will of course take into consideration any requests
25 that are made regarding that. And, of course, any agreements that currently exist are

1 still whole and are still going to be abided by.

2 [REDACTED] Thank you.

3 [REDACTED] It's now 10:09, and the majority staff will now begin its questioning.

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q [REDACTED] can you describe for us how long that you've worked at the
7 Secret Service for?

8 A As of today, just over [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. And prior to joining the Secret Service, can you give us an overview
10 of your career?

11 A I did [REDACTED] years in the [REDACTED] I was a [REDACTED] instructor. Following
12 that, I did [REDACTED] as a contractor, [REDACTED] contractor. And then I joined the Secret
13 Service.

14 Q Thank you for your service, sir.

15 And what is your current role with the Secret Service?

16 A Special agent.

17 Q Special agent? And how long have you been in that role for?

18 A Out of the academy [REDACTED].

19 Q [REDACTED] --

20 A The academy was about a year. [REDACTED] out.

21 Q And where are you based?

22 A [REDACTED]

23 Q Have you always been in [REDACTED]?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And what are your daily responsibilities in your current role?

1 A So we do both protection and investigations. So when I'm in [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] I'm actively working on investigations. I'm on [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED].

4 And on protection assignments, we'll do essentially whatever candidate they
5 assign us to. Whatever post that they assign us to for that individual, we'll carry out that
6 duty for that event.

7 Q Understood.

8 And can you describe your chain of command in the [REDACTED] office?

9 A Yep. So we have a -- well, it's a lot smaller now. We have an ATSAIC,
10 which is, like, GS-14. And above him we have our ASAC. And above him we have our
11 SAIC.

12 Q Okay. And are those your direct reports?

13 A Correct, yes.

14 Q And how many people total are in the [REDACTED] Field Office?

15 A [REDACTED] Well, if you count the supervisors, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] agents and [REDACTED]
16 supervisors.

17 Q Has that number changed since you joined the Secret Service?

18 A Yes, dramatically.

19 Q From what number to what number?

20 A I believe we had about [REDACTED] if not maybe a little bit more, when I first joined,
21 and people have transferred or otherwise went to other agencies since that time.

22 Q Understood.

23 And, you know, in that [REDACTED] crew that's existing right now, does anyone
24 directly report to you?

25 A No.

1 Q Okay.

2 And what kind of training or certification do you maintain to do your current role
3 at the Secret Service?

4 A Right now we have a fitness requirement every [REDACTED] and firearms
5 familiarization and fundamentals every [REDACTED] as well.

6 Q As far as training on Secret Service policy, can you walk us through the
7 training that you receive on that?

8 A Well, it's a very broad policy, so -- but the academy is a year long, so you go
9 through all the various different courses for that, ranging from your legal side to your
10 investigations, your protection.

11 Following training, in the field, there's not exactly that much other than on-the-job
12 training, OJT. And that's usually with a senior agent, going over investigations, general
13 protocol from start to finish on the investigation process. As well as protection, same
14 concept.

15 Q Uh-huh. Do you receive any type of training in the Secret Service on how
16 to engage with local law enforcement counterparts?

17 A Not necessarily a formal training. It's more of an informal training.

18 If you're -- what exactly are you asking? Like, how we just ask them to do a job
19 before us when we're working with them? Or --

20 Q If you're ever in a position where you're co-located with a local counterpart,
21 do you receive training on engaging and coordinating with your local counterpart?

22 A Not necessarily. I mean, it's pretty -- they're on the same page as us, so it's
23 almost talking the same language every time we talk with them.

24 Q Okay.

25 Have you staffed campaign events previously?

1 A Have I worked, like, previous events like this?

2 Q Uh-huh.

3 A Many. Yes.

4 Q And rough estimate, how many campaign events have you worked?

5 A As a post-stander, total protection assignments is over [REDACTED] but for just
6 campaign-specific, I want to say it's about [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

7 Q And those were all in the last year?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Have any of them been outdoors?

10 A Sorry, it's been a lot. I know, honestly, this one for sure. I don't think any
11 other ones have been outdoors. I think they've all probably been inside.

12 Q So, outside of the July 13th Butler visit, the campaign events that you've
13 helped staff have been indoor?

14 A From my recollection, yeah.

15 Q Thanks.

16 For those campaign events that were indoor, were you partnered in any fashion
17 with local counterparts in your assignment?

18 A Only one other assignment. That was for Harris. And I was partnered
19 with the local counterpart.

20 Q Okay. And --

21 A Sorry. There was another event I'm just thinking of with Jill Biden outside.
22 That was a rally in Arizona.

23 The Reporter. Joe or Jill?

24 [REDACTED] Jill. She was campaigning at the time for him.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q About how many people were at that event with Jill Biden in Arizona?

2 A I believe it was 2,000, maybe 3,000. But that was continuously changing
3 because people were leaving and going -- coming and going.

4 Q Uh-huh. Were you assigned with a local counterpart at that event?

5 A I was not, but they were assigned to my area, if that makes sense, so I was
6 interacting with them.

7 Q Okay.

8 At those other campaign events outside of the July 13th event, did you recognize
9 Department of Homeland Security staff with you at those campaign events?

10 A HSI agents? Yes.

11 Q Yes? Would you say that they were at each event or every other event?
12 Or can you describe what events they were at?

13 A I'm seeing them a lot more now. I haven't -- in the beginning, I didn't see
14 them much at all when I first came out of the academy.

15 Q Uh-huh.

16 A I would say, out of the last [REDACTED] maybe half of them had HSI there.

17 Q Okay.

18 So I'd like to move into kind of the time period before the campaign rally in Butler
19 on July 13th. I understand that you might've been in a position where you were
20 staffing -- you were on different assignments, correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q When did you first learn that you were assigned to former President Trump's
23 rally in Butler?

24 A I believe it was July 11th or 10th. I'm not exactly sure of the date.

25 Q And where were you when you received that assignment?

1 A I was at the NATO summit in D.C. --

2 Q Okay.

3 A -- working on an assignment there.

4 Q Do you recall what your assignment was when you learned it?

5 A Yeah. I was a shift agent for the Prime Minister of [REDACTED]

6 Q Okay.

7 And then for the July 13th event, when you found out about that event, did you
8 know what your role would be on the July 13th visit?

9 A Not long after, yeah.

10 Q And what was that role for the July 13th event?

11 A [REDACTED].

12 Q And just in how you found out that you were staffed for the July 13th event,
13 did you receive that information via email, via phone call?

14 A So initially I believe it was through email. My supervisor emailed me,
15 apologizing that he was going to quick-turn me again. And what I mean by that is that,
16 just like now, once I'm done here, I'm driving to another post assignment tonight. So
17 that's called rolling or quick-turning. So that's what that means when I say that.

18 So I was already quick-turned a couple times prior to. And, at that point, I was
19 the only one available in the area to take that position, so that's why he brought it up.

20 Q Is that normal, to experience, you know, quick turnarounds?

21 A It is --

22 Q I think the term is "getting rolled"?

23 A Getting rolled, yes.

24 Q Okay.

25 A It is, especially during campaign years, from my understanding. This is my

1 first one, but from what the senior agents tell me, it is quite normal.

2 Q Okay.

3 Do you recall -- so you testified that your boss in [REDACTED] staffed you with
4 this assignment.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you recall your point of contact initially on July 10th, July 11th, about
7 who from the Pittsburgh Field Office or who from D.C. would be giving you instructions
8 about your assignment?

9 A So generally the lead will reach out to you, the lead agent. I don't
10 remember her name offhand. And then the site agent specifically will reach out to you
11 later on regarding your specific position at that specific location.

12 Both of which did reach out. I reached out to one of them because I didn't have
13 my raid vest without a carrier (ph) with me --

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A -- because I already had done two prior assignments and they were all
16 dressed-down, and my understanding was I was flying home. But a lack of judgment on
17 my part there; I should've brought it with me.

18 But so, yeah, that's when they informed me, you know, in that email chain that I
19 was a [REDACTED].

20 Q Okay. And had you ever worked as [REDACTED] before?

21 A No. That was my first time.

22 Q Was [REDACTED] the only role that you had for the July 13th event?

23 A Yes and no. So [REDACTED] was the primary role. As CS and PI, you kind
24 of -- up until about [REDACTED] out from arrival of the protectee, you're acting as a relief
25 agent or a roving agent. And what that means is you're simply going to other posts

1 throughout the event and relieving them if they need to use the bathroom or if they need
2 to grab food real quick; it was hot out, so if they needed to get water. Whatever the
3 case was, you're there to kind of help out as necessary.

4 Q Uh-huh. At the point where you would become a [REDACTED] for that day,
5 are you instructed that there's a full stop on relief duties prior -- you know, when you
6 change over to [REDACTED] before?

7 A Not necessarily.

8 Q Okay.

9 A It's more just be in the area more so, not on the far out where the outer post
10 would be. You can still be on standby. If someone, for example, was by the stage and
11 needed a quick bathroom break nearby, I could relieve that post. But ideally we try and
12 tell them, hey, call someone else that's a relief also. Because usually they build in a
13 relief [REDACTED] for that particular reason to try and prevent any issue.

14 Q Had you received any advance paperwork before Friday, July 12th?

15 A I believe we got an email, and that's typical. We get a site assignment log,
16 diagrams, logistics. As well as I believe they sent out a PI email, protective intelligence
17 email, it was either that night or the following morning.

18 Q Okay.

19 I'm going to introduce an exhibit here for the majority.

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

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q So this is an email from Site Agent [REDACTED] with the site post instructions
24 attached. And this email came in on July 12th, 7:46 p.m. eastern time.

25 Do you recall receiving this email?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you recall receiving the site post instructions in this exhibit?

3 A Yes.

4 Q This will be majority exhibit 1.

5 So, if you flip to Bates-stamped page 3342 -- that's just the number in the top right
6 corner -- you'll see a description of the [REDACTED], bottom middle of the document.

7 It reads, "You will be paired with a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper and respond
8 to any [REDACTED] concerns. If any response is needed, you will respond with a PSP Trooper.

9 Notify the Site SA of any [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] agent is" -- presumably you, sir.
10 "Please arrange to meet with him for the site [REDACTED] You will be relief until C/S is in
11 place [REDACTED] before arrival."

12 Does that accurately reflect your post assignment --

13 A Yes.

14 Q -- for July 13th?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q Okay.

17 Did you read these site instructions?

18 A I did.

19 Q Did you have any questions at the time about your [REDACTED] duties?

20 A No.

21 Q Did you do any trainings prior to arriving in Pennsylvania about [REDACTED]?

22 A No.

23 Q Did you do any independent work, preparation for [REDACTED]?

24 A No.

25 Q Had you received any maps or aerial diagrams before arriving in

1 Pennsylvania of the site?

2 A Not before, no, other than the -- I think they did send an email that had a
3 diagram of the site.

4 Q Okay.

5 A I don't know if it was the lead or the site that sent that.

6 Q Okay.

7 A So, yes, to answer that question, I did.

8 Q And is it fair to say that, arriving in Pennsylvania on Friday, that you were not
9 involved in any advance planning for the site visit?

10 A Correct. I was not involved at all.

11 Q Okay. Did you provide any input for the advance paperwork?

12 A No.

13 Q And were you involved in any of the counter-sniper planning --

14 A No.

15 Q -- for the July 13th event?

16 Prior to this event, [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]. Were you given any information relating to intelligence or possible
18 threats for the July 13th event?

19 A Not that I can recall, no.

20 Q Okay.

21 Do you have a security clearance, sir?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What type of clearance?

24 A [REDACTED]

25 Q Did your clearance apply to any part of your assignment for the July 13th

1 event?

2 A No.

3 Q So when did you ultimately arrive in Pennsylvania from D.C.?

4 A I want to say it was -- I don't know exactly what time -- on the 12th. It had
5 to be the 12th. Yeah, I believe it was.

6 Q Okay. And you flew in, you didn't drive in?

7 A I flew in.

8 Q You flew in? Okay.

9 And what did you do when you got to Pittsburgh -- or, when you got to
10 Pennsylvania?

11 A I got a rental car and drove the hour or whatever it is up to the hotel and got
12 settled in and went to sleep.

13 Q So your hotel was in Butler that evening, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay.

16 A Or nearby.

17 Q Were you with any other Secret Service agents at that time?

18 A I can't remember if I was or not, if I had to drive anybody. I don't
19 remember if I -- I don't think I did. No.

20 Q Did you meet up with any special agents when you got to the hotel?

21 A I'm sorry, there's been a lot of events since then.

22 If I did -- I know one of my buddies, [REDACTED] came in from [REDACTED] from
23 that night or the night before or the morning after, but probably I think we might've got
24 dinner.

25 Q Okay.

- 1 A Sorry, the days all collide. It's been a long time and a lot of trips since then.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A But, yeah, I think we might've got dinner that night.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q So, the day before the rally, did you have any calls about the event the next
- 7 day? Did you attend any briefings, any meetings once you got to Pennsylvania?
- 8 A Not that day, no.
- 9 Q Did you have any conversations with the [REDACTED] advance agent, [REDACTED]?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q At this time, had anything about your role for the July 13th event changed?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q You were going in there under the understanding that you were to be [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED] for that day, correct?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 There was an email, a [REDACTED] email, so I don't remember if that came in on the
- 17 12th as well. But it was from [REDACTED]
- 18 Q Uh-huh.
- 19 A I'm sure you've all seen it. But --
- 20 Q I can go ahead and introduce --
- 21 A Yeah.
- 22 Q -- this email as an exhibit.
- 23 A Sorry, I can't remember exactly what it said.
- 24 Q All good.
- 25 A But, essentially, it was just going over PI stuff as well as [REDACTED] And

1 at that point I just kind of assumed that they were going to use me during the roving time
2 to be, as well, on alert for any potential UAVs.

3 Q Uh-huh.

4 A Yes, this right here.

5 Q This -- real quick, sir -- this will be majority exhibit 2.

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

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q This is an email from Special Agent [REDACTED] to Special Agent [REDACTED] and
10 others regarding drones. It came in on July 12th at 10:22 p.m. eastern time.

11 So do you recognize this document?

12 A I do.

13 Q Okay.

14 There's a redacted portion here on this exhibit 2 that I'm just going to read into
15 the record.

16 It reads: [REDACTED] Alerts. I will enter your mobile
17 number into the [REDACTED] notification system. If a drone is detected within a

18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]."

23 Do you recall receiving that part of the message?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay.

1 I'll also represent to you that the PID advance in this email is Special Agent

2 [REDACTED] and the site PI in this email is Special Agent [REDACTED]

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

4 A I never got a confirmation that he did. I just kind of assumed if we got the
5 email that he did. There was no actual text that went out, like a test or anything.

6 Q Like, that evening?

7 A Not that I was aware.

8 Q The next day, could you tell if you were on this alert system?

9 A No. I got -- we exchanged numbers, him and I, but I never had any
10 notification that I was on that alert system.

11 Q All right.

12 Did you meet [REDACTED] in person at any point on Friday?

13 A No. It was Saturday morning.

14 Q Saturday morning? Okay.

15 Do you know who told Agent [REDACTED] that he should email you and add you to the
16 text alert system?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay. Did you have any questions about that Friday night before the
19 event?

20 A No. Like I said, I mean, it's not uncommon for us to be in that -- I've done
21 other roles where you have multiple tasks up until an hour out, 30 minutes out, whatever
22 they deem necessary, where you kind of help out in other roles like this. So it wasn't
23 uncommon to me to get something like this.

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 So you were handling multiple roles for the July 13th event. You were providing

1 [REDACTED] when that became activated, and
2 then throughout the entirety of the day you were working as an assist for the [REDACTED] drone
3 system, correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Did you have any concerns about those multiple roles that you were working
6 that day?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay.

9 I'm going to move to Saturday, the day of the event, July 13th.

10 Around what time did you arrive at the campaign rally site location?

11 A I want to say it was around [REDACTED] maybe a little bit after.

12 Q Okay. And did you drive there?

13 A I did.

14 Q Okay. Do you remember where you parked?

15 A It was by the meeting building right next to, I believe it's Evans Street.

16 Q Okay. And did Agent [REDACTED] arrive with you there?

17 A He did.

18 Q Did you discuss any of the site post assignments or the site or the events of
19 the day?

20 A I don't recall what we exactly talked about.

21 Q Okay.

22 Did you attend any briefings for Secret Service in the morning?

23 A We did. That was roughly around 10:00.

24 Q Okay.

25 I'd like to introduce exhibit 3, a slide show for the briefing.

1 A Okay.

2 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 3

3 was marked for identification.]

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q Do you recognize this PowerPoint slide, sir?

6 A I do. I'm going through it. Like I said, I've been on probably 15 since then,
7 so I've looked at many of these since. But, yes, I do recognize it.

