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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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14 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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1           ██████████. All right. We are on the record.

2           And, ██████████ you can hear me okay --

3           ██████████ Yes, sir.

4           ██████████. -- and see me okay?

5           ██████████ Yes, sir.

6           ██████████. All right. Thank you.

7           All right. Today is October 24, 2024, and this is the transcribed interview of ██████████

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

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

15          Can the witness please state your name and spell your last name for the record?

16          ██████████ Yes, sir. My name is ██████████ ██████████.

17          ██████████ Thank you, ██████████

18          My name is ██████████, and I am special counsel with the task force. I want to  
19          thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force recognizes and  
20          appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

21          You're allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during the interview.  
22          Do you have an attorney representing you in a personal capacity present with you today?

23          ██████████ Just ██████████ that was trying to call in, and there's I think  
24          representatives from the legal section of the Secret Service, ██████████ or his designee.

25          ██████████ Yes. ██████████ starting with you, would you just identify yourself

1 for the record?

2 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] I'll  
3 remain on the phone and am monitoring the interview. I'm still trying to gain access to  
4 the video mechanism but without success for some reason. So I'm going to continue to  
5 remain on the phone and monitor the interview until I can gain access.

6 Thank you.

7 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

8 Is there an attorney present representing the Secret Service?

9 Ms. [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you. It's [REDACTED]

10 Thank you.

11 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

12 There are no Members of Congress present for this interview, but if any Members  
13 should decide to join, they will also identify themselves, the district they represent, and  
14 their affiliation with the task force.

15 Next, starting with the majority staff and then the minority, can the additional  
16 staff members please --

17 [REDACTED] Sorry. I just wanted to also --

18 [REDACTED]: Oh, sorry.

19 [REDACTED] -- identify myself. [REDACTED] -- my name is [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED], and last name is [REDACTED] And I'm from DHS Office of the  
21 General Counsel.

22 [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 So as I was saying, that, next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can  
24 the additional staff members please introduce yourselves with your name, title, and  
25 affiliation, starting with the majority?



1 [REDACTED], senior counsel with the task force majority.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior professional staff member, task force majority.

3 [REDACTED], deputy staff director for the task force majority is also here,  
4 however, she has just stepped out momentarily.

5 [REDACTED] And then minority?

6 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], professional staff member with the Democratic  
7 staff.

8 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], legislative attorney with the Congressional Research  
9 Service providing support to the task force.

10 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], minority staff director.

11 [REDACTED] All right. I seem to have succeeded, so I'm going to hang up the  
12 phone.

13 [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED] before we begin, I'd like to go over the ground  
14 rules for this interview with you.

15 As previously agreed to by your counsel, agency staff, majority and minority staff,  
16 the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted assassination on  
17 July 13, 2024, of Donald J. Trump, including but not limited to preparation, aftermath, and  
18 any information related to the September 15th attempted assassination.

19 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff  
20 will alternate asking you questions 45 minutes per side per round until each side is  
21 finished with their questioning. The majority staff will begin and proceed for  
22 45 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will  
23 then alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no more questions. If  
24 either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few  
25 minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning,

1 including any pertinent followups.

2 In this interview, while one member of the staff for each side may lead the  
3 questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

4 There's a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to  
5 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the  
6 staff who are questioning you has finished each question before you begin your answer,  
7 and the staff will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next  
8 question. Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview,  
9 please speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record  
10 nonverbal answers such as nodding or shaking your head, so it is important that you  
11 answer each question with an audible, verbal answer. Do you understand?

12 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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

17 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

18 [REDACTED]: If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you  
19 are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of  
20 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection. If you recall only a part  
21 of a conversation or event, you give us your best recollection of those events or parts of  
22 conversations that you do recall. Do you understand?

23 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

24 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in,  
25 you're required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1001 to answer questions from Congress



1 truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff or consultants like  
2 myself in an interview. Do you understand?

3 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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

6 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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

9 [REDACTED] No, sir. I'm prepared to answer any and all questions.

10 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

11 Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any statement today, that  
12 assertion must comply with the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. For the chair  
13 to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements, witnesses or entities  
14 must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the reason for the assertion on  
15 or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance. Do you understand?

16 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

17 [REDACTED]: Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is  
18 confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in this  
19 interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.  
20 For these same reasons, the exhibits will be provided to the court reporter so that they  
21 may go up in the official transcript, and any copies of those exhibits will be returned to us  
22 when we wrap up.

23 We plan to take a 5-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning.  
24 But if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know and we'll be  
25 happy to accommodate you. However, to the extent that there is a pending question,



1 we would ask that you finish answering the question before we take the break. Do you  
2 understand?

3 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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

5 [REDACTED] I just want to say -- hold it. This is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm not on the  
6 video, was knocked off again, so I'm going to just remain and monitor the interview by  
7 phone only. Okay?

8 That's all. Thanks.

9 [REDACTED]: As long as it's okay with you, it's fine with us.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah, yeah, I'm fine. Yeah.

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] again, do you have any questions before we begin?

12 [REDACTED] No, sir. I'm prepared to answer any and all questions.

13 [REDACTED]: Would the Secret Service attorney like to say anything for the record?

14 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you.

15 Today the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security has made  
16 available to the task force, consistent with its requests, information and records that  
17 would not be publicly released. These disclosures include information and records  
18 covered under the privacy act, personnel and other personal privacy information, for  
19 official use only information, intelligence, and law enforcement sensitive records, and raw  
20 intelligence information.

21 While the Secret Service and the Department have made this information and  
22 these records available, we continue to assert that such information and records and any  
23 discussion of such information and records during the course of this interview is not  
24 intended for public release. The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving any  
25 protections, and for the purposes of efficiency and to promote a constructive dialogue

1 during this interview, are making this assertion at the beginning to preserve all assertions  
2 of protection from public release or disclosure of these information or records that are  
3 used or discussed.

4 The transcript and attachments, we would ask that they are further protected  
5 from dissemination to the same extent as the documents and information they are based  
6 on. We would ask to please consult with the Secret Service and the Department prior to  
7 any public release or disclosure.

8 Thank you.

9 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

10 And as we've said in a response to prior requests in other interviews, the chair will  
11 take into consideration any requests that the Secret Service has regarding the  
12 confidentiality of information that's provided in this interview, but the chair will have to  
13 obviously understand the basis and will need to agree and consult with the other  
14 members of the task force before granting any confidentiality or redactions. But all of  
15 the preexisting agreements between DHS, Secret Service, and the task force remain in  
16 effect, and we will take requests on a case-by-case basis.

17 [REDACTED] We appreciate that engagement.

18 Thank you.

19 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

20 All right. Unless there's anything else before we start, we will start time now on  
21 the first 45 minutes of questioning.

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q [REDACTED] -- and I'm saying your name properly now, [REDACTED]

25 A Yes, sir, that's correct. Thank you.

1 Q Thank you.

2 How long have you worked with the Secret Service?

3 A I've been with the Secret Service 20 years.

4 Q So you started in roughly 2004?

5 A Correct. I started training July 19, 2004. I was a uniform division officer  
6 first assigned to the White House branch until 2006. I then entered special agent  
7 training program October 2006, completed that training in June -- or excuse me -- May or  
8 June of 2007, where I was then assigned to the Pittsburgh Field Office. I was assigned to  
9 the Pittsburgh Field Office from 2007 to 2015. I engaged in multiple investigations,  
10 white collar crimes like identity theft and counterfeit currency. I also participated in  
11 many protective operations throughout those years for Presidents and former Presidents.

12 2015 I was reassigned to the Diplomatic Protection Division, where I was on the  
13 protective detail to Secretary of the Treasury. And then September of 2015, I was then  
14 appointed to the Presidential Protective Division, where I served for 6 years under three  
15 U.S. Presidents, to include President Barack Obama, President Donald J. Trump, and the  
16 first 9 months of President Joseph Biden.

17 Upon completion of my PPD assignment, I was able to return to Pittsburgh in  
18 September of 2021, and here I am today speaking to all of you.

19 Q And what is your title in the Pittsburgh Field Office now?

20 A Technically, I'm a senior special agent, but I'm a special agent in the  
21 Pittsburgh Field Office.

22 Q And then just briefly, before you joined the Secret Service, what was  
23 your -- what were your jobs, not going back to high school, just professional?

24 A Yes, correct. So after college, of course, you do work some stepping-stone  
25 jobs, but I guess my first job was in 1999 to 2004, I was a probation officer for Allegheny

1 County Juvenile Probation, and then one -- and then I applied to the Secret Service and  
2 then subsequently hired, and then my career started in July of 2004 with the Secret  
3 Service.

4 Q Okay. And you've gone through your Secret Service history, and we'll go a  
5 little bit more into some training issues. But first, let's put up majority exhibit number 1.

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

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Special Agent [REDACTED] can you see that okay or do you need us to blow it up?

10 A Yeah, if you can enhance a little bit more just so I can see what the -- okay.

11 Q Thank you.

12 So this is an organizational chart produced to the task force by the Secret Service  
13 that's the secret -- it's a task -- it's a organizational chart for the Secret Service field office  
14 in Pittsburgh. The names are redacted, but we know what some of these names are,  
15 but we're just going to ask you a few questions about this document.

16 A Okay.

17 Q First of all, do you report to [REDACTED] who we understand is the assistant  
18 to the special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And does Special Agent [REDACTED] report to [REDACTED] who's the special  
21 agent in charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And as for you, does anybody report directly to you?

24 A I wouldn't say -- I would say people would come to me for guidance, but I  
25 don't think there's a formal, you know, coming to me. I was assigned as a backup or



1 someone to help the new agents with their investigations and help them navigate  
2 through the judicial process, arrest process, anything of an investigative nature.

3 Q Did your work in the Pittsburgh Field Office focus primarily on investigations?

4 A We have a dual mission so, yeah, when there are not protective operations  
5 in district, we are investigators. So that would be our focus if we're not involved in a  
6 protective operation.

7 Q Very good. And for you personally and since you've been back in the  
8 Pittsburgh Field Office since 2021, roughly speaking, what percentage of your time is  
9 spent on investigations versus protective services?

10 A It fluctuates. I guess earlier in the year it was predominantly investigations.  
11 There would be visits in the Pittsburgh district or you would be asked to travel outside of  
12 the district for a protective operation. So, again, it would fluctuate, but I think it's a fair  
13 assessment to say 50/50 or, you know, you could slide to the left or to the right either  
14 way.

15 Q Certainly as we get closer to the election and there's more need for  
16 protective services, the protective services element increases relative to the investigative  
17 services element?

18 A Absolutely. We are -- right now in the Pittsburgh office, I think right now  
19 we're averaging maybe 12 visits in the next 10 to 12 days, so all the political par -- all the  
20 politicals are coming into town. So, yes, we're very heavy on the protective mission and  
21 the investigative mission has taken a back seat for now.

22 Q Understood. We understand that you are -- and this may not be an official  
23 title -- but you are considered the office coordinator at the Pittsburgh Field Office. Is  
24 that right?

25 A For the visit of the First Lady I was the field office coordinator, yes, sir.

1 Q Okay. But, generally speaking, are you -- do you serve a coordinating  
2 function in the Pittsburgh Field Office, or is it more it just depends on the particular event  
3 or duty you have in that particular day?

4 A Yeah, that's correct. So any of those -- you know, the field office  
5 coordinator position can fluctuate. It could be, you know, a different agent at any point  
6 in time. But in terms of day to day, if we're not involved in protective operations, I'm  
7 just a senior agent who can just help the other agents acclimate themselves to  
8 investigations and protective mission.

9 Q Understood. Were you considered a manager or supervisor within the field  
10 office?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay. And do you have specific authority over other agents in the field  
13 office?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. Now, you mentioned that you were the field office coordinator -- is  
16 that the right term, field office coordinator -- for the First Lady event on July 13th?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Okay. Could you just tell us what that means? What are your  
19 responsibilities in that role?

20 A Yes, sir. So as the field office coordinator, you are the conduit of  
21 information between local law enforcement and the visiting detail. In this case it was  
22 the First Lady's detail. So coordinating a police meeting, ensuring that any resources for  
23 any of the protective operations, security operations at any venue that the First Lady or  
24 other protected person would visit were in place or at least communicating with  
25 someone who could provide what is requested.

1 Q Got it.

2 We can actually take the exhibit down.

3 And have you performed that role as field office coordinator prior to the First  
4 Lady's visit on July 13th?

5 A I believe I have. I just can't recall or remember who that might have been  
6 or what it focused on.

7 Q I understand.

8 A But, yes, I've served this role in the past so, yes, I'm familiar with it.

9 Q And would you say that it's -- is it a frequent occurrence that you serve in  
10 that role or is it infrequent?

11 A It seems like it's been more frequent as of late. But, yes, I've participated  
12 in that role frequently, yes, sir.

13 Q Okay. And what is your grade -- what is your GS level, I should say?

14 A 13-8 or 9. I don't think I hit the 9 yet, but I think I'm close to that, so we'll  
15 just say 13-8.

16 Q Do you know what the GS levels are of Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special  
17 Agent [REDACTED]

18 A I know [REDACTED] is GS-15 and [REDACTED] is a GS-14.

19 Q Just briefly, I want to talk a little bit about your training before -- well,  
20 throughout your career with the Secret Service.

21 What kind of training have you received -- again, just very high level -- as part of  
22 your responsibilities with the Secret Service over the course of your career?

23 A So I would say the bulk of the training came at the beginning of my career  
24 when I went through the special agent training course or the uniform division training  
25 course.

1           Once in the field, there wasn't much subsequent training, unless we were  
2           preparing for the election. So it's, you know, the CNOS, the candidate nomination  
3           operations section. So depending on if you were, say, selected as a shift agent, meaning  
4           one of the agents who was around the protectee, moving in and out of cars or aircraft or  
5           to and from venues, you would go through a similar training course that you had received  
6           in the earlier part of your career through the additional training.

7           So those are probably the bulk of it. Once in the field office, I would say the  
8           majority of the training is firearms and physical fitness. And before they disband the -- I  
9           forget the name of it now, but predominantly it was online training.

10          Q     Okay. And so --

11          A     And there are various -- I'm sorry to interrupt.

12          Q     No, no. Please go ahead, please.

13          A     Yeah, there's various trainings that are offered. Like I went through a  
14          firearms instructor course. There's -- I mean, there's various courses that are available,  
15          but at times the protective mission interferes with committing to it, or if you do commit  
16          to it, you have to remove yourself from it because of what is needed in the field.

