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14 INTERVIEW OF:



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

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

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1 ■■■■ We can go on the record.

2 Today is Friday, October 18th, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of Secret
3 Service Special Agent ■■■■

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

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

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

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12 ■■■■ Thank you, ■■■■

13 My name is ■■■■ ■■■■ and I'm the deputy staff director of the task force for
14 the majority.

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

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

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

19 ■■■■ I do.

20 ■■■■ Will the counsels please identify themselves for the record?

21 ■■■■ Yes. I am ■■■■, accompanied by my
22 colleagues ■■■■

23 ■■■■ Thank you.

24 Is there an attorney present representing the Secret Service today?

25 ■■■■ Yes. ■■■■ for the Office of Chief Counsel at the Secret

1 Service.

2 [REDACTED] And DHS?

3 [REDACTED] Good morning. [REDACTED], DHS, Office of the General
4 Counsel.

5 [REDACTED] Next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can the
6 additional staff members please introduce themselves with their name, title, and
7 affiliation?

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

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

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

11 [REDACTED] And then the online majority?

12 [REDACTED] Pete [REDACTED] senior professional staff member, task force
13 majority.

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

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

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] minority staff director.

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] investigative counsel for the minority.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] investigative counsel for the minority.

19 [REDACTED] Thank you all.

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

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

25 The way this interview will proceed is as follows. The majority and minority staff

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

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

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

10 There's a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
11 make a written record of this interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the
12 staffer questioning you has finished each question before beginning your answer, and the
13 staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.

14 Further, please speak clearly, concisely, and slowly to ensure the court reporter
15 can properly record this interview. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal
16 answers, such as nodding or shaking your head, so it's important that you answer each
17 question with an audible, verbal answer.

18 Do you understand?

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

22 If you have any questions or do not fully understand the question, please let us
23 know and we will attempt to clarify, add context to, or rephrase our questions.

24 Do you understand?

25 [REDACTED] Yes.

1 ■■■■ If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you
2 are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of
3 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection.

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

6 Do you understand?

7 ■■■■ Yes.

8 ■■■■ Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in, you
9 are required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 to answer questions from Congress truthfully.
10 This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff in an interview.

11 Do you understand?

12 ■■■■ Yes.

13 ■■■■ If at any time you knowingly make false statements, you could be
14 subject to criminal prosecution. Do you understand?

15 ■■■■ Yes.

16 ■■■■ Is there any reason you're unable to provide truthful testimony in
17 today's interview?

18 ■■■■ No.

19 ■■■■ Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any
20 statement today, that assertion must apply within the Rules of the House of
21 Representatives.

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

25 Do you understand?

1 ■■■■ Yes.

2 ■■■■ Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is
3 confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in this
4 interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.

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

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

12 Do you understand?

13 ■■■■ Yes.

14 ■■■■ Do you have any other questions before we begin?

15 ■■■■ No questions.

16 ■■■■ Secret Service, do you want to make your statement?

17 ■■■■ Yes. Thank you.

18 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have made available
19 to the committee, consistent with requests from the chairman, information and records
20 that would not be publicly released. This includes information and records covered
21 under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal privacy information, For Official Use
22 Only/Law Enforcement Sensitive records, and raw intelligence information.

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

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

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

9 The Secret Service and the Department have not consented to and were assured
10 there would not be any audio or video recordings of this interview. The agencies
11 understand that the interview will be transcribed by a court reporter and that the court
12 reporters are recording it for the purpose of assisting with transcription.

13 ■■■■■ Thank you. Yes, there is no audio or visual recording for the task
14 force. The only audio recording will be for the court reporters.

15 And as to the points made about confidentiality and redactions, the chair and the
16 ranking member will take your preferences into consideration, and all agreements that
17 currently exist will be abided by.

18 ■■■■■ Thank you.

19 ■■■■■ Does counsel for the witness have a statement?

20 ■■■■■ Yes.

21 As counsel for Senior Special Agent ■■■■■ I would like to underscore that she is
22 appreciative of the opportunity to answer your questions on this important topic and
23 intends to fully cooperate with your inquiry.

24 Given serious security concerns for individuals and families that may arise in any
25 high-profile matter or investigation such as this one, I would like to renew my request,

1 previously made to staff, that any written work product fully redact the names of
2 individuals before public distribution, particularly those at the non-SES or -leadership
3 levels. Given the current environment, our concerns range from doxing to harassment
4 to significant potential security issues. So we appreciate your consideration on this
5 point.

6 We also appreciate the opportunity to review a draft report of those portions
7 relevant to Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] and her testimony for factual accuracy prior to
8 publication.

9 Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] has received specific authorization to discuss otherwise
10 confidential or sensitive law-enforcement-related information today. However, she will
11 not be discussing any classified information in this setting. To the extent that it is
12 important to your inquiry to discuss such information, we are happy to do so in the
13 appropriate forum.

14 We would also like to make clear that, in her prior interviews, including before the
15 Senate committees roughly 1 month ago, Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] was testifying solely
16 based on her firsthand experience of the events leading up to and on the day of the
17 assassination attempt.

18 Based on subsequent reporting and the more developed public record, including
19 the preliminary Senate report and publicly released transcripts, she now has a better
20 understanding of the events that took place and information she had not previously been
21 privy to. As these additional facts and context has come to light, my client has learned
22 key facts and details she was not previously aware of while performing her role as lead
23 advance agent.

24 While she will testify today based on her personal knowledge, she will do so with
25 an increased understanding from the public record that has been developed and will

1 make clear when she is providing statements drawn from information she has
2 subsequently learned.

3 [REDACTED] Thank you.

4 And as we discussed beforehand, you will be given the opportunity to review
5 anything that we put in the report, and we do intend to redact all names.

6 [REDACTED] Appreciate it.

7 [REDACTED] All right. It is now 10:11, and the majority will begin their
8 questions.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY [REDACTED]

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

12 A I've worked for the Secret Service for over 20 years.

13 Q What is your current role?

14 A My current role is as senior special agent.

15 Q And how long have you been a senior special agent?

16 A I was -- since August of this year.

17 Q August of 2024?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And what was your role prior to that?

20 A Special agent.

21 Q And how long were you in that role?

22 A I've been a special agent since 2008.

23 Q Okay. And has it been all in the Pittsburgh office?

24 A No. I started off as Uniformed Division in D.C. from 2004 to 2008. And
25 then from 2008 to 2016 I was in the Washington Field Office here in Washington, D.C.

1 From 2016 to 2022, I was on the Vice President's detail. And in August of 2022, I went
2 to the Pittsburgh Field Office.

3 Q What are your daily responsibilities as a senior special agent?

4 A Daily responsibilities now as a senior special agent or a special agent is
5 conducting investigations -- we conduct investigations on financial crimes, computer
6 crimes, anything that's brought to our attention that we can work -- as well as protective
7 intelligence investigations, if there's any type of threats or perceived threats that need to
8 be investigated in the area; as well as protection assignments as they come up in the
9 Pittsburgh area or if I need to travel to assist for protection assignments in any other area
10 throughout the world.

11 I'm also an ambassador for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
12 and give internet safety talks to children in the Pittsburgh area.

13 Q So did your role change much from special agent to senior special agent?

14 A No, it did not.

15 Q Is it just number of years of service, or how does the senior special
16 agent come --

17 A The number of years of service, phase in your career. So I'm considered in
18 the phase three of my career. I've already done my first office, I've already done my
19 protection time, and now I'm in my phase three.

20 So you have to be in a certain phase of your career, you have to have a certain
21 amount of years, and then you have to meet standards of accomplishment for work
22 duties.

23 Q Is that something you just apply for, or --

24 A Yes.

25 Q -- how does it come through?

1 How long did it take for that to come through?

2 A I applied in June of this year, in 2024, and it was effective August 1st of 2024.

3 Q Okay.

4 Does anyone report directly to you in your day-to-day?

5 A No, they do not.

6 Q Who do you report to?

7 A I report to ATSAIC [REDACTED] in the Pittsburgh Field Office directly. And
8 then he reports to SAIC [REDACTED] in the Pittsburgh Field Office.

9 Q And there used to be one other person but he retired, right?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Can you describe the training you received for your current role? You
12 walked through the phases you had to hit, but was there specific training --

13 A Sure.

14 Q -- to become a senior special agent?

15 A Not to become a senior special agent. Training that I received to be a
16 special agent within the Secret Service: I went through the academy down in Glynco,
17 Georgia, back in 2008 for criminal investigator.

18 After that academy, went through the Secret Service Academy in the Rowley
19 Training Center in Beltsville, Maryland.

20 I received training when I went to the Vice President's detail, protective detail
21 training, in Washington, D.C.

22 When I was on the Vice President's detail, I received leads training.

23 And since then there's been no further training.

24 Q What does lead training entail?

25 A It was a week-long course of a lot of PowerPoint, understanding the different

1 facets of an advance that the Vice President's detail uses and the assets that they use,
2 and the paperwork that goes through with that, and understanding the logistics of being a
3 lead, and some other briefings.

4 Q To the best of your knowledge, is anyone who is assigned a lead role on any
5 protection detail required to go through that training?

6 A So only the Vice -- to my knowledge, only the Vice President's detail and the
7 President's detail go through that training.

8 Q Okay.

9 You were on a 3-week rotation for CNOS ops right before --

10 A Yes.

11 Q -- July, right? Okay.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Can you tell us about that?

14 A Sure.

15 All special agents that are currently working are asked to give their preferences as
16 to what campaign assignment they would like to work. I put in the preferences to work
17 operations. Operations is like logistics for agents and other entities within Secret
18 Service as they are traveling for a candidate during the campaign, making sure hotels,
19 timecards, flights, cars -- anything that they need to make sure that they are able to
20 report for their job.

21 I was assigned to Trump ops. That was the first candidate that we had in place at
22 the time. And I spent 3 weeks down in West Palm Beach working with them prior to this
23 advance that was in July.

24 Q You said you got to submit your preferences?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Is that something all agents are allowed to do, or is it a certain level?

2 A All agents are supposed to submit their preferences. In order to be ops, or
3 operations, you had to have had experience working operations before.

4 Q And do you pick roles or candidates for preferences?

5 A You just pick a role within the Secret Service. There is no difference
6 between any -- any --

7 Q Protectee?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay.

10 When you were down in West Palm Beach, did you know that the former
11 President was going to be coming up to Butler, Pennsylvania?

12 A I knew there was a chance that he was coming to the Pittsburgh area. They
13 continued to push the date off and change it and put it on the schedule, take it off the
14 schedule. So, at the time I was traveling back, it was not official.

15 Q Okay.

16 When did you first learn that you were assigned as the lead agent for the Butler
17 rally?

18 A I believe it was around July 3rd.

19 Q Who gave you that?

20 A Supervisors in the Pittsburgh office.

21 Q So [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

22 A Yes.

23 Q Have you been a lead agent for advances before?

24 A For advances before, yes, but not for any candidate or for former
25 President Trump.

1 Q Have any of them been for large outdoor events?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you give a couple of examples?

4 A I did an outdoor rally in Flagstaff, Arizona, back in 2020 during that
5 campaign.

6 Q Okay. Whose rally was it?

7 A Mike Pence, when he was Vice President.

8 Q What did you understand [REDACTED] role to be for the day of July 13th?

9 A He was the field office supervisor for the site at the Butler Farm Show.

10 Q And what does that entail?

11 A Anything that comes up at the site that needs a supervisor's discretion or
12 issues that are raised that can't be solved at a site agent's level and overwatch of the site.

13 Q Okay.

14 And what about [REDACTED]

15 A SAIC [REDACTED] was the field office supervisor for the entire visit. So he was
16 with me, shadowing the entire visit from start to finish.

17 Q Okay. So [REDACTED] was traveling with you in the motorcade --

18 A Yes.

19 Q -- throughout the whole day, and then --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- [REDACTED] was on site?

22 A [REDACTED] was only at the Farm Show site.

23 Q The Farm Show site.

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay.

1 So what is the difference between a field office supervisor for a site, a lead agent
2 for advance, and then a site agent and a site counterpart? We're trying to -- it's been a
3 lot for us --

4 A Sure.

5 Q -- to understand.

6 A So let me go through all of the advance members from Secret Service.

7 Q Perfect.

8 A That'll help you out.

9 So the supervisor for the entire visit, he is a supervisor for the district. So if
10 things happen within the district, happen within the visit, he's the one that makes the
11 calls as to how to work within his district, to include he liaisons with the police, has a
12 better relationship with the police leadership within the district, so anything they need as
13 well.

14 [REDACTED] And that is SAIC [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] SAIC [REDACTED] yes.

16 The field office supervisor for the site, which was ATSAIC [REDACTED] he is going to be
17 just at that site, at the Farm Show site. He supervisors that site. Anything that comes
18 up at the site that needs to be addressed -- concerns, issues that the site agents can't
19 address -- he's able to help address or help get questions answered or issues answered
20 from that site. And he's the overall supervisor presence if something were to happen at
21 that site.