8 Q Okay. Do you recall about what time you received or viewed this
9 PowerPoint?

10 A I reviewed it -- I believe we started at 10:00. It was us and HSI. I can't
11 think of the exact time; I just know it was around that time.

12 Q Okay. Do you recall this PowerPoint as helpful for the advance of the day,
13 for getting ready for the July 13th event?

14 A Yeah. It's typically what we receive before every single event. They break
15 down essentially everything. They give you an aerial view of the area, where the
16 hospital would be. So it's good information to have.

17 Q Did it stand out to you, sir, that there was no counter-sniper section of this
18 PowerPoint slide?

19 A It didn't stand out to me, no.

20 Q And at that briefing, the first thing reviewed was this PowerPoint, correct?

21 A I believe so. I don't remember the exact words.

22 Q Okay. Was there opportunities after the slide show to ask questions or
23 seek clarification?

24 A Yes. There always is.

25 Q Did you ask any questions?

- 1 A Just regarding what he wanted me to do for the UAS. I talked to [REDACTED]
2 offline about that. And that's all I remember.
- 3 Q Okay. What did you discuss with [REDACTED] after the briefing?
- 4 A I just asked him essentially, you know, how he was going to get a hold of me
5 type of thing, because -- and that's when we exchanged our phone numbers and he was
6 like, I'll call you, you know, if anything -- and then just said, if you encounter a drone,
7 follow the email where it says ask the identifying questions to the individual.
8 Essentially, just interview them. And then give them a warning that, hey, you need to
9 not do that again, and that the legal action will be taken if they don't listen. So --
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 Did you speak with anyone offline after the briefing about the event? Did you
12 talk to the counter-sniper team leader at that point in the morning?
- 13 A Not at that point, no.
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A But I believe he was not even at that briefing.
- 16 Q Okay. Did you talk with anyone about your [REDACTED] role at any point
17 that morning when you arrived to the Butler Farm Show?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Did you interact with Site Agent [REDACTED] in any way at that briefing or in the
20 morning prior to taking your assignment?
- 21 A I don't recall.
- 22 Q Okay. Site Counterpart [REDACTED]?
- 23 A I don't remember. I don't know a face to that name.
- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 A But I remember the name. I just -- I don't remember talking to them.

1 [REDACTED] Blond woman?

2 [REDACTED] Was she from the Pittsburgh office?

3 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.

4 The Reporter. What was the name you said?

5 [REDACTED] I said, "Blond woman?"

6 The Reporter. Oh.

7 [REDACTED] That helps, because I think she was the only one. But I don't
8 remember if I asked her anything about the position; I guess, where we were going next --

9 [REDACTED] Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED] -- or if we could leave our bags in that room. I don't
11 remember anything otherwise specific to [REDACTED]

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q And who provided the briefing that morning? Was that Lead Advance
14 Agent [REDACTED]

15 A I don't think it was. I believe it was [REDACTED] and the blond. Sorry. What
16 was her name?

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sorry.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q Thank you.

21 A Yep.

22 Q At that point in the morning, did you know that there was -- where did you
23 understand the [REDACTED] to be for Secret Service?

24 A So, following the brief, they walked us around to kind of show us where
25 everything was gonna be. [REDACTED] is the building right next to, almost, the

1 building that we put all our bags; our [REDACTED] what we call it. It was also the
2 main office building for Butler Farms, from my understanding.

3 [REDACTED] Sorry to interject.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah?

5 [REDACTED] DHS is having a hard time hearing you, so if you could just speak up
6 a little bit when you answer.

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 [REDACTED] And I'll slide it closer to you.

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q So, after the 10:00 a.m. PowerPoint briefing, you spoke with [REDACTED] After
11 that briefing, you said that you walked around the property and got familiarized with the
12 Butler Farm Show grounds. Is that accurate?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Who did you walk around with?

15 A It was a whole group of us. All the post-standers as well as [REDACTED] and the
16 site agent as well.

17 Q And, at this point, you had not connected with the [REDACTED] team leader,
18 [REDACTED] correct?

19 A Not at this point, no.

20 Q Had you received any messages from him?

21 A I did. I believe it was -- it was an email. I can't remember what time.
22 1:00 is in my head, but maybe it was 11:00. It was 11:00 or 1 o'clock --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- local time.

25 Q Okay. But no conversations, no in-person meetings with [REDACTED] prior to,

1 you know, when you ultimately met up with him later, correct?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay.

4 Was the Pennsylvania State present at any type of walk-through that you
5 participated in?

6 A No. It was strictly just Secret Service and HSI.

7 Q Okay.

8 Did you have any briefings with the counter-sniper team that morning?

9 A No.

10 Q So you said you'd never worked as [REDACTED] before, correct?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Did you understand who else would be on your team that day in the
13 morning?

14 A I didn't know until I spoke with [REDACTED] later on.

15 Q Okay.

16 And, then, is there any type of particular uniform assignment for [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]?

18 A Not necessarily. As long as it's [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]

20 Q Okay.

21 So where was your post initially as a relief agent?

22 A So you're roving. There's no specific area. You could be in the [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] while you're waiting for someone that needs the relief, or you could just be simply
24 roving around the grounds, just walking.

25 Q Uh-huh.

1 A Or -- they provided us golf carts as well, so you could use a golf cart to
2 expedite the whole process, because it was a pretty big event.

3 Q And, to your recollection, after the walk-through, were you on your golf
4 cart? Were you on foot? Do you recall where you were posted, like, initially? Like,
5 you broke from the walk-through and you assumed your post; where were you?

6 A I was in the [REDACTED].

7 Q You were in the [REDACTED] Okay.

8 In Site Counterpart [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she indicated that she told you that you could
9 be near the main gate with your counterpart but ultimately to reach out to [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] and, you know, to link up regarding [REDACTED] duties that day.

11 At any point were you near the main gate?

12 A So the main gate is that area by the [REDACTED], so, yes, I was up there. I
13 sat there in the van for a little while with one of the other agents up there. He had a
14 minivan or whatever it was.

15 Q And do you recall who that was with?

16 A I do not.

17 Q Okay. And that was a Secret Service agent, or was it HSI?

18 A I believe it was Secret Service.

19 Q Okay.

20 Do you recall that conversation with [REDACTED] about posting by the main gate?

21 A I don't remember her saying "main gate," but I do recall that conversation
22 briefly. But I went off of what the [REDACTED] lead told me, as far as where I should be
23 and standing by.

24 Q Uh-huh. In your walk-through that was with Site Counterpart [REDACTED] did
25 the AGR building come up at all when you were walking around the fence line?

1 A So I didn't do that walk with them on that side.

2 Q Okay.

3 A She took a group -- her and I believe, split up with quite a few people,
4 and they told me to hang back -- me, the PI, and I think it was a built-in relief -- just to
5 hang back in the [REDACTED] since we were going to be relief for the first whole portion
6 of the day.

7 They really just took most of the other post-standers to each of their spots, and
8 then they came back to the [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. And after that walk-through, you were at the [REDACTED] until
10 [REDACTED] -- or, I'm sorry, you were in the van or in the security room until [REDACTED] met
11 up with you, correct?

12 A No. So that's what I'm saying. As a relief, I was roving a lot. I don't like
13 to sit still. So I was going to each post; I was going to the mags; I went down to [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] post, which was on the opposite end; by the stage, I relieved those agents there.

15 So I was all over the place throughout the whole time. I wasn't just in one spot.
16 I was helping out with medical emergencies, dealing with conflicts in the crowd and
17 people fighting, stuff like that.

18 Q So, after, you know, completing relief duties, roving around the site, did you
19 feel like you had a good understanding of the site's composition, where the perimeter
20 was and where it wasn't?

21 A I feel I was pretty confident for that area we were in, that inner perimeter
22 there, yeah.

23 Q Okay.

24 Were there any other Federal agencies supporting your mission on July 13th that
25 you recall?

1 A I just recall HSI.

2 Q Okay. Did you speak with any HSI personnel that morning?

3 A I did. More at -- there was quite a few of them standing post there.

4 Q Okay. Did y'all discuss any concerns with the site? Did y'all talk about
5 anything in particular relating to the site?

6 A I know a few voiced concern with the water tower just because of its
7 location and height, as far as line of sight. And that was really the only major concern
8 they had that I recall.

9 Q Okay.

10 Had you met with any agents doing protective intelligence that day in the
11 morning?

12 A No. Just the protective intelligence post, not the Protective Intelligence
13 Division. So it's two separate. Protective intelligence, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A -- she was post-stander PI. So that's different than, like, the PI advance.
16 So I only met with her.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But that was later on, throughout the day.

19 Q Okay. So you didn't meet with [REDACTED] in the morning at any point?

20 A Not -- I mean, other than to coordinate relief for other agents. There
21 wasn't, like, a meet per se.

22 Q Okay. Like, was there any type of -- was there any point where you
23 understood that you would be reporting to [REDACTED] as part of your relief or part of your
24 [REDACTED] duties that morning?

25 A Not for [REDACTED]. More so just out of respect since she was a senior

1 agent.

2 She was kind of just dictating, like, "Hey, I got these individuals; you go get them."
3 Me, being the new guy, I was perfectly fine with her kind of directing where I can go so
4 she can relieve other people where they're at. That way, we're not doubling down in
5 one area.

6 Q Okay.

7 A So --

8 Q And what was your understanding of detection of drones and your work
9 with [REDACTED] assist that morning?

10 A Simply, like the email said, if you see a drone, you report it. But that's
11 generally how it goes for any event, for any agent at any post. If you see a drone, you
12 call it in.

13 When I talked to [REDACTED] it sounded like the system was down for the most part of
14 the day, and I never knew whether or not it came up or down or whatever it was. I
15 know he was troubleshooting it quite a bit. That's the extent of what I knew about it.

16 Q And you became aware of that via [REDACTED] correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q And did he let you know via text? Call? In person? How did he let you
19 know that the system wasn't quite working for drones and [REDACTED]

20 A It was in person. I was in the [REDACTED] talking to him.

21 Q Okay.

22 Did you observe drones at any point --

23 A I did not.

24 Q -- that day?

25 Did you observe any suspicious activity or individuals that morning?

1 A No.

2 Q Did you report anything at this point?

3 A I got EOD -- it wasn't over the radio; I just went and grabbed them. There
4 were some chairs that were put on -- it's common. People try and get their chairs over
5 the fence to try and prevent them from going through the mags. So I just had EOD and
6 K-9 come and sweep those. And that was the only suspicious ordeal that I dealt with.

7 Q Okay.

8 And when you were in touch with [REDACTED] about the [REDACTED], were you
9 working within that [REDACTED] that he emailed you about the night prior?

10 A I never received anything that entire event, a text or anything, about the
11 drones.

12 Q Understood.

13 A Or the group text, I didn't know that -- I mean, I knew it was a thing, but I
14 never -- like I said, I never got a text or anything regarding that.

15 Q Okay.

16 And just that morning -- I just want to revisit the chain of command while you
17 were operational that morning. Who did you understand was in charge, the supervisor,
18 for the July 13th event?

19 A So there was a SAIC in the [REDACTED] a GS-15. Generally speaking, they
20 are the ones that are overall supervisors, so if there is any type of question that requires a
21 supervisor-level answer, that's who you would call to.

22 But, generally speaking, you'll talk to the site or the lead. In this case, most of
23 the time, if it's multiple sites, the lead's not even there. They're going to be at the
24 airport.

25 Q Uh-huh.

1 A So that would be the chain of command.

2 Like I said, PI [REDACTED] she seemed like she was kind of taking over, like, "Hey,
3 I'm going to handle the relief guys." I think there was three of us, I believe -- me, her,
4 and an actual relief.

5 But that was kind of the chain we went through that, up until game time.

6 Q Uh-huh.

7 So [REDACTED] she took command, seemingly to you, of the relief agents that were
8 there that morning. And she was aware that you had another responsibility that day as
9 CS response, correct?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Okay.

12 At any point in arriving in Pennsylvania and driving to Butler, doing your work in
13 Butler that morning, did you feel rushed to any extent? Did you feel like -- did you have
14 any concerns about the site or the advance for the protective mission for July 13th?

15 A No. Everything was going pretty slow. We had a long gap -- we build that
16 in by design -- arriving at [REDACTED] in the morning, and generally the protectee doesn't
17 show up until [REDACTED] in the afternoon. So you have that long window to answer
18 any questions or concerns or address any type of questions or concerns that you may
19 have. And the only one that we kept hearing was the -- that water tower. But that
20 was the only one.

21 Q Anything specific about the water tower, in terms of its location, its security?

22 A More so security. They didn't have -- I believe they didn't have anybody on
23 it. I don't remember for certain.

24 I remember, when I was relieving [REDACTED], the cop he was with -- it was a
25 local cop, not a State Trooper -- he mentioned his concern with it too, with the water

1 tower, just because of the line of sight. It was a tall structure with a good sight to the
2 crowd as well as the entire event.

3 Q Okay.

4 A So it just -- it wasn't secure, with somebody on top of it.

5 Q Okay. And do you recall the name of the special agents that were
6 discussing the water tower with you that day?

7 A I don't, no. I know it was HSI, but I don't remember the cop. He was
8 paired with [REDACTED], but I don't remember his name.

9 Q Okay. Would "[REDACTED]" stand out to you as a name?

10 [REDACTED] Older gentleman or younger gentleman?

11 [REDACTED] Was he with Butler County or --

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 [REDACTED] He was an older gentleman.

14 [REDACTED] Older?

15 [REDACTED] And he ended up leaving early, and he had someone else to
16 relieve him that day. So that might've been him then.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q Thank you. I think that might've been [REDACTED].

19 A That relieved him?

20 Q Yes.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Or that was there prior to his leaving the event.

23 So I want to move forward to meeting with [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]
24 leader. You know, prior to the email that you received, had you been in contact in any
25 shape or form with Team Leader [REDACTED]

1 A No.

2 Q And was it explained to you -- how was it explained to you that he would be
3 getting in touch with you? Was that through your site post instructions? Or how did
4 you know that he, specifically his name, would be reaching out to you to discuss [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 A So I don't remember if someone called me -- he had to have called me, I
7 guess -- or radioed that the [REDACTED] was trying to get a hold of me. So I checked my
8 email. Because at this point I was relieving somebody. So I came back to the [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] -- we were calling it [REDACTED], " but [REDACTED] -- and met up with him
10 there.

11 So he reached out to me via email. But I can't remember -- whoever told me was
12 either through radio comms or radio -- or, sorry, cell phone -- but, to come and meet him
13 at that [REDACTED]

14 Q Understood.

15 We're going to introduce an exhibit here, exhibit 4.

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

18

BY [REDACTED]

19 Q This is an email from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to you at 1:32 on July 13th.

20 So, at this point, at 1:32 in the afternoon on Saturday, this email reads, "I've gotta
21 brief you for [REDACTED]. Can you give me a call when you get a chance?"

22 You ultimately went to the [REDACTED], correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Did you have any concerns about not being in touch with the team leader
25 about [REDACTED] prior to 1:32 that afternoon?

1 A Not necessarily. Like I said, they build in a long gap before arrival, and at
2 1:32 we still had probably about 4 hours of time before arrival --

3 Q Okay.

4 A -- or projected arrival. It'd be plenty of time for him to brief me.

5 I know -- I've never stood [REDACTED], but I understood the position and generally
6 what it entails. So I knew it wasn't going to be a long brief and a very drawn-out ordeal.
7 So I wasn't concerned.

8 Q And can you describe that meeting?

9 A Yep. Like I said, it was short. He did ask me if it was my first time. I
10 said, yes, my first time doing [REDACTED]. And he said, okay, it's pretty simple. He gave me a
11 packet of grid lines, explaining, if they have any type of concern, he'll call me on my cell
12 phone and let me know what chart to look at, specifically what block on that chart, to
13 respond to if there was a potential threat.

14 Q Uh-huh. Was there anything else that he brought up in that meeting?

15 A Not that I recall. Really, he's covering the packet and that if he had any
16 issues or saw anything that was a threat, he would call me on his cell phone and give me
17 the coordinates according to that chart.

18 Q In his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that he gave you a down-and-dirty brief of,
19 "Hey, this is the paperwork. Have you done this before? If we need you, just answer
20 on the radio."

21 Does that seem accurate?

22 A We didn't say radio; we said phone. Because I specifically wrote down my
23 number for him.

24 Q Okay. So in no way, following that briefing, were you expected to contact
25 him via the radio? It would be strictly via phone?

1 A That was my understanding.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Yeah. Which made sense to me as well, because we are on multiple
4 channels as different teams. So, like, as a post-stander, we're on our own channel.
5 [REDACTED] teams are on their own channel. The [REDACTED] is on their own channel. So multiple
6 people, multiple groups, all Secret Service, are on their own channels to prevent any type
7 of radio chatter that doesn't need to be there.

8 Q And, you know, going to phones and communications for that day, can you
9 describe the communications devices that you had on your person for that event?