17          I can't say for certain, you know, how many times it happened or a date or an  
18          incident that it did happen, but I know that it has happened at least once or twice in my  
19          career.

20          Q     Understood. So is it fair to say that the bulk of the training you received  
21          specifically for protective service functions were at the beginning of your career, other  
22          than, of course, physical training and firearms training?

23          A     Yes, sir. I think that's a fair assessment, yes, sir.

24          Q     And you mentioned that most of the additional training, other than physical  
25          training and firearm training, has been virtual since then?



1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. [Inaudible] -- that were in your office as of July 13.

3 [REDACTED] I'm sorry, [REDACTED], can you repeat that? You cut out at  
4 the very beginning. I couldn't hear the first four or five words.

5 [REDACTED] Sure. Let me just make sure that the issue is not just generalized.  
6 Maybe it's on -- can everybody else hear me okay?

7 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

8 [REDACTED] Okay.

9 [REDACTED] You did cut out.

10 [REDACTED] Oh, it did cut out? Okay.

11 So, yes, please, anyone, if I'm cutting out, I can't tell, so please let me know any  
12 time I'm cutting out.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q Are you aware of any vacancies in your office at the special agent level or  
15 above as of July 13th of this year?

16 A Our Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] retired I think sometime in  
17 June, and I know that's a vacancy that's -- I don't think it was advertised as of July 13th.  
18 That's one that's available now. And I don't know if -- I know we have an agent in  
19 training who should be joining our field office I think next month. But other than that,  
20 I'm not aware of any other vacancies, no, sir.

21 Q Are you aware, are there any positions that, let's call it -- and maybe it's the  
22 same thing -- that are unfilled, that were unfilled in your office as of July 13th of this year?

23 A So did I understand that you want to know if there are -- or as of July 13th,  
24 were there any unfilled --

25 Q Agents.

1           A    -- any agents, agents or supervisors as of July 13th? Well, they have  
2   a -- well, [REDACTED] was not here, so he had retired. So the ASAIC, the assistant special  
3   agent in charge, position was not filled. And as it relates to agents, I don't know  
4   what -- you know, if we were at a shortfall or if we were at our max. That, I don't know.

5           Q    Understood. Did you have any impressions yourself prior to July 13th  
6   whether or not the office was fully staffed or was it not fully staffed?

7           A    I mean, we have in the office, you know, X amount of agents that's on the  
8   depth chart there. So I would say that we -- based on that, I would say that we were  
9   staffed. And, again, I don't know, again, how many agents were allotted to Pittsburgh in  
10   terms of like, hey, we're receiving four more agents. I know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was trying to  
11   expand the office. I don't know where that stands, and I'm not kept in the loop on those  
12   conversations. But I know that we had probably, what, 12 or 13 agents, which was  
13   pretty consistent based on my phase 1 career and compared to now. But I don't know if  
14   we were at a shortfall or not. I guess that's the answer that I'll give because I don't  
15   know if we were at a shortfall.

16          Q    Understood. And then are you aware, at this point, of anyone in your -- in  
17   the Pittsburgh Field Office who is on some form of administrative leave?

18          A    Yes, I am.

19          Q    And who are those people?

20          A    [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED],  
21   and Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]

22                But let me back up. I don't know if they're technically on administrative leave.  
23   I just know they're not here.

24          Q    So you mean they're not present physically in the office and they haven't  
25   been since the attempted assassination or roughly around that time?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Okay. Do you know if anyone has taken their roles in any kind of capacity  
3 since they've been not present in the office?

4 A Yeah. So at the beginning when they were no longer coming to work, we  
5 had a few agents, supervisors from other field offices who were temping in our office for  
6 a week at a time. It wasn't very -- the continuity wasn't there. So, ultimately, right  
7 now, Special Agent in Charge from the Memphis Field Office [REDACTED], [REDACTED],  
8 he has been here in the Pittsburgh Field Office helping to manage all of the day-to-day  
9 operations specifically and, more importantly, the number of protective visits that we're  
10 receiving. But he's been here I think since September 3rd or 5th, early September of  
11 this year, 2024. And there isn't anyone else at a supervisory level.

12 Q Okay.

13 A It's just [REDACTED], and I help him out with whatever he needs. Whatever  
14 he needs from any of the agents here, you know, we help assist whatever needs to be  
15 done.

16 Q Okay.

17 [REDACTED]: This is [REDACTED].

18 Can you clarify, who's running all of the visits? Like you guys -- Pittsburgh,  
19 Pennsylvania, they have a lot of visits from the candidates right now. So how is that  
20 being staffed then?

21 [REDACTED] Okay. So [REDACTED] is here. We also have Assistant to the  
22 Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]. He's technically assigned to our Criminal  
23 Investigative Division, but he is based here in Pittsburgh. Also, [REDACTED],  
24 [REDACTED], from the Cleveland Field Office, he is the special agent in charge of  
25 Cleveland. He is here helping out with protective operations. And that is it.



1 Yes. So it's [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and we have [REDACTED]. And I'm  
2 sorry, I'll spell his name. [REDACTED]

3 And we just do a round-robin, so if there's someone -- for example, [REDACTED]  
4 is in Erie, Pennsylvania, right now in preparation for the visit of Senator Vance. We have  
5 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] here coordinating and assisting with the multitude of  
6 visits that are going to be coming up in the next couple of days here in Pittsburgh.

7 And then we also -- about an hour and a half east of Pittsburgh, 2 hours max, is  
8 Johnstown, Pennsylvania, so we will just leapfrog supervisors or personnel or bring  
9 personnel in from other divisions to help with the operational tempo.

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q Thank you.

12 Have you had any work-related communications with the people who you  
13 mentioned have not been in the office roughly since the time of the July 13th attempted  
14 assassination regarding the work that you do in the field office?

15 A I haven't spoken to [REDACTED] in -- it's been quite some time. And then any  
16 conversation I had with her subsequent to July 13th was very casual, just asking her how  
17 she is. And I didn't ask any specific questions about Butler or her experiences.

18 I have not spoken to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] regarding anything related to Butler  
19 before, during, or after. I know that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in the office  
20 yesterday for additional interviews with GAO. They were here for a few hours and then  
21 departed.

22 And then [REDACTED] I talked to her maybe a week or two ago, but, again, it was  
23 very casual, how are you doing, how's the family, wish you were here, but nothing  
24 specific to Butler or the experiences there.

25 Q So as far -- from your perspective, as far as you're aware, those people do



1 not have any current responsibilities or roles at the Pittsburgh Field Office?

2 A That's correct, sir, no responsibilities at this time.

3 Q Okay. Are you familiar with the term "situational telework"?

4 A I'm familiar with teleworking. I don't know what situational telework is.

5 Sorry.

6 Q Okay. No, that's fine.

7 So what do you understand telework to be?

8 A Whatever your daily responsibilities would be at the field office you can  
9 perform some or most of those at home.

10 Q Are you doing any telework at this point?

11 A Me? I wish. No, sir, I am not.

12 Q Okay. What about others in your office? Is it something that there are  
13 other people who are performing telework?

14 A Yes. So we have two investigative analysts, [REDACTED] -- and forgive  
15 me, I can't spell his name without looking at it -- and then [REDACTED]. I think it's  
16 [REDACTED]. They're investigative analysts here in the office, and I know that they  
17 telework from time to time. I don't know the frequency. Sometimes I see them here,  
18 sometimes I don't. I would say maybe once -- I'm guessing on this, sir. So maybe once  
19 or twice a week.

20 Q Okay. Are they special agents or are they some other position?

21 A No, they're investigative analysts, so they're not gun carriers, sir.

22 Q Understood. Do any of the special agents that you work with in the  
23 Pittsburgh Field Office perform telework currently?

24 A No, sir. Not to my knowledge, no.

25 Q Okay. Let's turn to some of the specific background you have in protective

1 services.

2 A Sure.

3 Q And you can hear me okay still?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Okay. Great.

6 Have you previously served on the detail of First Lady Jill Biden?

7 A I have facilitated protective operations, yes, for Dr. Biden in the Pittsburgh  
8 area, yes, and various post standing assignments since I returned to Pittsburgh. I can't  
9 tell you how many, but I know I've been directly or indirectly involved, yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. You've never actually been on the dedicated team, though, for the  
11 First Lady. Is that right?

12 A Not Dr. Biden. Melania Trump, yes. Dr. Biden, no.

13 Q Okay. And for Melania Trump, how long roughly were you on the  
14 dedicated detail for her?

15 A Approximately a year, and then I transitioned to a assistant detail leader  
16 position for [REDACTED]. And I was with [REDACTED] for about -- I'd say close to 2 years.  
17 Maybe 18 months.

18 Q So it sounds like you have substantial experience with being on the detail of  
19 a First Lady or family members of the sitting President?

20 A Yes. I was with President Trump and the first family at that time for  
21 4 years, so I -- whether it was, you know, Ivanka, Don Jr., Eric, of course a little bit with  
22 Tiffany, very little, though. And then, of course, with the President and First Lady was  
23 probably most of my time, yes, sir.

24 Q So you were on the detail of former President Trump then too?

25 A When he comes into the Pittsburgh district, we support the detail

1       that -- when they come into town.   My last involvement with the Trump detail as he's  
2       running for President was when he was in Indiana County, Pennsylvania; Smithton,  
3       Pennsylvania.   And I think that was mid-September, around -- yeah, about  
4       mid-September.   Maybe a month ago.

5               Q     Okay.   So just to summarize, you have been on the dedicated detail of  
6       President Trump when he was President, and you've also provided protective services to  
7       assist his detail since he's been former President and running for office?

8               A     That is correct, sir, yes.

9               Q     And have you provided support for the dedicated detail for President Biden?

10              A     I have, yes.   I don't recall the last time he was here, but I've been involved  
11       with his previous visits since 2021.

12              Q     Understood.   And then in 2024, this year, other than the July 13th event,  
13       did you have -- did you provide support for any visits by the First Lady, just for 2024?

14              A     So, what, we're in November now?   I know -- I think summer -- she was  
15       here in the summertime, June.   I think she was here in June of -- yeah, she was here a  
16       few times here in the summer of 2024.   It seemed like she was here every other week.  
17       But, yes, I've been involved in some way, shape, or form.

18              Q     Understood.   So it sounds like you've had a fair amount of experience  
19       providing support for First Lady Jill Biden during the course of this year.

20              A     Yes, sir.   That's a fair assessment, yes.

21              Q     And that's because she visited Pennsylvania, it sounds like, a number of  
22       times?

23              A     Yeah.   I would say even going back to the previous year, like from  
24       November of '23 until -- you know, up until July 13th, she's had quite a few visits here in  
25       Pittsburgh.

1 [Audio malfunction.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. As part of your -- we're going to try and see if we can fix the audio  
4 here, but thank you for letting me know when you can't hear me.

5 Prior to the July 13th event, did you provide advance services to assist with any  
6 trips that First Lady Jill Biden made?

7 A Yes. I mean, I was involved with the preparation for her visit on July 13th.

8 Q Okay. And other than the July 13th event, were you involved in advance  
9 for any visits she made?

10 A I'm sure I was. I mean, again, I recall, you know, a site advance in a  
11 community nearby and also her arrival at -- short answer, I'm sorry, sir, yes, I have.

12 [Audio malfunction.]

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. We'll continue to try to do this as somebody is trying to see if  
14 we can fix the audio situation.

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q Prior to the July 13th event, were you involved in other advance services for  
17 other protectees this year?

18 Still having trouble with the audio.

19 A I'm sure I have. I couldn't tell you which one or, you know, who specifically  
20 without looking at some historical documents or a list of things. But, yeah, I mean,  
21 we're very busy here in the western district of Pennsylvania, so I've been involved in a  
22 number of protective operations here since 2021. So it's been pretty consistent.

23 Q Understood. And I think you've addressed this before, but just so that it's  
24 clear, you've received training for conducting advance for protective services, but that  
25 training was mostly at the beginning of your career. Is that correct?



1           A    Yes.   And then when I was assigned to the detail, we had pre-detail  
2   training.   I forgot to mention that.   That would have been in 2015, which is very similar  
3   to the initial special agent training course.   But, yes, it was advance operations, rope  
4   lines, motorcades, ambush recognition, those types of training scenarios.

5           Q    And that was in 2015, you said?

6           A    Yes.   So it would have been reintroduced around 2015, and then  
7   when -- and then during the -- so if you go through the election cycle, so '08, '12, I know I  
8   was a part of, again, CNOS training, again, the Candidate Nominee Operations Section.   I  
9   think that's what it stands for.   Apologize for that.

10          But, again, it's very similar.   It's, you know, rope lines, tactics, ambush  
11   recognition, motorcade movements.   Yeah.   So if you have an assignment on the detail,  
12   it's called pre-detail training, you receive that.   And then the CNOS training is very  
13   similar.   And then, of course, the special agent training introductory course all has  
14   similar components regarding protective operations.

15          Q    Okay.   Now let's turn to the July 13th event for the First Lady.   Do you  
16   recall what kind of venue the event was going to be held at?

17          A    I do.

18          Q    Can you tell us what that was?

19          A    Yes, sir.   She was attending a -- I think it was a lunch or a dinner for the  
20   Sons and Daughters of Italian Americans at the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh.   So we  
21   landed at Atlantic Aviation, out near the Pittsburgh International Airport.   It's called  
22   Moon Township or Coraopolis, PA.   And Coraopolis is C-o-r-a-o-p-o-l-i-s.   And then we  
23   left the airport, went to the casino.   She conduct -- you know, she engaged in her event.  
24   When it was finished, back in the cars and returned to the airport.

25          Q    So let's -- we're going to back up just a little bit to just talk a little bit about

1 the advance part of that.

2 A Sure.

3 Q So you said it was a dinner and a casino visit. Is that right?

4 A Yes. I don't think the First Lady actually ate. I think she just gave remarks  
5 before they ate or after. I don't recall the sequence of events.

6 Q And do you have an understanding of what the crowd size would be before  
7 the event?

8 A Before the event? Oh, absolutely. You would get a situational report or a  
9 phone call would be made to the site agent just to get an idea of how many people were  
10 in attendance.

11 Q And do you recall, roughly speaking, how many people were expected to be  
12 at the event?

13 A I don't think it was very large. I can't say that I recall specifically, but I think  
14 it was maybe 3-, 400 people. Again, best guess ballpark.