22 The site agents that came from the Trump detail, that site agent and the site
23 counterpart from the Pittsburgh Field Office, they worked together as the site agents
24 cohesively for that event, for that Butler Farm Show site. They are to come up with a
25 security plan that includes post-standers, Secret Service assets, placement of assets,

1 police assets, recommendations on the placing of the police assets. And then they work
2 with staff, campaign staff, the entire week to make sure that they have that plan together
3 and they're able to execute that plan.

4 On the day of the visit, the Trump site agents, their responsibilities are the
5 protectee. So they are leading the protectee and the [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED], through each facet of what his schedule is, itinerary is that
7 day. And then they are to be next to the [REDACTED] coming from the Trump detail
8 once [REDACTED]. And they're able to be [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]. They're supposed to know everything in and out that happens with
10 that site.

11 The counterpart on that day from the Pittsburgh Field Office, their responsibility is
12 to -- before the protectee gets there, both site agents are to make sure the site is put
13 together, the public is able to come in after the sweeps, making sure the sweeps are
14 conducted and they're conducted correctly. And then once the former President or the
15 protectee comes to the site, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]

18 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 Q So, in the prep work, in the advance work --

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q -- they have kind of equal responsibility over creating the security plan and
22 making sure everything's in place?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And then, day of, they have slightly different responsibilities,
25 because the [REDACTED]?

1 A During that time period, yes.

2 Q But then the rest of the day they're both equally responsible?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. And --

5 [REDACTED] And just to be clear -- sorry to jump in -- this is from your prior
6 experience --

7 [REDACTED] Yes.

8 [REDACTED] -- on matters like this?

9 [REDACTED] Yes.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED] For tactical security advance, which comes from the TSD division, he is
12 in charge of fire, life safety, HAZMAT, and explosive ordnance detection. So he's the one
13 coming up with different -- what the vulnerabilities are for those classifications or those
14 roles within the advance, and also heading up [REDACTED], looking for

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 The counter-sniper advance that we had, his responsibility is to look for
18 vulnerabilities from his training and to work with the local liaisons, if he has local liaison
19 counterparts with him, to come up with a plan in order to execute that plan on the game
20 day or the day of the event.

21 My responsibilities as a lead, I am -- it's more of a coordinating role. So I'm
22 bringing together all of these entities, all these advance team members, making sure that
23 they are able to communicate with each other, making sure that they have what they
24 need in order to perform their job or what they need to -- assets- or entities-wise, if
25 there's something that they need, an issue arises, or they don't have an answer that they

1 need, they need to raise it to me so that I can bring it up and make sure that those things
2 are mitigated so that they can succeed.

3 When I was the lead advance for this particular one, I was also the transportation
4 advance. So, along with all the lead responsibilities of coordinating everything and
5 putting that together, paperwork and everything else, transportation -- I was to come up
6 with the routes that we were going to take to and from the airport to the Farm Show,
7 which was over [REDACTED], being able to publish those routes for Secret
8 Service, [REDACTED] that we were going to possibly go to if needed in an
9 [REDACTED], as well,
10 for all those [REDACTED].

11 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 Q I think in your Senate interview you also mentioned that you were the CAT
13 LNO?

14 A I was not.

15 Q Oh, you were not.

16 A That came from one of the other site agents.

17 Q They said that you were, but you were not?

18 A No. There was no CAT LNO. That asset was denied from SOD. That
19 recommendation or that email came from Trump ops to SOD, and they did not have a
20 CAT LNO.

21 Q So the Trump ops requested it --

22 A It did.

23 Q -- and it was denied? Okay.

24 A Yes.

25 There was a CAT element that came off the plane with former President Trump

1 who acted as an advance. However, he did it from the phone and was not on the
2 ground as an advance.

3 Q Is that, in your experience, normal for them --

4 A No.

5 Q Okay.

6 So what do you think happened here? Why do you think the CAT LNO was
7 denied?

8 A The -- it was manpower reasons.

9 Q Okay.

10 One of the other special agents told us that a normal advance would have a site
11 agent and site lead advance agent, both from the detail of a protectee. Has that been
12 your experience?

13 A That has not been my experience. My experience on the Vice President's
14 detail was that the site agents came from the detail, and then if a counterpart was
15 available from the local field office, that counterpart was assigned as well.

16 The only time that there was more than one agent from the detail itself was on
17 the President's detail. Sometimes, if it's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q More than [REDACTED]

20 A More than [REDACTED] But, in my experience on VP, we
21 never had that.

22 Q And the lead agent, is that usually from the field office?

23 A For a candidate or for a former President, it's usually from -- not from the
24 detail.

25 Q But if it's a President or a former -- or Vice President or FLOTUS, is it from --

1 A Currently, President, Vice President, and FLOTUS do have leads coming from
2 their details.

3 Q Okay.

4 Both Special Agent [REDACTED] reported to you for the 13th. Is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q When we were talking to Special Agent [REDACTED] she basically summarized
7 the lead agent role as "you're the person who has all the power." Is that something you
8 agree with?

9 A I don't believe that I have all the power. I may have answers, and if I don't
10 have answers, I raise that to find the answers. But I wouldn't say I have all the power.
11 I'm supposed to know everything that's going on so that I can help make a coordinated
12 effort and a coordinated decision in order to make it a successful trip.

13 Q Can you walk us through the steps from when you learned that you were
14 going to be the lead agent until the day of the 13th? What are the steps you're taking in
15 those intervening days?

16 A Sure.

17 I believe on -- it was either July 4th or 5th, they notated that it was going to be at
18 the Butler Farm Show site.

19 On the 7th, I sent an email to the advance team members that were assigned at
20 the time, letting them know just different paperwork, what we knew so far with
21 schedules or we didn't know so far with schedules, and where the sites were going to be,
22 and that they could call me if they had anything that they needed.

23 [REDACTED] Just for clarity, who assigned the advance team members? I just
24 want to make clear --

25 [REDACTED] Yes.

1 [REDACTED] -- whose responsibility that was.

2 [REDACTED] So the field office, on either the 4th or 5th, assigned the protective
3 intelligence advance and the site counterpart advance.

4 And I apologize, I did not go over what a protective intelligence advance does. I
5 can go back with that as well, if you need me to, but --

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Yeah. But let's do the highlight --

8 A We can continue with this first.

9 Q -- yes -- and then we'll go back to the protective intelligence.

10 A They assigned those two. And then the Trump detail assigned the site
11 agent that came from the Trump detail and the CUAS advance that came from the Trump
12 detail. TSD was assigned from TSD ops in D.C.

13 Q Okay. So that's on the 4th and the 5th.

14 A Yes.

15 Q On the 7th, you sent an email about paperwork, things you need.

16 A And that there was going to be a police meeting and a walk-through on the
17 8th.

18 Q Okay.

19 Quickly, can you go through the protective intelligence advance?

20 A Sure.

21 Protective intelligence advance is -- so, for a former President or a candidate, it's
22 coming from the field office. He's to [REDACTED] and then our
23 [REDACTED]. to see if there's any intelligence, any threats, anything that
24 needs to be investigated prior to the event. He's to find out about demonstrations,
25 what the policies are for that local area, if there's any local lookouts, if Secret Service has

1 a lookout.

2 And then name checks for any of the people that are going to be close to the
3 protectee are conducted through the protective intelligence advance as well.

4 Q Okay.

5 So, for the paperwork, did you create any of the documents related to the
6 July 13th event?

7 A I created several documents.

8 Q Okay. Can you tell us what those ones are?

9 A Sure.

10 So I created -- so, starting with the police meeting, on the 8th, I made the
11 PowerPoint that I presented to the police, the police meeting.

12 Q Uh-huh.

13 A On the Wednesday, which is the -- I'm trying to think of the date -- is that the
14 10th?

15 Q The 10th, yeah.

16 A Wednesday the 10th, I created the manpower request that went to OPO and
17 the Uniformed Division assets request that went to Uniformed Division.

18 I put together most of the preliminary survey that went out on Friday. I put
19 together all the transportation documents, so that would've been the routes, the
20 timetable that shows you, you know, what the time and distance is to all the places, an
21 overview map of where we were going to be in Pittsburgh, and then gathered the
22 information from the [REDACTED]
23 to.

24 And then I did the manpower briefing for the Secret Service and HSI agents, Secret
25 Service entities that were coming for the visit the day of -- for the next day, for the 13th.

1 ■■■■■ And when you said the preliminary survey went out on Friday,
2 that's Friday the 12th?

3 ■■■■■ Yes.

4 ■■■■■ I'm going to go ahead and introduce the preliminary survey. We'll
5 mark it as majority exhibit 1.

6 ■■■■■ Sure.

7 ■■■■■ Majority Exhibit No. 1
8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY ■■■■■

10 Q Do you recognize this document?

11 A I do.

12 Q Okay. Is this the preliminary survey that you mostly drafted?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Did anyone assist you in creating this document?

15 A The site agents assisted in creating -- they filled in pages 3 and 5. I believe
16 4 may have -- yeah, 3 and 5. And then information was gathered from other agents
17 within the advance team in order to fill out their sections.

18 ■■■■■ When you said that the site agents filled in 3 and 5, did they
19 give you the information to fill it in, or did they fill it in themselves?

20 ■■■■■ No, they filled it in. So the Trump detail site agents filled in for site
21 two, which is on page 5. And, then, because we did not have a airport advance agent
22 until the day of, the field office counterpart filled in the page 3 for the airport.

23 BY ■■■■■

24 Q So, once they fill it in, do you check it?

25 A I do.

1 Q Okay. Did you notice any problems with either one of them at the time?

2 A When it was -- when I first looked at it, no. However, page 5 did have
3 errors, and those errors, once they were discovered when we had briefings later that day
4 with the detail and then subsequently with the post-standers, those errors were briefed
5 and corrected at that time.

6 Q What day was that?

7 A The briefing with the detail happened on the evening of July 12th, and the
8 post-stander briefing with Secret Service assets and HSI assets happened on July 13th.

9 Q And --

10 [REDACTED] So -- sorry.

11 When you said that those were briefed and corrected, could you explain what that
12 means?

13 [REDACTED] Sure.

14 So the local CS team -- if you look at "Other Assets," it's showing that the local CS
15 team was co-located on the barn roof with Secret Service, and that is incorrect. They
16 were actually -- one team was at the 3 o'clock inside the AGR building, and one team was
17 around the 10 o'clock inside the horse arena box.

18 So, once the error was noticed, the supervisors and the detail, when we had our
19 briefing, we discussed that there was an error, and we corrected as to where -- verbally
20 corrected as to where those assets were to be placed.

21 [REDACTED] Is there a final survey?

22 [REDACTED] So the final survey is actually after the fact. It has to be produced
23 within 60 days of the visit.

24 [REDACTED] Is there a reason why it's done after the fact?

25 [REDACTED] So the preliminary survey is everything that we know to the best of

1 our knowledge for the site -- or for the visit at that time. Not all-encompassing, not
2 everything is actually in the survey, but it's what we know at the best of that time.
3 Sometimes things change; sometimes they don't. I've had things change up to the
4 minute.

5 His itinerary changed when he got on the ground that day, so --

6 [REDACTED] You're referring to former President Trump?

7 [REDACTED] Yes. I'm sorry. Former President Trump's itinerary changed once
8 he was wheels-down. So any changes are briefed verbally or email, however they need
9 to be disseminated.

10 The final survey goes through the event itself. So it'll talk about the condition of
11 the cars; it'll talk about how many people actually came in, how many police were used.
12 And, then, if there were any unusual events, that report number from that unusual event
13 goes into there. If for some reason the protectee, for instance, did an off-the-record
14 movement somewhere, then that would be in a memo form and attached to that final
15 survey.

16 So it's talking about how that trip went and what happened within that trip.

17 [REDACTED] So it's essentially an after-action.

18 [REDACTED] It is, yes.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q When you said "the condition of the cars," do you mean with the window
21 getting bashed out? Would that be --

22 A So that was a police car; that wasn't a Secret Service car.

23 Q All right.

24 A The Secret Service cars, one of them did have [REDACTED].

25 And so that was noted, because that car needed to be fixed.

1 So it has -- the Secret Service vehicles, in particular, are on that final survey, what
2 their mileage is, how long they idled so we know about the engines, and then what the
3 condition was, if there's something that went [REDACTED] or something that
4 went wrong with the car, if it got in an accident or any of that.

5 Q Is that something that you draft, then, the final?

6 A I filled that out, yes.

7 Q Is it similar to the preliminary survey where you have others giving you
8 information to fill it out, or do they fill out pages that they're responsible for?

9 A No one fills out anything on the final survey besides the lead.

10 Q Okay. Thank you.

11 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 Q On page 10 of this preliminary survey, so the back, the bottom has a "Review
13 Status." What is the review process for the preliminary survey?

14 A For this particular detail for former President Trump -- and he was kind of in
15 between being a candidate at the time --

16 Q Uh-huh.

17 A -- the preliminary survey went to Trump ops, candidate nomination, and
18 then it was reviewed, approved, and then sent back.

19 Q You said he was kind of in between. Is that because he wasn't officially a
20 candidate nominee at the time?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Okay.