10 A Just a radio and my work phone. Radio was -- we changed the code a few
11 times because we were stepping on each other, which is bound to happen with being in
12 close proximity.

13 Q Okay. And as far as a work phone goes, did you have your personal phone
14 on you?

15 A I did.

16 Q Were you communicating that day with Secret Service agents with your
17 personal phone?

18 A Not at all.

19 Q So you were strictly focused on your work phone when you were working
20 with the [REDACTED] team, correct?

21 A Correct, yeah.

22 Q Okay.

23 Did you have any problems with connectivity that day on your phones or your
24 radio?

25 A Radio was very intermittent. We had a lot of people that had the same

1 issue; they couldn't hear, especially the closer to the crowd you got.

2 Trump rallies tend to be one of the noisiest, and it make it very difficult to hear in
3 that headset. I've had a few times where I had to tell people to call me on the cell
4 phone so I would hear them better; the quality was better.

5 And other agents that were up by the podium were having the same issues as
6 well.

7 Q Okay.

8 And when you're in touch with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] throughout the day, were
9 you strictly on your work phone?

10 A It was a little bit of both. Well, [REDACTED] was later on. That was solely
11 through the phone. [REDACTED] he was trying to reach me on the radio a few times, and a
12 few times I had to tell him to give me a call on the work phone.

13 Q Okay.

14 Do you have any encrypted messaging apps on your personal phone?

15 A On my personal phone?

16 Q Uh-huh.

17 A I do.

18 Q Such as Signal and WhatsApp?

19 A I have WhatsApp, yeah.

20 Q Did you utilize that at any point on the day, on July 13th?

21 A Not that I recall, no.

22 Q When you were with [REDACTED] did he brief you on your chain of command
23 at that point? You know, at 1:32 in the afternoon, when you were receiving that
24 briefing, did he brief you on chain of command over authority and who you should be
25 directly reporting to?

1 A Not that I recall. It was my understanding that if he had any issue he would
2 call me directly.

3 It's not unheard of for them to call the [REDACTED], if they're busy, to have them
4 relay, because the [REDACTED] has all the radio channels available. So, for him, it
5 would be faster just to call the [REDACTED] and relay that information to me.

6 So that's kind of the two different avenues I was expecting that day.

7 Q Understood.

8 And, at that point -- you know, you mentioned earlier in the day that you assumed
9 that [REDACTED] had a type of supervisor -- or assumed a type of supervisory role over the
10 relief agents for that day. Did you feel like that was maintained after your meeting with
11 [REDACTED] at 1:30?

12 A I mean, it wasn't necessarily like a hard supervisory role. It was just more
13 of like, "Hey" -- she was taking control, I guess, and was like, "Hey, I got these people; you
14 take care of those people."

15 But after the meeting with [REDACTED] it was still the same thing. We were still,
16 at that point, relief agents roving. So I was still coordinating between her, so --

17 Q Okay.

18 [REDACTED] We're at time for the majority. We'll go off the record.

19 [Recess.]

20 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record.

21 Thank you, [REDACTED] I'm [REDACTED], a professional staff member with
22 the task force minority. Thank you for taking the time to be here voluntarily to discuss
23 your participation in the July 13th rally.

24 I'm going to try not to go over some of what my colleagues have already kind of
25 tread across. I may occasionally, like, revisit some of those points to clarify or expand

1 upon them, but we'll try to, you know, be respectful of your time today.

2 [REDACTED] Thank you.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q So you had said earlier that you had spent [REDACTED] years in the [REDACTED] Was that,
6 you went straight from high school into the [REDACTED] Is that accurate?

7 A About a year after, but --

8 Q About a year after. And what was your rating?

9 A My rating in the [REDACTED]

10 Q Yes.

11 A AW.

12 Q And can you just explain for the record exactly what the rating is and, you
13 know, what duties you'd typically have?

14 A Yeah. It's [REDACTED] They have a variety of different types of [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] I was a [REDACTED] as well as a [REDACTED]
16 down in [REDACTED]

17 Q And is there anything, you know, from your time in the [REDACTED] you that feel
18 like transferred really well over into your time with the Secret Service? Any skills or
19 training, certifications, et cetera?

20 A Yeah. Being an instructor and a supervisor helped a lot. Having that
21 structure coming into this job helped a lot, in my opinion. You can see a difference in
22 the academy alone, going through, individuals that are 22, 23 years old coming straight
23 out of college as to those that have a little bit more experience in the field in that regard.

24 Q Okay.

25 And my colleagues had talked about, you had learned about the July 13th rally

1 around the July 10th time at the NATO summit?

2 A Correct.

3 Q And your boss, I believe, was [REDACTED] Is that his name?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Is he the ASAIC?

6 A He's the ASAIC now.

7 Q He's the ASAIC now. Okay. So he was the ATSAIC before?

8 A He was in the middle of promotion, so I don't know if they were officially
9 ATSAIC or ASAIC, but he was in the middle of that promotion.

10 Q Sure. And when he was apologizing for having to submit your name to be
11 rolled again, was that -- you were the last one available. Was it being in D.C. from the
12 office or just from the [REDACTED] office itself?

13 A [REDACTED] office.

14 To kind of give you all a better understanding about solicitation for individuals, it's
15 not like I was chosen to do it. It was more, they needed bodies for that event; they put
16 out a solicitation, as far as how many bodies they need. And for us, they needed one for
17 that event. And I was the one that they had left that was about to be off of a post
18 assignment and available.

19 Q And so, when you're rolled from one assignment to the next, would that be,
20 for example, you are doing an assignment for, say, 5 days or 2 days and then you're
21 jumping essentially to the next one right away? I guess, like, what is the timeline
22 typically like when you're rolled from one assignment to the next?

23 A They vary dramatically. I did a 30-day assignment and rolled into another
24 assignment from that. Some are 2 weeks. Like, in this situation, it was a 2-week trip in
25 [REDACTED], and then I think it was 5 or 6 days in [REDACTED], and then we moved on to Butler.

1 Q I see.

2 And my colleagues had talked about how you didn't have any involvement with
3 the actual advance work for this event, correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Have you done any advance work before for prior events?

6 A Not prior to. After I have.

7 Q Have you been a lead advance agent?

8 A No.

9 Q The site agent?

10 A Not prior, no.

11 Q The site counterpart agent?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay.

14 And Special Agent [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] office, he was the only one
15 that you knew personally at the event in comparison to the other Secret Service agents?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Okay.

18 You arrived, you said, July 12th. You met up with [REDACTED] you most
19 likely had dinner, and then you had an early night. So the only time that you were able
20 to really visit the Butler Farm grounds at all was the day of the event, correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And without having visited the site, were you given any other information
23 about what the site looks like?

24 A Just from the emailed diagrams that we got, I believe, that day or the day
25 before. I believe it was that day, on the 12th.

1 Q And is that typically standard? Just, you'll receive a packet; you might've
2 never been to that specific location before?

3 A That's very common. Almost every time.

4 Q Did you feel like there was anything missing in that email, you know, the
5 preparation-related documents, site survey, et cetera? Did you feel like you needed
6 additional information, or was what was sent sufficient?

7 A Not that I recall. I feel like that was what we typically get every event.

8 Q Okay.

9 Moving over to the [REDACTED] team role, so, as you said, this was
10 your first doing this role. Did you receive any additional training for this role prior to?

11 A No.

12 Q Was there anything either in the academy or within the [REDACTED] office
13 where, say, another senior agent had given you, you know, words of wisdom or additional
14 information on this type of post-stander role?

15 A No. They go over a class in the academy. Everybody gets it. I mean, it's
16 the same thing. I believe it's a PowerPoint, essentially, just explaining what [REDACTED]
17 does and who they respond to and whatnot.

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2 [11:08 a.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q And, I guess, you know, when you are put into a role for the first time, is

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there a particular rhyme or reason why they choose someone to be placed in that role?

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Eventually, everyone needs to do a role for the first time, learn about it, get experience

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with it. But was there any particular reason based off your availability or --

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A No.

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Q -- prior history?

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A So, when they're selecting names for the posts, since [REDACTED] is still one

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of the generic posts, for simplicity's sake, what they'll do is, they have a list of names,

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they'll just plug-and-play the names.

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Now, if they do have somebody that may have been a prior sniper or whatever the

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case may be, maybe they'll use them in place of that. But there's no guarantee on that

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either. They could be completely random.

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Q Sure. Sure.

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And so, to the best of your understanding, can you just try to define for me what

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you believe the role of the counter-sniper team, [REDACTED] team member,

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typically is or what they would do?

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A Yep. So a little bit of what I mentioned earlier, that up to the hour out,

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they're holding multiple hats and doing multiple things. That's kind of expected.

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And then, once you're actually on job, at that point, you're [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. And they'll reach

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out to you, in this case via phone or radio or the [REDACTED] or whatever means

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necessary. And you'll just simply go to whatever coordinate they give you on that chart

1 and investigate that particular threat.

2 Q And to the best of your understanding, who would you typically answer to as
3 the [REDACTED] -- I'll just use the acronym "[REDACTED]" going forward.

4 A So either [REDACTED] -- or, sorry, [REDACTED] lead or the [REDACTED]

5 Q Could any of the other snipers, for example, aside from the lead, also reach
6 out to you to let you know that there is an issue that they would like you to investigate?

7 A I'm not aware if they would or not.

8 Q Would the site agent have the authority to potentially, you know, deploy you
9 to check out a suspicious person?

10 A I don't see why not. I mean, that didn't happen to me personally. I don't
11 see why she, or they, whoever was the site agent, couldn't do that.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Could I ask just a basic question that -- this has sometimes been challenging
14 for us.

15 A Yeah?

16 Q [REDACTED]. Okay. It's [REDACTED] so, by its title, it's linked specifically
17 to the counter-sniper team. Your information was along those lines. It's to go out and
18 investigate what the counter-sniper team finds to be suspicious. That makes sense.

19 But then when it gets into the question of, well, who can send you, people not
20 part of the counter-sniper team start coming into that conversation.

21 Is that normal? Is that what you understood? And, like, why would that be?

22 A I don't know necessarily if it's normal or not. Like I said, it's my first time
23 doing it.

24 I guess, it wouldn't be any other agent, for that matter. Like, it wouldn't be
25 another post. If it's someone that -- like, if it's someone who knows the site and they

1 see something that maybe someone else doesn't see, it's always encouraged to speak up
2 and let it be known. So it would just be, "Hey, can you investigate that?" And that's
3 not necessarily unheard of, I guess, for that to happen.

4 Q And this is just without doing Butler yet, but your understanding of the role,
5 whether it was a PowerPoint or what other people say.

6 A Correct.

7 Q Would the thing that a [REDACTED] says they see and they want you to
8 look into always be a sniper-related thing, or is it just anything of any kind that's
9 concerning?

10 A It'd be a threat.

11 So, generally speaking, and to explain it for you, suspicious individuals or
12 suspicious whatever is usually handled by, like, the PI, protective intelligence. And what
13 that generally encounters is, someone -- at a Trump rally, everybody's in red, white, and
14 blue, whatever, and you have a guy or a girl show up in a full hoodie, sweatpants, and
15 95 degrees outside. It's a little weird. So you'd say, hey, can you go ask that person,
16 like, what's their deal? Or if their hands are in their pockets and they're walking up and
17 down, following the protectee, stuff like that, that's suspicious.

18 Now, for [REDACTED] -- and this is all from my understanding, as well, and the training that
19 we've got -- they handle more threat-based issues. So if someone has a weapon or
20 someone is taking a threatening position, i.e., climbing the side of a building, getting in an
21 elevated position, or being in an aggressive manner, like, if they're -- either one of those
22 ordeals.

23 Q Okay.

24 So this idea that you're a partner on the [REDACTED], it would
25 normally be the counter-sniper team identifying a threat to the counter-sniper team, they

1 want you to look at it, but there are also other people in leadership roles elsewhere on
2 the site who can send you to investigate other suspicious things, did somebody teach you
3 that, or is that just kind of what you hear from other people who have been
4 [REDACTED]?

5 A Just kind of -- yeah, it's kind of what I understand it to be. You're used in
6 multi ways. So, I mean, like, the UAS program, you're helping out with that, the relief.
7 So you're used all over the place.

8 Now, the closer it gets to an event, yeah, I would say just generally from the
9 supervisors at that point is who you would take the direction from.

10 Q Okay.

11 [REDACTED] And so I'd like to introduce the first of the minority's exhibits.
12 It'll be minority exhibit A.

13 [Minority Exhibit A
14 was marked for identification.]

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q So this document is an excerpt from the Secret Service protective operations
17 manual for the [REDACTED] team procedure and protocols.

18 I'll just give you a second to read the first half. Just focus on the [REDACTED]
19 Team," since the bottom two entries are less applicable in this instance.

20 Have you read this document before?

21 A It's familiar. I believe they showed us this in the academy.

22 Q Okay. So this is something you would typically see. Like, this type of
23 operational manual would be something in the academy through a course or --

24 A Through a course, but it would be good to provide it every time you do a [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] as well, yeah.

1 Q Sure. No, that definitely seems to be helpful, like a refresher.

2 A Yep.

3 Q If I could just draw your attention to the second paragraph, the last
4 sentence. And, reading it verbatim, [REDACTED] teams should be solely dedicated to
5 [REDACTED]."

6 Do you recall that specific sentence from -- it's obviously been over a year since
7 the academy, but --

8 A No, I don't recall --

9 Q And I think partially that goes to my colleague's question line. Looking into
10 this issue, we're trying to figure out where the [REDACTED] team kind of is based, who he
11 answers to, and, like, when they can be [REDACTED]

12 Because it seems like "suspicious activity," that might be more of the site PI, for
13 example, versus the threat-based that you've conveyed to us. Like, do you feel that still
14 encapsulates that?

15 A I mean, I -- I do, but -- I mean, yeah, this is clearly -- yeah.

16 Q And earlier you had mentioned that, because you had been rolled from
17 another posting with the NATO summit, that you, I believe, only had either a suit or a
18 light police jacket. Is that accurate? You did not have your raid vest?

19 A I didn't have a raid vest. I had a police polo and a jacket.

20 Q A police polo and a jacket. I guess, with this type of role where you're
21 responding to a threat or at least to a suspicious person by direction of the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED] would that type of uniform, I guess, be sufficient, potentially, if
23 there was someone with a weapon or, like, an active threat that you need to investigate?

24 A Ideally, no. You want a vest. Which was a ball-drop of my own, so --

25 Q And, I guess, with this type of role, would you -- I guess, what type of

1 weaponry might you have, for example? Is that your typical sidearm, or would this be
2 some form of an assault rifle or some other type of --

3 A Just our issued firearm, the [REDACTED]

4 Q Just your issued firearm? Okay.

5 So the majority has already introduced the site post instructions, which was
6 exhibit -- that was the first exhibit. So the Bates number, I think it was, 3342 has your [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] essentially, assignments.

8 A Yes.

9 Q And do you recall reading that the night before or the day of, just as a
10 refresher?

11 A I do.

12 Q Okay.

13 And the second sentence -- or third sentence, excuse me, reads, "Notify the Site
14 SA of any [REDACTED]."

15 Did you, during the day, ever notify the site agent of any of the [REDACTED] that
16 you ultimately may have taken part in or suspicious activity searches?

17 A I did not. I was under the impression she was in the [REDACTED], which is
18 where all my calls came from, from the [REDACTED]. So, no, I did not reach out.

19 Q I see.

20 Going just to July 10th, you don't recall exactly which time you had arrived in
21 Pittsburgh. Do you recall being part of the virtual [REDACTED] meeting, which was around
22 5:30 to 6:30 timeframe eastern time?

23 A I don't recall if I was or not. I believe I might've been flying.

24 Q And my colleagues had talked about some of the other duties or roles that
25 you held for the rally. You had talked about how Special Agent [REDACTED] had placed you

1 partially on the drone response aspect of it.

2 One of my colleagues had looked at your MAR yesterday, and I was just hoping to
3 clarify as well. So, when he assigned you to that, it was more of just you would be eyes
4 in the sky looking out for drones prior to when your [REDACTED] duties would kick in. Is
5 that accurate?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Did he ever assign you to utilize a [REDACTED], the --

8 A No.

9 Q -- [REDACTED] ?

10 A No.

11 Q Were you aware of anyone else at the rally, a post-stander, who was
12 assigned that specific duty?

13 A I was not.

14 Q And did [REDACTED] mention that at all, that type of technology?

15 A Not to me.

16 Q Okay.

17 So, kicking off to the actual rally, you said you arrived around between 8:00 to
18 9:00 before the 10 o'clock meeting?

19 A Yeah, roughly around that time.

20 Q Roughly. Okay. And, during the meeting, was there anything memorable
21 that you remember? Was there any surprises, last-minute changes, to your
22 recollection?