15 Q And was this going to be an indoor or outdoor event?

16 A This was an indoor event.

17 Q And you were assigned to do advance for this trip. Is that right?

18 A I was the transportation security advance.

19 Q Can you tell us what that is?

20 A Yes, sir. So I organize motorcade assets, such as police -- a marked police  
21 vehicle at -- we call it the lead vehicle and then a tail vehicle which would also be a  
22 marked police unit. And I believe both of those -- no. I take that back. City of  
23 Pittsburgh was the lead vehicle, marked vehicle. Pennsylvania State Police was the tail.  
24 We also had about ■ -- approximately ■ motorcycle units also in the motorcade.

25 And during the advance for transportation, we run the various routes to hospitals,

1 safe houses, a relocation area, which would be at Pittsburgh Field Office, or to the site  
2 itself. So from the airport to the venue, we would run that route and identify any type  
3 of threats, you know, chokepoints, overpass/underpass threats. And then those  
4 motorcycle units are very good. They've been fantastic over the last, you know, several  
5 weeks with providing the support of on-ramps, off-ramps and giving us a clear path to  
6 point -- you know, from point A to point B.

7 Q Okay. Did you learn about the First Lady's trip a week or a couple of weeks  
8 before the trip was supposed to be -- was going to be held?

9 A Yeah. I think I learned about that, I think it was around July 4th holiday.  
10 It could have been before or shortly after.

11 Q Okay. Was it [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] that assigned you to that trip?  
12 Someone else?

13 A Yeah, I don't remem- -- it could have been either/or, because I'm trying to  
14 think -- at that time [REDACTED] was already gone, so it had to have been one of them, yes.

15 Q Okay. And any trip or any event that you would be assigned to would  
16 normally be assigned by either someone in [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] position. Is that  
17 right?

18 A Yes. They often would ask for volunteers. You know, hey, there's a trip  
19 coming in. Does anyone want to volunteer for a particular assignment?

20 I don't recall if that was the case here, but, yes, they would assign it or ask for a  
21 volunteer for that assignment.

22 Q Okay. And I know you just said that you don't recall specifically here, but  
23 do you have any recollection of whether or not you volunteered for this trip or were you  
24 assigned to it?

25 A Yeah. I'm 99.9 percent sure I was assigned to the First Lady's detail.

1 Q Do you have any understanding as to why it sounds very likely that you were  
2 assigned to the trip?

3 A I can't answer that. I don't know.

4 Q No one said to you, I'd like you to do this trip because?

5 A No. The -- I'm starting -- I think an email -- maybe [REDACTED] did send this  
6 out. You know, I don't want to misspeak. I don't remember, sir, honestly, I don't.

7 Q That's okay. And I understand you don't remember, but I'll just ask one  
8 other question on this.

9 A Yes.

10 Q You've said that you've had significant prior experience with supporting the  
11 First Lady's detail prior to the July 13 event. Do you have any recollection of whether or  
12 not that significant prior experience was relevant to you being assigned to the July 13th  
13 event?

14 A I don't know, sir. I don't know.

15 Q Okay.

16 [Audio malfunction.]

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q Okay. Can you hear me now?

19 A Gotcha.

20 Q Other than [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was there anyone else in the Pittsburgh  
21 Field Office that you were aware of who was assigned to the First Lady's event for  
22 July 13th?

23 A Yes. So the site agent assigned was [REDACTED], and the First  
24 Lady detail sent a lead advance, [REDACTED]. So I worked in tandem with  
25 [REDACTED] who then -- you know, we all worked together with [REDACTED] and, you know,

1 identified the site, the arrival, departure area. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] -- I mean, I participated  
2 in some of the walk-throughs inside the venue, just for familiarization, but I think those  
3 were the core components for the site and the site advance.

4 I think we had an airport person -- I can't remem- -- [REDACTED] I think it was  
5 [REDACTED] was at the airport, if I remember.

6 Q And [REDACTED] -- or Special Agent [REDACTED], is he in the Pittsburgh Field Office?

7 A He is, yes.

8 Q Okay. And then the airport agent, Special Agent [REDACTED], is he assigned to  
9 the Pittsburgh Field Office?

10 A Yes, sir, he is.

11 Q And then Special Agent [REDACTED], it sounds like Special Agent [REDACTED] came from  
12 Washington, D.C.?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q Okay. So other than [REDACTED] -- or Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent  
15 [REDACTED] and yourself, are you aware of any other special agent assigned to the  
16 Pittsburgh Field Office who was assigned to this event for the First Lady?

17 A Yes. There was a field office supervisor. I think it was [REDACTED]  
18 from our Charleston, West Virginia, office. He was assigned as the supervisor.

19 Q And were these people -- well, let me ask you first you. Were you also  
20 aware at some point prior to July 13th that former President Trump had a rally that was  
21 going to be held at Butler County the same day as the event for the First Lady?

22 A I was aware, yes, sir.

23 Q You were aware? I just want to make sure I heard that.

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. And were you tasked with doing, I'll call it double duty, in any way



1 with covering that event as well as the First Lady's event?

2 A No, sir, I had no participation in the security planning for anything in Butler.  
3 I believe I sent an email just to our law enfor- -- local law enforcement partners making  
4 them aware of the double visit and the -- the best I can recall I scheduled the police  
5 meeting that would first address the First Lady's visit, and then in the afternoon was the  
6 police meeting for former President Trump's visit.

7 [Audio malfunction.]

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Okay. Other than the agents that you've mentioned were assigned to the  
10 First Lady's event, do you know if they were doing duties as well for the former  
11 President's event the same day?

12 A No, sir. Everyone who was assigned to the First Lady was specific to the  
13 First Lady.

14 Q And then the opposite question, which is, do you know if there were any  
15 agents who were assigned to the former President's event who were also assigned to do  
16 protective services for the First Lady's event?

17 A No, not on game day.

18 Q Not on game day. So it would be separate for game day, meaning  
19 July 13th?

20 A Yeah. So the only thing I can think of, I know Assistant Special Agent in  
21 Charge -- or excuse me -- Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] he  
22 assisted in a walk-through -- it was a manpower walk-through. So I think SAIC [REDACTED]  
23 took care of the manpower walk-through up in Butler. And then ATSAIC [REDACTED] did a  
24 walk-through for manpower justification at the -- no. Oh, I know he did that because I  
25 saw him there and we talked. But he did the manpower walk-through, meaning [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] at the casino, and that was the only involvement prior to the arrival of either the  
2 First Lady or former President Trump.

3 Q So [inaudible] game day, during the advance planning for the July 13th event  
4 for the former President, are you aware of anyone who's assigned to the former  
5 President who provided any services assisting you and the folks who were working on the  
6 First Lady's event for advance purposes?

7 A No. No one from the Trump detail was involved with the First Lady, to my  
8 knowledge. I didn't see anybody from their detail involved with that.

9 Q And anyone from the Pittsburgh Field Office who was involved in advance for  
10 former President Trump, were they involved in advance for the First Lady?

11 A No, absolutely not.

12 Q Okay. And then you mentioned, of course, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but  
13 they were at the supervisory level. Is that right?

14 A Correct, yes, sir. We have to do manpower justification, so we walk around  
15 the sites. We check -- we want to -- the supervisors want to see what the posts are and  
16 if they're -- I guess, if maybe we're too heavy on posts or there's a better way to use  
17 manpower. Sometimes you can use one person for a double role or you -- I don't want  
18 to get too much in the weeds unless you want to talk about it. But they're there just to  
19 make sure that our postings make sense, and then we submit a manpower request to PPD  
20 ops or -- excuse me -- INV, which is our investigative -- because we have to pull people  
21 from the field to stand post.

22 Q And do you recall if there were any concerns during the advance for the First  
23 Lady's trip regarding the manpower question that you already mentioned?

24 A No, there was no issue with manpower. To the best of my recollection,  
25 we -- or excuse me. When they did the walk-through, I think everything that was

1 requested was granted, to the best of my knowledge.

2 Q To the best of your knowledge.

3 Did you hear anything -- I know you were not involved in the former President's  
4 event, but did you hear anything in the office about any concerns on the advance team  
5 that was handling the former President's event about manpower?

6 A I did not, no, sir.

7 Q Then I'm just going to ask you a few more questions, then I'm going to turn it  
8 over to the minority. We'll take a 5-minute break after I ask these questions.

9 Prior to the event for the First Lady, were you aware of any specific threats that  
10 the Secret Service was concerned about as to her?

11 A As to the First Lady, no.

12 Q Okay. And were you aware of any specific threats as to the former  
13 President prior to the July 13th events?

14 A In April of this year I participated in an assignment with -- oh, what's his  
15 name -- John Bolton. We still have a protective detail with him. So I was participating  
16 in a temporary assignment with Mr. Bolton, and I did read a -- they had a bulletin or  
17 a -- just a document, a protective intelligence report, and I was reading it. It did  
18 mention something about, you know, threats to Mr. Bolton, Mr. Trump, and I think there  
19 were a few other former Trump administrative officials, but I did not -- I don't remember  
20 if I made any connection on July 13th regarding that. You know, I mean, that's the only  
21 information that I had, but that was back in April. And I don't think I was even thinking  
22 about that in July, to be honest with you.

23 Q So just to be clear, you had heard about a potential threat to former  
24 President Trump back in April of 2024, but you don't recall if you heard about that threat  
25 again leading up to the July 13th event?

1           A    Yeah, that's correct. I didn't receive any information regarding a threat or  
2 potential threat regarding President Trump. I did not.

3           Q    And, again, just to be clear, you did not have any information about threats  
4 to former -- I'm sorry -- to the First Lady, correct?

5           A    That's correct, sir, no threats to the First Lady.

6           [REDACTED]   My time is up, so what we'll do is we'll take a 5-minute break, and  
7 then we'll turn it over to the minority.

8           We can go off the record.

9           [Recess.]

1 [11:12 A.M.]

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

3 Hi. My name is [REDACTED]. So I'm the professional staff member with the  
4 Democratic staff. Thanks again so much for taking the time to talk with us today  
5 voluntarily.

6 I'm going to endeavor to not really tread over what my colleagues have previously  
7 talked about in earlier rounds. I will hit some of the same questions just to kind of get a  
8 bit more info or clarify certain points.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q But just kind of starting off from your general background. You talked  
12 about some of your responsibilities as a senior special agent include the white collar  
13 crime investigative aspect. There's also the protective operations. You helped some of  
14 the younger or newer agents with the judicial process in kind of getting them up to speed  
15 on certain aspects of their roles.

16 Is there anything else that you typically do on a day-to-day basis?

17 A No. I mean, just I also participate in the investigations and advance work,  
18 as noted throughout the early part of the questioning.

19 But, no, I guess the simple answer is no. Just investigate, protect, and wait for  
20 the next round.

21 Q Perfect. Okay.

22 And you have, as you said, done advance work before. You've done advance  
23 work as a lead advance agent? Is that correct?

24 A Yes. I conducted lead advances for President Biden. I also did site  
25 advances for President Trump. And I didn't do -- I was -- early on in my protective career

1 I was with President Obama, but I didn't do any advances for President Obama.

2 Q Have you ever been a site counterpart agent on any of those details before  
3 for visits?

4 A I'm sure I have been in the past. I don't think I've been a site counterpart  
5 since I've been back to Pittsburgh. I could have been, but I don't remember specifically  
6 if I was.

7 Q Okay.

8 A bit of a kind of a broader question. When you were placed on the advance  
9 side of things, if both yourself and, say, a supervisor, such as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
10 are both assigned an event role for a protectee's visit, are both you and them, is that,  
11 essentially, kind of like an even playing field, or do they still to an extent act as a  
12 supervisor?

13 So, for example, if [REDACTED] and you were both assigned to a specific event, to,  
14 say, for example, a post standing assignment, would he still be in a supervisory capacity  
15 over you, or would it be kind of equal to an extent?

16 A No. He would be the supervisor of the event. He wouldn't be standing  
17 post. He may go post to post just to see what's going on and make sure things are in  
18 place. But, no, he's certainly the supervisor at any type of an event.

19 And if I can go back to the initial question about have I ever been a site  
20 counterpart.

21 Q Sure.

22 A I'm sorry. The campaign has been beating me up lately. But I was a site  
23 counterpart for President Trump's visit to Indiana, PA, at two sites. So I've had recent  
24 participation in that role.

25 But the supervisors are the supervisors. At least that's how I interpret it.



1 Q Okay. Thank you for clarifying.

2 So moving on to the actual planning aspect for the July 13th visits.

3 So can you clarify, did you hear of both the First Lady's visit and the former  
4 President's visit? Was that around the same time, or did you hear one of those first?

5 A It could have been simultaneous or within a day of each other.

6 But I was looking at one of the exhibits, and I don't want to jump ahead, but I have  
7 an email that I believe I sent out to all our law enforcement partners identifying the  
8 double visit. And I also think I put the wrong date on there initially for President Trump  
9 or the First Lady. But, yes, I became aware of those probably within a day or so of each  
10 other.

11 Q Great.

12 And on one of the sheets, which we'll introduce at a later point in the  
13 conversation, you were assigned the field office coordinator position.

14 A That's correct, yes.

15 Q As well the transportation security advance. Is that the right title?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Okay.

18 And would you mind just talking a bit more about the actual responsibilities for  
19 the field office coordinator? You had mentioned initially reaching out to individuals for  
20 the police meeting, for example, and it seemed like some of the responsibilities would  
21 also technically fall under what a lead advance agent might typically be assigned.

22 A Correct.

23 Q So if you would help kind of delineate the difference between those.

24 A Yeah. That's the strange thing about the Secret Service. Some of these  
25 roles can blur one into the other. But it's really all to support one another.

1           Because there is a lot of work that goes into all of this, especially now as a field  
2 office coordinator. And I know you want to focus on July 13th. But you're dealing with  
3 different entities or groups within the Secret Service who need hotel rooms. Maybe  
4 they need rental vehicles. Maybe they need a field office vehicle for whatever it is they  
5 need, for whether it's to get a post stander from one site to another or maybe they need  
6 it in the motorcade.

7           Maybe they're looking for some type of a resource, meaning the detail that we're  
8 supporting. Maybe they're looking for a particular resource, and they're wondering,  
9 Hey, is there anyone in the local law enforcement community that could help us with  
10 this?

11           I would be the conduit of information to all those local partners to make contact  
12 with them to see if that particular resource or asset is available.

13           Now, a lot of that is and can be mitigated at a police meeting. But as you move  
14 throughout the advance, there are things that maybe you weren't thinking of originally or  
15 initially, and that resource is now needed. And, Hey, [REDACTED], do you know anybody who  
16 can provide a garage to store weapons or -- excuse me -- vehicles or a police department  
17 nearby that can store our weapons in a gun locker?