23 Did anyone edit it in that process, as far as you're aware?

24 A Not that I could see.

25 Q Okay.

1 Is there a reason there's no content by the "Review," "Reviewer," or "Submission
2 Date" on this? Did you fill that out, I guess is the first question?

3 A That would've -- if I would've checked boxes for it to go to that, it would
4 have said what the submission was.

5 Q So did you not check the boxes?

6 A No, because then it can't be edited. So, at that point, it goes to them as a
7 draft, and then they approve it or not approve it, and then it's submitted from that point.

8 [REDACTED] So, just to be clear, this was approved?

9 [REDACTED] This was approved, yes.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q And who was it approved by?

12 A Trump ops.

13 Q Do you know who in Trump ops?

14 A I don't.

15 Q And you said CNOS reviewed it as well?

16 A I can't be sure that they reviewed it, but they did receive a copy of it.

17 Q Okay.

18 So you got it back, and this box was then filled out with who had reviewed it?

19 A Correct, which is not unusual.

20 Q Okay.

21 All right. So, also on this last page, there's an "Intelligence" section --

22 A Yes.

23 Q -- near the top. There are redactions in here, so I apologize, but --

24 A Sure.

25 Q Did you draft this section?

1 A I did.

2 Q What day did you draft it, and time, if you can remember?

3 A It was either on the 11th or 12th.

4 Q It says, "At this time, no adverse intelligence has been developed concerning
5 this visit. Any adverse intelligence that may arise will be passed along to all working
6 supervisors."

7 What is generally categorized as adverse intelligence?

8 A It could be anything from demonstrations that are known that could arise,
9 that, say, have a permit, to a lookout that Secret Service has in the area or some type of
10 threat.

11 Q If it's classified, does it go on this document?

12 A No.

13 Q What would this document say if classified information was available but not
14 able to be written down?

15 A If there was something that had developed that was classified and not able
16 to be written down -- I have not filled one out that way before. However, my opinion is
17 that it would say something about "all members that need to be briefed have been
18 briefed."

19 Q Okay.

20 [REDACTED] So there would be an indication that classified information
21 exists, it just can't be written down?

22 [REDACTED] I'm not positive. I've never written one that has any classified
23 information.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q So you said you drafted this on the 11th or the 12th.

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you remember receiving a phone call on the 9th from Second Supervisor
4 [REDACTED]?

5 A I received a call on the 9th about [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. I asked him to pass it on to my supervisor.

7 Q Which would be?

8 A SAIC [REDACTED]

9 At the time I had written this, I had no indication that anything had developed
10 further and I did not have indication that it had not been passed.

11 The people that had the intelligence also reviewed this and had the ability to
12 review this, and I was under the understanding that they would have been able to adjust
13 as they saw fit within that section.

14 Q That "them" being the ops office? Or --

15 A Yes. Or the second supervisor.

16 Q So the second supervisor reviews this as well?

17 A They have knowledge and eyes on this. And that second supervisor just
18 also happens to be the supervisor of Trump ops.

19 Q Okay.

20 You said that he told you he couldn't tell you what it was, but did he say -- do you
21 remember what words he used? [REDACTED]? Was it just, "I have some
22 information I can't tell you"?

23 A [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] I said I would get back to him on that. Before I got back to him on that, he
25 called back and said that we would be receiving sniper teams from Secret Service.

1 Q Did the escalation of adding local snipers raise any flags for you?

2 A No. It was an outdoor event, and we wanted to have as many assets as
3 possible.

4 So I recall telling him to call my supervisor and let my supervisor know about that
5 information. If there was more information that needed to be passed, then that
6 information should've been passed to her. I would expect that information to be passed
7 to other members.

8 Q Did you call [REDACTED] and tell him that local counter-snipers were requested?

9 A The next day, when we had our walk-through with him, I mentioned that we
10 were getting local -- [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 Q Did [REDACTED] have any reaction to that, do you remember?

13 A Not that I can recall.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q You told him during the next day, on the 10th, during the walk-through, that
16 you were getting local snipers?

17 A No, I told him we were getting Secret Service snipers. I did not have
18 knowledge as to how the Secret Service counter-sniper advance was going to place or
19 locate any of the snipers at that time, so I did not know what assets we were definitely
20 getting from local snipers.

21 Q Did you tell him about the phone call that you received from [REDACTED]

22 A I told him that I had received information from [REDACTED] that we were getting
23 [REDACTED].

24 Q Did you tell him that you instructed [REDACTED] to call him or that he should be
25 expecting a call?

1 A I don't recall what the whole conversation was.

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q When did you become aware of the number of counter-snipers and when
4 they would be arriving from Secret Service?

5 A The Secret Service counter-sniper advance arrived on the 10th as we were
6 finishing our walk-through.

7 Later that evening or the next day -- I don't recall which day it was -- but he,
8 because I have to fill out the prelim and I had to get hotel rooms for them, told me that
9 there would be two Secret Service teams and two local teams.

10 Q Do you remember when they were approved to come to the site?

11 A I had to put -- from what the counter-sniper advance was telling me, I had to
12 put that on the manpower request for Secret Service. So it would've been approved on
13 the next day then.

14 Q Which would've been the --

15 A 11th.

16 Q -- 11th? Okay.

17 We've talked to a number of special agents involved in this at this point --

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q -- and the consensus has kind of come out that they wish they would've

20 [REDACTED]

21 A Sure.

22 Q -- that they would've perhaps changed the way that they approached this
23 event if they [REDACTED].

24 Do you feel like there was a failure to [REDACTED] to the other
25 agents involved?

1 A Well, [REDACTED] it is, I still don't even know what it is. I was
2 never given [REDACTED] beyond that quick phone call and asking him to -- asking the
3 second supervisor to relay [REDACTED]. I did not know until after the fact that that
4 was not relayed to anyone.

5 If [REDACTED] -- it's not uncommon that there's [REDACTED] that doesn't
6 trickle down, [REDACTED] to everyone. So I -- it would always be helpful for more
7 people to know, but it's just not always the case that everyone's going to know every
8 detail of it.

9 Q Which I can understand. I think the question is more, the idea of having a
10 [REDACTED] regardless of what that [REDACTED] is --

11 A Sure.

12 Q -- the [REDACTED] knowledge would've been valuable,
13 according to those agents, to have in order --

14 A Sure.

15 Q -- to prepare for this event.

16 And so it doesn't sound like it was maybe your responsibility to transmit that, but
17 whose responsibility was it to transmit [REDACTED] then to the agents involved?

18 [REDACTED] And just to be clear -- before you answer that -- she didn't have any
19 [REDACTED] to transmit. She herself was also in the dark on what [REDACTED] was.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q I know you didn't know the specifics, but you did know that there was a
22 [REDACTED], right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So I'm just saying, the knowledge that there was [REDACTED] related
25 to this event or the candidate, whose responsibility is that to transmit to the agents

1 involved in the event?

2 A I would expect that the entities within the Secret Service that had the
3 [REDACTED] it to the appropriate working supervisors and the
4 appropriate agents at the time.

5 Q And who would that be?

6 A The people that had it? I have no idea who had it.

7 Q Other than [REDACTED]

8 A Yeah. Other than his phone call -- and I don't even know if he had it or if he
9 didn't -- I have no idea. He used that language that day and never brought it up again.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q What level of clearance do you have?

12 A I have a [REDACTED]

13 Q So would you be in the place to receive [REDACTED] had he relayed it to
14 you in, like, a SCIF or another location that was secure?

15 A Possibly. I mean, it depends -- I don't know what [REDACTED] was.
16 So, if he could've given it to me, I had the ability to receive [REDACTED]. I'm just not
17 sure what [REDACTED] was, whether or not I could've received it. But the Pittsburgh
18 Field Office had the ability to have [REDACTED] transmitted to him.

19 Q Did anybody question why the Secret Service counter-snipers were being
20 sent if they hadn't been sent for a candidate before?

21 A No. I mean, it was right before he was becoming a candidate, and it was a
22 big outdoor rally.

23 [REDACTED] So it would be logical, to have a large event, you would have
24 additional assets?

25 [REDACTED] It would be great to have it, all the time, yeah.

1 [REDACTED] To your knowledge, would SAIC [REDACTED] have any more of a right or
2 need to know than you to learn this [REDACTED]? In other words, why
3 did you tell [REDACTED] to pass it along --

4 [REDACTED] Well, he's my supervisor and it's his district. So, if there's [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] in his district, my opinion is that he should know.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Where were you when you had that phone call?

8 A I was at the Farm Show.

9 Q Was there anybody with you when you got that phone call?

10 A Both site agents were.

11 Q SAIC [REDACTED] wasn't there at the time?

12 A Not at that time, no.

13 Q Okay. Did you tell either of them, either of the site agents, "Hey, I just got
14 this phone call about [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]"

15 A I don't recall what the conversation was. I know that I told them we were
16 getting snipers, but I don't recall my exact wording and whether or not I said that.

17 Q Okay. So just -- I know you've probably said this already, but just clarifying:
18 At no point did you tell [REDACTED] I got a call about [REDACTED] X, Y, Z?

19 [REDACTED] No. I think you're conflating [REDACTED] with the --

20 [REDACTED] Yeah. She did tell [REDACTED]

21 At the site walk-through, right? Can you just repeat that for the record?

22 [REDACTED] Sure.

23 On Wednesday the 10th, he was doing the manpower walk-through, which is to
24 identify what Secret Service post-standers would be coming for and be sent to
25 headquarters as a request, and told him that we were getting counter-snipers [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And [REDACTED] said in his Senate interview that he had not been made
3 aware of it, but you're confident that you had that conversation?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yes.

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And I would also just note, if you read the second sentence from
6 this document, it captures Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] expectation, where she said, "Any
7 adverse intelligence that may arise will be passed to all working supervisors." I think at
8 the time that really captures her expectation that that information would've been shared
9 if it needed to be.

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] With [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But that says "that may arise," not that you know at that time
12 has arisen, right?

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] But she didn't know. I mean, she can explain that, but I think --

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At that time, I did not know that anything had developed passed that
15 phone call. It was -- the conversation was had, it was not brought up again. I asked
16 him to raise it to a further level, and I did not know that it hadn't been raised, and nor did
17 I know whether or not anything had developed past that.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. So he [REDACTED]?

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is there a difference that you can explain?

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. I mean, it's -- adverse is something that's -- I mean, it's a broad
22 category. It could be anything of -- it's just something that's not normal.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sure.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And this is based on your understanding, not on any definition or
25 term of art?

1 [REDACTED] Correct.

2 [REDACTED] Okay.

3 [REDACTED] Are you trained on protective intelligence at all?

4 [REDACTED] I have done protective intelligence interviews, yes.

5 [REDACTED] Are you trained on it, though? Have you gone through any formal
6 training through the agency?

7 [REDACTED] During Secret Service training.

8 [REDACTED] You're talking about your, like, 2008 training?

9 [REDACTED] Yes. I don't believe I've done anything past then.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q We only have a couple minutes left in our hour.

12 So the planning meetings. Let's start with the first one.

13 A Sure.

14 Q What is the normal timeline from when you learned about an event to when
15 the first police meeting is? Or is it from the event and backwards?

16 A It's kind of from the event and backwards.

17 Q Okay.

18 A During a campaign, it's not always -- you don't have as many days sometimes
19 on some of the events. But, in this case, the event was on a Saturday, so the planning
20 meeting for the police was on Monday.

21 Q Okay. Did you walk through the site before the police meeting?

22 A I did.

23 Q Okay. Can you talk to us about the walk-through on the morning of
24 July 8th?

25 A Sure.

1 So, that morning, the site agents, both from Trump and from the Pittsburgh Field
2 Office, accompanied me to go meet with Donald Trump campaign staff and Farm Show
3 staff to go look at the Butler Farm Show site.

4 At that time, there was no build-out whatsoever; it was an open field. We
5 looked at the horse ring area, and we looked at the big open field area, and they were
6 going to decide where they were going to put the stage and which area was going to be
7 where the event was held.

8 At that time, as we walked through, noticed vulnerabilities, lots of buildings,
9 roads, houses. Discussed with the Trump staff lead that there were lots of line-of-sight
10 concerns and that we would need to be addressing those as soon as possible.

11 He had worked with Second Supervisor [REDACTED] before. And I made it clear that
12 if he did not help us that week coming up with line-of-sight concerns, mitigation being
13 addressed, that second supervisor, when he came on Friday for his walk-through, that he
14 would be addressing it and he would be changing whatever he needed to change to
15 address it.

16 Q And that was [REDACTED]

17 A [REDACTED] Yes.

18 Q [REDACTED] Okay.

19 Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were with you --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- right? Okay. Did they talk with you about line of sight at all or
22 mitigation efforts?

23 A We just -- overall, as we walked through, we talked about the fact that there
24 were multiple line-of-sight issues that we were going to need to address.

25 Q Okay. Did you talk about what types of assets you could use to mitigate

1 those lines of sight, or was it just super-general?

2 A It was general. At the time, we knew that they wanted to use some [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] and that was kind of one of the things that we noted, that since we're on the
4 farm, that's probably some of the stuff we were going to use.