23 A Not to my recollection, no.

24 Q And were you given any other additional notes at that briefing about your
25 role as the [REDACTED]

1 A No.

2 Q Okay.

3 Did you have any understanding of where the AGR complex was, based off of the
4 info provided in the email on July 12th?

5 A No.

6 Q Was that a concern to you, out of curiosity?

7 A After the fact, yes.

8 Q And did you have any understanding of how it would be covered by law
9 enforcement at that time, that specific complex, the northern part of the perimeter?

10 A Only through the site diagram that they provided that showed -- we put "PD"
11 on the site diagram. So it showed a couple spots that were manned by local law
12 enforcement.

13 Q So it was your impression that the local police departments, or State or local,
14 would be the ones looking up at or focusing on patrolling that area.

15 A Correct.

16 Q And I guess in your role as the [REDACTED] you would be expected to potentially
17 check out a threat or a suspicious person both within the perimeter and outside the
18 perimeter?

19 A Inner perimeter, middle, and outer perimeter, yes.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Which encompassed all of that.

22 Q What about the local sniper units? Did you have any idea where they
23 might actually be, based off of your recollection of the various maps?

24 A Yeah. So [REDACTED] handed me that packet on that, and it showed four
25 teams: [REDACTED]

1 And then it was my understanding that [REDACTED] was on top of the building, of the AGR
2 building. I don't recall if [REDACTED] sat on top specifically, but that was my
3 understanding of it. And then [REDACTED]

4 Q Is it usually your experience in the Secret Service that a sniper unit like that
5 would be positioned on top of a building or inside a building?

6 A On top.

7 Q On top of.

8 And according to Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Senate transcribed interview, she
9 mentioned that the AGR building would fall under your coverage area. Do you recall her
10 mentioning that to you or anyone else mentioning that to you?

11 A She did not mention that to me, no. But, I mean, it's in the [REDACTED]
12 packet, so the whole area is potentially an area to respond to.

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q Could I ask a question about that? And you described it in the first round.

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q I think it's that [REDACTED] showed you the [REDACTED] grid and talked to
17 you about different areas to respond. Am I remembering that right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Great. And that grid -- again, I'm just going off my own memory, but -- that
20 is outside areas, right? I mean, that large -- is that right? I mean, that grid does not
21 show [REDACTED].

22 A It does.

23 Q It does?

24 A It shows it. From my understanding, it shows -- well, I have it. Let me
25 see.

1 Q Yeah, it's risky for me to attempt to remember things. It never works out
2 well.

3 A Yep.

4 So, yes, it shows [REDACTED]

5 to --

6 Q Okay.

7 From just a logical point of view, the counter-snipers are keeping an eye out for
8 snipers. One would think, logically, that those folks would be outside the mags, on the
9 outer edges. I mean, is that a reasonable premise?

10 A Well, for snipers, yes, but they're not just looking for snipers. I know
11 they're counter-sniper, but they're looking all over. That's why they provide the grid for
12 the [REDACTED]. They're looking for threats and they're scanning
13 the entire event, not just one localized area.

14 Q Got it. That could be part of the confusion, at least for me, sometimes.

15 So the understanding is that the counter-sniper team is not just looking for
16 snipers; they're looking at everything everywhere for possible threats, from your
17 understanding of what they're doing.

18 A Correct, and what is displayed in that packet that they provided me.

19 Q Thank you.

20 A Yep.

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q And so on the [REDACTED] for example, if the counter-snipers had
23 noticed, you know, a suspicious person, you would expect them to call you first,
24 potentially, instead of or, rather, in lieu of the site PI? It would just help to figure out,
25 you know, if someone sees that, I guess.

1 A So my understanding and how I've handled -- so we have suspicious persons
2 all the time. The last event I was at, you get suspicious people all the time. However,
3 that's usually handled by a PI or a CSU.

4 But, in this situation, they can call out to the [REDACTED], as I mentioned earlier.
5 That might be a faster avenue since they have that radio already on that channel in the
6 [REDACTED] They could quickly say, "Hey, suspicious individual at this location. Pass
7 on to [REDACTED]."

8 And, again, he told me that if he had any pertinent information he would be
9 calling me directly on my cell phone.

10 So I figured information coming from the [REDACTED] was coming from the
11 sniper team -- they have that vantage point -- and that it wasn't necessarily a threat but
12 more of a suspicious individual.

13 Q And you said you had conducted a very brief site walk-through with the rest
14 of the post-standers after the 10 o'clock meeting. At that point, did you do anything to
15 prepare for or account for a potential issue outside of the perimeter while you were
16 walking it, just taking note of the specific areas?

17 A Not necessarily to that extent. I drove around in a golf cart on the outer
18 inner perimeter to where the gate was all at, just to get an idea of, like, where the sniper
19 team would be posted up at. At that time, they weren't posted up yet; it was too early.
20 But that's the extent of what I did there.

21 Q Do you remember exactly what time you took your post, even though you
22 were in relief up until it was your time to switch over to [REDACTED]?

23 A I don't remember exactly what time it was. He did tell me to either stage
24 up towards the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] for a better response. So, like, if they had a
25 grid, it's easier to respond left or right --

1 Q Who initially told you to --

2 A [REDACTED] So I asked him if he wanted me to stay up there or down at the
3 [REDACTED] and he said, whichever one works best for you.

4 Q I guess more so, I believe the meeting with him occurred between 1:32 and 2
5 o'clock, whenever you met him at the [REDACTED]. I meant prior to that.

6 A Oh. Sorry.

7 Q Yeah, no worries.

8 A No, I had no understanding prior to that.

9 Q So you were more or less just roving at that point, checking with
10 post-standers?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Okay.

13 According to your FBI 302 interview summary, you stated that you were
14 positioned to the [REDACTED], kind of from his
15 perspective.

16 If you recall, who specifically told you that that would be a good area to be in?

17 A I wasn't specifically told. It was the same, in that area, by the [REDACTED] or up
18 by the [REDACTED]

19 Q Okay.

20 A -- by [REDACTED]

21 And that was still -- shortly after the search -- or, shortly before him coming on
22 stage, we had a conflict near the stage, which I handled with a State Trooper counterpart.

23 Q What was that conflict?

24 A It was a fight by the stage, which took precedence at the time, since the
25 President was about to come on.

1 I had no further knowledge of a suspicious individual being a threat. I didn't hear
2 any update, period, about the individual. So, at that point, my focus was on the direct
3 potential threat. You don't know if the fight is going to be -- what it would be.

4 So myself and the State Trooper counterpart handled that and removed the two
5 individuals from that area and got out from behind the podium and allowed former
6 President Trump to come on the stage.

7 Q And so, just to make sure I'm getting the orientation right, were you on, if
8 President Trump's looking out to the crowd, the [REDACTED] o'clock or the [REDACTED] o'clock?

9 A [REDACTED] o'clock side.

10 Q The [REDACTED] o'clock side.

11 At what time do you recall meeting with the PSP Trooper you were to be stationed
12 or co-located with?

13 A I don't recall the time. It was late morning maybe. Probably late
14 morning, I want to say.

15 Q Do you recall his name?

16 A [REDACTED]

17 Q [REDACTED] Okay. And that was your first time meeting [REDACTED]

18 A Yes.

19 Q At the time, did you have any understanding of his level of experience or
20 background with the Pennsylvania State Police?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you know if he'd ever provided [REDACTED] in a similar
23 capacity as you were doing for the rally before?

24 A I don't recall if he did or not.

25 Q Do you happen to have an understanding of why PSP was paired with you, in

1 general, for the rally event?

2 A Generally, it's always a State Trooper for [REDACTED] and PI. You'll have a State
3 Trooper paired with you, or a local counterpart. So that's common. Happens every
4 time.

5 Q And, to your knowledge, was anyone else in the [REDACTED]
6 role at the rally, or was it just yourself and PSP Trooper [REDACTED]

7 A From my understanding, it was me and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 Q Okay. And your area of coverage was the entire event, the inner, middle,
9 and outer perimeter?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay.

12 So the majority has already introduced the exhibit, which was 4, which was the
13 email between [REDACTED] and yourself.

14 A Correct.

15 Q So he attempted to get in contact with you via email, radio, or cell phone.
16 You ended up hearing about it. You met in the [REDACTED]. And then you had a
17 discussion where he gave you the lowdown of what you were to do that day, what he
18 wanted you to do.

19 Can you just state exactly, to your recollection, or if you have them present, what
20 documents he specifically gave you?

21 A It's the [REDACTED] packet that has the grid lines, and that's the
22 only paperwork I got from him.

23 Q Okay. Is there anything else that he discussed, out of curiosity, during that
24 brief encounter?

25 A Not that I recall. I mean, like I said, he asked if it was my first time. He

1 went over the packet with me in detail, as far as following the grid-line patterns and
2 locations, and then where I should be posted up closer to time of arrival. And that's all I
3 can remember off of mind.

4 Q And you exchanged cell phone numbers?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did he provide the contact information of the other three counter-snipers?

7 A No. I only had his cell phone number.

8 Q Okay.

9 One thing I'm a bit curious about -- actually, no. That's okay.

10 Do you recall which radio channel you were monitoring on July 13th?

11 A I don't recall. Sorry.

12 Q It would've been the post-standers' frequency, though?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And you had mentioned that there had been several code changes
15 throughout the day because of some bleed-over?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Okay. But you also had issues hearing the radio, given your proximity to
18 the stage and music?

19 A Yes.

20 Q For your role as the [REDACTED] would it, in your opinion, make sense to be so
21 close to some of the -- you know, the stage where a lot of music is going on, or would
22 there have been another location potentially?

23 The reason why I ask is that, if you need to respond quickly, if there is a threat out
24 there and [REDACTED] is trying to get a response to you over the radio, or maybe you don't hear
25 your cell phone because of the music and the vibrations, I guess, like, is that typically an

1 area you would want to be?

2 A I mean, that's where I was directed to be. In hindsight, probably not. But
3 you do want to be able to respond accordingly to anything that's close to the stage as
4 well, since [REDACTED] with the State Trooper counterpart,
5 myself or PI.

6 So, in hindsight, yeah, probably it would be better to be further away, but we also
7 need somebody that is also able to react closer to the stage if needed in the situation of
8 someone fighting or whatever the case may be.

9 Q Did you have Verizon Frontline with your work cell phone or any other
10 connectivity issues?

11 A I had no connectivity issues on my cell phone, no.

12 Q Okay.

13 And so, prior to taking on the CSRT role, you were able to relieve Special Agent
14 [REDACTED] for a bathroom break around the [REDACTED]
15 post. So that really wasn't an issue, having the [REDACTED] role, because you weren't in that
16 role just yet?

17 A Correct. Yeah.

18 Q Okay. And do you recall how many other posts you potentially relieved or
19 assisted with prior to assuming the [REDACTED] role?

20 A All of them.

21 Q All of them.

22 A Yeah. I went to every single one --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- at some point in time, whether they needed it or not.

25 Q So we'll talk a bit more about Mr. Crooks in a bit, but prior to you being

1 alerted to him, were there any other issues that you responded to over the course of the
2 day aside from that fight outside the dais?

3 A There was a couple fights I responded to. At least 15 to 20 medical
4 emergencies I responded to personally. And then -- yeah, that was the only two,
5 medical emergencies and conflicts in the crowd.

6 Q Okay. But these were all prior to taking the [REDACTED] role?

7 A Correct, prior to.

8 Q Okay. Were you ever aware of a drone flying at any time during the
9 event -- prior to or during?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. Were you aware of anyone else, any other Secret Service or his
12 agents, who had saw something?

13 A No.

14 Q And you said you were aware that the [REDACTED] was down via a
15 call from Special Agent [REDACTED]

16 A It wasn't a call. I talked to him in the [REDACTED] and he said it was
17 down and he was troubleshooting it.

18 Q Do you recall roughly what time that might've been?

19 A I don't, no.

20 Q Okay. He had issues for a good amount of time.

21 A Yeah.

22 Q We're trying to narrow that down.

23 Okay. Did you relay that information to anyone else, Secret Service or his, after
24 him mentioning that?

25 A No.

1 Q Do you know if he had sent out an email or radio call or a cell phone call to
2 anyone else?

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

4 Q So this will be -- let me see here. The minority will introduce exhibit -- I
5 want to say this is B? Yeah, B. Perfect.

6 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit B
7 was marked for identification.]

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q So this is a text message from a 646 number that was sent to you at 5:52,
10 which contained a photo attachment but no description in the text message.

11 Do you recall receiving this?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And do you recall who the 646 number is?

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q That's [REDACTED] Okay.

16 So it does appear that there was -- there's no context to the message. It's just
17 kind of a grainy photo of an individual. When you saw that photo, you know, what did
18 you think?

19 A Well, he called me on the phone prior to.

20 Q He called you prior?

21 A Yes. I couldn't hear him on the radio, so I had -- he tried to reach me on
22 the radio, and I told him to reach out to me on my phone, because it was coming in and
23 out.

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 A And that wasn't just the noise. It was in and out comms. So I told him to

1 call me on the cell phone.

2 He called me, and he explained that, you know, they had a suspicious person who
3 was at the event with a rangefinder, that if we can try and locate him, just interview him.
4 And then he said he was going to send me a picture, and that's the picture he sent.

5 Q And when he said he was "at the event," what did you take that to mean?

6 A Personally -- and I'm learning, obviously, different after everything -- I took
7 that as he was trying to get into the event and that they either took the rangefinder, or
8 whatever the case was, and that they wanted us to go interview him. Because my
9 understanding is, when you say he's at the event, that he tried to come through the mags
10 and --

11 Q Physically at the event.

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay.

14 A And that he's now in there; go talk to him.

15 So it's not uncommon for people to, you know, have a rangefinder or whatever.
16 It's a little weird, absolutely, but it's not illegal either. But somebody was going to have
17 to go interview him about that particularly.

18 Q And during that conversation, did he -- he didn't give a location. He just
19 said he was at the event with a rangefinder, and he wanted you to check him out.

20 A I don't recall if he had a location for him at the time, because I did call him
21 back for more information, and I don't remember which phone call that was where I got
22 the more information. It was probably the second one.

23 But he said that he was last seen at the front of the event, which, in my mind, was
24 near Evans Street but still within the perimeter. So, again, I'm still thinking he's
25 inside -- I should've clarified, in hindsight -- and that he -- just to go find him in that area,

1 look in that area.

2 Q And by "front," it was your interpretation, just to clarify it geographically --

3 A Yep.

4 Q -- more towards the main-gate side of it? The "front" is the 12 o'clock
5 portion?

6 A So where the [REDACTED] is --

7 Q Yep.

8 A -- I don't know if that's considered where the main gate was at that point,
9 but -- that's where we came in at. But the [REDACTED] -- the road right behind the
10 [REDACTED], called [REDACTED] believe it is, that back portion of the event, where the
11 medical tent and all was, that's where I assumed that they were talking about.

12 He said that one of the sniper guys -- or one of the local guys saw him, and the
13 snipers took a picture through the scope. And that was this picture here.

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A So, again, I get off the phone, I start heading that way. I let my State
16 Trooper counterpart know.

17 And then I still didn't have enough information, in my mind, so I called [REDACTED] and
18 I wanted to know who, specifically, gave him that information so I could cut out this
19 middleman back and forth. And I called the individual that he was talking to directly to
20 ask him more about this photo.

21 Q So you felt [REDACTED] information was insufficient at that point, and you just
22 wanted to get it straight from the source?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And the source being -- if you remember the name, was it [REDACTED]
25 who was the local counter-sniper team leader?

1 A That might be it. I couldn't remember his name, but I think that actually is
2 the name. Yeah.

3 Q And could you just talk a bit more about what was discussed in that
4 conversation? What did he convey to you?

5 A He just explained kind of the same, that he was up in that area, that he saw
6 him with a rangefinder, and that he was wearing the gray shirt and then khaki pants, long
7 hair and glasses.

8 Q Did he say -- when you say "up in that area," did you take that to mean still
9 within the perimeter?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And still -- but, like, the front area?

12 A He said at this point, at last he saw him was more towards, like, the 3 o'clock
13 side. So I took that to be either the inner perimeter or the middle perimeter. And
14 that's why I started heading out around the 3 o'clock -- or --

15 Q So --

16 A My math is all off.

17 Q Would it have been behind the stage, going around up to the 3? Or would
18 it have been -- I guess that's clockwise, I think, maybe, yes.

19 A So, for us, where my State Trooper counterpart and I were, we were at the ■
20 o'clock side of the stage, right?

21 And then we hopped in the golf cart after we got all this information finally figured
22 out. We drove up a private road that was essentially just for law enforcement and
23 vendors which was kind of in the middle of the entire event. And that's when I
24 encountered the PI, ■■■■■■■■ and asked her if she had gotten the same
25 information. She said yes. And I asked her if she got a picture yet. She said, can you

1 just send it to me? I don't remember if she said yes or no, so I sent it to her just in case.