18           So more of those logistical aspects of a field office coordinator.

19           And then, with the dual role that day with transportation security, as I mentioned  
20 before, again, it's running the routes, identifying threats, and then mitigating those  
21 threats with whether it's vehicles, personnel, or some other apparatus to help prevent  
22 any type of an attack.

23           Q     And the field office coordinator role, is that -- I guess would you classify that  
24 kind of as a collateral duty? It seems like there are a lot of Secret Service agents that  
25 have kind of secondary roles that they will assume more often than not. So would you

1      qualify that as something that you typically do more in the office than other special  
2      agents?

3            A      It can, sir.    Again, it just depends on the size and scope of the protective  
4      operation that's coming into the district.

5            It can be minimal.    Maybe I shouldn't use that word.    It can't be -- it can be less  
6      taxing for some, some assignments, as opposed to others.    And I've experienced  
7      probably both of that throughout the campaign season here in Pittsburgh.

8            But, yeah, I mean, depending on how many protectees are in district, you're  
9      usually only assigned as a field office counterpart for one, but you may voluntarily help  
10     another agent because you're already speaking to someone.    You already have that  
11     communication to say, hey, I can take care of getting ABC.    I've already spoken to him  
12     about it.    I think they have extra ABC.

13           So that can happen.    But, yeah, I mean, it can be a dual role.    I fall into that  
14     quite frequently, and I'm picking up another one for Vice President Harris when she  
15     comes into town next week.

16           Q      Great.

17           And would you say that the Pittsburgh Field Office typically kind of employs one of  
18     the field office coordinators, or is it typically there's a field office coordinator per visit?  
19     Because it looks like you served that dual function for both of the July 13th visits.

20           A      Well, I was field office coordinator only for First Lady Biden.    [REDACTED]

21      [REDACTED] --

22           Q      So would it be -- I'm sorry.    Go ahead.    No, no, go ahead.

23           A      [REDACTED] was the lead field office coordinator for President Trump.  
24     So I wasn't -- I didn't have anything to do with their -- after the police meeting.    If I  
25     facilitated anything, it was really just to get everyone together for the dual police

1 meeting. That was it.

2 Q Great. Okay. Thank you for clarifying that.

3 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit A

4 was marked for identification.]

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q The minority will introduce exhibit A, which is some of the after-action notes  
7 made by Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] I'm going to attempt to share my screen.  
8 Give me one second here.

9 Special Agent [REDACTED] can you see my screen currently?

10 A Yeah. If you could enlarge -- yes, I have that document, sir.

11 Q Okay, perfect.

12 So excuse the turtle handwriting. If you wouldn't mind directing your focus to  
13 the July 6th entry. This little section right here talks about, from Special Agent [REDACTED]  
14 perspective, that given that you have the NATO assignments coming up, they kept back  
15 several senior phase three post detail personnel to work as lead and site for [REDACTED], which  
16 is Donald Trump, his Secret Service name, and the field office counterpart for FLOTUS, the  
17 First Lady.

18 Are you considered senior phase three post detail personnel or --

19 A Yes, sir, I am.

20 Q Could you explain a bit more what that phrase really means in your office?

21 A Yeah. The senior special agents is you apply for that designation after  
22 15 years as a special agent, and you get that designation. And there is a monetary  
23 bonus that's affiliated with it. I think it's a one-time payment. Don't quote me on that.  
24 I think it's only one time.

25 And you're just someone in the office that can, again, facilitate contact with local

1 law enforcement, and you have the pedigree, so to speak, when you go to these sites to  
2 know what should or should not be in place. Or if there's threats or there's other issues  
3 that need mitigated, you have this experience to do so.

4 Q Great. Thank you.

5 So I'm going to stop sharing my screen there. Okay.

6 And typically, you -- I should say, in one of my colleague's earlier question lines,  
7 you had mentioned that you had spent 4 years working on the Donald Trump detail  
8 during his Presidency, as well as the First Lady and the [REDACTED].

9 When, say, for example, a previous detail that an agent might have worked on  
10 comes to a field office for a visit, would you typically be assigned to staff that event given  
11 some of the experience and understanding of the detail and the protectee, or is it really  
12 based on availability, threat level, or some other type of criteria?

13 A Yeah, it's usually based on availability or volunteer or you're assigned to it.  
14 From what I recall, we were both assigned -- and let me back up. [REDACTED] was  
15 assigned to former President Trump, and I was assigned to First Lady Biden.

16 I don't remember how that all transpired and why it happened that way. Quite  
17 frankly, now that I'm thinking about it, I don't think there was really any explanation  
18 given, just [REDACTED] told me that she was assigned to the Trump rally. And I don't  
19 remember if I was specifically told, but I just, I guess, again, best of my recollection, I was  
20 ultimately assigned the First Lady's detail responsibilities.

21 Q Okay.

22 And for the First Lady's visit, it was yourself and Special Agents [REDACTED] and  
23 [REDACTED] from the Pittsburgh Field Office. And then the lead advance agent was  
24 [REDACTED] from the First Lady's detail.

25 In contrast, for the former President, it was the lead advance and the site



1 counterpart Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] and Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] with the site  
2 agent being from the former President's detail.

3 Is that typically something that you would see? It seems like they've inverted it  
4 for both of those visits. Is there a reason why that might have occurred?

5 A I don't know. I know when we receive information or notification from the  
6 First Lady's detail that they're visiting our district, they will send a list of what they would  
7 like the Pittsburgh Field Office to provide.

8 So it would be a site agent at the airport, a site agent at the event, a field office  
9 counterpart, or transportation security.

10 They also asked for A CSU, counter surveillance unit, and I don't remember who  
11 that was for our portion, and then any local or tactical -- local tactical assets.

12 So we wouldn't have the Secret Service counter assault team for the First Lady,  
13 but if we can obtain those resources from State police, Allegheny County police, or  
14 Pittsburgh police, we make that request.

15 And we did have those for the First Lady at the airport. It was Allegheny County  
16 police. And then in the motorcade, best that I can remember, I believe it was the  
17 Pennsylvania State Police as the SWAT team or tactical team in the motorcade.

18 Q I see.

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

21 Q Okay. And we'll introduce for the minority exhibit B, which is an email  
22 thread from the Pennsylvania State Police, but it includes, essentially, the email thread  
23 that you had sent out for setting up the various police meetings.

24 So I'll share my screen again. Are you able to see my screen, [REDACTED]

25 A Yes. I just want to make sure that I find the correct document. Can you

1 go back up to the officer?

2 Q Yes.

3 A Colonels and majors. Okay, yeah.

4 Q Perfect. So I'm just going to move to the last page, which would be the first  
5 page chronologically of the emails initially sent.

6 So you do recognize this document and the emails contained within the thread?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Great. So who initially directed you to send out the various planning  
9 emails? Was it someone within your office, or was it someone within the First Lady's  
10 detail?

11 A No. I think I took it upon myself once I -- best I can recall is I may  
12 have -- that this was known to the office that we were having a visit, and either I spoke to  
13 SAIC [REDACTED] or SAIC [REDACTED] -- or AT [REDACTED] one or the other. It was probably most likely  
14 SAIC [REDACTED]

15 But then I just took it upon myself to push out this information to the law  
16 enforcement partners for their situational awareness so they could have personnel,  
17 develop their own operational planning, and participate best they could in our security  
18 operation.

19 Q And how did you decide whom to include on the email between the State  
20 and local law enforcement?

21 A So we -- yes, sir. We have a historical list. So as each visit finishes, we  
22 update the list. Sometimes there's new partners added, or we make contact with some  
23 law enforcement agency that we haven't worked with for a while.

24 I know that -- I don't think I included Butler on here initially, but I think -- I mean,  
25 ultimately, they were contacted because I remember seeing them at the police meeting

1 on the second half, but we've updated that since then. And so all their contact  
2 information is now on an email.

3 And any visit that we have, we send it to everyone in the region for situational  
4 awareness, because at some point we, the staff, may change their mind about, Hey, we're  
5 going to go to Washington County, we're going to go to Greene County, or some other  
6 township around the city of Pittsburgh.

7 So everyone is on notice and has situational awareness, and if we have to make  
8 contact with them it's not a surprise. Now, granted, we don't have everyone on there,  
9 but we update as best we can as we conclude protective operations in the region.

10 Q Did you have any other interactions with Butler County ESU Commander [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED], aside from sending out these initial emails?

12 A No, sir. I've never worked with Butler County, and I don't think I've ever  
13 spoken to any of their representatives telephonically or in person other than this email  
14 that was sent out.

15 Q Okay.

16 And then going up to the top of the document, which describes the First Lady's,  
17 essentially, route from the airport to her event, did you plan out the motorcade sweeps  
18 and routes yourself, or is this something that was typically held within the office, like a  
19 historical these would be the routes we might take?

20 A No. So we always run the route. As we always say, there's, like, there's  
21 two seasons in Pittsburgh. There's it's really, really hot or it's construction season.

22 So there's a lot of construction that goes on. So we make sure that -- we run the  
23 route every time. And it's usually accompanied by State police or the city, depending on  
24 where we're going.

25 And we did run routes with the city of Pittsburgh for this. We went to the

1 hospital. We went to the [REDACTED]. And we went to -- back and forth. So from site  
2 1 to site 2, site 2 back to site 1.

3 Q Great. I'm going to stop sharing my screen.

4 And so you attended the July 8th police-slash-security meeting, correct?

5 A The police meeting, yes, sir. Yes.

6 Q And you were there for the 12 o'clock First Lady's security planning process,  
7 correct?

8 A I stayed for both meetings.

9 Q You stayed for both meetings?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Was there anything that occurred in either of the meetings that seemed out  
12 of place or seemed surprising or memorable to you?

13 A No, sir, nothing.

14 Q Did the security meetings look similar to prior police meetings that you  
15 might have attended in just the structure, the way information was presented, the way  
16 law enforcement partners came together?

17 A Yes, sir. It was consistent with past practices.

18 Q Okay.

19 And did you attend any other meetings following the July 8th police meeting that  
20 touched upon former President Trump's July 13th visit?

21 A I did not.

22 Q And did you assist any of the Pittsburgh Field Office agents who were  
23 assigned to the President, former President Trump's event in any aspect of their planning  
24 or coordination, security, communications, anything like that?

25 A No, sir. I was not involved in any planning before, during, or after the visit.

1 Well, I take that back. I was not involved in any of the planning for the visit for  
2 July 13th.

3 Q Okay.

4 So I'm going to introduce exhibit C for the minority, which is the First Lady's  
5 manpower request for her July 13th visit to Pittsburgh.

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

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Let me share my screen. Great.

10 Are you able to see the manpower request?

11 A Yes, sir, Document 79 and 80. I have both of them in front of me.

12 Q Perfect. Okay.

13 Did you draft or have any say in the First Lady's manpower request?

14 A I did not.

15 Q Were you provided this document at any point before its submission to  
16 the -- I believe it's to the operations or the war room for the resource allocation aspect of  
17 this?

18 A No, sir. This is the first day that I've laid eyes on these documents.

19 Q Okay.

20 If you wouldn't mind just taking a second and just looking through both pages.

21 And just is there anything that stands out or seems inaccurate or incorrect, to your  
22 recollection?

23 A No, sir. This all looks standard. I think it's worth noting, though, that you  
24 will not see local tactical teams listed on this document. So the request would be for  
25 Secret Service. So just for clarification, that information would not be on this document.



1           Q     So on page 79, for example, towards the bottom, there is the entry for the  
2     CAT team, and it says there's [REDACTED] teams requested and [REDACTED] for number of operators.  
3     But the Pennsylvania State Police provided a similar form of tactical unit with the First  
4     Lady's detail?

5           A     Correct.   Correct.   Yes, sir.

6           Q     Okay.

7                 And on the second page, towards the bottom, it's redacted in white, but there's an  
8     entry: "PS housing location.   Post stander housing will be the subject of a future email  
9     from field office coordinator special agent."   And then that is your name in the -- I've  
10    seen the unredacted document.   Your name is included there for that as the office  
11    coordinator.

12                Did you also provide any assistance to some of the post standers for the former  
13    President's visit, or was that Special Agent [REDACTED] who provided kind of that housing  
14    aspect?

15           A     Yes, sir.   I don't believe that I did.   I don't remember doing anything in  
16    terms of housing or briefing any of the post standers.   I know I didn't attend their  
17    manpower brief the day before.

18           Q     Okay.

19           A     So, no, sir, I didn't have any involvement with that.

20           Q     Great.

21                 And given that you at least reviewed this, this form, and you have prior experience  
22    working for former First Lady Melania Trump, as well as current First Lady Jill Biden, how  
23    much would you say, if any, of the First Lady's detail, such as some of the requests and  
24    assets on this form, would be discretionary?

25                 Is there anything typically that is unclassified that you can talk about that is -- that

1       this always accompanies her, for example, or this is discretionary?

2           A     Yeah, I think -- yes, sir.    I think it's discretionary because it depends on the  
3       event.   So what you see here is not a one-size-fits-all.

4           Q     Okay.

5           And was it -- would it be unusual for her to have a counter surveillance unit, or  
6       CSU, the acronym, for an indoor event like this?

7           A     Yeah.   So CSU would not -- we would have CSU, but they would focus on  
8       the outer perimeter to see if there's any pre-attack indicators for us departing a site or  
9       making our way back along the motorcade route.

10          So typically they're not -- they're traditionally not inside the venue.   They may  
11       have walked through the -- and I'm guessing here -- but they may have walked through  
12       the casino, because we were above the main casino floor.   So they may have been inside  
13       the ground floor walking around.   But, predominantly, they're on the outer perimeter  
14       searching for any type of pre-attack indicators.

15          Q     And what would typically a counter surveillance unit do for an outdoor  
16       event, so an outdoor event if the First Lady had had that instead of the casino?

17          A     Yeah.   So, again, you would walk the outer perimeter of the site, whatever  
18       that site is.

19          Q     And it's your understanding that based off of this form, there was one  
20       counter surveillance unit requested for this specific event?

21          A     Yes.   And I don't remember who that was.

22          Q     And are you aware whether or not Special Agent [REDACTED] requested a counter  
23       surveillance unit for the former President's event?