5 Q Okay.

6 And then you went to the police meeting that night, right?

7 A It was at 1:00 p.m.

8 Q Or at 1:00 p.m.?

9 A Yep.

10 Q Okay.

11 [REDACTED] I think I have, like, 7 seconds, so we'll go off the record. We can
12 take a 5-minute break.

13 [Recess.]

1 [11:08 a.m.]

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

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q Good morning.

6 A Good morning.

7 Q I just had a few quick questions about some of the content from the previous
8 round, and then I'll turn it over to my colleague.

9 A Sure.

10 Q One is with respect to the relationship between a site agent and a site agent
11 counterpart.

12 A Okay.

13 Q That has been a little bit challenging for us to untangle.

14 A Sure.

15 Q There have been some folks who have said exactly what you said, which is
16 that those two people are sharing security planning responsibility equally.

17 A Yes.

18 Q There have been other people who have said, no, that's not right; the site
19 agent is sort of primarily responsible for security planning, and the site agent counterpart
20 is really there to assist and liaise with local assets.

21 It sounds like you are squarely in that first camp of equal responsibility.

22 A I am. And there are those categories of things, like liaisoning with the local
23 counterparts and assets, that do fall on them. Traditionally, the local field office
24 counterpart is the one that will deal with the police more because they -- it's our
25 jurisdiction.

1 The paperwork gets divided up, and usually there's -- they talk and have an
2 understanding as to who is going to do what part of the paperwork. Like the site agent
3 from Trump would do the preliminary survey page and do the diagrams, and the post
4 instructions and the post assignment log usually come from the field office counterpart.

5 If there is not a field office counterpart, obviously, the Trump detail person is
6 doing everything, but there is some emphasis on the field office counterpart having more
7 of a relationship with the local police.

8 Q That makes sense, particularly that last part.

9 With respect to the substantive security planning decisions, setting a perimeter, it
10 seems like an easy example for you to understand.

11 A Sure.

12 Q Are those types of decisions equally shared between the two people, or is
13 there an emphasis on one or the other?

14 A It should be equally shared, and the entire advance team has input into
15 setting security perimeters.

16 Q Okay. And security perimeters are a fair example of other similar
17 security-related decisions in advance work?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. In your experience, have you heard agents or personnel have that
20 disagreement amongst themselves about whether a site agent is, in fact, in the driver's
21 seat, or it's an equal responsibility situation with the site counterpart?

22 A So I can tell you in the past, sometimes the site agent from the detail is a
23 little bit more assertive than this particular site agent had been. But I did not witness
24 during that time period anything other than them working together.

25 I had no idea until reading some of the Senate reports that things were askew and

1 that they were not as harmoniously working on the same plan together as -- and
2 understanding that they both had the same relationship in respect to the site plan.

3 Q Okay. And, in your experience in all your other advance work, have you
4 previously heard agents disagree about who is really in charge, site agent or site agent
5 counterpart?

6 A The site agent is answering to the detail. So, if there's something in
7 particular that the detail prefers, how they -- prefers, say, the stage setup or prefers, if
8 you've ever heard of the buffer, so the amount of space that's between the stage and
9 that first, like, bike rack, whatever else.

10 Like, some details prefer different things than others. So their input on what
11 their detail's preferences are is definitely sought after. But I have not heard of -- as
12 much disagreement with all this.

13 Q Sort of an informal soft power type of thing for the site agent just being from
14 the detail?

15 A Sure.

16 Q Okay. There's an idea that's been articulated that the site agent being from
17 the detail is really only primarily responsible for the bubble around the protectee, and on
18 the day of -- I understand that. But, with respect to the planning process, the site agent
19 is really not so responsible, not even equally responsible for security planning. Their
20 responsibility, really, is somewhat limited to the bubble around the protectee.

21 It sounds -- you tell me. It sounds like you would probably not agree with --

22 A I would disagree with that statement.

23 Q Okay. So you want to articulate why just for a moment?

24 A Well, from my past experience in how an advance works, I disagree with it
25 that way. But those site agents work together. The manual states that both are

1 supposed to be working with the same objectives, and it's the security of the site. So
2 you have the same objective throughout the entire advance time and through that day to
3 make sure everything goes correctly.

4 Q Okay. And that was actually my next question, whether there's a
5 document of some kind that you're aware of that people like us could just point to in
6 order to settle any debate about who exactly has what responsibility?

7 A I can't tell you verbatim how it's -- it's lined out. The manual is -- has many
8 sections that say the same thing different ways, contradict each other, sometimes leave
9 things out and have different articulations. But the generalized statements of how a site
10 agent is supposed to work are in there --

11 Q Okay.

12 A -- main sections.

13 Q Are those themes sort of, in your experience, known challenges with the
14 Secret Service's written manuals, that it might not always be clear, you might be able to
15 find contradictions within the four corners of the documents in your experience?

16 A In my experience, I have nothing to do with those policies or procedures that
17 are in the manual. However, after a lot of consideration of the manual, I have seen a lot
18 of sections that are either contradicting, out of date, or just not clearly articulated.

19 Q With respect to the role of lead advance agent, your role in this particular
20 example, but you're probably familiar with it more generally, is the lead advance agent -- I
21 understand that, certainly, as you articulated to it, you're there making sure the site
22 agent, site counterpart basically have the resources that they need, have the coordination
23 they need to do their jobs.

24 Does it also entail that next component of ultimate supervisor responsibility for
25 the substantive security planning? In other words, is it just making sure the site agent

1 has what they need to do their job, or is it also sort of oversight, saying, "Hey, where did
2 you set that perimeter, and is that a reasonable decision; do I need to get involved?"

3 A Sure. So I -- I'm a part of all those conversations, being the lead of every
4 aspect of that advance, so from start to finish at the airport, the site they're at, if there's
5 extra sites, the motorcade. Any other contingencies within there, I'm responsible for
6 coordinating and putting together all of those plans from each part of those entities.

7 So it's not just that. I am not a supervisor in any respect. However, I am there
8 to coordinate. And then, if they raise issues or if I see issues, then that is to be brought
9 up to another level to be mitigated.

10 Q And so is it more if you raise an issue to me, of course, I'm here to talk to you
11 about it and less of an affirmative oversight role, if that makes sense?

12 A Can you rephrase?

13 Q Yeah, of course. The way you framed it there at the end is, "Hey, if the site
14 agent comes to me with an issue, I'm here for that, of course. And if I see an issue, of
15 course, I'll do something."

16 A Right.

17 Q But is it sort of a more traditional oversight role where you have an
18 affirmative obligation to be up on the security decisions that are being made to ensure,
19 sort of, a quality check, or is it more of an assumption that the site agent is doing their job
20 in a professional way, and unless a problem is brought to you --

21 A I'm overseeing the preliminary of all these things. So I went on the
22 walkthroughs with them. I did -- I conducted the police meeting. I put together the
23 other police meetings they had.

24 I was at the site throughout the week making sure that whatever is needed and if
25 something has changed or if we see a gap or whatever happens needs to be addressed at

1 the time.

2 Q Okay.

3 [REDACTED] Sorry. I just don't want to lose the thread on this because I think
4 it's an important question that you just asked is whether -- and I'll rephrase slightly, but
5 hopefully still capture it; correct me if not.

6 Whether it is that sort of coordinating role that you're performing and addressing
7 questions as they come up, or if you see something or if you have an affirmative
8 obligation to be sort of micromanaging and double-checking every decision that folks are
9 making in their discrete areas?

10 [REDACTED] I don't have the expertise to micromanage and to be there for every
11 step of the way and to make those affirmative decisions over their heads. So I'm there
12 to make sure to coordinate them, make sure that they happen.

13 If I see a gap or someone else sees a gap, someone brings something to attention,
14 it could have even been the local police brought to attention, those need to be raised to
15 me so that I can then deal with them or raise higher from that point.

16 But if it's something coming together to be able to do that -- but I'm not
17 micromanaging every step of what's going on within the process.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 [REDACTED] And, just to be crystal clear -- I want to make sure this is articulated
20 as well -- there is no obligation to do so? That's not the expectation --

21 [REDACTED] No.

22 [REDACTED] -- of a lead advance, correct?

23 [REDACTED] No.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 [REDACTED] Thank you.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q And, as far as you know, is that understanding reflected in a piece of paper
3 that people can review and point to to confirm that vision of the role?

4 A I'm sure it's in the manual. I just can't recall exactly the wording.

5 Q Appreciate it. A discrete question about the role of CAT LNO.

6 A Sure.

7 Q There have been times when other people have said, "Well, a [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]." .

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q Is that also your understanding of what the role is?

11 A So a CAT LNO, liaison, when I was on the Vice President's detail, we had that
12 a lot. So that would be [REDACTED] coming from Special Operations Division that
13 [REDACTED].

14 So they would do an advance as a normal CAT advance would be done -- a counter
15 assault advance would be done. But they would be [REDACTED], and
16 there [REDACTED]. Different situations come up with that,
17 but they're the ones doing those tactical surveys and doing those vulnerability
18 assessments.

19 In this case, I have no policies -- I have no vision on how the policies are written or
20 not written or how they're doing this for the candidate. At the time, if they could not
21 send a CAT LNO from somewhere within the field or from Special Operations Division,
22 they would do it over the phone. It's definitely not as effective.

23 But he -- over the phone, he had conversations with -- I had linked him with both
24 Pennsylvania State Police's tactical units and with Butler ESU's tactical units as well, as
25 well as linking him with the counter sniper advance, who is also part of the same tactical

1 division.

2 Q Great. Thanks. One discrete question. I think majority exhibit -- I have
3 it here somewhere -- 1. Majority exhibit 1, if you have it.

4 A Sure.

5 Q It's page 5. There's a No. 5 in the upper right-hand corner.

6 A Yep.

7 Q The mistake that you pointed out, which is on the bottom right, two-man
8 local counter sniper team 4 o'clock, 8 o'clock, barns roof. As you pointed out, that was
9 not correct?

10 A Correct. Yes, it was not correct.

11 Q Right. Did you -- I have some other questions about local, Secret Service,
12 sniper, counter sniper, but just as a starting point, do you have an understanding of why
13 that was written that way by somebody in the first place?

14 A I don't. I can tell you, as early as Wednesday, we did not know where the
15 location was going to be, whether or not they were going to be co-located. That does
16 happen sometimes that they put them in the same location, and they just are in different
17 directions.

18 And so it was an oversight that was put on there at the time.

19 Q Any idea -- if you know personally -- and you may have said it in previous
20 round. My apologies if you did -- who would have originally marked that down that
21 way?

22 A This page was filled out by the Trump detail site agent, [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. And, at what point in time, if you know, would that have been filled
24 out?

25 A Prior to Thursday evening.

1 Q Okay. Got it. So that's a good transition.

2 With respect to July 9th -- you touched on it. You walked through a little bit in
3 the previous round. If you could just -- the sequence of events involving a phone call to
4 you, Special Agent [REDACTED] asking you to request local sniper assets, and then a series of
5 phone calls and conversations that happened.

6 A Sure.

7 Q Would you mind just kind of slowly unpacking that sequence of
8 conversations for me.

9 A I was at the Butler Farm Show walking through the site at the time. I'm
10 trying to think of what part of it --

11 Q It's more the substance. You don't have to remember exactly where you
12 were or anything.

13 A Sure. So received a phone call from second supervisor from the Trump
14 detail, [REDACTED] asking if we had the availability of local counter sniper assets. I said I
15 would make a phone call and let him know. Prior to me --

16 Q Could I ask a question?

17 A Sure.

18 Q I'm sorry. I may have questions along the way.

19 Do you recall, was the ask at that point for local counter snipers, in other words,
20 to be up on those barns behind former President Trump, because at the time there were
21 no Secret Service counter snipers coming?

22 A There was no ask for what the placement would be at that time. It was too
23 early to do an assessment and to discuss where the placement would have been.

24 Q Okay. If it mattered, was the phraseology for counter snipers or snipers or
25 we don't remember and it doesn't really matter?

1 A I mean, it matters. But I don't remember what the -- what the phrasing
2 was.

3 Q All right. So it was just not known at the initial ask whether it was, you
4 know, to act where the Secret Service counter snipers ultimately ended up or whether it
5 was snipers and overwatch?

6 A It was not known as to where they would be at that time. This was early on
7 in the process prior to having any tactical assets on the ground. It was asked whether or
8 not they even had the assets available.

9 Q I got you. Thank you.

10 [REDACTED] Can I just ask one follow-on question because I think it's important
11 to be clear on this.

12 Do you have a role in determining where the snipers or counter snipers are
13 located?

14 [REDACTED] I do not.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q Great. So what was the next step in the conversations?

17 A Sure. So I called the Butler ESU supervisor I had been in contact with,
18 asked him if they had sniper assets at all before moving on to another call to someone
19 else, and he said that they did. He would have to see how many they had; that they had
20 an MOU with Beaver County as well. So he didn't know where they would come from,
21 but he would be able to provide assets.

22 Q So, for that conversation, [REDACTED] I think, is the name of the --

23 A It is.

24 Q Okay.

25 A Yeah.

1 Q In that conversation, naturally, logically, it would not have been known from
2 [REDACTED] side of the conversation either whether we're talking about snipers or counter
3 snipers, the barn or the building?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Okay. Great. And what happened after that?