2 And I said, hey, the last word was that he was up in this area. She said, yes, we
3 know, that her State Trooper counterpart and a few others are in that area already in a
4 truck; for us to go ahead and start back down the other way to try and see if we can
5 meet, you know, in common ground so we're not putting all the bodies at one area.

6 Q Okay. So essentially you divided and conquered.

7 A Yes.

8 Q And, in your eyes -- or is it your impression that, you know, she didn't tell
9 you to, you know, stop searching or to go away or to kind of move you away; she tried to
10 split things up with you --

11 A Yes.

12 Q -- so you could cover more area?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay.

15 A In my eyes, yeah. We continued on. We had a few encounters along the
16 way, a medical emergency and then a fight later on, but --

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q Could I ask, the conversation came after the [REDACTED]
19 conversation, right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Great. In the [REDACTED] conversation, did [REDACTED] -- it sounds like he
22 gave you a general direction, like, a clock direction, but did not clarify whether he was
23 talking about inside or outside the secure perimeter line?

24 A Not that I recall. Again, I was assuming that they meant middle or inner
25 perimeter --

1 Q Right.

2 A -- based off of the descriptions that I was getting.

3 Q So you came in with an understanding, which you described, that we were
4 probably talking about inside the secure area, and [REDACTED] did not specifically say
5 whether he was talking about inside or outside the secure area, and so you came away
6 from that [REDACTED] conversation unchanged in your general belief that we were inside the
7 secure area. Am --

8 A Correct.

9 Q -- I right?

10 A Correct, yeah.

11 Q Okay. Thank you.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q And so I'll revisit part of that conversation, but I'm relying partially on some
14 of [REDACTED] call logs, some of the texts that you guys sent, just to kind of flesh out some of
15 those conversations.

16 Regarding [REDACTED] though, was it your understanding that [REDACTED] who was the
17 [REDACTED] operator, that he could deploy you as well?

18 A It's not uncommon for an individual, an agent -- excuse me -- in the [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] to help out the [REDACTED] supervisor at the radio. So I kind of figured, last
20 recollection was that the system was down, it wasn't coming back up, and now he's
21 helping out to handle the radio. Because there was a lot of radio calls going on. I think
22 we had over 150, 200 medical emergencies, and that's always going off on the radio,
23 conflicts on the radio. So he was trying to help with that. So it wasn't farfetched for
24 him to reach out as well.

25 Q Did he ever mention during your conversation that, you know, he had spoke

1 with the [REDACTED] supervisor and, like, this was their joint decision? Or, you know,
2 he was just like, please go check this out?

3 A I don't recall --

4 Q Did he specify --

5 A No, I don't recall if he said, like, the supervisor told me to do this, but he did
6 ask me to go check it out.

7 Q Okay. Did he mention at all, during any of the phone conversations that
8 you had, that he also alerted anyone else -- the site agent, the counter-sniper team
9 leader, for example?

10 A I don't recall if he did. With him telling me that the image came through a
11 scope, I kind of figured the sniper team already knew that, since it came from them, and
12 that he had passed it along, as well, to the PI. I don't know if he passed it along to the
13 site or not. I assume they did. That's usually one of the first people you do tell.

14 Q And when the [REDACTED], or the [REDACTED] on behalf of the [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] had sent you out to go look into specific issues, suspicious person, a threat,
16 would you then typically follow up with the [REDACTED] -- or the, excuse me, the [REDACTED]
17 Like, once you checked out a specific issue, would you check in with them?

18 A I mean, yes and no. I mean, like I said, it was a suspicious individual, so it
19 was -- again, my understanding was it was being handled by PI and whatnot. We were
20 still looking, actively looking, but we were also handling, like I said, a few other things
21 around the stage and other individuals.

22 It would've been a good idea, yes, in hindsight, to reach out and say, hey, the PI is
23 looking up in that way, if she didn't reach out herself. And also it would've been good,
24 in hindsight, to let them know, hey, I'm moving back down towards the stage and this
25 area, just for awareness purposes. But I did not, on that situation.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q This is hard because you have to rack your memory. You might not recall.
3 But when [REDACTED] starts this conversation with you and asks you to go check it out, this
4 is a subtle difference, but was it more, in the moment, for you, hey, this is a little odd
5 because this is not the counter-sniper team sending me out there, but let's roll with it?
6 Or was it, this is totally normal from my understanding, it's not always the counter-sniper
7 team that sends the [REDACTED], it could be any number of different people,
8 so this is not strange?

9 A It wasn't strange in that regard. I agree with that. But it was more so,
10 like, I did question why they were calling me when it's usually a PI or a CSU type of call.
11 And I guess they just wanted more people to kind of help out if we were not doing
12 anything, is what my understanding was.

13 And, again, we do that all the time at every event. If people are available, we're
14 like, hey, if you're available, go check this out and see if you can help find that individual.

15 Q Great point that also we have been wondering about. It feels like there's a
16 little mixing here between [REDACTED] and the PI job.

17 A Yes.

18 Q And I guess what I hear you saying is that that's right, but part of the idea is,
19 if there's somebody available who's not currently doing something, they can pitch in.

20 A Correct.

21 Q Is there any discussion that you've heard about the extent to which that
22 pitching in makes you unavailable should you be needed for [REDACTED]
23 duties?

24 A Not necessarily, because, as we discussed, [REDACTED] is your whole area.
25 It's the whole area that's your responsibility. So whether you're in one part of the area

1 or the other part of the area, you're going to be responding regardless. Because a
2 threat could happen at any part of that event. So if I'm at the inner perimeter and
3 something happens at the outer perimeter, then I still have to travel that distance, and
4 vice versa.

5 Q And this is me doubling back a tad, and I apologize, but that distinction
6 between inner and outer perimeter -- I mean, we've spoken with a bunch of Secret
7 Service counter-sniper folks at this point. I mean, their focus absolutely is [REDACTED]
8 threats. That is what the counter-sniper folks are doing.

9 So I remain a little confused about why -- a [REDACTED] would seem
10 to me, typically, to be in the [REDACTED] space, since that's what the counter-snipers are
11 focused on.

12 So it's not that you picked it, necessarily; I'm just wondering, from your point of
13 view, what is the logic of having you all the way on the inside of the event?

14 A I don't know the logic in it. That's just where I was told to go by the [REDACTED]
15 lead.

16 Q Okay. Thanks.

17 A Yep.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q Have you ever performed the function as a counter-surveillance unit agent?

20 A I have.

21 Q And so where would they typically be posted?

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

25 Q So it seems like the CSU and/or the PI would be focusing a bit more on

1 what's kind of inside the venue to respond to threats, where you might have a bit more
2 focus on the exterior as well as the interior?

3 A No, I mean, the PI and CSU can respond to both. As CSU, when I stood that
4 position, it's the same thing. It was, you can respond to anything within the area of the
5 event and even in some cases on the outer perimeter. So I never had to actually do it as
6 the CSU post-stander, but it was understood that we could also do that.

7 Q Did you have access to a vehicle in addition to the golf cart?

8 A No. Well, I had my rental car, but that wasn't used during the event.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Until after.

11 Q And you wouldn't expect to use that during the event; the golf cart would've
12 been your primary mode of transportation to respond to a specific issue?

13 A If it was available. We [REDACTED], and it was used for [REDACTED]
14 personnel, PI, myself, and whoever else was in the [REDACTED] that needed it.

15 Q So there's no dedicated golf cart just for [REDACTED]

16 A No.

17 Q And is that normal, typically?

18 A I wouldn't know. That was my first time doing it. I don't know,
19 necessarily, if they have even a golf cart sometimes. Sometimes it's by foot. But I
20 don't know if they ever have a dedicated golf cart.

21 Q So it's more of a value-add if you have one, because you can respond
22 quicker, but it's not a mission-critical item if you were doing these types of roles?

23 A I'd agree with that.

24 Q Okay.

25 So you had mentioned that you had sent the photo to Trooper [REDACTED] after you

1 had received it from [REDACTED]

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did he offer any specific commentary, any thoughts about the issue?

4 A We both said how it was not illegal to have a rangefinder and -- but,
5 obviously, still, we'll carry on and try to find the individual to interview him.

6 He said that he would send that picture to his State Trooper counterparts, which I
7 assume he did immediately after I sent it to him, and that if they found anything, you
8 know, they'd pass it along. That would get more eyes out there to try and help from all
9 over the event.

10 Q Did he confirm to you that he had passed along that information to his PSP
11 colleagues?

12 A Yes.

13 Q He did confirm?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And did he confirm that a BOLO actually went out from PSP regarding this
16 individual?

17 A I assume the BOLO would've gone out. That's protocol generally.

18 Q Out of curiosity, did you exchange email and/or phone number with [REDACTED]
19 prior to really beginning your role for the day?

20 A Just, I believe, the cell phone.

21 Q Just the cell phone?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Would it be standard practice or just best practice to, like, exchange emails,
24 for example, so you're aware of what some of they're saying? Or is that just typically,
25 you know, you're relaying info and then they'll relay it to their people?

1 A It's usually relaying. But, in hindsight, I agree, and it's something I
2 recommend, is that we have a joint email where we have that joint communication.

3 Q With the local law --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- State and local law enforcement?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay.

8 And so you would say that the description that [REDACTED] and, to an extent, [REDACTED]
9 their description of Crooks and where he was, that informed your decision to look more
10 or less exclusively within the perimeter to try to find Mr. Crooks?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay.

13 [REDACTED] If you recall the conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was she under
14 the impression, if you noticed, also that Crooks was inside the perimeter?

15 [REDACTED] No, but I assumed she did, only because she was also still inside
16 the perimeter, and she said that her counterpart was on the opposite side of the fence
17 right there where we were just at, the 3 o'clock side of the crowd. So that kind of gave
18 me the same idea that she was on the same page as me. She didn't specify specifically
19 that she thought that.

20 [REDACTED] Okay. Thanks.

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q And did you convey any of what [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had said to Special Agent

23 [REDACTED]

24 A I don't recall if I did. I'm sure I did, because it was a lot of the same
25 information that [REDACTED] gave me, minus, I think, the khaki pants and gray shirt.

1 Obviously, in the picture, you can see the gray shirt. But I think that was the extent of it.

2 Q Do you know if [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], who was the [REDACTED]
3 supervisor, if he was in contact -- if either of them were in contact with [REDACTED] Did
4 she mention that at the time?

5 A I don't recall.

6 Q So, going back a moment ago to the question about the extra vehicle,
7 according to Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] she said that you had a rental car that you
8 could use for [REDACTED] matters.

9 That was not your understanding, though, just to confirm?

10 A No.

11 Q And did she ever mention at all that to you?

12 A No.

13 Q Okay.

14 So, at around the 6:04 time, you had sent the same photo of Mr. Crooks to
15 [REDACTED] and that's when you had met up and then decided to divide and conquer,
16 correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q I guess -- you had said earlier you were deferring to her a bit in the fact that
19 she was the senior agent or kind of splitting up the search area.

20 Did you agree with, you know, the area that you were going to search based off of
21 where she suggested?

22 A Where she sent me to?

23 Q Yeah.

24 A I mean, yes, because, at the time, like I said, we still thought he was
25 potentially in the crowd or somewhere else. So it was trying, in my mind, to find a

1 needle in a haystack, with 15,000 people. But I thought it was good enough, good for
2 that purpose.

3 Because she had herself, the State Trooper, and a few other State Troopers that
4 were already posted up on that area -- and Butler County in that area. So I thought, that
5 was a lot of bodies in that corner where he was last seen. We don't really have that
6 many in this area, so why don't myself and my State Trooper counterpart go down in that
7 area to investigate further in that location.

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q At this point -- so you've spoken to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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A Yes.

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Q And you can see on the photograph or somebody told you that it came

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through a scope, so we know that local snipers have been part of this story.

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There has not been a conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] up until this point, and I

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think there is not at all. Is that right?

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A There was no conversation with him at all.

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Q In your understanding of your role as [REDACTED] now and

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having an understanding of the events from start to finish, does that strike you as

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unusual? Does that strike you as everything having gone right, or would you have

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expected to have some communication with the counter-sniper lead in this situation?

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A Okay. So I'll tell you how I felt during it and then after it.

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But during it, it felt like it was normal. However, because, like I said, the radio

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communication was a little bit faster, if he had good connection to the [REDACTED], to

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reach out to me, and that's what I kind of expected to happen. I didn't expect him to

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get off his scope and start calling me on the cell phone.

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In hindsight, yes, he absolutely should've reached out to me directly. That way, I

1 had the information straight from the individual that had seen it or the team that had
2 seen it. That would've been exceptionally helpful.

3 Q There is sometimes a debate out there about, well, you know, should you or
4 should you not get [REDACTED] involved. Perhaps not unless you have an
5 exact individual in an exact spot, stationary, where you can send the [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] to a specific piece of grass. But unless you have that situation, you know,
7 that's not the time yet to call a [REDACTED].

8 I'm wondering whether you agree with my characterization of that idea. It
9 sounds like probably not, because that was not the situation here and yet you were
10 involved.

11 A So yes and no. So I do expect when [REDACTED] is called, the
12 only time they're ever called to respond is for, like I said, a threat, and that's usually a
13 threat that has staged up and become an aggressive individual, whether they climbed the
14 side of a building, they gained an aggressive posture, whatever the case may be. So
15 that's usually my understanding of what it is.

16 However, like I said, it's not uncommon either for us to help out with suspicious
17 individuals. So yes and no. That's the answer to that.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q And, also, just to get a bit more about [REDACTED] did she say exactly what
20 she was doing while she was doing her search? Did she mention anything, provide any
21 other details when you guys met up?

22 A Not that I recall. Just that they were covering that area already.

23 Q And do you know how her communications, her radio, her cell phone, how
24 that was working at that time?

25 A I do not.

1 Q Okay. And how was your radio and cell phone working at that time?

2 A Cell phone was working fine. My radio, again, was in and out throughout
3 the entire event. I don't remember using my radio when her and I were there together,
4 so I couldn't answer to if it was working at that moment or not.

5 Q And was that more just, like, the music vibrations, the sound level that was
6 making it, like, not work? Or was there some other functionality issue?

7 A It was kind of broken on the reverb (ph) at times, kind of distorted. And it
8 could be a bad headpiece, it could be a bad headset, bad radio, or just simply all the
9 radios in the area interfering with each other. I don't know. But the main thing was I
10 couldn't hear.

11 Q Do you know if there were any replacement radios or headsets that could've
12 been utilized from the [REDACTED] or from other agents?

13 A I'm sure there could've been, yeah.

14 Q Okay.

15 And can you just walk me through just the details of, like, what you did once you
16 guys decided to split up the search, you know, like, what your path was?

17 A Yeah. So, once we finished up our discussion there, we turned around and
18 started heading back down that private road. And then we had a medical emergency, a
19 lady passed out, and we pulled off to help her real quick and called EMS, and EMS arrived,
20 and we pushed back off to continue our search.

21 Went around the back side of the stage, were looking on that side, and then got a
22 phone call that there was a conflict at the stage. And, at this point, I believe it was very
23 close to Mr. Trump coming up on the stage. I think it was 4 or 5 minutes before his
24 walking out. So that took priority. Because if that fight was continuing on, then we,
25 you know --

1 Q Do you recall who specifically asked you to respond to the threat?

2 A I believe it might've been one of the his guys by the stage, one of the agents
3 calling for us. So I went over to the stage. It was on the 9 o'clock side. And my State
4 Trooper counterpart and I addressed that situation.

5 Q Okay.

6 [REDACTED] And our time is up, so we'll go off the record.

7 [Recess.]

8 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record for the majority.

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q [REDACTED] I want to walk back a little bit to around the time of your
11 briefing with [REDACTED] Team Leader [REDACTED]

12 A Okay.

13 Q And that was around 1:32. It happened after 1:32. That's when you got
14 an email about meeting with [REDACTED] to talk about your [REDACTED] duty role, correct?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And when you met with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED], can you give an
17 estimate of how long that briefing lasted?

18 A I would say maybe 1 to 2 minutes. It was very short and to the point.

19 Q Very short and to the point. And at that briefing with [REDACTED] in the
20 [REDACTED] were there any other Secret Service agents present for that briefing?

21 A They weren't present for that briefing, but they were in the [REDACTED].
22 It's a pretty big room. It's probably twice the size of this or a size and a half. But no
23 one was present other than myself.

24 Q And your PSP counterpart, Trooper [REDACTED] was not present at that briefing,
25 correct?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Okay.

3 And I'm going to introduce an exhibit here which encaptures the logistics for
4 counter-snipers. That includes the tactical surveys that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may have
5 provided to you. This will be majority exhibit 4 -- I'm sorry, majority exhibit 5.

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

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Do you recognize this document or parts of this document, sir?