24          A     I do not.   I don't have that information, sir.   Sorry.

25          Q     No, no worries.

1 I'm going to stop sharing this document.

2 So I feel like the answer to this, based on your earlier comments, is yes, but I'll just  
3 ask the question.

4 To the best of your recollection, has the Pittsburgh Field Office been asked to  
5 handle two high-level events on the same day, like the July 13th event?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And have you experienced issues in the past with either the resource  
8 allocation or staffing for many of these larger events? Since it seems like you do send a  
9 significant chunk of your office to take part in preparing and staffing these events.

10 A Yeah. So I have not experienced any angst over any security planning  
11 during my time in Pittsburgh or throughout my career. I always felt that we had  
12 adequate resources and a good strategy and plan in place to mitigate any type of attack  
13 or embarrassment.

14 So, no, I've never experienced that. So I can't pinpoint a specific instance where I  
15 did.

16 Q And that confidence, is that more so your coworkers because of their diverse  
17 experiences or the level of seniority? Is there anything in particular that you could point  
18 to that kind of gives you that, that kind of informs your opinion?

19 A Yeah. So I can say that our law enforcement partners here, our  
20 collaboration here is, in my opinion, very, very good. They have done -- they have  
21 worked with us for years. I know most of these gentlemen even from investigative side  
22 of the house. So they know exactly what we need, and we communicate with them  
23 about what the problems are. And they may have already identified that.

24 So, again, it's a collaborative work. We work together to solve these problems  
25 and to ensure that everyone arrives and departs safely.

1 Q Great. Okay.

2 And do you, in your opinion, believe that there should be a rule against having  
3 several high-profile visits in the same day? It seems like you're more of "our office is  
4 able to handle it." But I guess, from a broader perspective, is that --

5 A It's not desirable. I mean, even right now we have back-to-back POTUS  
6 visits. We have Senator Vance. All the candidates are coming here. Apparently,  
7 Pennsylvania is still undecided.

8 So all of the political candidates are coming here, former Presidents, et cetera.  
9 And, unfortunately, we don't get to make that decision. They're coming regardless, and  
10 we have to plan for it.

11 I'll just say that -- I'll say this now. I don't know if I'll be asked later. But Secret  
12 Service needs more manpower, more personnel, and I think that's evidenced by the  
13 number of his agents that we have working with us. I'm not minimizing or diminishing  
14 their assistance with us, but I've never seen this before in my career. It's, what, like  
15 maybe one Secret Service agent for every six or seven his agents?

16 We certainly need -- we have a retention problem, in my opinion, and we need  
17 more boots on the ground.

18 Q Did the First Lady's, did her events utilize any his agents in addition to the  
19 Uniformed Division and other assets?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Okay.

22 A I don't believe that was in play yet. I think this all came up once the  
23 election, the nominees were chosen. And if it was being used, if the agents I was using  
24 was being used before that, I don't remember that. But for First Lady, there were zero  
25 his agents

1 Q Do you believe that the two-day event could have potentially attributed -- or  
2 contributed -- to the security failure in Butler, having two profile events, looking at the  
3 office the way it was?

4 A No, I --

5 [REDACTED] Hold it. Hold it.

6 You're asking him now to speculate or hypothesize. I'm not sure he's in a  
7 position to do that. He's a fact witness, and he's not here as an expert on systems. So  
8 I'm going to direct him not to answer.

9 [REDACTED]. Sure. That's fine. We can move on from that question.

10 [REDACTED] Thank you.

11 [REDACTED] Sure.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q So for the actual July 13th event, could you just walk me through your day of  
14 the First Lady's visit, kind of high overview from start to finish?

15 A Sure. So you mean past the police meeting? So the police meeting has  
16 already been had?

17 Q Yes. Yes.

18 A Okay.

19 Q So just game day pops up.

20 A All right. So game day pops up. I report to the airport where I meet with  
21 all of the motorcade support. That would even include volunteer drivers who are in the  
22 motorcade to transport First Lady Biden's staff. Also, ambulance drivers, the motorcycle  
23 team that was there. I think there was approximately [REDACTED]. And then Secret Service  
24 vehicles that were also involved.

25 And I then briefed all of them about what the route is, where we're going, path of

1 travel, where our arrival point. I had a -- I remember I had a PowerPoint photo out of  
2 our arrival section in how I wanted the vehicles to pull in.

3 I also briefed and spoke with the tactical team because if for some reason there is  
4 a vehicle malfunction and we have to move the protectee from one car to the other, we  
5 reviewed what that procedure was.

6 And then we moved the vehicles out onto the tarmac -- after they were swept, of  
7 course, by canine and inspected by EOD, which was a local team, Allegheny County.

8 There were local snipers on the tarmac. They were not elevated. They were  
9 grounded but in their respective clock positions.

10 The plane landed. First Lady Biden exited. She did go into the terminal and  
11 changed. Upon completing the change of attire, entered the cars, and we moved down  
12 to the casino.

13 So we took our route of travel, entered the casino parking lot area. It was like a  
14 loading dock, somewhat covered, not totally covered. But across the street or across  
15 the parking area we had large dump trucks for line of sight, and then I used the  
16 motorcade to box in. So we had the main casino in front of me, but on the side I used  
17 the vehicles to then block in to prevent anyone from coming at us.

18 So she enters. She participates in the event. And then she returns to the  
19 vehicles and we depart.

20 But before we -- after -- shortly -- and let me back up.

21 Shortly after our arrival, I did speak again to our tactical team from the  
22 Pennsylvania State Police. I showed them where our emergency egress door was  
23 located in the event that we needed to either get them inside or she was coming down,  
24 to help facilitate movement back to the motorcade.

25 When the event was finished, returned to the vehicles, and then returned to the



1 airport. She entered the aircraft. Wheels up. The security team departed.

2 And I took the [REDACTED] -- or excuse me. Did we have [REDACTED]? I think we had [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED] cars or [REDACTED] vehicles that we used, SUVs. We took them back to our  
4 secured storage, which is about [REDACTED] minutes away from international airport.

5 And then as we were wrapping up putting the cars away is when I receive a phone  
6 call from [REDACTED], the FLD, the First Lady detail lead agent, that -- he asked me if  
7 President Trump was okay. And I said, What are you talking about? He says,  
8 Something happened in Butler. I don't remember exactly what he said, but there was  
9 certainly something wrong.

10 Oh, either someone from Melania Trump's office or detail called [REDACTED], who  
11 then called me to find out what was going on. And, of course, I'm like, well, no  
12 one -- [REDACTED] (ph), she was one of the drivers, she just turned her phone on to one  
13 of the local new stations or FOX or CNN and they were showing the video of what was  
14 happening.

15 And when I saw the video, I said, Well, it looks like someone hit him with a spitball  
16 or somebody threw something at the side of him. I said it looks like he went down on  
17 the ground by himself. He looks like he's okay.

18 And then he stood up, and he had blood on his ear. And I said, Yeah, I guess  
19 apparently he was hit with something. And I didn't know what it was at the time, but he  
20 was hit with something and he's bleeding and they're trying to get him off of the dais to  
21 move him towards the cars.

22 So I relayed that. As I'm talking to him, I'm relaying this information. He takes  
23 it back. I said, I'll try calling someone at the site, but I doubt that anyone's going to  
24 answer their phone.

25 I did call [REDACTED] but the background noise was so loud that we couldn't

1 hear each other. And, quite frankly, I probably shouldn't even have called because there  
2 are bigger and better things to do than to tell me what was going on.

3 Q Okay. That's helpful. Thank you.

4 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit D  
5 was marked for identification.]

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q I'm going to introduce the final exhibit for the minority, which is exhibit D.  
8 This is a copy of an email that was sent to some of the post standers at the former  
9 President's rally requesting them to switch radio frequencies from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. There  
10 were about two emails at that point.

11 I'll share my screen again. Are you able to see this email?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Perfect. Okay.

14 Were you on this email thread?

15 A I was not.

16 Q Okay.

17 A At least I don't recall being on this.

18 Q And during the First Lady's event, did you experience any bleed-over from  
19 either the Butler event, or did you notice any communications or radio issues?

20 A There may have been one incident of bleed-over but -- I remember  
21 something of that nature was -- and I can't remember how I learned of it. It might have  
22 been one of the other -- the drivers or another agent on the ground that I was with that  
23 said that they're hearing radio communications from Butler, which I thought was pretty  
24 impressive, to be honest with you. But I didn't hear any bleed-over. I was told about  
25 it.

1           At our site, at the casino, I mean, it's a dense concrete building. And I remember  
2           when I was radio -- I sent radio communication to [REDACTED] that the motorcade  
3           was set and prepared for departure, I didn't receive a response. And I believe I even  
4           repeated it, and I still didn't receive a response, and I just concluded that because of the  
5           nature of the building, that's why he's not hearing me.

6           But it did not impact our communication capabilities because we did have cell  
7           phone and text. I don't recall if I called him or texted him. I don't think I did.

8           But I don't remember receiving this email. If I did, I just don't remember  
9           receiving it.

10          Q     Okay.

11          And were you using the Simplex radios, kind of the -- it's the proximity one, the  
12          proximity version?

13          A     Yeah. So we have a -- it's called a BRIC (ph) radio. I think it's supposed to  
14          be a little bit more powerful. That was in our security room at the -- actually, did we  
15          have that there?

16          Yeah, I don't remember what was in the security room, but we had our handheld  
17          issued radios, that's what we had, and then the radio systems that were in the vehicles.

18          Q     And do you recall if you had three, roughly three or so radio frequencies,  
19          one for the shift detail motorcade, one for post standers, one for TAC teams?

20          A     Yeah. So that's common. There's one for motorcade and shift, there's  
21          one for post standers, and then, as you mentioned, there is one for the tactical team.

22          I did share a radio with our -- an extra handheld radio with our tactical team so  
23          they could hear any comms that were coming from the vehicles or from the venue event  
24          site.

25          Q     Is there anything that you could do as an agent to mitigate bleed-over from

1 another event, or is it just you're forced, either you or them, to switch your radio  
2 frequencies to a different channel to kind of accommodate that?

3 A That's correct, the latter. I mean, the only remedy that I'm aware of is just  
4 change the radio frequency.

5 Q And you said earlier you were a bit surprised that there was some  
6 bleed-over. Is there typically a range that you would experience this occurring, like  
7 you'd have to be relatively close?

8 A No, I --

9 Q Or you were surprised, that this is in Pittsburgh, this is in Butler?

10 A Yeah. So, I mean, I'm not a technical guy, so I don't know like the things  
11 about megahertz or anything like that. But I just thought with the distance, I was  
12 impressed that you could actually hear from Butler down to -- because it's a very rural  
13 area. I don't know if you've ever been there. I'm sure, well, you're probably familiar  
14 with it now.

15 But it's pretty rural and it's about 40 miles away. So, yeah, I was just surprised  
16 that you could even hear that far.

17 Q And do you typically, with your handheld radio, have that key to a frequency  
18 so that you're able to scan or listen?

19 A Yeah. So you can program the radio to listen to all the frequencies that we  
20 have. That's a capability.

21 Q Was yours keyed and open on July 13th?

22 A I believe mine is. Yeah, I believe mine is currently keyed to listen to  
23 different radio frequencies.

24 Q Would you have been able to listen to the former President's, any of the  
25 three frequencies that they had on July 13th?

1           A    I don't recall. I mean, I'm 99 percent sure I didn't hear any communication  
2 from the Butler site on my radio.

3           Q    And did any of your colleagues at the Butler site reach out to you at all about  
4 radio issues?

5           A    Someone mentioned it to me. I just don't remember who it was.

6           Again, I think it might have been the drivers that we had with the First Lady. But  
7 I don't remember if I received a call from anyone. I don't know -- I don't remember  
8 [REDACTED] calling me. I don't remember [REDACTED] calling me. If they did, I don't remember.  
9 I'm sorry.

10          Q    Okay.

11          And Special Agents [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], you don't recall anything them  
12 potentially mentioning about this?

13          A    No, I don't have any memory of them informing me of this type of issue.

14          Q    Okay.

15          And during your discussion of the day-to-day part of July 13th, you mentioned that  
16 you, essentially, learned from [REDACTED] that the President had been in an incident  
17 and then you were able to see on the national news what was occurring.

18          Did you speak to anyone else at any point, or were you added to any email  
19 threads? Were you kind of kept abreast of the situation at that point?

20          A    Yes. So I -- who did I speak to? I don't know what prompted me to do  
21 this. Maybe I just did it. But we, myself, the drivers for the First Lady, and other  
22 agents from the casino responded either to -- responded to the airport. And then some  
23 agents responded to the hospital to support receiving President Trump, to provide  
24 security perimeter.

25          I was at the airport working with -- it was Allegheny County, Moon Township, city

1 of Pittsburgh. I think SWAT was still there. Allegheny County snipers.

2 There was an incident commander, [REDACTED] (ph). Don't ask me to spell his  
3 name. Sorry. But we established a security perimeter around the aircraft. We put  
4 tactical assets where they needed to be to receive former President Trump.

5 We established a security perimeter at the main terminal of the FBO at Atlantic  
6 Aviation. We had post standers. We had blocking vehicles. We had roving patrols  
7 around the airport area because it's like a strip mall, and there's various access points  
8 back by their maintenance facilities.

9 And then I was sending out -- there was an emergency recall. I do remember  
10 responding to that and indicating that I'm assisting local law enforcement with security  
11 operations for President Trump's return to the aircraft, and I was listing the number of  
12 where people were in terms of snipers and counter assault, post standers.

13 So I was giving kind of a play-by-play of what we had so the details knew what to  
14 expect when they were there.

15 There was a detail, a former President Trump detail supervisor at the airport, [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]. He was there and we were communicating with him about he wanted  
17 certain things in place. So we were getting these things in place.

18 And then President Trump arrived. He held in the FBO, I think it was in the  
19 conference room, for about an hour while we swept the aircraft. And we were -- I don't  
20 know what else we were waiting for.

21 But the aircraft was swept. He was there waiting. And once the aircraft was  
22 prepared and ready to go, he then came over to the aircraft via motorcade on the tarmac  
23 and entered the aircraft.

24 And the reason -- the other reason why it was delayed -- or, shall I say, he held in  
25 there -- is he was going to Bedminster, best of my recollection, and they were making



1       sure they had their security perimeter enhanced or at least in place before his arrival.  
2       So I think they were waiting for that to be in place before they actually put him on the  
3       aircraft.

4               And then he went wheels up, and then we discontinued.

5               Q     I see.

6               My time is just about up. I just have one or two questions before we'll cut for a  
7       5-minute break.