6 A The second supervisor from the detail, [REDACTED] called back and said we
7 had -- [REDACTED], we were going to be getting Secret Service counter
8 snipers and that someone will be in contact with me soon as to which technician would
9 be traveling to Butler for that assignment.

10 I asked him at the time to call my supervisor, [REDACTED] and let him know as to what
11 was going on and passing on the information. I let the site agents know -- I was standing
12 with them -- that we were getting Secret Service counter snipers.

13 Q Got it. Okay. And was there any discussion with Agent [REDACTED] in that
14 second conversation about the status of your first conversation, in other words, that the
15 ask had already been made for those?

16 A I told him the ask had been made, and I had not received when or how many
17 we were getting at that point. Later that evening, I received a text message from [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] that stated how many teams they were able to provide, which was two.

19 Q Okay. Did -- sorry. Is it Special Agent or Agent [REDACTED] I just don't
20 recall the --

21 A ASAC.

22 Q Great. [REDACTED]

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did he make any remark at all about the sort of, "Well, you can cancel that
25 order for the local snipers; we got some counter snipers now"?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay.

3 A No. In my past experience, the more, the better. So it's not always all
4 Secret Service snipers being used. I've worked many details where we don't have any
5 Secret Service snipers, and we only use locals.

6 So however many that they were going to use or not use, that was not up to me.
7 That's not my expertise. I'm not a sniper, and I've never gone through their sniper
8 training.

9 Q And we've heard that in other tactical assets such as CAT, we've heard that
10 same idea; hey, more assets is a good thing?

11 A Sure.

12 Q And so it would have been that sort of similar understanding here?

13 A Sure.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Later that evening, once I found out which technician was traveling, I made
16 sure to link him up with [REDACTED] from Butler ESU and gave him contact information and
17 let him know so that he needed to contact them because they were going to be providing
18 assets, and they needed to marry up and figure out plans together.

19 Q If you recall in previous instances where there would not have been Secret
20 Service counter snipers, but there would have been local snipers or counter snipers;
21 would those local assets have been operating sort of in the shoes of what the Secret
22 Service counter snipers would otherwise have been doing?

23 A They would. And I would have to make my best effort to speak with them
24 and their -- and help them come up with a plan as to tactically where they were going to
25 locate. I would divert to them because they have more tactical experience than I have.

1 But it would be -- the placement would be their recommendations, and I would
2 talk with them over it.

3 Q It's perhaps outside your direct bubble of expertise, but in those
4 experiences, has a challenge ever arisen with respect to the distinction between being a
5 counter sniper who is on the lookout for snipers and being a sniper who is on the lookout
6 for threats more generally looking down on an area?

7 A So the distinction needs -- whoever is working with those assets needs to
8 make sure they have that distinction and understand how they're going to operate.

9 Q And so, later that day, I think you said maybe that night you connected with
10 Agent [REDACTED] I think, is the --

11 A Officer technician.

12 Q Officer Technician [REDACTED] is the Secret Service counter sniper advance?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And what was the conversation with him about the situation as it was placed
15 on his plate?

16 A I said that I had spoken to the local Butler ESU, that they had sniper assets,
17 and then that he needed to call [REDACTED] And then, once he -- I was getting off the
18 phone with him, I was going to send him his contact information so that they could figure
19 out their own walkthroughs, figure out their own tactical plans and move forward.

20 Q And two different questions about that conversation.

21 The first being, it would have been, it sounds like, known to Technician [REDACTED]
22 that the local snipers that [REDACTED] was providing was sort of at the Secret Service's initial
23 request?

24 A Yes. I told him I had talked to Butler ESU, and they were able to provide
25 assets to assist him.

1 Q It's not that [REDACTED] self-invited a bunch of local snipers?

2 A No, he did not. I asked him specifically if he could provide any help with
3 sniper assets.

4 Q And that context, it sounds like, did make it to Technician [REDACTED]

5 A It did. And then I also sent him the contact information for him, and he --
6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] For him being?

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sorry. For Butler ESU Supervisor [REDACTED] And then he
8 acknowledged receipt of the contact information.

9 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 Q Are there -- there must be -- or at least we understand there to be times
11 when local assets are, I don't want to say self-invited, but taking a more assertive role --

12 A Sure.

13 Q -- that they are going to be there that day, it's their jurisdiction, and other
14 times when their presence is much more at the direct request of the Secret Service?

15 A Sure.

16 Q That sounds fair?

17 A It is fair. That asset was not a self-directed asset. That asset was at the
18 request of asking for assistance.

19 Q Have you found that that distinction can affect the degree of control that the
20 Secret Service either feels it has or actually does have over the local asset in question at
21 an event?

22 A Are you asking if -- whether or not being asked -- or requested to help
23 versus --

24 Q Yeah. If a local was there because you asked them to be there, do you find
25 that that makes it easier for them to be receptive to your direction as opposed to if

1 they're just there, sort of, independently?

2 A I haven't found a distinction between that because when you go places to
3 travel with a protectee and do an advance, in general, all of the local, State, Federal
4 assets want to help. They want to be a part of the plan, and they want to have a
5 successful visit in their jurisdiction.

6 So, whether or not they're invited or not invited or they're just willing to give help,
7 in general, I've never run into issues with direction not being received.

8 Q And it sounds like from that, that local assets tend to accept the premise
9 that it's the Secret Service's show? I mean, that's a casual phrase, but that they typically
10 would look to the Secret Service for at least some degree of guidance as to where to be
11 and what to do?

12 A I think that's a fair assessment.

13 Q Okay. And my last one on this line -- and I appreciate it -- did Technician
14 [REDACTED] make any remark in that conversation about, "Okay, that's great; I'm not so
15 sure I need all those local snipers," or "I'm so glad that that I have so many local snipers"?

16 A No. He just said, "Okay, thanks."

17 [REDACTED] Great. Thank you. I'll go to my colleague.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q So I realize you have been asked a lot of these questions many times. I will
20 do my best not to repeat. We're just going to kind of go through and make sure I'm
21 clear on a lot of things, because, again, we did talk to a whole bunch of folks.

22 The first one I just wanted to follow up on was the manual issue. Having come
23 from the military, I have some shared sympathy with the various layers of bureaucracy
24 and often conflicting or ambiguous regulations.

25 So, from your practice and procedure and expertise, having done this, how much

1 are those manuals viewed as sort of prescriptive, "thou shalt do this," versus overarching
2 guidance, strategic versus tactical?

3 A In my working within the Secret Service in 20-plus years, it's been more of
4 the overarching guidance, and then there are several small -- there's checklists or guides
5 that are put together that are generalizing those manuals as well.

6 Q Okay. And fair to say oftentimes you sort of have to adapt what the
7 manual says to whatever the situation on the ground may be?

8 A Sure.

9 Q Okay. We talked a little bit about senior special agent versus special agent.
10 My colleague asked about that.

11 So my understanding -- tell me if this is wrong -- it's not so much a rank, like
12 SAIC or ASAC; it's just sort of a denotation that you've experienced and you have a
13 credibility and you've been around. Is that fair?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. So is there any deference -- like, if you're on the site and there's one
16 special agent, a senior special agent, is there going to be any different level of deference
17 there other than, you know, this person just has more experience than --

18 A There shouldn't be. Everyone has knowledge that needs to be shared, and
19 everyone has their part and should be co-located in that.

20 Q Makes sense. And then I also just, now that we're on rank, so we've had a
21 little kind of confusion on the ASAC versus assistant to the special agent in charge.

22 Is that sort of a one, two, three hierarchy, or is ATSAIC something different?

23 A Hmm.

24 Q Just in -- yeah.

25 A It depends on the office. It depends on the assignment. It depends

1 on -- some structures an asset and an ASAIC are vastly different. Some structures
2 they're the same pay grade. It just -- it depends.

3 Q Okay. It's fair enough, at this point, both in July and now, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is
4 sort of acting as that second to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that fair?

5 A Yes. The ASAIC position was open at that time.

6 Q Okay. And then one last question on rank.

7 So, with the lead advance agent, is that typically going to be a senior special agent
8 or could be either?

9 A Not at all.

10 Q Okay.

11 A It's -- forgive me for saying -- a warm body. You could be a week out of
12 training and you're one that is able to fill that role, or you could have 25 years on the job
13 and retiring the next day. It's who is available and who is able to do that.

14 Experience does matter, and it's nice to have experience, but that's not always the
15 case.

16 Q Is that especially the case during election seasons when you guys have these
17 things where you're just kind of plugging people in?

18 A I mean, you go up to the

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20 U.N.; you go up to any -- it could be you have five protectees in town at the same time.
21 It just depends on -- sometimes it's nondiscriminatory as to who it could be.

22 Q Fair enough. You also mentioned that for -- I believe you said POTUS,
23 FLOTUS, and Vice President as well, that typically the detail will provide the lead?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Whereas, for other folks, former Presidents, other protectees, it will be field

1 office?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Do you have any sense of why that distinction is?

4 A Well, the President's detail, Vice President's detail happen to be kind of a
5 sought-after position. That's more of the hierarchy within our protection. And those
6 are, you know, the top protectees, so they're -- they're staffed that way.

7 That's -- President is put in place for those -- those to be staffed that way, and
8 those are the most powerful protectees that we're working with. I can't go further than
9 that, but the field does staff the other protectees.

10 [REDACTED] Can I just interject? I want to make sure this is accurate. That's
11 also a larger policy question --

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 [REDACTED] -- that probably leadership is involved in determining and not
14 necessarily someone at your level?

15 [REDACTED] Correct.

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q You did say, I believe -- and tell me if this is wrong -- in your [REDACTED]
19 that you felt that the detail should have sent the lead as opposed to the site agent?

20 A I don't believe I said that, but that -- it would have been nice.

21 [REDACTED] And -- sorry.

22 [REDACTED] Please.

23 [REDACTED] I don't know that we have a copy of that. So, if there is something
24 you'd like us to look at to weigh in on --

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q Whether or not -- I don't need you to repeat it, but you said it would have
2 been nice. Can you sort of explain that? And, again, I'm not trying to get into policy;
3 just more perspective and experience.

4 A And part of the discretion with that is there were [REDACTED], and a lot of
5 times in the transcripts things did not translate as to which person they were talking
6 about.

7 Q Fair enough.

8 A So, I mean, the lead role coming from the detail who knows the protectee
9 best and who is able to fulfill all of their expectations as to making a successful trip would
10 be a nice -- it would be appropriate.

11 However, that's not the policy and procedure, and I don't have any bearing on
12 that policy and procedure as to how they do that.

13 Q That makes sense. Basically, this person would just be more familiar with
14 how that detail operates, what the typical protocols are, and then the individuals
15 involved. Is that fair?

16 A That's fair.

17 Q Okay. You talked a little about you doing sort of a rotation with the Trump
18 detail.

19 A I was. I'm no longer.

20 Q Right. Understood. Was it just that was a rotation that you happened to
21 be doing, or was it, "Hey, we know western Pennsylvania is going to get a lot of folks; let's
22 send someone down there"? How did that come about?

23 A No. It had nothing to do with me being in western Pennsylvania. They
24 assigned which rotations you're going on, and then the first candidate that's -- that was
25 being activated, I was put on a rotation to go to that candidate.

1 Q All right. I want to then move in a little bit more into your role as the lead
2 advance agent.

3 So, you know, you're looking -- you're assigned; you're looking at the event; and
4 you're trying to assess what types of needs you have. For an outdoor event like this, is it
5 fair to say you almost always need some sort of local law enforcement support?

6 A For any event that we're in any jurisdiction, anyplace, we -- we would need
7 local law enforcement support to make the event happen.

8 Q And, in terms of divvying it up, you know, we hear a lot about these sort of
9 specific tactical groups, and we also hear about patrol groups.

10 Is that a construct that you guys also have or, "Maybe we're able to backfill some
11 of these specialized units from Secret Service, but we'll need local support on the patrol,"
12 or is it just a case-by-case evaluation of how you --

13 A So it's case by case as to which departments are able to give which assets.
14 So, for instance, on this particular one, the Butler Fairgrounds itself is technically state
15 police jurisdiction. Around the fairgrounds is -- touches Butler City, Butler County,
16 Butler Township. So all of that area touches all those.

17 And western Pennsylvania, in particular, there's a lot of very small municipalities,
18 very small boroughs of, you know, towns, and they all have some type of law
19 enforcement, but whatever -- they all kind of touch each other at that point.

20 So Pennsylvania State Police took the lead on working this trip with us from the
21 local perspective. So they took care of the -- [REDACTED]. They took care of
22 the [REDACTED] with the -- [REDACTED] on the
23 ground, that [REDACTED] and throughout the entire day,
24 and they took the [REDACTED].

25 They worked in collaboration with all the other departments, but they took the

1 lead there.

2 Q Understood. So, when you're saying -- you mentioned Pennsylvania State
3 Police.

4 A Yes.

5 Q How familiar are you -- or let me ask this a different way.

6 How do you know -- you're going to Butler, right? How do you know who among
7 those various local entities has which assets? Because, as you said, there are different
8 layers.