10 A Parts of the document.

11 Q Which parts do you recognize?

12 A [REDACTED] on, and the grid lines. I believe it was -- let me make sure it's the same
13 as what I have here.

14 Yes. The back portion of this packet, not the front portion.

15 Q The back portion. And those back portions are diagrams with --

16 A The grid lines.

17 Q With the grid on it.

18 Do you recall this portion of the counter-sniper logistics document that you
19 reviewed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at your briefing?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And going through this portion of the exhibit, do you recall any particular
22 areas of focus that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] focused on in any of these grids? I know that you
23 mentioned the briefing was 1 to 2 minutes or so, but was there any focus on any of the
24 surrounding buildings or areas of concern?

25 A Not that I recall. Yeah, he pointed out where the sniper team would be

1 and the local CR team, but I don't recall him pinpointing something specific.

2 Q At your briefing with [REDACTED] did he describe for you the assets that
3 Secret Service had for counter-sniper that day in terms of the number of teams for
4 counter-sniper?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. And how many sniper teams were there?

7 A He said we had [REDACTED] teams and their locations.

8 Q And did you understand at that time the composition of the local law
9 enforcement that were providing counter-sniper support for that day?

10 A As well as the [REDACTED] teams.

11 Q So [REDACTED] teams total --

12 A Total.

13 Q -- Secret Service and local police combined?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Did you have an understanding of where the local police counterpart
16 counter-sniper team was located?

17 A Yes. Except for my understanding was that they were on top of the AGR
18 building, not inside it.

19 Q Okay. And your understanding that the local sniper teams were on top of
20 the AGR building, was that communicated to you in the briefing, or was that your general
21 understanding, or how did you learn that information?

22 A I want to say it was, but I can't say for sure. So I don't want to, you know,
23 put words in his mouth, but my understanding was that they were on top of the roof.
24 And I think that might also just be from prior experience of having snipers. They're
25 [REDACTED] on the roof. [REDACTED] inside the building.

1 Q Okay. Understood.

2 And just for a clean transcript, after your briefing with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the
3 afternoon when you first met with him, you understood that local law snipers were going
4 to be on the roofs of the AGR building, correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q As far as the size of the event, there was 15,000 people approximately.
7 There was a large area of ground to cover, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Did you receive any direction about -- or any information from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
10 about the number of [REDACTED] teams that were to be present that day?

11 A No.

12 Q From your understanding, you were the sole [REDACTED] team
13 from Secret Service --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- that day, correct?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Had you worked an event prior where there were more than one
18 [REDACTED] teams?

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

20 Q At the events that you'd worked, there had only been one [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] team?

22 A Yes, but they were also substantially smaller events.

23 Q And they were indoor, correct?

24 A Correct.

25 Q And for the outdoor event that you did for Jill Biden in Arizona, around 2,000

1 people, was there multiple [REDACTED] teams at that event?

2 A I don't recall for that particular event.

3 Q And you weren't working [REDACTED] for that event, correct?

4 A I was CSU, to my understanding, on the outer perimeter.

5 Q Thank you.

6 Would it surprise you that for large events that there would typically be more than
7 [REDACTED] team?

8 A Would -- sorry. Can you restate that?

9 Q Sure. Would it surprise you to know that for larger events there are
10 typically more than [REDACTED] team?

11 A Yes, there should be.

12 Q Did you have any concern, with the crowd size of 15,000 people, that you
13 were the only member of the Secret Service [REDACTED] team?

14 A In hindsight, yes. At the time, no, it didn't cross my mind.

15 Q Did [REDACTED] raise the fact that there was going to be only one
16 [REDACTED] team present at the Butler event when he briefed you that
17 afternoon?

18 A He did not.

19 Q Did he raise any concerns to you about the size of the event and the ground
20 that you were expected to cover?

21 A Not that I recall.

22 Q And your understanding is that you would be responsible for the [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] of the event, the entire event, correct?

24 A He didn't specify exactly that, but by the diagrams, it was assumed.

25 Q Okay.

1 And was there any discussion at that briefing or at any time of the necessary
2 threshold in order for it to be appropriate to send a [REDACTED]?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. Was there any discussion about the use of [REDACTED] as a
5 one-time-use entity at that briefing with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 A I'm unfamiliar with that.

7 Q Okay.

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was part of the counter-sniper team for that day. In his TI, he said
9 that [REDACTED] was a one-time-use entity, and we need to positively
10 identify that someone is suspicious before launching it.

11 Does that match with your understanding of [REDACTED]?

12 A I guess I would need to have him clarify what they mean by that. My
13 understanding is that if there is a -- "one-time entity" meaning, like, threat? Is that what
14 you mean? Like --

15 [REDACTED] I think that, maybe to clarify, the -- I'm sorry I interrupted you -- that
16 the notion was that it's a one-time-use entity because it might take you so long to go
17 from one place to another, that the counter-snipers really needed to be sure before they
18 deployed you, because it would be so hard to get you to someplace on the other end of
19 the event if their initial instruction was incorrect and they're sending you off on a wild
20 goose chase.

21 [REDACTED] Exactly. And that's kind of what I explained earlier, is that if I
22 do respond to one area, it's going to be the same timeframe -- it doesn't matter where I
23 station up at, essentially; it's going to be the same timeframe if they're having something
24 on the outer perimeter. You're responding all over the place.

25 But, again, also, like I mentioned earlier, my understanding is, yes, you respond

1 solely for a threat -- which, we didn't have a threat, from my understanding, up until we
2 had a direct threat. So that's why we helped out with the suspicious person.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q Okay.

5 And after you left that briefing, did [REDACTED] -- did he recommend that you
6 stay in a vehicle or be mobile or be on foot?

7 A No. So he didn't specify specifically which one. He just said that you can
8 stay up here by the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or down by the stage or you can rove
9 in between. There was no set exact area.

10 Q Okay.

11 And would you describe the briefing that you had as extensive that day?

12 A I wouldn't say it's extensive. I'd say it's short, sweet, and to the point.

13 Q Okay.

14 And I just want to refer back to minority exhibit A, which is the procedures and
15 protocols for the CS team. It's a type of guidance document that we discussed in the
16 previous round.

17 The last paragraph of the [REDACTED] Team" section on that page states, "At

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]."

22 Do you feel like that portion of the guidance was executed the day of the event,
23 on July 13th?

24 A Not to me.

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2 [12:22 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q Thank you. At the briefing with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that afternoon, did you let

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him know that you were also assisting with [REDACTED] response?

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A I don't recall if I did, but, like, again, it's one of those things that they know

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that we usually help out with.

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Q Okay. And by "they," do you mean supervisors for advances, in general?

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A Just other agents. Secret Service in general, when you do an event, if

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you're a relief agent, you're helping out with essentially anything they deem at that point.

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Q Did [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the briefing with you discussing the [REDACTED] response

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role, did he discuss anything about the time-sensitive nature of the [REDACTED]?

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A As far as when they put out a threat call or whatever?

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Q Yes.

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A Not necessarily. I don't remember him saying anything to that nature, but

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again, it's kind of understood, if it's a threat, you respond very quick. And to clarify,

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that's -- essentially, with a suspicious person, the severity wasn't necessarily stressed to

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me, if that makes sense. To my understanding, again, a threat, high priority; suspicious

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person, much lower priority than a threat.

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Q Understood. And once you met with Team Leader [REDACTED] were your

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relief duties complete? Were you strictly focused on [REDACTED] and your [REDACTED]

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response role, or did you understand that you would still be relieving people after you

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met with [REDACTED]

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A Right. I was still relieving people up until about an hour out.

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Q Okay.

1 A After an hour out, I was solely [REDACTED].

2 Q And so, by the time that you met with [REDACTED] in the afternoon, you had
3 not met with your PSP counterpart in any way, correct?

4 A I don't recall -- I mean, I think I saw him in the [REDACTED], but I didn't
5 know he was my counterpart until I think after we met with [REDACTED]

6 Q Okay. So around what time did you meet up with him to assume your [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] post?

8 A With the State trooper counterpart?

9 Q Yes.

10 A So he was with me during the whole relief time after [REDACTED] I briefed
11 him on kind of the same brief I got from [REDACTED] and then he just followed me around
12 as I released people. Sometimes he would break off, because we weren't on [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] So I told him, You don't have to be with me unless I get a [REDACTED] call or a [REDACTED] call,
14 but if you need to go use the bathroom or whatever the case is, you're fine up until that
15 hour out. So he wasn't always by my hip that entire time.

16 Q Understood. And how did you know -- how did you become aware that he
17 was, in fact, your site counterpart? You mentioned that in the [REDACTED] he was
18 there, but you didn't necessarily know he was your counterpart. How was that made
19 known to you?

20 A I believe he asked his -- or I asked, I can't recall. One of us asked the
21 supervisors in the security room, and they pointed us out to each other.

22 Q Okay. And just, can you generally -- when you were paired up as [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] with your counterpart, can you describe where you met when you began [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] Were you at the stage? Were you at the [REDACTED]? I'm talking about
25 an hour prior to former-President Trump's arrival where you would be on [REDACTED]

1 strictly. Where were you?

2 A So I don't know exactly. I mean, it was -- it had to be either between the
3 [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED]. That was where -- predominantly where those
4 two spots and everything in between were kind of zigzagging in and out, whether it be by
5 the vendors, whatever the case was. So I would say, we probably were at the [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] and walked our way down towards the stage the closer it got to the event, and then
7 we got -- when I got that phone call was when I was by the stage.

8 Q Okay. And so at any point when you became operational as [REDACTED],
9 were you communicating your movements in any way to the [REDACTED] Team Leader [REDACTED]
10 or the Site Agent [REDACTED] or the Site Counterpart [REDACTED]

11 A No. I wasn't informed that they want every movement.

12 Q Did you have any discussions about the AGR building with Trooper [REDACTED]

13 A No, not prior to the actual shots fired.

14 Q Okay. Do you recall PSP [REDACTED] having any issues with his communication
15 devices?

16 A I don't recall him having any.

17 Q Okay. Now, just to recap kind of what we know so far, throughout this
18 time after meeting with [REDACTED] you weren't using your radio strictly. You were
19 mostly on your cell phone, correct?

20 A It was a mix.

21 Q It was a mix?

22 A There was sometimes I could get radio calls and hear them, and then for the
23 most part talking with [REDACTED] was better through -- I'm sorry, did you say [REDACTED] I
24 didn't talk to [REDACTED] at all throughout the entire event.

25 Q Okay.

1 A Yeah.

2 Q And from the time that you met with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] up until
3 shots fired, you hadn't received any requests from [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] team, to go look at
4 anything?

5 A No.

6 Q How were you informed of former President Trump's whereabouts when he
7 touched down in Pittsburgh? How were you aware of the motorcade's movements?

8 A [REDACTED] would put that out over a post-stander channel.

9 Q Okay. And how did you know that he had arrived at the rally?

10 A Well, I had a visual of him arriving. The [REDACTED] also put that out
11 over the radio.

12 Q Okay. And prior to President Trump's arrival, you were not looking for the
13 suspicious person that was texted to you by [REDACTED] correct?

14 A At the time -- I don't remember his exact arrival time, but I don't know if that
15 was prior to that or not.

16 Q Okay. So do you recall when you first learned about Crooks? Was it
17 before, during, or after the motorcade arrival?

18 A That's what I'm saying, I don't remember. I know the time I got the initial
19 text at 5:52, and phone call, but I don't remember what time exactly he got -- the
20 motorcade got there.

21 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 6
22 was marked for identification.]

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 6, the call logs of Special
25 Agent [REDACTED] --

1 A Okay.

2 Q -- to help orient us here. And I'm going to move through some of the
3 timeline with exhibits of text messages --

4 A Okay.

5 Q -- leading up to shots fired.

6 A Very good.

7 Q So majority exhibit 6 is a phone call log from Special Agent [REDACTED] phone of
8 phone calls that he had with you. I represent to you that the first page of this exhibit
9 contains a head shot and your name on it. As best you can recall, did you receive these
10 calls at a time when -- that you took the position left of the stage? You were on the
11 stage when you were talking with [REDACTED] on the phone?

12 A The initial phone call, yes.

13 Q Okay. So going back to minority exhibit B, the text message from Special
14 Agent [REDACTED] to you at 5:52, which included a picture of Crooks, the message was sent
15 around 5:52; and then on majority exhibit 6, at 5:53, [REDACTED] called you. Is that accurate?
16 You received a text and then [REDACTED] called you?

17 A I remember him telling me -- it must've been over the radio then -- that he
18 had a suspicious person, that he was going to send me a text with a picture.

19 Q Okay.

20 A So I mean, if he communicated, it must've been over the radio before
21 sending the picture.

22 Q Okay. And then around this time, 5:53, this is your first knowledge of
23 Crooks as a suspicious person that day, correct?

24 A Correct.

25 [REDACTED] majority exhibit No. 7

1 was marked for identification.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 7. This is an email from
4 Technician [REDACTED] at 5:52:58 p.m. on July 13th with the Crooks photo, issuing a local
5 counter sniper BOLO alert. Do you recognize this document?

6 A Only from yesterday's interview, so no. Prior to that, no.

7 Q Okay. So you did not receive this, correct?

8 A I did not.

9 Q Did it surprise you that this email was sent to other counter sniper team
10 members, and it did not match the [REDACTED] at this time?

11 A It's upsetting that it did not.

12 Q Okay. As [REDACTED], would you have expected to be alerted to a local
13 BOLO about suspicious individual near the AGR building?

14 A I would be expected to tag -- be part of these emails and any other
15 communications, period, regarding a situation like this.

16 Q Understood. This email on majority exhibit 7 mentions that the suspicious
17 individual had a range finder looking to the stage. In your mind, you know, having
18 received this information from [REDACTED] via text and, you know, if you had received this
19 email about a suspicious person with a range finder coming from the CS team leader,
20 would you have been expecting to deploy a [REDACTED]?

21 A If he directed me to, but I still, myself, and who I -- I would still respond. It
22 is a suspicious individual; it's not a threat. But, I mean, the information alone would've
23 been very useful. The last known location has a specific name of a building rather than a
24 location of an area, and exactly what he was doing would've been ideal for anyone
25 involved.

- 1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 8
- 2 was marked for identification.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 8, and this is a text message that you sent at 5:55. I can represent to you that the numbered text was a 724 area code. We understand that this is a message to Trooper [REDACTED] So at the time of this email -- I'm sorry, this text to Trooper [REDACTED] at 5:55, which is the same image of Crooks that [REDACTED] sent you a couple minutes earlier. You sent this message for the purpose of PSP [REDACTED] sending out a BOLO for this individual, correct?

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A Correct, for those counterparts.

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Q But at this time, it was unbeknownst to you that Team Leader [REDACTED] had sent out a BOLO to local units, correct?

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A Correct.

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Q Did you have confirmation from PSP [REDACTED] in any fashion that a BOLO had been sent out to local parts, local counterparts as a result of your text message?

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A I don't recall one, but again, like I mentioned earlier, I kind of assumed they would be doing a BOLO once we sent it out. Typically protocol of that.

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[Majority Exhibit No. 9

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was marked for identification.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q And then, I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 9, and this is a text message that you sent at 6:04 with the attached photo of Crooks. And I can represent to you that the number you texted is Agent [REDACTED]

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A Yes.

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Q So at the point of sending the message to Agent [REDACTED] had you already been in touch with her over the phone or over the radio about responding to a suspicious

1 individual identified in this picture?

2 A Not that I recall, no.

3 Q Okay. The text at 6:04 to [REDACTED] why did you send that photo to her at
4 that time?

5 A That's when we encountered each other on the golf carts. She's -- she
6 hadn't mentioned if she had the photo or not. I can't remember if she said that she did
7 or not, so I sent it to her anyways just so she had it, and that was the reason she got it at
8 6:04.

9 Q To your recollection, did you know if Agent [REDACTED] had received the
10 BOLO alert that Team Leader [REDACTED] sent at 5:53? Did she mention anything about a
11 BOLO that was sent out by the CS team leader 10 minutes earlier?

12 A No. I feel like I would've interacted with that. But I did know that she
13 knew about Crooks and where he was last at, but not how or -- I assumed she had the
14 same information like I did through the security room.

15 Q And at 6:04, where were you physically located with Agent [REDACTED]

16 A It was on the 9:00 side on the private road between the front of
17 the -- between the stage and the [REDACTED] where the vendors were all lined up.

18 Q Understood. So she was coming from the [REDACTED] and you were
19 coming from the stage, correct -- or around the [REDACTED]?

20 A That area. Yeah, I don't know where she was coming from exactly, but I
21 assumed from that area because she had just told me that her counterpart was in his
22 truck looking in that area.

23 Q Did she, at any time when you were with her, around 6:04, mention the AGR
24 building --

25 A No.

1 Q -- to orient your position?

2 A No.

3 Q When you spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did he in any way mention the AGR
4 building?

5 A Not that I recall, no.

6 Q Did you have any contact with the [REDACTED] at any point, other than
7 [REDACTED] about the suspicious individual with the range finder?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you send photos of Crooks to any individual other than [REDACTED] and
10 [REDACTED] before shots fired?