8               So you didn't -- no one assigned you specifically to kind of work at the airport to  
9       help coordinate the local law enforcement?

10              A     No.

11              Q     You just proactively took charge of that?

12              A     Yes, sir. It was the right thing to do, and, considering the event, all hands  
13       on deck at that point.

14              Q     And were you having separate conversations with either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
15       during this time while you were coordinating kind of the airport response?

16              A     No. The only communication was to whatever that group email would  
17       have consisted of, which would have been all of the Pitt district, the Trump detail  
18       personnel, just giving everyone the up-to-date information as to what was going on at the  
19       airport. So no specific phone calls.

20              Q     Perfect. Okay.

21              [REDACTED]. All right. Well, we can cut there and go off the record for a  
22       5-minute break.

23              [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

24              [REDACTED]. Thank you.

25              [Recess.]

1           [REDACTED] On the record.

2           BY [REDACTED]:

3           Q    I wanted just to follow up on one of the questions that my colleague on the  
4 minority asked.

5           From your personal experience about the use of his personnel rather than Secret  
6 Service agents, do you have any concerns, from your personal experience, with using his  
7 personnel rather than Secret Service agents for event protection?

8           A    That's a difficult question to answer. I don't want to say I'm concerned.  
9 It's they haven't had the experience that many Secret Service agents have had on  
10 previous assignments, so that technical or intimate knowledge of what a site looks like,  
11 responsibilities.

12           And, granted, you have new agents who also experience that. But the  
13 training -- I don't know what their training is. I don't know what the training was to  
14 incorporate them into our plan.

15           I'm not concerned. It's just that it's evident that the Secret Service doesn't have  
16 enough personnel to do this job anymore, and now we're drawing from other entities  
17 who may not have the training, knowledge, and experience that we do.

18           Q    Well, you are, obviously, aware of the training that Secret Service agents  
19 receive, correct?

20           A    Yes.

21           Q    So having been trained yourself. And you also observe Secret Service  
22 agents in the workplace in performing your duties, correct?

23           A    Yes, sir.

24           Q    Based on your experience, have you seen differences in the level of  
25 preparation, capabilities, knowledge between Secret Service agents and his personnel in

1 the context of protective services?

2 A I don't have any direct observations of that. I guess, unfortunately, I can't  
3 answer that question adequately. I guess I just don't know.

4 Q So your testimony that in your experience that you don't have concerns but  
5 you don't know what -- how his personnel are trained, that's more based on the fact that  
6 you don't know how they're trained. It's not based on personal experience with poor  
7 training or undertraining or less training than the Secret Service?

8 A I think that's fair. I don't know what preparation was provided to his.

9 Now, I would hope that since they're incorporating our security planning, that  
10 there was some type of training involved.

11 But, again, when you're drawing from other entities, I mean, I wonder what is the  
12 skill set, what have they been introduced to. I don't know what that is.

13 We need post standers, so we brief them. We can't provide every scenario that  
14 they may encounter, but that's why there's a radio and that's why there's site agents to  
15 ask those questions to make sure that they have the information they need.

16 I mean, I know it's not rocket science. It's access control -- who belongs, who  
17 doesn't, and what permits that person to enter our venue.

18 So, again, but briefing is important and asking questions is important.

19 Q So let's talk again about the two events that occurred on the same day, on  
20 July 13th.

21 Do you recall when you first heard about the Trump event?

22 A First heard?

23 Q That there was going to be an event in Butler County.

24 A Yeah. I would approximate -- may I review some of these documents that  
25 was provided?

1 Q Yes.

2 A May I look at those?

3 Q Yes.

4 A Because I think it was around the July 4th holiday.

5 Okay. So, yeah, July 5th I sent the email. This is exhibit -- I don't think it's  
6 numbered -- but it's on the email dated July 5th, 2024, at 12:18 p.m.

7 Excuse me. I take that back. I'm sorry. July 5th at 2:34 p.m. I indicate that  
8 former President Trump is also visiting Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 13th. So that's  
9 probably either that day or maybe the day before.

10 [REDACTED]. I think maybe there are people who are not on mute, and I think that  
11 may create the problems that we're having with audio a little worse. So if everyone  
12 could go on mute who's not speaking.

13 Okay. Can everybody hear me? All right.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q So do you recall if you learned about the Trump event or the FLOTUS event  
16 first?

17 A I don't, sir. I don't remember. Based on this email, I think it's -- I think I  
18 can conclude that I probably knew about the First Lady's first because I said, one  
19 correction, former President Trump is also visiting on the 13th.

20 I don't remember, sir. It could have been within a day or so. It could have been  
21 simultaneous. I don't have a specific time for either.

22 Q Understood.

23 Did you have an understanding prior to July 13th that the Trump event would be a  
24 rally involving thousands of attendees?

25 A I knew it was going to be a rally whether I was told that specifically or I just

1 concluded because he's done those events pretty consistently up until that point. And  
2 when it was Butler Fair Grounds, I probably just said, Oh, it's going to be an outdoor  
3 event.

4 Q Do you have an understanding of the relative size of that event to the event  
5 that you were doing advances for, for the First Lady?

6 A Could you say the first part? I missed part of your intro there.

7 Q Sure. I was saying did you have understanding of whether or not the  
8 number of people who would be attending the Trump event exceeded the number of  
9 people that would be attending the FLOTUS event?

10 A I may not have thought it -- no, I don't think so. I mean, I probably thought  
11 that it was definitely going to be a bigger event, again, just based on previous experience.  
12 And then knowing where she was going, I knew it wasn't going to hold more than maybe  
13 a thousand people. So I may have indirectly thought that, but I don't think I voiced that  
14 to anybody.

15 Q But you seemed to have had an understanding, given the location of the  
16 Trump event, that it would have -- it would be a larger event than the FLOTUS event,  
17 right?

18 A Oh, absolutely. Certainly, yes, sir.

19 Q And just -- and this is a -- if the FLOTUS event had not been occurring, you  
20 and the other two agents who were assigned to the FLOTUS event would have been  
21 available for the Trump event? Regardless of whether or not you would have actually  
22 been assigned to it, you would have been available for it, correct?

23 A Yes, that's fair.

24 Q Okay.

25 And I think you said earlier that you don't remember if it was Special Agent [REDACTED]

1 or Special Agent [REDACTED] who assigned you to the FLOTUS event, but it was likely one of  
2 the two of them, right?

3 A Yeah. I don't know. I don't remember who would have told me. I  
4 mean, somebody would have told me. I knew [REDACTED], Special Agent [REDACTED] was  
5 assigned to Trump, so I don't know if I just said, Hey, by default, I guess I'm going to  
6 handle First Lady Jill Biden. But I don't remember who told me that.

7 Q Do you have any understanding as to why you were assigned to the FLOTUS  
8 event and [REDACTED] was assigned to the Trump event?

9 A I do not. Nothing was explained to me about that.

10 Q Okay.

11 Do you have any understanding as to how Special Agent [REDACTED] or Special Agent  
12 [REDACTED] make decisions about who to assign to a particular event?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q Do you have an understanding that it has at least something to do with  
15 availability of that person?

16 A I think that's a fair -- yeah, I think that's fair.

17 Q Do you have any understanding that it has to do with the person's prior  
18 experience with handling protective service for events?

19 A I would assume so, but I don't know what the process was in assigning this.

20 And if I can go back, I think it was Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] who  
21 told [REDACTED] that she was going to be assigned to this, to former President Trump's  
22 event in Butler. That's what I remember.

23 But, again, what's, for lack of a better word, what's weird is I don't remember  
24 anyone telling me to be on the First Lady's assignment, and I wish I did, but I just don't  
25 remember that.



1 Q That's fine.

2 And when did Special Agent [REDACTED] retire or leave the service? Do you  
3 remember?

4 A Yeah. Well, it was definitely before the events on July 13th.

5 Q It sounds like if your recollection is that --

6 A Yeah.

7 Q -- he told [REDACTED] she was going to be doing the Trump event, he  
8 must have still been there.

9 A He must have still been there. Yeah, I think maybe around the Fourth of  
10 July when we -- when I sent out the police meeting, I mean. And, again, that's the best  
11 that I remember, that she told -- because I remember her telling me, [REDACTED] told me I'm  
12 on the Trump event, something along those lines.

13 Q Got it.

14 Do you recall who other than [REDACTED] from the Pittsburgh Field Office was  
15 assigned to the Trump event, just from the Pittsburgh Field Office?

16 A What other agents were involved -- were assigned?

17 Q Yes. What other agents?

18 A Yeah. I mean, I know -- I don't know the timing of it, but I know [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] was assigned out there. I think she was the site counterpart. [REDACTED] was  
20 the lead in transportation.

21 Q [REDACTED] do you know who he is?

22 A Oh, yes. Thank you, sir. I appreciate that. Yes, he was the Protective  
23 Intelligence agent. Yes, sir.

24 Q And he's no longer with the Service, right, the Secret Service?

25 A That's correct. He sought other endeavors.

1 Q Understood.

2 So just for clarity, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to your  
3 recollection, were assigned to the Trump event?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Can you think of anyone else who was assigned to the Trump event?

6 A I cannot.

1 [12:25 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. And for the FLOTUS event, it was yourself, Special Agent [REDACTED],  
4 and Special Agent [REDACTED], right?

5 A Yes. And then the Charleston Resident Agent in Charge, [REDACTED],  
6 was the supervisor that day.

7 Q Understood. Okay. In your experience, do -- are decisions made about  
8 manpower for events from the Secret Service field office based on the size of the event?

9 A Yeah, that's -- we do a manpower breakdown of what we need per site.  
10 Those numbers are fed into our manpower sheet that you presented to me. And then  
11 that goes to the appropriate operations division, and then decisions are made as to what  
12 will be provided and, I guess, what will not. I mean, I've experienced that on other  
13 assignments where, you know, I'd requested a particular one agent for X, and they said,  
14 well, you're not going to get that. So then I, you know, pivot and move forward and  
15 make any adjustments.

16 But, again, it's not a one size fits all. But the request is made that the agents on  
17 the ground determine is the best course of action to secure a site.

18 Q Okay. Do you -- and who made the decision on how many agents from the  
19 field office to request for the FLOTUS event?

20 A That, I don't know, sir.

21 Q But it wasn't you?

22 A No. No, sir. No.

23 Q And I assume the answer to this is the same. You don't know who made  
24 the decision on the number of agents from the field office to assign to the Trump event?

25 A No. I -- there could have been a request from the Trump detail. As I

1 mentioned earlier, like, the First Lady will send, hey, we're coming to Pittsburgh, and this  
2 is what the detail's requesting. And it will list, you know, whether it is a request.

3 It could be, you know, agents for the airport, the site, you know, site assist, or  
4 even ask for vehicles or some type of equipment, like a -- we call it a FAT kit; it's a first aid  
5 trauma kit. Every office has one. I think it prevents them from having to travel with it  
6 or leave it on the aircraft so we have one in the car for them.

7 So it's a combination of things that they could request. I don't know what that  
8 request was specific to the Trump visit on July 13th.

9 Q Did any requests like what you've just described from -- that might have  
10 come from Trump, were they made by the FLOTUS detail?

11 A So I'm understanding correctly, did the First Lady detail make a request for  
12 what they would need support from the office?

13 Q Yes.

14 A Yes. Yes. And they -- yes. Yes, sir. And they sent one recently for the  
15 upcoming visit here on Saturday.

16 Q For the July 13th event, do you recall if any of their requests from the  
17 FLOTUS detail were denied?

18 A Not that I -- not that I can recall. If something was -- no. I don't recall if  
19 anything was denied because, you know, when it comes to local assets, as I mentioned  
20 earlier, counter snipers or Counter Assault Teams, SWAT teams, those are typically  
21 provided by locals for the First Lady.

22 Q In your experience, are there different levels of priority given to different  
23 types of protectees for protective events -- or protective services that you have to  
24 provide for events?

25 A Yes. And I think a prime example of that is at our United Nations General

1 Assembly. Not every -- you know, they designate low-level, mid-level, high-level, and  
2 I'm presuming that is based on some threat matrix.

3 So if we have -- you know, I was assigned to the King or the President of  
4 Swaziland. He's not going to get [REDACTED], [REDACTED], that -- you know, road  
5 closures. It's, you know, pretty much a [REDACTED] - or [REDACTED] - car motorcade and go from A to B.

6 So yes, that is a fair assessment that there are, I guess, categories of threat levels.

7 Q So it sounds like the decision, as far as you know, is based on threat level,  
8 right?

9 A I would presume so, yes.

10 Q Okay. Now, obviously, we know that the POTUS, VPOTUS gets the highest  
11 level of protection for -- that's available for any particular event. But below that level,  
12 below the POTUS and VPOTUS, do you know if there are distinctions made between  
13 FLOTUS and, say, a CNOS?

14 [REDACTED] He's just asking if you know.

15 [REDACTED] Yeah. I mean, there can -- it's a tough question to answer because  
16 it's just based on the --

17 [REDACTED] The question is what do you know. He's not asking you to  
18 speculate, hypothesize, or anything else. What do you know? What's the answer?

19 [REDACTED] I don't know.

20 [REDACTED] All right.

21 [REDACTED]: So from your perspective, you're not sure if there's a difference in the  
22 protective services provided for a FLOTUS or a CNOS?

23 [REDACTED] I just think --

24 [REDACTED] Do you know the answer to that?

25 [REDACTED] It's contingent on what we're -- you know, what we're doing, you

1 know, where we're going. You know, it would have to be specific to the event.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q So then -- so what you're saying, I think, is that you're not aware of any  
4 categorical difference between FLOTUS and a CNOS, other than if there's a difference in  
5 the nature of the event that they will be attending, for example?

6 A Yeah. So I guess to better clarify this is, when I'm conducting a site advance  
7 or, you know, trying to incorporate assets or resources through a security planning, I try  
8 to replicate it the best I can, whether it's with Secret Service personnel or local personnel.  
9 So if certain assets are available, I'm going to use them. You know, we're going to use  
10 counter assault, we're going to use counter snipers or CSU.

11 I came into a situation where I didn't have a Secret Service Counter Surveillance  
12 Unit for Senator Vance, but I did incorporate a local team into that plan.

13 So I don't want to -- I guess it's funny because, you know, 20 years doing this, I  
14 mean, that's a great question. I mean, I don't have a matrix that, you know, we plug and  
15 play with. It's this is where we're going, this is going to be our footprint at the airport,  
16 and we try to keep it the same, my experience.