9 For us, it's very confusing trying to figure it out. How are you familiar with who
10 has which assets?

11 A So, for the police meeting invite, the SAIC of the district -- he had phone calls
12 with the local police chiefs in the surrounding area and the commanders in that
13 area -- invited those personnel to the police meeting. And then, from there, we work
14 and figure out who has what assets and who is able to provide for each area.

15 Q Okay. So [REDACTED] is kind of tracking, "Hey, we're here, and we're going to
16 need these folks," and he has the familiarity with who has what to invite to that initial
17 meeting?

18 A He has the familiarity to call leadership from the -- those jurisdictions in
19 order to -- some jurisdictions were always in, and we know exactly who to call. Some
20 are less frequent.

21 Q And, you know, in a case like this where, let's say, you're going to Butler,
22 right, but in that Monday meeting, you don't hear anything back from, let's say, Butler
23 ESU, right, a group that is going to be critical --

24 A Okay.

25 Q -- would he be the one to then follow up and say, "Hey, we need you guys

1 there and make sure that happens," or whose responsibility is that?

2 A Well, whoever -- whatever asset needs something. So, if, for instance, a
3 tactical asset -- if Butler ESU would not have been at that meeting -- however, they were
4 at that meeting -- then I would find that contact and have the tactical assets reach out to
5 that contact that they need assistance from.

6 Q Had you worked with these particular groups, Butler, Beaver, Washington,
7 those areas, had you worked with them before?

8 A I had not.

9 Q Had you heard any impressions of them from colleagues who maybe had
10 worked with them?

11 A No.

12 Q So I'm trying to then also understand sort of your view as the lead. It
13 seems like, basically, you're bringing people together and connecting Secret Service,
14 specialists and team and element leadership with locals. Is that fair?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How do you view your role after that connection is done? In other words,
17 you know, you connect [REDACTED] with Commander [REDACTED] for the counter sniper unit.

18 Is it at that point, "Hey, they're good to go; if they have questions, they'll come to
19 me," or are you actively following up on them?

20 A I check in. And I can go through the police meeting that happened on the
21 8th, if you'd like.

22 Q I think we'll get there. I'm just trying to -- this is mainly from a general
23 perspective, so I can be more --

24 A I connect them. And then, if they're not getting what they need and I
25 openly know that or if something changes and they need to, but I also will connect back

1 with whatever units those are and make sure that they have what they need or that
2 they've had whatever contact they need.

3 Q Okay. Makes sense. And, when you guys build, then, the local law
4 enforcement into a plan, sync them up, what would the, sort of, escalation steps be if,
5 let's say, there's some disagreement with the locals aren't going to be able to provide that
6 or don't want to provide that, how does that chain of escalation work?

7 A Well, whoever would have been a part of that conversation would then need
8 to bring it up to supervisors, the lead, whoever else that can escalate that in order to
9 have that problem resolved.

10 Q Okay. And then my last question on sort of the lead advance agent. I
11 know, in this case, you also did the transportation work.

12 A Yes.

13 Q But, for that, what is a typical day of event role or location for a lead advance
14 agent?

15 A Sure. So I can describe that day because there was a lot going on that day.
16 But it's very typical --

17 Q Generally, yeah.

18 A -- except for the incident that happened.

19 So that day my -- as the lead and the transportation, I had to meet with other
20 agents at the airport prior to when everyone else was going to meet at the airport so that
21 we could go to a [REDACTED].

22 Former [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]. So we had to go get the [REDACTED] to bring over there.
24 I then had to meet with everyone at the airport who was going to be a part of the
25 motorcade.

1 Once all of those assets got to airport for that, those [REDACTED] overseeing
2 the fact that they are [REDACTED], lining up that motorcade in
3 the way it needs to be, and then briefing drivers, whether they be staff drivers,
4 ambulance drivers, the police drivers were all briefed while we're standing there waiting
5 [REDACTED] to finish and waiting for that protectee to arrive.

6 Q Can I just quickly make -- because I think really you're making it clear.

7 [REDACTED] through most of the day --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- mirroring their movement?

10 A Absolutely. So I do not go to the site ahead of time. I am with him --

11 Q Got it.

12 A I'm with whatever protectee it is from the time they enter the Pittsburgh's
13 district to the time they leave our district. In this case, he came in and out on a plane, so
14 from wheels down to wheels up.

15 Q Got it. And then you also mentioned, I believe, that Special Agent [REDACTED]
16 as the site agent, should be with the protectee, with the protectee detail leadership once
17 he gets to the site. Is that fair?

18 A No. I mentioned that the Trump detail site agent, which would have been
19 [REDACTED] would be in the [REDACTED]
20 the site. But both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] should have been at the site or at the site the
21 entire time.

22 Q Right. Okay. My apologies if I misstated. That was my understanding
23 from you as well.

24 So what then -- if Special Agent [REDACTED] or just the site agent in this case --

25 A Sure.

1 Q -- is with the protectee, where should the counterpart, site agent [REDACTED] in
2 this case, where are they typically going to be on a day like that?

3 A Wherever they need to be. So, [REDACTED], the
4 [REDACTED] -- in this case, former President
5 Trump -- [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] that comes
8 through everybody within that peripheral. As with -- I was also the transportation
9 advance when I was at that site. I had to go break off and then go to move all the cars
10 to make sure the cars were in the right place for [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 The [REDACTED] and making sure that whatever the
13 site agent from the detail needs is being done. So they could be trailing, or they could
14 be off doing whatever they need to do in order to make something happen.

15 Q Okay. That all makes sense. And then I think we've talked a lot about
16 sort of the lines of hierarchy and the relationships between those three roles of lead
17 advance, site agent, and counterpart.

18 So am I correct in you're saying you are not, per se, a supervisor over the site
19 agent as the lead advance agent?

20 A Not technically a supervisor, but I'm overall seeing what is going on to
21 coordinate all of that together.

22 Q Does the lead advance agent, though, have the ability -- if the site agent says
23 hey, I want to do X, can the lead advance agent say, no, I hear that, but do Y?

24 A Sure.

25 Q Okay. And, from there, what would the -- if the site agent disagrees and

1 there's some, you know, decision to be made, where does the escalation chain from
2 there? Like, who would your next report be? Would it be to the detail leader?

3 A It depends on who -- like, what it is and what needs to be addressed and
4 who it is. I mean --

5 Q What type of decision?

6 A Sure.

7 Q Okay. So then the lead advance agent does, if push comes to shove, have
8 the ability to say, "No, hey, we're going to do this"?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay.

11 [REDACTED] And do you want to give a couple examples of how that could
12 escalate, though? Because my understanding is there are a few layers above if there are
13 decisions that need to be taken up the chain, just to describe how that would happen.
14 Whether it's to Trump detail or elsewhere or SAIC [REDACTED] but just the layers above.

15 [REDACTED] Sure. I mean, if for some reason the Trump detail site agent would
16 have said that "I'm just going to go check on the cars real quick or do something," I would
17 have said, "[REDACTED], and [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]" And, if that was a discussion that didn't go according to plan, I would bring it up
19 to the detail leader.

20 Or, if something was unsafe or something was not addressed that needed to be
21 addressed and I tried to address it with one of them, and it didn't go where it needed to
22 go, then I would bring it up to their supervisor.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. I appreciate that.

25 I think we are running a little bit close on time, but I just want to ask one quick

1 question about the issue with locals and assets. So just help me understand.

2 If you guys get into a disagreement about where locals would be -- I understand
3 you're saying you haven't had this issue before. Locals have been pretty compliant with
4 what you want them to do. Is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What if, on the day of the event, a local law enforcement entity of some sort
7 comes and either is involved or doing something that you're not expecting, doing
8 something that you don't want or comes up in a way that they're bringing assets and
9 you're not anticipating, how would those sorts of conflicts be resolved? Would that be
10 you or would that be you going to [REDACTED]

11 A Can you say that again? I'm sorry.

12 Q Sure. Yeah. Have you ever encountered an experience where the locals
13 are doing something that goes against what the built-in plan had been going into that
14 day?

15 A I mean, maybe being in the wrong location or not fulfilling the role we need
16 them to. It needs to be addressed on spot. And, if it wasn't something that could be
17 addressed on spot and, like, some type of mediation couldn't happen to make it happen,
18 then it needs to be raised, and it would be raised to the supervisors.

19 [REDACTED] All right. I appreciate it. Let me turn it over to my colleagues
20 with any other quick questions. Otherwise, we can move on.

21 [REDACTED] A few just very quick little questions.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Is it normal for a candidate's detail to reach out to the lead officer opposed
24 to the site agent that is actually coming from the detail? You've just mentioned a few
25 times that you've had a call about counter sniper support [REDACTED]

1 Is that normal chain of command, or would it generally be that they would reach
2 out to Special Agent [REDACTED]

3 A So, in general, the lead is the one that they will reach out to first from either
4 the detail -- any detail. It could be any other former. It could be from our Dignitary
5 Protection Division, who also deals with a lot of dignitaries. But, whatever type of detail
6 that it's coming from, they would reach out to the lead.

7 Q So when would they reach out to their individual on the ground versus the
8 lead that was coming from the field office?

9 A It should be if they need something specifically with that -- with that
10 counterpart or with that agent. They have the ability and the right to reach out to them
11 instead of reaching out to me.

12 Q Understood. And then last followup question.

13 While you were working with former President Trump's ops division in the weeks
14 prior to the July 13th event, or in June prior to July, did you ever receive any sort of
15 intelligence briefing --

16 A No.

17 Q -- at that time?

18 A I did not.

19 [REDACTED] Thank you.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Very, very quick followup. The manual that we've been discussing --

22 A Sure.

23 Q -- is that the Protective Operations Manual? Is there another one we
24 should be thinking about? Do you know just the title of the document you're thinking
25 about?

1 A Well, there's several sections of the Protective Operations Manual, and I
2 believe that CNOS falls under that manual as well.

3 Q That's sort of the umbrella document we're thinking about?

4 A Yes.

5 [REDACTED] Thank you.

6 [REDACTED] All right. Go off the record.

7 [Recess.]

8 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record. Before we ended our hour, we
9 were talking about the police briefing that occurred on Monday. So I'm going to
10 introduce majority exhibit 2, which is the PowerPoint you drafted. I'll take a second to
11 distribute that.

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

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q So is this, in fact, your PowerPoint that you created? Feel free to flip
16 through. It's redacted, but other than that --

17 A It appears to be what I made, yes.

18 Q Can you sort of describe how this meeting goes. Who is there, how you
19 make -- take a tally of who is there, everything that is involved with the planning in the
20 execution of this meeting.

21 A Sure. So the invites for the meeting went out on July 5th to local partners.

22 Q Do you remember who it all went to?

23 A It's over 50 departments.

24 Q Okay.

25 A So the First Lady, Jill Biden, was also going to be in town the same day. So

1 her meeting -- her advance team had their police meeting first. [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].

3 And then the offer had gone to the assets that were just for Butler area to also be
4 at either meeting, but to mostly be at the Trump meeting. So the offer went out on July
5 5th specifically to the assets that we needed for the Trump -- for the 1 p.m. meeting.

6 Q Okay.

7 A The SAIC of the district, the special agent in charge of the district, [REDACTED]
8 he introduces the meeting, and then I have this PowerPoint in which I go through, and I
9 discuss with all of the people in the room that are there as to what we are expecting for
10 the advance.

11 So I start off with introducing the advance team, the entities of our advance team
12 that were there, which ones were not there, and how I would meet with the ones that
13 weren't there, their assets at the end to make sure I was able to pass on contact
14 information to them -- to the advance team members that weren't there and pass on
15 the -- their contact information to those partners that were in the room.

16 Q Which lead -- or advance agents were not present that would normally be
17 there?

18 A CUAS did not come until the day before. [REDACTED] and he did
19 not arrive until the 10th.

20 [REDACTED] And what is site 2?

21 [REDACTED] Sorry. The Butler Farm Show. He was only for the Butler Farm
22 Show site, not for the airport. And he arrived on the 10th.

23 We didn't know we were getting counter snipers at the time, and we did not have
24 a Counter Assault advance element. So the [REDACTED] was
25 doing a telephone advance. So his information was passed on to tactical assets.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q The tactical assets that were there, do you remember who you met with or
3 talked to?

4 A So ATSAIC [REDACTED] had the CAT operators' information. I briefly talked with
5 ATSAIC [REDACTED] to make sure that he was good, that he was able to pass on information,
6 gave him the information, and then he met with Butler ESU. It was not [REDACTED] It
7 was -- he was not there. It was a different individual from Butler ESU that was there.
8 He met with PSP -- Pennsylvania State Police's -- tactical unit as well.

9 Q So Butler ESU was there. Do you remember what other agencies had reps
10 there from the local law enforcement?

11 A Butler County was there, the sheriffs -- Butler Sheriff's Office was there,
12 Butler EMS was there, Butler Township, I believe, was there.

13 [REDACTED] Could there have been others? Or -- since you're going from
14 memory.