11 A No, not that I recall. That was the only two I encountered, so, I mean --

12 Q We know that from the site post instructions, majority exhibit 1, that the site
13 agent was to be flagged for any movement of [REDACTED] team. Did you understand
14 that direction to be when you were officially deployed as a [REDACTED], or did you
15 understand that to be general movements?

16 A I understood it as officially for [REDACTED], something directly given to me
17 from the CS team.

18 Q Okay. And we had the opportunity to review a recorded interview of the
19 PSP Trooper [REDACTED] and in his testimony to PSP, he indicated that -- he explicitly
20 mentioned the magnetometers, that Crooks was identified at the magnetometers and
21 possibly turned away. Does that summarization seem accurate to you?

22 A Yeah. In hindsight, I misspoke. Again, it was my assumption that he was
23 within the event, so I had assumed that he had gone through the magnetometers with
24 the range finder and that's where they first encountered him. Obviously, I later found
25 out that that was incorrect.

1 Q And what helped you understand -- your understanding of Crooks'
2 movements prior to shots fired to the fact that he actually wasn't at the magnetometers
3 like you originally assumed?

4 A I didn't know that until shots fired --

5 Q Okay.

6 A -- when they said he was on the AGR building.

7 Q Okay. Are you ruling out the possibility that Crooks tried to enter through
8 the magnetometers and was turned around and ultimately got around to where he was
9 at the AGR billing?

10 A Am I ruling it out? I mean, in hindsight, again, yeah. I mean, obviously, I
11 know that now he didn't do that, but at the time, again, it was my understanding that he
12 was -- he did make it through, they just want us to interview him.

13 Q Now, up until 6:04, when you're with Agent [REDACTED] somewhere in
14 between where you were posted at the left of the stage and the [REDACTED]
15 where -- the [REDACTED] area where Agent [REDACTED] was coming from, did you hear
16 any radio traffic about the suspicious individual with the range finder?

17 A No. The only information, like I said, was over the phone that I recall.

18 Q So your 3:02 form with the FBI indicates that you received a type of
19 instruction to turn around from your pursuit of the suspicious person with the range
20 finder. Based on your testimony today, I'm assuming that your direction to turn around
21 and return to your post was based on your conversation with Agent [REDACTED] around
22 6:04. Is that accurate?

23 A Yes, but it wasn't to go back there and not keep looking. It was to go back
24 and kind of be on the lookout, right, looking around in the area, still actively engaging, in
25 that area, though.

1 Q Uh-huh. At that point in time, did you have any concerns about not being
2 able to identify the suspicious person with the range finder, having been working on this
3 for 10 minutes from when you received that first message from Special Agent [REDACTED]

4 A It wasn't highly concerning. Like I said, we do get suspicious individuals
5 every event, and I was -- if it was to the point of being a severe concern, I would -- I was
6 expecting something from the CS team to reach out to me and be like, Hey, that
7 individual is a legit concern, you know, go to this area according to the chart, whatever
8 the case may be. So it wasn't highest on the priority as far as securing my post, I guess
9 you could say.

10 Q Who else was physically present for you when you returned to the stage
11 after meeting with Special Agent [REDACTED]

12 A It was myself and State Trooper [REDACTED] and then the [REDACTED] his agents by the
13 stage, but I didn't encounter them until we had the conflicts by the stage.

14 Q And about what time do you recall that the fight occurred that you
15 mentioned in the previous round?

16 A It was shortly after I got back to the stage. Like I said, on the way to the
17 stage we had a medical emergency, so that took up a couple minutes there. And then
18 when we got around to the side, the -- behind the stage on the 9:00 side, that's when we
19 had the conflict. The agent assigned to the individual called me over, and the State
20 trooper counterpart and I addressed that concern, since it was very close to the time of
21 former-President Trump coming out onto the stage. And then that, again, took a couple
22 minutes on its own. And that's -- we moved ourselves from the stage, and shortly after,
23 Mr. Trump came on the stage.

24 Q And after that meeting with Agent [REDACTED] around 6:04, did you have any
25 contact with Special Agent [REDACTED] just to close the loop on your communications with him

1 about a suspicious person with a range finder and Agent [REDACTED] about a suspicious
2 person with a range finder?

3 A I don't believe we had any communication until about 6:10, 6:11, right
4 before the shots fired.

5 Q Understood.

6 [Majority Exhibit No. 10
7 was marked for identification.]

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q I'd like to introduce majority exhibit 9. This is a photo taken by a rally-goer
10 at approximately 6:07, July 13th.

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You might be on 10, I think.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Ten, thanks.

14 I'd like to direct your attention to the area I flagged with the flag right under the
15 American flag image where it looks like what appears to be a drone, and to the right a
16 man standing on the roof of the southern barn further away from the AGR building,
17 possibly with what looks like a controller in his hand. Do you see this individual?

18 A On top of the barn?

19 Q Yes.

20 A I mean, I see our sniper team and -- on the top picture, your first picture
21 here, is that what you're -- you're regarding to this right here?

22 Q Yes. And the second picture is a zoomed-in picture of the first picture.

23 A Okay. What was the question?

24 Q Do you see this individual on the top of the southern barn?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you know who that is?

2 A I would assume our [REDACTED] sniper team.

3 Q Do you have any understanding of what that image -- what the image
4 indicated what the flag is in this photo?

5 A It looks to be a drone.

6 Q But you didn't see any drones on July 13th, correct?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. All right. And you were [REDACTED] on which
9 former-President Trump was speaking, correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. And from what -- your position, can you describe what you're able to
12 see; for instance, were you able to see the AGR building from your position?

13 A Not clearly, no. I was instructed by the [REDACTED] and then I was kind
14 of back a little bit, [REDACTED] Yeah, I didn't have a clear line of sight on it.

15 Q So just moving forward to -- and I'll refer to the call log, majority exhibit 6,
16 6:10, call from [REDACTED] to your phone. Did [REDACTED] tell you that he's on the roof, he's on
17 tan AGR building?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Yes?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q What did you do next?

22 A I don't know how long we lasted on that -- I mean, it says 16 seconds, but
23 what all was said. Essentially, I got off the phone. I told the State trooper counterpart
24 where he was, and I want to say at the time, we knew that he was armed. I thought
25 that [REDACTED] told me he was armed. I'm pretty fuzzy on it. Like I say, it's been a while,

1 but I'm almost positive he said he was armed.

2 I told my State trooper counterpart. And then I didn't know exactly which AGR
3 building, because there are two of them, so I turned to the -- there's a line of top brass
4 behind us that were waiting to get pictures with Mr. Trump as he came off the stage, so I
5 asked them real quick. In that moment, one guy pointed to the building, and then that's
6 right when the shots went off. So a matter of 10, 15 seconds of being off the phone and
7 telling them is when the first shot went off. The first shot went off and hit about 10 feet
8 above our head, and then the second shot, [REDACTED], and then that's
9 when we carried on up to the building.

10 Q Okay. You know, at 6:10, as [REDACTED] hearing that phone call from
11 [REDACTED] do you have any inclination to get in contact with the CS team near [REDACTED] or
12 do you -- and do you do that?

13 A No. Again, as I mentioned that, I feel like we should've had contact from
14 him to me regarding that threat, because now it is a real threat at that point. But in my
15 mind, again, maybe I -- it was just faster for him to radio the [REDACTED] and they can
16 relay right away to me. I don't know what their protocol -- what their reasoning was,
17 but my mindset at the time was to get to that building as fast as possible without the
18 distraction of getting my phone out and sending a text or an email, because that threat is
19 on top of the roof, so --

20 Q Right. Immediately prior to shots fired, were you copying traffic on the
21 radio about any other issues at the site? Was there an issue going on around the 3:00
22 area?

23 A Not that I recall.

24 Q Okay. Four shots fired. Do you observe local police at all moving towards
25 the AGR building?

1 A No.

2 Q At that time when shots fired, did you have an impression that shots were
3 coming from anywhere else but the AGR building?

4 A Not necessarily. With the first round hitting above and the second round
5 where it hit, I kind of had a pretty good idea where it was coming from, and that's the
6 reason I ran that way, and my State trooper counterpart went with me.

7 Q And you mentioned that you ran towards the AGR building, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Did you observe any local counterparts advancing on the AGR building while
10 you were running to the AGR building?

11 A After we jumped the fence and got to the second fence, which is right in
12 front of the AGR building, I noticed two individuals in plainclothes with a badge and then
13 one individual in uniform with a long gun, so probably three, and then a couple TAC guys,
14 which is who we lifted up on the roof, myself, and my State trooper counterpart.

15 Q Did you observe any local law enforcement take a shot at Crooks?

16 A No.

17 Q Did you -- what was your interactions with the PS -- your PSP counterpart at
18 this time, like after shots fired?

19 A Shots fired, and the first one, like I said, hit right above us. We, at first,
20 thought it was a hydraulic line that just burst, because it was a hot day and they were
21 already having issues with the careens, but then that second shot went off and that's
22 when [REDACTED]. He thought I got shot. It was [REDACTED],
23 completely minor. I said, "No, let's get to the AGR building." We jumped the fence.
24 That's when he cut his hand. And then we went through the fence, both fence, lifted
25 those gentlemen on the roof, and then that's when we breached the building, the AGR

1 building.

2 Q Okay. Do you have any discussions with the PSP trooper about where the
3 AGR building was located on the property?

4 A Not until that moment.

5 Q Okay. And then it was like deciding your route to get to the AGR building?

6 A The fastest route, yeah.

7 Q Okay. And what was the fastest route? Was it behind the barns? Was it
8 directly from the stage?

9 A From behind the stage, but in front of the barns, and then jumping the
10 fence, and then running straight across the open field.

11 Q Did you observe any reports or receive any reports of other suspicious
12 individuals that were not identified yet?

13 A That's the reason we went into the building. So we were -- at the time, we
14 were told that there was two more individuals. They didn't know whether or not they
15 were shooters or what. So myself and a few others, I think it was probably five or six of
16 us, went into the building, to include [REDACTED] and that's when we started clearing
17 the building methodically as we could, given the situation.

18 Q Did anyone on the CS team, did you hear on the radio, indicate that they
19 were going to engage the threat of Crooks on the rooftop?

20 A I didn't hear anything on the radio after that point. Once I jumped the
21 fence, my radio fell out, my earpiece fell out. My focus was to not get shot running
22 across an open field, so I -- at that time, I did not know if -- whether or not he was down
23 or not. So I didn't hear anything once shots were fired up until we were done searching
24 the building.

25 Q And when you were done searching the building, is that when you learned

1 that Crooks was neutralized?

2 A No, we learned he was down once we got to the second floor of the first part
3 of the AGR building. There's a window up there. I put eyes on him, and that's how we
4 knew he was down, and then we continued our search from there.

5 Q Did you put that out over the radio that Crooks was down?

6 A I did not. We were continuing -- we still had potential threats in the
7 building, so that was our main focus.

8 Q Did you know that Secret Service counter snipers had eliminated Crooks?

9 A I did not, but I assumed.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Just because of the angle of the shot.

12 Q Okay. Just based on your experience on July 13th, do you believe that all
13 the shots came from Crooks on former-President Trump, the local ESU member, and the
14 Secret Service counter sniper? Do you believe there are any other parties firing at
15 former-President Trump?

16 A That fired, period? I only -- I only knew of Crooks and our sniper. I didn't
17 know about -- ESU guys shot anything.

18 Q Okay. Did you have any discussion about the -- a local member of law
19 enforcement firing at Crooks?

20 A No. It has come to my attention recently that they are asking about it, but I
21 never experienced that personally myself.

22 Q How long did it take to clear the AGR building?

23 A A long time, 45 minutes to an hour. It was a very maze-like building, three
24 levels, sub levels, different hallways, cubicles, closed/locked doors.

25 Q And after your search, were you satisfied that there were no other

1 suspicious individuals identified?

2 A We were, because once we came out of the building, it came to my
3 attention that shortly after we entered the building, they were detained, and that was
4 never communicated, so --

5 [Majority Exhibit No. 11
6 was marked for identification.]

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q Okay. I'm going to introduce majority exhibit No. 11.

9 A Okay.

10 Q This is texts between you and Agent [REDACTED] beginning at 8:21. So these
11 are texts between you and Agent [REDACTED] at around 8:21 that evening. Text from you
12 to [REDACTED] reads, "Arrived police barracks, 200 Barracks Road, Butler 16001." What
13 was the purpose of that text?

14 A So the family that lost their father, they were kind of just sitting around, and
15 it didn't feel right that they kept being in the middle of everything. [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED], and we wanted to
17 relocate them to another spot, and so I volunteered to take them down to the police
18 barracks.

19 Q And at any point after shots fired, were you engaged in communications
20 with Agent [REDACTED] about the suspicious person with the range finder? Did you ever
21 discuss the suspicious person with the range finder after shots were fired, after you
22 cleared the AGR building?

23 A With her, no. I mean, not that I remember.

24 Q Okay. And what would you say would be your assignment after Crooks was
25 neutralized?

1 A Once we finished clearing the building, the handle witness -- well, they made
2 me go glue up my hand at the medical tent, and then handle witness, individuals, and
3 handed them over to the FBI, put them in a separate location, and then transported the
4 family to the police barracks. And I was just trying to help wherever they needed it.

5 Q Did you have any discussions with special agent -- or with counter sniper
6 Team Leader [REDACTED] after shots were fired?

7 A I don't recall.

8 Q Did you ever see Team Leader [REDACTED] after your 1:32 briefing with him
9 earlier that day?

10 A No.

11 Q Have you talked with Team Leader [REDACTED] at any point after July 13th?

12 A No.

13 Q Have you talked with any of the other counter sniper team members that
14 were there that day, after July 13th?

15 A No.

16 Q That day, on July 13th, did you have any conversations with [REDACTED] after
17 shots fired?

18 A Not until -- I believe he might've called me and asked me where I was. I
19 told him where I was and I was heading back to the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
20 Other than that, I don't remember having any other conversation other than us sitting in
21 the [REDACTED] waiting to determine what we were going to be doing the rest of that
22 night.

23 Q Okay. Did you receive any outreach from D.C. headquarters Secret
24 Service?

25 A I did.

1 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 12

2 was marked for identification.]

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q I want to introduce exhibit 12 for the majority. So who reached out to you
5 from headquarters?

6 A I know I talked to a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sorry, there's so many names, I don't
7 remember all of them. But I know I talked to a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then someone from our
8 PIOC. I think that was the only two I remember talking to.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I got a lot of phone calls after that, so -- these two, specifically, I know
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and a gentleman from PIOC.

12 Q And that tracks with this exhibit. This is from you to PIOC on duty and
13 [REDACTED] from PID. You know, this email is around 9:09 p.m. that evening. I
14 know this is -- majority exhibit 12 is this email that has photos, site diagram, aerials from
15 the CS logistics. Can you just describe for us the purpose of providing this information
16 to headquarters after the shooting?

17 A They were attempting to -- or identify the individual, and they wanted all the
18 information that I had from CS response, so, I mean, he -- they requested it and I was told
19 to send it to them.

20 Q Okay. Did you have any other communications with headquarters about
21 the events of July 13 as your role as a [REDACTED] agent that day?

22 A Not that I recall. Like I said, it was two individuals. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was
23 the one that called asking about the injury. They wanted to clarify what exactly it was,
24 and then the PIOC wanted this information.

25 Q Okay.

1 A So that was the only -- only thing.

2 [REDACTED] We're at time for majority. We'll go off the record.

3 [Recess.]

4 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q I've just got a few relatively quick questions, then we'll go to my colleague,
7 and then we'll try to get you out of here.

8 A I appreciate it.

9 Q Mine are, first, the conversation with Special Agent [REDACTED] I have not
10 always been totally clear. When the two of you split up after that conversation, was it
11 to divide up the site and each search your own respective assignments, or was it that she
12 was going to keep searching and you were going to go back to the stage?

13 A It was -- she was going to keep searching. I can answer that for you. But
14 the second part, I was going to go back to the [REDACTED], but
15 also still be on the lookout and looking around for this individual, as the way he was
16 dressed was a little bit different than everybody else. But like I said, I encountered
17 multiple other events up to that point. So I was still on the lookout but also in the area I
18 was supposed to be at for CS.

19 Q You're headed back to home base. You will keep an eye out, of course, but
20 you are going back to where you came from?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And it -- was it she that suggested that you do that, or is that what seemed
23 logical based on the fact that she was out there searching?

24 A I'm almost positive she told me to head back that way.

25 Q Okay. Is that odd? In other words, sometimes we just try to understand

1 the org charts on paper that the PII is telling the [REDACTED] like go over here, stop searching?