17 And then motorcade, I try to keep it the same. And at any site, I try to keep it  
18 the same but also enhance it if need be, whether it's perimeter, inner perimeter,  
19 technology, et cetera.

20 Q And you make those determinations, in part, based on the nature of the  
21 event and the site where the event is going to occur?

22 A Correct. So, I mean, you know, walking into a 6,000-person, you know,  
23 civic center compared to, you know, a political office, you know, there's going to be other  
24 factors in play. So, yeah, I mean, you just have to adjust to what those threats are at  
25 that particular venue and incorporate your plan.



1 Q Okay. And what about -- you mentioned threat level. So it sounds like  
2 threat level would also be relevant to your considerations about what types of services to  
3 provide?

4 A Yes. And I exercise all of my advance planning as, you know, the worst case  
5 possible for everybody. I mean, no one tells me that, hey, [REDACTED], you can only  
6 have -- you know, when you do this, you know, don't ask for this, that, or the other.  
7 Granted, I'm not always granted those manpower from the Secret Service, but I have  
8 options within local law enforcement.

9 And I can't give a specific example, but that's my approach to any of the security  
10 planning. I have to see it, I have to smell it, I have to taste it. You know, I have to put  
11 hands on this thing to see what the threats are, but I treat -- I treat every protectee the  
12 same. And I do my best to incorporate any and all resources, and our local law  
13 enforcement partners are great.

14 Q Great. And so it sounds like you have a great hands-on approach to doing  
15 advance as well as the protective service. Is that right?

16 A I'd like to think so, yes, sir.

17 Q Did you have any views on [REDACTED] practices with respect to her  
18 approach to advance?

19 A No. I never observed her in any advance role. I don't know what was  
20 great or lacking, so I can't give a fair assessment regarding that question. I wish I could,  
21 but I just can't.

22 Q Okay. Now, you've mentioned that you have a particular approach, which  
23 is you treat all protectees the same, you look for the resources you need to protect them  
24 as best as you believe they can be protected under any particular circumstance, right?

25 A Absolutely.

1           Q    But you have to request resources from Washington in order to  
2 enhance -- to add additional features that you think will be necessary, right?

3           A    Yes, sir.

4           Q    Have you, in your experience, seen any differences in what D.C. will provide  
5 or approve based on the status of the protectee other than, of course, VPOTUS and  
6 POTUS?

7           A    No. I haven't -- I have not noticed any difference, no, sir.

8           Q    Okay. So from your perspective, asking for what you believe is necessary to  
9 protect FLOTUS, you've never seen a difference between asking for FLOTUS versus a  
10 CNOS, for example?

11          A    Nothing that was blatantly obvious. I mean, nothing that sticks out, no.

12          Q    And when you say blatantly obvious, you mean nothing that sticks out,  
13 period, not like there was something subtly obvious? You mean that there's nothing  
14 obvious, nothing -- nothing stands out?

15          A    Nothing stands out, yes, sir.

16          Q    Okay. So from your perspective, again, in your experience, the requests  
17 are granted or denied based on whatever criteria D.C. might use, but they don't seem to  
18 be based on the status of the protectee?

19          A    Yeah. I mean, there's nothing that stands out that would show a  
20 difference, in my opinion.

21          Q    Okay. I just want to make sure that we have a clear record on the police  
22 meeting on July 8th that you sent out the invitation for.

23          A    Yes, sir.

24          Q    And can you just tell us again, what was your role at the police meeting?

25          A    Yes. So I was the field office coordinator for the First Lady's portion

1 of -- the First Lady's visit to Pittsburgh, which happened to be the same day as President  
2 Trump. So instead of two emails going out, I took it upon myself and said, hey, I'll  
3 facilitate the communications so they're not, you know, reading multiple emails. So I  
4 sent out the email invite for the police meeting.

5 Q Did you personally have any concerns about whether or not there would be  
6 sufficient resources available to cover both the FLOTUS event in Pittsburgh and the  
7 former President's event in Butler at that time?

8 A None.

9 Q Did you hear anyone else in the Pittsburgh Field Office suggest to you that  
10 they were concerned about having to cover two events on the same day?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Did you hear any concerns from D.C. or anywhere else, local law  
13 enforcement, about having these two events happening the same day?

14 A I did not, no, sir.

15 Q I'm going to ask you some general questions and then ask a little bit about  
16 the FLOTUS event itself, and then I'm going to have my colleagues ask any questions they  
17 want to ask, and then we'll be wrapped up on our end.

18 What, in your experience, is the typical role of the special agent in charge in  
19 preparing advance documents for a trip?

20 A Advance documents? None.

21 Q None. Okay. What about the assistant special agent -- or the assistant to  
22 the special agent in charge?

23 A None. The advance documents are all prepared by either -- you know, we  
24 have our -- our advance document system. That's completed by the lead advance.  
25 Preparing those documents, the supervisors wouldn't prepare them. But, of course,

1 before they're submitted, the supervisors would review what is going to be submitted.

2 So whether it's through a walk-through or reviewing -- I don't think -- I don't know  
3 if they reviewed any documents because I wasn't involved -- you're talking about First  
4 Lady, correct?

5 Q First Lady or just your experience.

6 A Just my experience.

7 Q Yeah.

8 A So the advance docs, once the advance document system is loaded, typically  
9 it will go to a supervisor for approval. And then those documents are then sent to -- I  
10 guess there's an approval chain. So that approval chain is created, and then it goes to  
11 the appropriate people to approve it.

12 Q In your experience -- understood that, you know, it's going to be the agent in  
13 charge that -- for that particular event -- the lead agent in charge that's going to be  
14 handling the documents. But in your experience, does the special agent in charge or the  
15 assistant to the special agent in charge routinely make changes or edits to those  
16 documents?

17 A It could happen. It could happen. If there's something on there they  
18 don't like or something needs to be amended, they'll mention it, and then a correction  
19 will be made.

20 Q It could happen because they have the power to do that. But in your  
21 experience, does it happen frequently or infrequently?

22 A I can't say that I've experienced that directly myself, but it's possible that it  
23 happens.

24 Q Okay. But it doesn't sound like you can think of a -- you can't think of a  
25 time where you experienced it yourself?

1           A    Not in recent memory, no, sir.

2           Q    Okay.   And then for the advance documents for the FLOTUS trip, did you  
3   have a role in preparing those advance documents?

4           A    No.   Well, let me back up.   I created the transportation portion, which  
5   would have been the physical routes.   I typed up the routes, the time and distance table.  
6   I provided a hospital survey, an updated hospital survey.   And I would -- and I provide  
7   those to the lead, who then provides those to the operations section to review.   And  
8   then once they're approved, they're uploaded into advance docs.   So that would be  
9   diagrams, post stander instructions, and the documents I just mentioned.

10          Q    Okay.   And then the preliminary survey would have been -- for the FLOTUS  
11   event would have been prepared by the lead agent?

12          A    That's correct.   ██████████, yes, sir.

13          Q    ██████████.   And would you have or did you review the preliminary  
14   survey yourself for the FLOTUS event?

15          A    I would have reviewed it at some point.   Maybe not prior to submittal, but I  
16   know I reviewed it.

17          Q    Okay.

18          A    Because that's another thing, when I create -- for the transportation section,  
19   I create route books.   Those books contain a copy of the documents I just mentioned,  
20   plus the preliminary survey.

21          Q    Okay.   Understood.   Would you -- in your role as the field coordinating  
22   agent for the FLOTUS event, would you have seen the advance planning documents that  
23   State and local law enforcement would have prepared?

24          A    Yes.   So I think it was before July 13th and since, our local canine and EOD  
25   team from Allegheny County and the other tactical teams do submit a operational plan

1       which I keep in an electronic folder. And those are reviewed to know where their  
2       positioning is so that we can adequately brief the detail coming in town as to where they  
3       are and what they can expect to see at that particular clock position.

4               Q     Just briefly about the FLOTUS event itself which you've already touched on.  
5       But do you -- was there a security room at the FLOTUS event?

6               A     There was a security room. I do not know where it was located, but we had  
7       one.

8               Q     Do you know who was in that security room?

9               A     I do not. I did not go in the venue upon arrival.

10              Q     Okay. You stayed with the motorcade?

11              A     I stayed with the cars, yes, sir.

12              Q     Cards. Okay. The cars. Excuse me. Okay. And how long was -- how  
13       long was the duration of that event, from FLOTUS' arrival to when she left?

14              A     At least 2 hours. I think she was only -- we landed, it was about 30 minutes  
15       to get to the venue. She was there maybe an hour, a little over, and then 30 minutes  
16       back to the -- to the airport.

17              Q     So it was about an hour long?

18              A     I think the event was about an hour, yeah. The best that I can remember,  
19       yes, sir.

20              Q     Okay. And do you know if there were State and local law enforcement  
21       representatives in the security room?

22              A     I do not know if they were in the security room.

23              Q     Do you -- in your prior experience with events, are State and local law  
24       enforcement reps usually in the security room?

25              A     Yes. We ask for representation, decision-makers from the law

1 enforcement entity that is responsible for that jurisdiction.

2 Q Okay. Did you have an understanding of whether or not the lead agent for  
3 the FLOTUS event was in the security room for that day?

4 A No. So the lead agent will ride in the motorcade from site 1 to site 2. And  
5 then if he went into the security room for a particular reason -- I don't know if he did -- I  
6 don't know where he went once he got into the venue. But traditionally, I don't see that  
7 happening.

8 Q Who would typically be -- or let me ask you this. Who do you believe -- did  
9 you have an understanding of who was -- who from the Secret Service was supposed to  
10 be in the security room that day for the FLOTUS?

11 A Correct. So when we assign a site post log, I mean assigning your agents to  
12 assignments, one of the posts is a security room. So you would have a senior agent  
13 from another office, or sometimes it can be from the Pittsburgh Field Office, but  
14 considering the joint -- the joint visits, we would have had a special agent from another  
15 office in the security room along with local law enforcement to communicate with  
16 everyone else in the motorcade and in the venue site itself.

17 Q Just have a few other questions, then I'm going to hand it over to my  
18 colleagues.

19 Were you involved in providing protective services for former President Trump's  
20 October 5th rally in Butler?

21 A No. I think I was on vacation that day. I think I was on leave.

22 Q You were on leave?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay. Do you recall if you were interviewed by the FBI after the July 13th  
25 events?



1           A    I was not interviewed by the FBI.

2           Q    Have you ever been interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police?

3           A    I have not been interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police or anyone else  
4 other than this panel.

5           Q    Okay. So we're the first time you've been interviewed in connection with  
6 this event?

7           A    Yes, sir, that's correct.

8           Q    Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues.

9           BY [REDACTED]:

10          Q    Can you hear me okay?

11          A    Yes, sir.

12          Q    Can you hear me okay?

13          A    Yeah. I got you, sir.

14          Q    Great. Thank you, sir.

15          Couple questions here. You used the term phase earlier, maybe described a  
16 phase 1 agent. Explain what that means, like -- [Audio malfunction.]

17          A    Correct. I'm sorry for the technical jargon.

18          Q    Oh, no problem. What the term phase means as phase 1 agent or what  
19 phase Agent [REDACTED] might be.

20          A    Yes. So phase 1 is your new agent who just finished training there in the  
21 field office. Phase 2 is your protective -- full-time protective assignment. And then  
22 phase 3 is supervisory. So those are the three phases of the Secret Service career.

23          Q    Right. So which phase are you in right now then?

24          A    Currently phase -- let me correct myself. So phase 1 you're the new agent,  
25 phase 2 you do your protective assignment, and then phase 3 is when you lead the

1 protective assignment to a field office. And I'm in phase 3.

2 Q Are there more phases after that or is that it?

3 A Supervisory is next. I don't think I've ever heard of phase 4. I mean, if  
4 they call it phase 4, I don't remember hearing that.

5 Q Right. Thank you.

6 And you mentioned the term "leapfrog" earlier. Does that mean getting people  
7 from different districts to come to an event? Is that what leapfrog means?

8 A Yes. "Leapfrogging" is a term that is used to take, like, an agent from site 1  
9 and send them to site 3. So if you had three - let's say you had three sites and you want  
10 to leapfrog personnel to help support another site. You typically want to do it the  
11 one -- you don't want to do it back-to-back. You want to try to go from 1 to 3 or 2 to 4  
12 so you have adequate coverage on those particular sites. So that's what leapfrogging  
13 would be.

14 Q Question I had, I think you used the term "approval chain" earlier. Just so I  
15 make sure I understand. Who, I guess, is in that work flow to be reviewing the advance  
16 documents? I think you said that certain folks you would not expect to prepare the  
17 document, but who is -- if I'm understanding this correctly -- the chain --

18 A Yes. So from my recent experience with using advance docs, whenever I  
19 submit a preliminary survey, the advance documents for the advance of the visit, it goes  
20 to protective operations. So our CNOS operations.

21 So if the Senator was in town and I completed those documents -- Senator  
22 Vance -- those documents would then be submitted to the CNOS group for review. I do  
23 know that, also in the past, that you can -- that it has gone to a supervisor in the office  
24 and that it also can go to another supervisor within the detail.

25 So there's -- [inaudible] people can be added to it, to my understanding, to review

1       these documents for approval.

2               Q     When you say supervisor from the office, do you mean a field office SAIC?  
3       Is that who you're referring to or somebody else?

4               A     Well, it could be the supervisor SAIC, the ASAIC, or the AT.    I guess it could  
5       depend on how they want to -- who they want to add on to the router -- or add to the  
6       approval chain to approve the documents.

7               Q     Okay.   Just so I understand clearly, who was on the chain for the FLOTUS  
8       event on July 13th?

9               A     I do not know unless I went back and looked at it.

10              Q     And when you sent these documents to D.C., you say you sent them to a  
11       group.   Do you know who specifically, named individual, is reviewing these documents,  
12       or is that like a black box?

13              A     Yeah.   I do not know specifically who was looking at those documents.

14              Q     So I'm assuming that, at least from your perspective, you wouldn't have  
15       access to any kind of documentation, if such exists, of who on their end is looking at the  
16       stuff.   You just wouldn't have access to that kind of information?

17              A     No.   Unless there's -- unless there's a name associated with it.   Again, I  
18       can only go by recent experience here.

19              I sent -- like for Senator Vance, I would submit the preliminary survey, and it just  
20       said that the survey is with ops.   It was either CNOS ops or ops.   And that's all it read.  
21       So it wasn't giving me a name of exactly who would review it, but ultimately, when it was  
22       approved, someone from that ops section would say, hey, here are the documents that  
23       are approved, or the preliminary survey is approved.