15 [REDACTED] From those specific local townships. There could have been others,
16 but I know that those were definitely.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. And we can introduce majority exhibit 3, which is the
18 police sign-in sheet.

19 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 3
20 was marked for identification.]

21 [REDACTED] Which is incomplete.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Which is incomplete. Okay.

24 A Not all of them actually signed it. But I did have -- I'm sure you have copies
25 of my notes that have note cards from other entities that I collected that day and emails

1 that went out to entities that were there.

2 Q So, as you mentioned, this is the Secret Service police meeting sign-in sheet?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Not everyone is listed on here --

5 A Correct.

6 Q -- but we do see some FLOTUS detail individuals on here?

7 A It was the same sign-in sheet for both.

8 Q And I understand that this is not probably a common occurrence that there
9 are two protectees going to separate sites at the same time, but is it normal that you
10 would have one single sign-in sheet for both?

11 A If the police meetings are right on top of each other like that, yes.

12 Q Okay. Whose responsibility is it to get signatures or get people to sign in?

13 A It's -- it's not an all-encompassing list. So it's not something that you
14 absolutely have to sign into, then requiring you can't play if you're not on the list.

15 We had an email chain going as well with all the local partners that were to be
16 working with this visit. There was ways to communicate with them besides the list.

17 Q Because you already had contacts?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So, basically, this sheet is used --

20 A Is used as a reference to try and build -- to be able to call each other if you
21 need to.

22 But also in order to -- if I need to email the entire group to tell them, you know,
23 sweep times at the airport or where to meet at the airport or anything, significant
24 changes within the event that we need to -- to discuss.

25 Q That's probably the benefit of the field office, that you have those contacts

1 already, right?

2 A Correct. And, if it was a different detail, for instance, I've done a lead as
3 a -- from the VP's office when I was on the VP detail in Pittsburgh. The field office is still
4 the one that maintains the contacts and is able to reach out to the partners.

5 Q So you said Special Agent [REDACTED] was there?

6 A Yes.

7 Q [REDACTED]

8 A [REDACTED] was there. [REDACTED] was there, the PI advance, [REDACTED] was
9 there. SAIC [REDACTED] was there, and I was there.

10 [REDACTED] Can I ask one clarifying questioning?

11 [REDACTED] Sure.

12 [REDACTED] You said that the invites that went out to over 50 departments.
13 Did you mean departments or individuals?

14 [REDACTED] I believe it's over 50 individuals. I can't tell you if it's departments or
15 not. It's at least 50 individuals.

16 [REDACTED] Thank you.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q 50 email addresses?

19 A Yes.

20 Q During the briefing, did you ever tell local law enforcement that they needed
21 to have a presence in the Secret Service command post or security room?

22 A Sure. So, during the briefing, I went through start to finish what we knew
23 for the schedule at the time. At the time, we knew that former President Trump was
24 going to the Butler Farm Show. I discussed how we had gone to the Butler Farm Show
25 site and how we did not know exact placement of where the stage or where the

1 arrival/departure would be. However, we did have a placement of where the security
2 room would be at the site, and it would be in the main office building.

3 After I mentioned that the security room was going to be in the main office
4 building, I then put out a general request and said any entities that have any assets that
5 will be working with us, any local partners working with us, you're invited and requested
6 to be in the security room at the Farm Show site.

7 Q And you had said during the Democrats' hour that Pennsylvania State Police
8 kind of took the lead in coordinating local assets for you guys, right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So, in our conversations with local law enforcement, we had multiple officers
11 say that they were explicitly not invited. Not that the invitation wasn't extended, but
12 they were told that they were not welcome in the Secret Service security room. Any
13 idea --

14 A I cannot tell you that I have ever had any of those conversations. We
15 always welcome them in the security room.

16 I'm not sure who would have said that or if it was even said. But, from any
17 conversations I've had, it was not -- they were invited to be in the security room.

18 Q Okay. And then the day of, there was a Pennsylvania State Police
19 lieutenant in the security room?

20 A Sergeant.

21 Q Sergeant.

22 A That's okay.

23 Q Were there any other -- and then an EMS person from the local EMS. Were
24 you ever in the security room?

25 A I was not. I was with the protectee.

1 Q Okay. We can go to the 9th. So this is after the police meeting.

2 A Sure.

3 Q Did you attend the airport walkthrough with Senior Special Agent [REDACTED]

4 A I did. And, if we could just -- a couple things on the police meeting, too, is
5 of note --

6 Q Oh, yes. Please tell me.

7 A -- because I know they've come up.

8 So, as you go through the police meeting and you talk about the different assets
9 that we're using, I talked about the hospitals, as in our first hospital would [REDACTED], and
10 we would triage, and we would move if we had to if anything happened.

11 I talked about the intelligence aspect, which does not just include any threats, but
12 it also includes demonstrations and the headquarters. And, if anyone knew of anything
13 or if anything came up throughout the week, the advance team was available 24/7 to be
14 able to respond to them and make sure that we address whatever issue it was. And
15 then --

16 Q Would --

17 A Sure.

18 Q -- the protective intelligence agent, would that normally be something you
19 would sort of defer to them for that section?

20 A I spoke just because I was speaking about all of the sections. I didn't make
21 him stand for 30 seconds to go over his two slides was -- it was -- I took the entire
22 presentation and discussed each and every slide because every other section, those
23 sections were not there.

24 Q Right. So for -- I don't want to say normal, but for other police meetings
25 that you've done for events, would you normally defer to each section that was there,

1 speak about their section?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. But because none of them were there --

4 A Correct.

5 Q -- except for [REDACTED]

6 A Correct.

7 Q Didn't want to be weird.

8 A And I offered it to him. But I also offered that I would talk, and he was fine
9 with me discussing it.

10 Q Did you know [REDACTED] experience with PI? Did you have any
11 awareness of how many he had done or --

12 A I knew that he had not done a PI advance, but he had worked PI cases within
13 the office.

14 Further with this, there's a slide about drones because we knew we would have a
15 drone detection system that would be on site. We do not have our own drones, but I
16 explicitly discussed that if any local law enforcement had drones that they were going to
17 use -- because we've had that happen in the past -- that they just needed to let us know
18 so that we could mitigate and make sure that whatever was detected was what was
19 actually supposed to be detected.

20 Q Did you ever tell them that they shouldn't fly their drones?

21 A No, I did not.

22 Q Did they ever offer to fly drones on your behalf?

23 A No one offered to me personally. I never heard of any conversations of
24 drones being offered.

25 Q Okay.

1 [REDACTED] Was there an explicit ask by the Secret Service for drone support
2 from State or local?

3 [REDACTED] It wasn't an explicit ask. It was just, I know that some departments
4 have it; some departments don't. So, if you have one and you would like to use it, that
5 you are welcome to, just let us know.

6 From subsequent reports, I've seen some of the Senate reports people discussing
7 the police did have drones up. However, I have no recollection, and I never saw any.
8 So I couldn't tell you if they actually did.

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay.

11 A Like I said, the counter assault and uniform division were also assets that we
12 were using, so I made sure to discuss those.

13 Q And you knew at the time of this police meeting that the CAT agents would
14 be there, just that they weren't there yet?

15 A Well, I discussed with them that there would be a CAT element coming off
16 the plane, but they would not be in person for any of the advance so that they could talk
17 with ATSAIC [REDACTED] in order to switch information, but we would make sure that they
18 had what they needed in order to have the contacts and have the information they
19 needed with the counter assault team.

1 [12:22 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q So the breakout meetings after you finished the PowerPoint --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- that's when you just exchanged contact information?

6 A And made first discussions.

7 So [REDACTED] took the site breakout meeting, so anybody that was explicitly for the site
8 met with [REDACTED] -- or, I'm sorry, for the Butler Farm Show site.

9 Since we didn't have an airport advance at the time, anyone such as the airport
10 authority that needed to discuss any airport assets or meetings at the time, Agent [REDACTED]
11 met with them.

12 And then Agent [REDACTED] met with anyone that had protective intelligence or
13 intelligence assets that he needed to meet with.

14 And then I met with all transportation, the technical security, which was fire, life,
15 safety, HAZMAT, and EOD, explosive ordnance assets, as well as touched base with the
16 counter-assault to make sure that they had whatever names that needed exchanged that
17 they were going to exchange.

18 Q Counter-assault being the local counter-assault?

19 A I touched base with ATSAIC [REDACTED] in front of them to make sure that
20 whatever they needed they had.

21 Q So [REDACTED] didn't necessarily lead any of those in that list that you just went
22 through?

23 A Correct. He had the contact information, and he was conversing with
24 them.

25 Q But you still checked in with them?

1 A Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The breakout meeting that [REDACTED] led, when you said you met
3 with the PI assets that you talked to, can you go more into that?

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So there's usually a fusion center representative that's at those
5 meetings. So he would've met with the fusion center person just so they could touch
6 base to know if they needed to talk throughout the week.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Is that Secret Service or local?

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I believe it's [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 Q Can you explain what a fusion center is?

13 A So it's just, like, an information sharing through, like -- that has multiple
14 different intel or local assets that sit in together to be able to share information.

15 Q The rep that was there, was that [REDACTED] or was that --

16 A I believe it was [REDACTED].

17 Q Okay.

18 A I can't be 100 percent sure, but I believe that's usually their role.

19 Q If we were going to get a name for that person, who would we contact?

20 A It's usually an analyst on here.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Yep, [REDACTED]. That's on the second page.

23 Q Okay.

24 And that letter that went out to the [REDACTED] that wasn't until the 10th, right?

25 A Correct. So when we're -- so there is the agreement between [REDACTED] and

1 Secret Service that if any type of major event -- assassination, assassination attempt, or
2 other significant event that would come out -- they take -- we have Federal interim
3 presence until they come in and they take over the investigation.

4 So anytime we have a protectee that comes into our district, whoever the
5 protectee is, the local field office supervisor will then call the [REDACTED], make sure
6 that they know, like, verbally, and then that letter goes out. And that letter will outline
7 where we expect to be and, like, a rough timing where we expect to be and then who
8 they would contact, either via phone or email, if they hear something all of a sudden that
9 needs to be passed or if we need to call them to say, "Hey, we just had an incident, you
10 guys need to come in."

11 Q Would that be [REDACTED] responsibility to send that letter, or is that just an
12 administrative role?

13 A [REDACTED] needs to construct the letter, have it signed. And then,
14 administratively, our admin staff then sends it to the [REDACTED].

15 Q Okay.

16 And it's my understanding that the FLOTUS and former President Trump, their
17 information was combined into one single letter. Is that just standard for --

18 A They were both there at the same time, so the letter didn't go out until the
19 10th because that's when they finally had, like, an inkling of what her schedule would be.
20 But -- "her," the First Lady. And so, yes, since they're there the same day, it was
21 combined.

22 Q Is it expected that the [REDACTED] follows up regardless if there's no intel to pass
23 along on that letter?

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Would you have any visibility on that?

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I wouldn't have visibility on that.

1 [REDACTED] Okay.

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Was there anything else from the police meeting that you can recall that you
4 want to share?

5 A That was -- from that meeting, that was it. Yeah.

6 Q Okay.

7 As the lead agent walking through all of these other people's roles, basically, that
8 day --

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q -- is that incredibly difficult for you, to have to shoulder all of that?

11 A It's something I've done many times before. I mean, it's an expectation of
12 my job, so -- or my career and my role.

13 So I'm not shouldering their responsibility, because they all have their own jobs,
14 and I'm not responsible for keeping up with the minutia of being -- I'm not
15 micromanaging them and going through those. It's not a cumulative amount. But it is
16 an overall encompassing -- it's a long day, and it's a lot of work, but it's not something
17 that I -- I mean, it's the job.

18 Q So you went to the walk-through the next morning --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- with [REDACTED]

21 A Yes.

22 Q Was there anything abnormal that happened at the airport walk-through?

23 A No. Former President Trump's arrival was most likely going to be very close
24 to First Lady Biden's arrival, so we had to decide as to which part of the [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] that we were going to be at, [REDACTED] and where

1 it would be most advantageous [REDACTED]. So we
2 discussed a couple different places, and then we decided ultimately on where the [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]

4 Q And then after that walk-through where did you go?

5 A After that walk-through, myself and my Pennsylvania State Police
6 counterpart got in a police vehicle, and we drove the routes from -- of what route we
7 wanted to take from the airport to the Farm Show.

8 Q Did you drive both of them or just the one that -- like, the primary?

9 A We drove the primary on the way there.

10 Q Okay. So you were with PSP Lieutenant [REDACTED]

11 A No. [REDACTED]

12 Q [REDACTED]

13 A Yep.

14 Q So you went to the site, to the Butler Farm Show?

15 A I did. When we got to the site, the staff -- Trump's staff lead was there. A
16 couple other Trump staff individuals were there; I don't remember who, but I talked with
17 the staff lead. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both there. Lieutenant [REDACTED] from
18 Pennsylvania State Police was there. And then Lieutenant [REDACTED] was also in the
19 conversations.

20 We looked at the different points where former President Trump could arrive,
21 either in front of the barn or behind the barn, and what the pluses and minuses were to
22 that. And, either way, there was going to be tents for line of sight for when he arrived.