2 A It wasn't necessarily position-related. It was more just agent to agent.
3 She was already handling that area, and we needed more bodies back in that area, that it
4 was more that. It wasn't more so, I'm PI, you're CS, you know, that type of thing. It
5 was more using that logic rather than position logic --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- if that makes sense. Because, again, CS as we mentioned earlier, there
8 wasn't a threat that I had been directly pointed to by CS. So in my mind, it's a suspicious
9 person, so it wasn't necessarily something I would be handling as a priority, a top priority.
10 It is still a priority, by all means, no doubt, but not a top priority.

11 Q You're sort of volunteering to help other people with their assignment in a
12 way?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay. Quick question, it's, I think, exhibit 10. It's the image with the black
15 up in the sky. I don't know if you're able to shuffle to it?

16 A The drone?

17 Q Yeah.

18 A Okay.

19 Q I just wanted to confirm, you do not have any independent knowledge of the
20 authenticity of this, of what exactly this is, et cetera?

21 A No. And, honestly, up until recently, I didn't know there was even a drone
22 that was detected.

23 Q Well, I guess my question is, you don't know for yourself whether or not
24 there was a drone that was detected. You just have this image in front of you --

25 A Correct.

1 Q -- and you don't know exactly what this image is, where it comes from, its
2 authenticity?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. We don't either.

5 A Okay.

6 Q Our -- my last question, I should say, is I thought I heard, but I just want to
7 check, that in the 6:10 phone call from Agent [REDACTED] that he communicated that Crooks
8 was armed? Did I hear you say that correctly?

9 A I don't want to put words in his mouth.

10 Q Right. Your recollection.

11 A From my recollection of it, I remember saying he's on the roof and he's
12 armed, or that he had a rifle or something along those lines. I -- somewhere along the
13 lines I heard that he had a gun, or a weapon.

14 Q We -- it has been a heavy lift for us to track down sort of exactly who knew
15 what at exactly what minute and who said what.

16 A Like I was saying.

17 Q Your recollection of Agent [REDACTED] saying he's on the roof, that tracks kind of
18 with what we've heard elsewhere and so -- and you are pretty confident about that part
19 of it?

20 A I'm very confident about that portion, yes.

21 Q Great. For that other part of it, of either he's armed or he had a gun or he
22 has a weapon, that second part of it, what is your -- it's hard to put a number on it, but
23 what is your sort of degree of confidence in that part that you remember him saying that?
24 Is it possible that he did not say that? Just trying to gauge kind of what --

25 A It is possible, but, I mean, I don't know, I -- like I said, it's been a while since

1 then. I've had a lot of interviews since then, a lot of different information coming up
2 since then, but I can't put a number on it.

3 Q I'm not looking for any one right answer.

4 A Yeah. I'll honestly say, 50/50, because in my mind he was on the roof. To
5 me, that was taking an aggressive nature. I guess, maybe I put that in my own mind. I
6 don't know.

7 Q Unknown. But you think -- at least you think you recall him saying he has a
8 weapon?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. Thank you. That's it for me.

11

BY [REDACTED]

12 Q I just have a few cleanup questions on some of what my colleagues had went
13 over, and then I have a little bit around the 6:10 timeframe, and then I'm more or less
14 done.

15 If you wouldn't mind looking again at exhibit -- majority exhibit 5, which is the
16 sniper logistics form. You said that the last four or so pages, which essentially were the
17 grid line, and then the last page, which was a map, that is what [REDACTED] provided you.

18 A Correct.

19 Q Correct? Okay.

20 So you did view the map with the [REDACTED] ring around it during that briefing?

21 A On the last page, correct.

22 Q Okay. So at that time, did [REDACTED] point out exactly where the AGR
23 complex was?

24 A No. I mean, he just pointed where his sniper teams were, and then I don't
25 remember him saying specifically it was the AGR building.

1 Q Okay. So he just -- essentially, there was sniper teams to the north and just
2 some buildings to the north.

3 A Well, yeah. He came up to me with the map and he pointed directly on the
4 map.

5 Q Okay.

6 A It wasn't like he said, north, south, east, or whatever. He just specifically
7 pointed at the map to me.

8 Q And regarding your expectation that the local counter -- the local snipers
9 would be on the roof, is it fair to say that the [REDACTED] marking, that
10 informed that thought of yours, or did he specifically say they would be on the roof, to
11 the best of your recollection?

12 A Well, that definitely made me think it, as well. And prior experience
13 working with snipers at different events, they're usually always on the roof. So it was
14 under my assumption that they would be on the roof. I don't remember him specifically
15 stating they would be on the roof of that building, so --

16 Q Okay.

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Regarding the [REDACTED] response aspect of it, so it seems like several agents
19 were tasked with, you know, being on the lookout, keeping your eyes to the sky. In your
20 opinion, although that's kind of a collateral duty, it's not really like a full-time role,
21 correct?

22 A Correct.

23 Q It's more just, you're going to, as Secret Service agent, be mindful of your
24 surroundings, looking for threats, left, right, up, down. This is just more of, like, you're
25 looking, be aware of a drone potentially?

1 A So all agents -- to kind of clarify that, all agents on the post there, whether
2 his or Secret Service, are told to look out for drones and report it to the [REDACTED]
3 And then the relief agents or PI, or whoever they can get that's available, will go [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED],
5 right, they're kind of stationary. [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED].

7 Q So if anyone else, if a post stander physically, or visually, saw something, or
8 using the [REDACTED], you or [REDACTED] for
9 example, would potentially go and respond to that?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Okay. Up until the [REDACTED] role kicked in?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay. Regarding the -- I'm forgetting exactly which exhibit it is, but the
14 majority's exhibit with [REDACTED] BOLO to the other Secret Service counter snipers, so
15 you had said that you would have expected to have been included or cc'd onto that
16 email?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Had you ever heard before, did he mention something during the brief
19 meeting that you had in the [REDACTED] that he would, you know, add you onto an
20 email or, like, I give you a heads-up if something is happening?

21 A No. I mean, more -- to me, it was more of a commonsense factor. If I'm
22 part of the [REDACTED], which is part of the CS team, I'm not a sniper by any means, right,
23 but I'm still part of your response. If you see something, I expect to be kind of on that
24 communication chain. It only makes sense.

25 Q Sure.

1 A If you have an issue and you're putting that out and you're relaying it to
2 other individuals, if you need it to be addressed, the one person that's supposed to
3 address it should probably be on the email chain.

4 Q Around the 6:09 to 6:10 timeframe, at 6:10 you got a call from [REDACTED] He
5 mentioned, on the roof, AGR, et cetera. Did you also hear over the radio that local law
6 enforcement was dealing with an issue at the 3:00?

7 A No. Like earlier, I don't remember hearing that.

8 Q Okay. And do you recall -- I believe -- I'm sorry. You said it earlier, you
9 were on the post-stander shift radio frequency?

10 A Radio channel, yes.

11 Q Okay. Did Trooper [REDACTED] say anything in response to you mentioning
12 that he's on the roof? Did he provide any other insight, or did he start to call someone
13 on his cell phone or his radio?

14 A I don't recall him doing anything -- I mean, I tapped him on the back, and I
15 said, Hey, we've got to go to the AGR building. He's on the roof. And he said, okay,
16 let's go. And that's when I turned around to the guys behind us and asked them
17 which -- if they knew what AGR building it was. And then one of the guys behind them
18 pointed to the building, and that's immediately when the shot went off.

19 Q And this was the local law enforcement leaders, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q So one of them had pointed it out, and then you hear the first shot, the
22 second shot, you're hit with shrapnel. What was everyone, kind of, doing around you?
23 What were the local law enforcement leaders doing, you know, as you guys were getting
24 to where you respond?

25 A Going the opposite way. I mean, they didn't go with me, so I don't know

1 where they went after that. That's not to put them on blast or anything. It
2 was -- no -- it was me and the State trooper counterpart that went that way, and from my
3 understanding, everybody else ideally got cover, which is perfectly okay. But I don't
4 know where they went following that exact area.

5 Q Okay. And I think earlier, the majority had asked if you -- had you met the
6 protective advance intelligence agent [REDACTED]?

7 A Not until after the event completely was done. That's when I found out
8 who he was. I never met him.

9 Q Okay. That's fine. So he never contacted you between the 5:50 to 6:11
10 range. You only dealt with [REDACTED] from the protective intelligence side?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Okay. And would you mind, just for the full sake of clarity, 5:53 to 6:04,
13 that's when you first learned about Crooks via [REDACTED] and that's when you met up with
14 [REDACTED] just walk me exactly through the potential route that you took, to the best of
15 your recollection. Just because we now know it's 6:04 after you guys spoke together
16 about what to do so, and you head back towards your [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] What was your -- kind of, your search route at that point leading up to 6:04?

18 A So initial phone call, 5:52 timeframe, 5:53, whatever it was, we discussed it,
19 got off the phone. After I got the image, sent it to [REDACTED] So we were in that area,
20 for the most part, for a couple minutes, because I'm -- we're coordinating the picture and
21 I'm trying to get a hold of the other local officer. I can't remember his name. What did
22 we say? The other officer that I ended up calling, the local guy. So all that was a
23 couple minutes right there and in position by the stage.

24 And then, once we got that information, we got into the golf cart -- or found a golf
25 cart and hopped into it. And we -- we looked in that area, the general area first, just to

1 see if we saw anybody with a gray T-shirt that stood out. We didn't see anything. It
2 was a very quick scan, just because, like I said before, he may have been seen up in that
3 area, but people obviously are moving the entire time. He could've easily relocated,
4 from my understanding, from there up towards near the stage. So it's smart to look in
5 that area first, and then move our way up. So we looked in that area real quick, and
6 then we worked our way up the fence and up the private road, looking at that area
7 for -- along the fence, as well as the vendors. And that's when we encountered the PI
8 team, or PI.

9 Q And around 5:57, when you chatted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that's where he kind
10 of gave you a better direction, the 3:00 direction --

11 A Correct.

12 Q -- that informed your search?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Regarding the fence line and kind of your understanding of like the
15 outer perimeter, when you did the morning site walk-through, the brief one with the
16 other post standers, or during your conversation with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED], did
17 he mention anything about the actual fence line? You know, did you have an idea that,
18 you know, this is a double fence line, it's locked, there is no easy way in or out?

19 A No, because when we went to go jump the fence, we -- well, when we went
20 to go through the fence it turned out that it was locked. I did not know it was locked
21 because we had a local law enforcement on that fence, so it didn't necessarily need to be
22 locked if he was standing that post on that fence.

23 Q Do you recall if that was a PSP trooper or one of the Butler County sheriffs?

24 A I don't recall. I've seen plenty of videos of it. But they ended up ramming
25 that fence down because they couldn't get it unlocked. That was after we had jumped it

1 and moved on. But we didn't know that that fence was locked, and we didn't know that
2 the second fence was taped and roped with zip ties to keep it from being open as well.
3 So we end up cutting those when we went through, because we couldn't jump that fence,
4 but --

5 Q Did you have something, like part of your security gear to, you know, snip
6 through those or --

7 A Yeah, I had a box cutter and a knife, and so did [REDACTED]

8 Q Okay. And just to confirm, in your mission assurance report that we've
9 seen, going into and to secure the AGR building, you essentially split into two groups?

10 A Yes.

11 Q I just want to clarify, so were you part of the group that -- because you said
12 you went up to the second level and you could see Crooks through one of the windows,
13 visual confirmation. Were you part of the group that essentially met one of the other
14 local counter snipers that was inside of one of the conference rooms? Did you
15 encounter anyone in your search?

16 A I don't think we encountered -- I mean, when we got up to that building -- or,
17 sorry, up into that room where the window is --

18 Q Yep.

19 A -- there was a lot of people in there. I mean, everybody wanted to put eyes
20 on the guy.

21 Q Did you see, at that point, a -- like a sniper's nest essentially, a tripod still set
22 up?

23 A No. I've been asked that before. I really don't remember any of that in
24 there. Again, I was kind of tunnel vision at that point. You know, I see he's down, and
25 then I'm still focused on the fact that there could be two more people in this building and

1 now we have to go find that.

2 Q To the best of your recollection, when you entered that room, do you
3 remember how many other law enforcement officers might've been there? Was it a
4 large crowd, a small crowd?

5 A Maybe five or six, a good handful.

6 Q I think that is, more or less, it for me, unless you have any other clarifying
7 questions?

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q My only last one is, with respect to the counter sniper role, we talked a little
10 bit about the on-paper description, which is that it's exclusively at the usage of the
11 counter sniper team?

12 A Yes.

13 Q [REDACTED] is exclusively a counter sniper asset. And then we
14 talked about the practical understanding that you had, which is that sometimes people
15 other than counter snipers that the site agent, [REDACTED] agent might ask you to go
16 check something out.

17 My question is just, from your experience now, with respect to Butler or
18 otherwise, do you have a view as to which of those two things is the better way? It
19 seems to us it may be logical, in a sense, to reserve [REDACTED] for the
20 counter sniper team. But I'm curious if you have a view yourself about that question.

21 A I do. In hindsight, and going through that, it does give you quite the eye
22 opener. Yes, I agree that we should, an hour out, be -- probably be solely dedicated and
23 not reliant on going and addressing EMS emergencies or whatever the case may be, but
24 we also need to have a specified area they want us to be at. Because if we're in with the
25 crowd and someone drops out, and I'm standing right there, you know, I kind of have to

1 interact with that individual if they fall out or if they're fighting right in front of me.

2 So they have us kind of off site -- or not off site, but off, away from the heart of
3 everything right there, or a better staging area, that would make sense for that hour-out
4 time, because, again, you're still liable. I mean, you're still law enforcement. You still
5 required to help individuals out if they're falling out right in front of you.

6 So yes, I do agree there should be something like that, and we should be involved
7 in email chains, text chains, phone chains as a [REDACTED], and that proves obvious from
8 this event.

9 Q Thank you.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q One other final question that just popped into my mind. Regarding the his
12 agent that asked you to come back to assist at the left side of the dais with the fight --

13 A Yes.

14 Q -- were you, out of curiosity, a jump team leader for this event?

15 A I was -- so not until after the end of the event they made me a jump team
16 leader just to help out with the movement of agents and the other witnesses, but I
17 was -- that was a made-up term essentially. It was more sort of saying, Hey, you're in
18 charge, get all these people to one spot. But during that time, no.

19 Q Okay. So you weren't leading five to six --

20 A No.

21 Q -- his agents at the time?

22 So did the his agent have your number beforehand? Did you exchange it with
23 the other his agents? I guess, I'm just trying to track down how exactly he would have
24 called you, for example.

25 A So I was in the area. He waved me down.

1 Q Oh, he waved you down.

2 A Yeah.

3 Q Okay. Gotcha.

4 [REDACTED] And so is it -- you may not know for a fact, but is it perhaps not
5 likely that the his agent appreciated the exact nature of your role? The his agent
6 probably would not have been able to look at you and say, Well, there's the [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] team, and I'm going to ask him to help even though I know that that
8 might distract him from his [REDACTED] job. That is not likely. He
9 probably just saw you as Secret Service.

10 [REDACTED] Correct. That is very likely.

11 [REDACTED] So we'll go off the record.

12 [Discussion off the record.]

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2 [1:28 p.m.]

3 [REDACTED] We'll go off the record.

4 [Discussion off the record]

5 [REDACTED] I could follow-up -- back on the record.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Quick follow-up question about his. Earlier, you had mentioned that in the
8 past or your past experience you hadn't seen so much use of his, but more recently,
9 you're seeing the greater use of his. Does that concern you at all? Do you have any
10 thoughts about that, personal kind of observations?

11 A Not necessarily. I mean, I don't know how we've done it in the past, this is
12 my first year on the job. And it's a campaign. And as the year progressed, more and
13 more events were happening, so we required more manpower for those events. So it
14 wasn't unlikely that we would ask for support from other agencies. We are a smaller
15 agency. But I do expect us to be the dominant agency. That means by more Secret
16 Service personnel there rather than his, if that makes sense.

17 Q Right. And you would be the lead agency.

18 A Correct.

19 Q Did you ever have any kind of thoughts or concerns about the training that
20 his agents would be receiving prior to doing advance trips, any knowledge of that, or
21 awareness of what kind of training that they were receiving?

22 A No, I'm unaware of any that they receive.

23 [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 BY [REDACTED]

25 Q Had you received training for using [REDACTED] at all before July 13th?

1 A No.

2 Q And when you and Agent [REDACTED] were speaking with each other, did she
3 say whether other units were responding to Mr. -- the BOLO for Mr. Crooks?

4 A She said her counterpart and a few of his men were responding in that area
5 that we last were told, yes.

6 Q In what direction did she go, as best you can recall?

7 A After our meeting? She went back up toward that direction, towards the
8 12:00 area by the [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] We can go off the record.

10 [Whereupon, at 1:31 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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