24              Q     So if someone is sending it back and saying this is approved, would that  
25       person have some kind of, for lack of a better term, a supervisory role, or could that

1 person sending this just be -- happen to be the one to send the email to you; it doesn't  
2 necessarily mean that person was in charge of reviewing or anything like that?

3 A I would assume it was a supervisor.

4 Q Right. Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

5 A Yes, sir.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Thanks for talking with us today, Agent [REDACTED] I just have one question  
8 for you.

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Leading up to July 13th, did you have any conversations with Agent [REDACTED]  
11 Agent [REDACTED] or any other Pittsburgh Field Office agents who expressed concerns about  
12 anyone maybe not fulfilling their duties as part of their advance work or not being  
13 competent in their duties?

14 A Yes. Agent [REDACTED] voiced concern about -- what's her -- a female agent  
15 from the Donald Trump detail, I think her last name was [REDACTED] She had mentioned that  
16 she was either not participating in meetings or was late to meetings. I think that was --

17 Q [Inaudible] conversations?

18 A Pardon? Sir, can you say again?

19 Q Can you expand on what those conversations were with Agent [REDACTED]

20 A Just that she was -- she didn't attend a meeting that [REDACTED] was in. She was  
21 eating breakfast or working out. I told her she should tell -- tell the supervisor and get  
22 her yanked out.

23 Q And do you know what meeting that was that she did not attend?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q Do you know what day that conversation happened?

1           A    I don't. I'm sorry. It would have been before the event, but I can't tell  
2   you what day it was.

3           Q    And as somebody who's done a lot of advance planning as yourself, did that  
4   give you any sort of concern?

5           A    It didn't give me concern as to the security plan itself, but I just thought that,  
6   you know, there was a lot of work to be done, and this takes, you know, the team to do it.  
7   You know, it's division of labor. And for one person to take on a lot of the labor just isn't  
8   fair. I mean, you know, the agent is on an advance; you're not there for a vacation or to  
9   enjoy breakfast. You know, you're to be there to work and get the job done so that the  
10   site is secure and have any contingencies in place if needed. But that was my  
11   assessment of the conversation.

12           [Audio malfunction.]

13           ██████████. I just asked if ██████████, our coworker, had a question or followup, and  
14   she did not. So I said that is all I have. And we can go off the record at this time.

15           [Recess.]

16           ██████████. Let's head back on to the record.

17           BY ██████████:

18           Q    So just to follow up on what my colleague was talking about previously. I  
19   missed part of the phrase that you had used. You had mentioned that someone was  
20   going to yank Special Agent ██████████ out or I guess -- what was kind of the context of that?

21           A    Yes. No, when ██████████ was telling me about her lack of participation, I said,  
22   you should call the supervisor and have her yanked out of there.

23           Q    And by supervisor, you meant her detail leader supervisor. Is that correct?

24           A    Either that or someone in the Pittsburgh Field Office to, you know, maybe to  
25   facilitate that information.

1 Q Would Special Agent [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] would they have supervisory control  
2 over Special Agent [REDACTED] in that capacity, or is it more she's liaising with the Pittsburgh  
3 Field Office there and it would be her detail leader would technically be in a supervisory  
4 capacity still?

5 A I think as a supervisor that they could have addressed the issue but also, you  
6 know, made this information known to her direct supervisor, so whatever issue needed to  
7 be remedied could have been remedied.

8 Q Do you know if Special Agent [REDACTED] conveyed this to either Special Agents  
9 [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

10 A I do not.

11 Q Do you know if she contacted the -- either the -- his name is [REDACTED] (ph)  
12 or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], I believe, with Donald Trump's division?

13 A I do not know if she communicated with anyone.

14 Q And regarding the meeting that she missed, Special Agent [REDACTED] to the best  
15 of your recollection, was this towards the beginning of the planning process or closer to  
16 the July 13th event?

17 And if you also have your work cell phone available, feel free to just look at the  
18 past call logs if that -- if you feel that might help you out.

19 A Yeah. I -- I don't remember when, but let me see. I don't know if it's on  
20 here still, but let me look.

21 Q Sure.

22 A This is going back to -- I'm working backwards here, but the first one that I  
23 see was a phone call July 12th. This was outgoing call. So I must have called for some  
24 reason. But I spoke to her on July 12th.

25 Q Okay.

1           A     I'm scrolling further down. July 10th was also an outgoing call. That was  
2     at 6:38 p.m. Again, I don't know what that conversation entailed. There were a couple  
3     calls made on July 10th.

4           Q     Okay. That's fine. It's helpful to have a --

5           A     Yeah. Between the 10th and the 12th, yeah.

6           Q     Okay. It's helpful to have just a reference point.

7           And did Special Agent [REDACTED] mention that this -- she -- Special Agent [REDACTED] just  
8     missed a single meeting or several or was late to other meetings?

9           A     Best I recall, it sounded like it was more than one.

10          Q     More than one. Okay.

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     Thank you.

13          So I just briefly wanted to touch upon the -- one of the earlier questions I had  
14     regarding the field office coordinator role. Would it be possible for you to just  
15     potentially list to the best of your understanding what exactly a field office coordinator  
16     would typically do, just the responsibilities as you -- as you know them to be for a visit  
17     that pops up?

18          A     Sure. So first would be to notify local law enforcement of a visit from, you  
19     know, the President or Vice President or other protectee. Two would be the conduit of  
20     communication between the visiting detail and local law enforcement.

21          Again, it could be for resources or, hey, do you have a point of contact for that  
22     drone that's available I heard at the meeting? The -- can also aid with hotel  
23     accommodations for the various Secret Service entities that are visiting the district. It  
24     could also be to provide vehicle support. Often during these -- during the campaign,  
25     some of our personnel are coming off the protectee's aircraft and they need a car



1       available.   So we get either a field office vehicle or a car is rented to get that to the  
2       airport.

3               Q     Okay.

4               A     I've also attended -- you know, I attend walk-throughs and have a  
5       familiarization of the security plan.

6               Q     Great.   Okay.   The reason why I ask is it seems like, again, there is some  
7       overlap between what, you know, [REDACTED] did as lead advance agent and some of  
8       what you did as the field office coordinator for the First Lady's position -- excuse me -- her  
9       event.

10              On my end, I'm just looking at the manpower request for the former President,  
11      and under the same -- you know, the post stander housing location box, they provide a  
12      hotel.   But there's no mention of an actual field office coordinator for the former  
13      President's visit to Butler.

14              Is that -- would that be, to the best of your knowledge, accurate, there was no  
15      specific person who was the field office coordinator for his visit?

16              A     I presumed it was [REDACTED] was the field office coordinator.   I know she  
17      was the lead in transportation and security, but, you know, someone had to be providing  
18      information about hotels.   You know, that information was disseminated anyway.   I  
19      don't know if that was just an innocent omission or what the reason would be.

20              Q     Would you then -- is it your understanding that the term "field office  
21      coordinator" is essentially -- it's either part of the lead advance agent's duties or it's  
22      essentially like a dual role that one typically does?   Because there seems to be a lot of  
23      overlap, and I just want to make sure we're getting that into the right perspective.

24              A     Correct.   So, I mean, even from my experience with Senator Vance coming  
25      in, I was the lead in transportation, but also, any personnel that needed cars, rooms, or

1 other resources, that was me. So it may not have -- you know, I was -- I was playing all  
2 the -- wearing all those hats.

3 Q I see. Okay. And is the field office coordinator position, is that a position  
4 that is just in the Pittsburgh office or is this -- that title or position used elsewhere in other  
5 field offices, to your understanding?

6 A To my understanding, it's throughout the Service, throughout the Secret  
7 Service.

8 Q Okay. Great. And then the -- pivoting to the last thing that we have, can  
9 you just talk a bit about how the Pittsburgh Field Office has coped with having several  
10 agents placed on restrictive duties or administrative leave?

11 A How have we coped?

12 Q Yes. More so from, you know, the resource side of it. You did mention  
13 several other, you know, supervisors had cycled in, you've had someone consistent since  
14 September. But, I guess, how has the rest of the office been impacted?

15 A There's a lot of work to be done and not enough people to do it.

16 Q And do you believe, with the reduced personnel, the field office's ability to  
17 engage in protective duties has been negatively impacted, or would be in the next 10 to  
18 12 days with the next 10 to 12 visits?

19 A It's negatively impacted in the fact that we have the same people rolling  
20 from event to event to event, and there's very little break. And these are very long days.

21 And some criticism from our agency -- or my criticism of the agency is that, other  
22 than [REDACTED] coming up here -- and I don't know if he volunteered to stay a month  
23 or they just said you're staying here. But prior to that, it was just this round-robin, you  
24 know, bringing people in to supervise who weren't here long enough to understand the  
25 intricacies of the Pittsburgh Field Office. And quite frankly, I don't think there's a plan in

1 place now after election day.

2 We have zero supervisors here. Zero. And our admin staff has been asked to  
3 do things that, you know, traditionally they shouldn't be doing. You know, somebody  
4 called them and asked them, hey, we need a police meeting scheduled. There wasn't an  
5 agent in the office. So they're asking admin to do Secret Service agent work. You  
6 know, they receive threatening phone calls. There's just not a plan in place.

7 Not only that but, you know, we have three people -- you know, two supervisors,  
8 and then you have [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who are no longer in play. But yet we  
9 still have to work at the tempo of a full field office, and we don't have it, and it's taxing on  
10 all of us.

11 And I don't think that any security operation is jeopardized, because we do have  
12 people coming in from, you know, different districts now to help support the missions.  
13 But in my opinion, it's -- it should have happened faster. It really should have happened  
14 faster.

15 And I know that there's got to be other directorates out there in the Secret  
16 Service, whether it's our Criminal Investigation Division, our Forensic Service Division, or  
17 another entity that has gun carriers who can come up here and help. And that's just not  
18 the Pittsburgh Field Office. I just don't want to make, like, the Pittsburgh Field Office is  
19 the only one impacted. I mean, there's other offices, you know, that are just, I mean,  
20 heavy visits -- heavy flow of visits and little personnel to fill these spots within a particular  
21 field office.

22 I just think that there are too many gun carriers in the Secret Service who are in  
23 administrative roles when we need boots on the ground to do advance work. I've said  
24 that for years. I'm sticking by it. And I'm glad it's on the record.

25 Q Thank you. We appreciate your -- your outlook there.

1 I'm just going to switch over to my colleague, and he'll have a question or two, and  
2 then we'll be all set on the minority side.

3 A Thank you, sir.

4 [REDACTED]. Just one quick followup on the manpower issue. I mean, we had  
5 mentioned a couple times that the Pittsburgh office has something like a dozen events  
6 coming up over the next 2 weeks or so.

7 Does the Secret Service allocate resources -- and by resources, I mean both sort of  
8 physical resources and staff -- to the field offices based on potential activity in that  
9 district, or is it sort of same levels of staff for each -- for each field office regardless of  
10 what might be seen as coming down the pipe as far as events, campaign events,  
11 protective events?

12 [REDACTED] Yes. So let's just say, for example, we had one visit coming in,  
13 right. The Pittsburgh Field Office, we'd be expected to fulfill whatever obligations are  
14 being requested.

15 Now we have [REDACTED]. You know, we don't -- we don't have enough personnel to  
16 cover the consecutive or overlapping events. So what Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]  
17 has done is we have asked for our investigative division, INV, we've talked to OPO, we've  
18 talked to other field offices, do you have anybody available to come out here and fill  
19 advance spots? I think we've made progress with that in the last 24 hours, but it's taken  
20 too long for this to be fulfilled.

21 Now, I understand that everyone is in -- is in a very busy mode right now. They  
22 have, you know, multiple visits, I get it. But when you have six to seven his agents to  
23 one Secret Service agent on a post standing assignment, I've never seen this before in my  
24 career and, clearly, we do not have the personnel to do this.

25 You know, I don't know -- you know, a blank check isn't going to solve this

1     problem. We need people who are going to stick around and stay employed with the  
2     Secret Service to build up these numbers. I don't know how this gets fixed. I'm hoping  
3     you can help us with all the information that you receive.

4             I'm glad that I spoke to you today. I'll speak to you again if necessary. But I  
5     think we're coming to the point where we do have the personnel to do it, but, again, it's  
6     just taking too long for it to happen.

7             And I know that our people down in D.C., they're working hard to try to do it.  
8     But I guess you can't provide someone if you don't have someone to provide because  
9     there's other visits that are before you. So we can get people to you, but it's 2 to 3 days  
10    before he arrives or she arrives.

11            If I also may mention, another problem to this whole thing is when the  
12    representatives from either the President or a candidate come to town, you know, the  
13    Secret Service needs at least 5 days to do this, right? I mean, that's ideal, 5 days.

14            But some of the -- when the staff comes to town, we're thinking they have, oh,  
15    here's the venue, here's the itinerary. Sometimes that happens. But I can tell you  
16    right now, most of the time it doesn't. It's 2, 3 days into the advance and we don't have  
17    a venue, we don't have an airport, we don't have an itinerary, and now we are asking our  
18    local law enforcement officers and the resources to pivot like we do. Well, they don't  
19    pivot like we do.

20            You know, they have to protect the community too, and we're pulling them away  
21    to help us with -- to help us do our jobs, which they do always and admirably and at the  
22    top level of professionalism and skill. But this has been the constant throughout the  
23    campaign and really throughout my career.

24            People hit the ground and say, okay, we're going to do four sites. Okay. Where  
25    are we going? We don't know yet. Twenty-four hours goes by, 48 hours goes by.

1       They still don't know.

2               In all the -- you know, the demands that are put on us to hurry up and get it done,  
3       we have to get away from that.   So if there's any type of, for lack of a better word, law,  
4       rule, hey, the Secret Service gets 5 days, and if you're on the ground and don't have a  
5       venue, then the clock resets, you've got to push it back a day, something along those  
6       lines.

7               We are flexible, but we're coming to the point where the flexibility is starting to  
8       break, in my opinion.   And these are the things that need to be addressed in addition to  
9       what you're looking at.

10              And I appreciate your time in letting me vent.   Thank you, sir.

11              [REDACTED].   We appreciate it.   That's all I have.

12              [REDACTED].   So we should be set for the minority.   I'm not sure if the majority  
13       has any other final questions, but we're prepared to rest.

14              [REDACTED].   We have no final questions.   We can go off the record.

15              [Whereupon, at 1:23 p.m., the interview was adjourned.]

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