23 We walked through some of the site a little bit more. We still discussed line of
24 sight. We still didn't know exactly -- you know, you can roughly look at where the stage
25 might be, but there was nothing there at the time. So we looked roughly around the

1 fairgrounds to look at perimeters, to look at where we were going to place different
2 assets, before we had another meeting.

3 Q At this point, was it determined that the stage would be in the field versus
4 the horse ring?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay.

7 [REDACTED] And can I just ask a quick question to clarify?

8 When you said "place different assets," were you referring to mitigating line of
9 sight at that point or not yet?

10 [REDACTED] The line-of-sight discussions had begun, yes.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q So placing assets -- that's troopers, officers, trailers?

13 A So that meeting came a couple hours later --

14 Q Okay.

15 A -- but we started discussing, you know, farm equipment, how we were going
16 to place different things, because there were -- like I said, there were a lot of different
17 buildings. There were a lot of different vulnerabilities, not just the AGR.

18 So, from the other side, you had, you know, a horse ring, you had buildings that
19 were around the horse ring, you had airplane hangars, you had the airport, you had
20 houses on each side, you had the road on the north and the south that were both main
21 thoroughfares, and then ultimately the AGR and other businesses on that side.

22 So there were many different aspects that we were trying to start to lay out with
23 to look at that we were going to need to address.

24 Q And then you went back to the barracks to walk through some of the
25 postings after that?

1 A We went back to the barracks to meet to discuss some of the police
2 postings, yes.

3 Q Did you lead that conversation, or was that --

4 A I did not. I was in and out, on the phone trying to deconflict different
5 conversations that had already happened, making sure that the tactical guys -- and I
6 specifically remember there was conflicting information with some of the tactical assets
7 and making sure that they had been put in contact and able to get them to the right
8 contacts so that they could deconflict that information. I had calls back to the office,
9 calls about cars.

10 Like, I was in the meeting, but I was also back and forth on my phone while the
11 meeting was happening.

12 Q The conflict between the assets, was that Secret Service, like,
13 counter-snipers and local snipers? Or what was --

14 A No. This was before the sniper talks.

15 Q Oh. Okay.

16 A This was the Butler ESU assets, as to their -- I guess they were referring to
17 them as almost like a [REDACTED], like a response team at the site, as to where we needed
18 them and what role they were going to perform while they were there.

19 Q So can you talk to us about the conflict a little bit? Did they have some idea
20 about what was supposed to happen and Secret Service had a different idea, or what was
21 the conflict?

22 A I had heard something about a CDU team, which was like a civil disobedience
23 or civil disordinance team, and that that was included in this giant number of officers that
24 were coming. And that was not one of our requests.

25 So one of our requests was to have these, like, SWAT assets or tactical assets that

1 could respond to help us with whatever situations we had within the site. If they
2 wanted to have the CDU assets, that they could have that at a different location, that was
3 fine, but that was not what we were asking for.

4 And the numbers, they -- somehow those numbers kind of all got mish-moshed
5 together, and we were trying to make sure that that was not what we were talking about
6 and that everyone had a common understanding of what we were asking those assets to
7 do.

8 So I talked with the counter-assault operator, [REDACTED] on the phone as to what he
9 knew. I had talked to ATSAIC [REDACTED] as to what he knew. And I made sure that they
10 were continuing to have the conversation with the Butler ESU supervisor, [REDACTED]
11 throughout each other. And he was also still having a conversation with Pennsylvania
12 State Police and their assets, as well, as to what they were doing for that counter-assault
13 element.

14 Q So [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were working with [REDACTED] and PSP --

15 A Yes.

16 Q -- and they were just reporting back to you, like, "Oh, this is what's
17 happening."

18 A Well, I mean, I heard the conversation, so I was trying to make sure, like,
19 "Hey, wait. We don't understand this. Like, we need to have another side
20 conversation." And so I was calling both of those two entities from Secret Service and
21 saying, "This is what I'm hearing. You guys need to clear it up and make us understand
22 what you're actually asking."

23 Q Where did you hear the conversation initially?

24 A In the room, [REDACTED] had said something about a CDU team. And so we were
25 trying to --

1 Q In the police barracks where you guys were talking?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. But Butler ESU was not there?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Butler EMS and their, like, coordinator was in there, and then two other guys
7 from EMS, and then both lieutenants from the Pennsylvania State Police were in there.

8 Q Okay. Were there any other, that you remember, local law enforcement
9 with you guys in the barracks then?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay.

12 A It was just a preliminary police meeting. Like I said, Pennsylvania State
13 Police was heading up the security for the Butler Farm Show site, and that was when we
14 discussed, okay, we need to start coming up with these and do a walk-through with all of
15 the local police entities.

16 And that was when the meeting was put in place to meet on Thursday morning at
17 10 o'clock --

18 Q Okay.

19 A -- the 11th, to discuss further and walk through the site and have those
20 police assets see and understand what we were requesting and asking for.

21 Q Okay.

22 Special Agent [REDACTED] said that she discussed the AGR building with Lieutenant
23 [REDACTED] and how it was a concern in the barracks. Did you hear any part of that, or were
24 you in --

25 A I heard the discussion that the building would be closed for business that day

1 and it would be secured.

2 Q Yeah, I think the words you used in your Senate TI were "closed, locked, and
3 posted." Does that sound right to you?

4 A Closed, secured, and posts were supposed to be around the area.

5 Q And what did you understand that to mean?

6 A "Posts around the area"?

7 Q Uh-huh.

8 A My understanding was that there would be a police presence in the area of
9 that complex, those buildings, to be able to deter and mitigate people from accessing the
10 buildings.

11 Q And that was all from the word "posted"?

12 A When we talk about police postings, it's not as structured as someone who's
13 in a spot where they cannot move and this is the only thing that they see. "Police
14 assets" is more how I describe it, because it's there to be -- some of the assets are in the
15 area of something and they're roving, and some of them are actually posted at a specific
16 intersection or location.

17 Q Okay.

18 Did you have any reason to doubt that the local law enforcement had the
19 manpower to cover that area?

20 A I had not heard anything at that time, no.

21 Q Okay.

22 [REDACTED] in her notes after the event, said that the Butler Township would be
23 those roving posts, like you talked about --

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q -- on the outer perimeters to make sure there was no vehicle or foot traffic

1 coming through. Was that also your understanding?

2 A I did not have a -- I couldn't discern between who was who. I just knew
3 that -- from what my understanding of their police plan was for those postings and assets
4 was that there would be general police presence and police posts throughout. It was
5 not who was going to be in which post or who was going to be in which area. I just
6 knew that the PSP and Butler was going to be the postings there. I believe it was Butler
7 City that did intersection control further out.

8 Q Okay.

9 And [REDACTED] was telling us that she was kind of in charge of the posting part of
10 this -- is that your recollection? -- of where people would be.

11 A I wasn't there --

12 Q Okay.

13 A -- so I don't know who posted them out. But, yes, day of, making sure the
14 police assets are in place.

15 Q Okay.

16 We now know that the day of the rally there were a number of people along that
17 fence line.

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q More than just the one suspicious person.

20 A Sure.

21 Q Were you made aware of that on that day?

22 A I was not.

23 Q Okay.

24 Then we go to the 10th.

25 Is there anything else you remember from the 9th that stuck out?

1 A No. We ran more routes, to do the alternate routes.

2 Q Okay.

3 So, then, on the 10th we have this larger manpower walk-through, right?

4 A Yes. So the field office supervisor met [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I at the site to
5 walk through the site and talk about what the site encompassed and what our vision was
6 of the security plan at the site and where we would put Secret Service assets.

7 Q Okay. And then [REDACTED] came toward the end?

8 A Toward the end -- [REDACTED] was the TSD advance -- he showed up at the site,
9 as did Technician [REDACTED] from the counter-sniper advance. They were both arriving
10 as we were ending.

11 Q Okay. So did they -- I guess, did you guys all talk and get on the same
12 page?

13 A We started discussing some of the plans with them, and then asked for them
14 to do their own walk-through and figure out if there was anything that they were not
15 comfortable with or if we needed to change anything or add anything.

16 Q And then we heard that you and [REDACTED] were kind of on manpower
17 requests at that walk-through. Do you remember that?

18 A Yes, because that was the manpower walk-through.

19 Q So did you have a consensus over how many you were going to request?
20 Was there any discussion of needing more?

21 A We discussed -- so how a manpower walk-through works is, you have your
22 draft number in place that you're going to ask for. You tell the supervisor as to which
23 locations you want, what the purpose of that post is going to be. He gets his
24 understanding. And then we say, okay, we're going to send this number in the
25 manpower request to headquarters.

1 Q Do you often get the number you request from headquarters?

2 A For post-standers?

3 Q Yes, or just for the manpower requests in general.

4 A Well, there's many different parts of a manpower request --

5 Q Okay.

6 A -- but post-standers, in general, yes.

7 Q So if you requested 14, you'd get 14 post-standers?

8 A It -- they have to have a purpose. So you have to send in a justification with
9 each post written out as to what their purpose is.

10 And so, in my past experience, I haven't had denied posts, but if that justification
11 Word document with the other form filled out doesn't have purposes on there, they'll be
12 questioned, and then they decide at a headquarters level whether or not that post will be
13 cut.

14 Q Okay. You probably have done a number of these over your career?

15 A A few.

16 Q So you would have a fairly good idea about what a sufficient justification
17 would entail?

18 A Yes.

19 [REDACTED] I think this was obvious for the room, but just to clarify for the
20 record, that when Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] said "a few," she was smiling and was
21 actually referring to quite many over the course of her career.

22 [REDACTED] Yes. Sarcasm is tough on the record. I do it all the time.

23 [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 [REDACTED] Yeah.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q So you knew if you requested things that you weren't sure you would get,
2 you're just not going to request it because --

3 A I knew, just from past precedence, certain assets are requested and granted
4 for certain protectees and sometimes not others and that there's kind of an outline as to
5 what assets to ask for and the understanding of making sure that those assets have a
6 purpose.

7 Q Okay.

8 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 Q Would that request and the number change based on, say, location? So
10 you are in a rural part of the country where maybe there's fewer local law enforcement
11 resources available compared to say, like, D.C., where there's an abundance of --

12 A So there's different MOUs in different places. D.C. is kind of an anomaly.
13 I --

14 Q Maybe D.C. wasn't the best. Let's say --

15 A Yeah, that's definitely not --

16 Q Let's say, like, New York.

17 A -- because they have their own MOUs, and I don't want to discuss what they
18 do on theirs, because D.C. is just --

19 Q Yeah.

20 A -- completely different and they have protection every day.

21 So, yes, I mean, if we're in a location that does not have the assets and that's
22 voiced, that they don't have the assets, then that's part of the justification as well.

23 It was not brought up at that time. Frankly, it wasn't brought up at any time to
24 me that they did not have -- the police did not have the assets that they needed to secure
25 what we asked them to secure.

1 Q And would that request also then change based on an indoor/outdoor venue
2 and size of estimated crowd?

3 A There had been parameters for -- such as the protective intelligence
4 response agent, which is an agent who is [REDACTED] to respond
5 to anyone that's deemed suspicious or unusual, having an unusual interest.

6 So this crowd size was supposed to be 15,000, and for that crowd size, there had
7 been a precedent set that [REDACTED]. We saw in past
8 precedent crowd size hitting 20,000 would [REDACTED]

9 So there are some things like that as regarding the crowd size, the location. We
10 had a counter-sniper response because we had counter-snipers. If we did not have
11 counter-snipers and it was an indoor location [REDACTED], we would not have
12 [REDACTED]. So there are some changes as to where you are and what is going on with
13 that environment.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q And the PI that you just referenced, was that Agent [REDACTED] that ended
16 up --

17 A Yes.

18 Q -- doing that role?

19 Is there a commensurate level of experience that has to go with that role?

20 A No. However, it tends to be a more experienced person.

21 And, in this, we did have his agents that were supporting this visit, this particular
22 visit. And so, with the his agents, they had what they call "jump teams." So there was
23 so many Secret Service agents that were -- a ratio of Secret Service agents to his agents
24 that were responding to this.

25 So the ask had been made for certain posts to be Secret Service personnel versus

1 his. We're the ones that usually deal with intelligence, security rooms, that nature, so
2 those posts specifically we made sure were Secret Service personnel.

3 Q Okay.

4 And so, when you submitted the request for a certain number of Secret Service
5 personnel to come, was it with the understanding that the agents would be
6 supplementing --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- the total?

9 For every post that you designated that you wanted a Secret Service agent for
10 rather than his, were those given to you?

11 A I don't recall us not receiving what we needed for what we requested to be
12 Secret Service posts.

13 Q Okay.

14 [REDACTED] Do you remember the ratio, Secret Service to his?

15 [REDACTED] I believe it's one to six, but I'm not positive.

16 BY [REDACTED]

17 Q I guess people were -- I just wanted to kind of ask another question --

18 A Sure.

19 Q -- about his.

20 When we spoke with Agent [REDACTED] --

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q -- she made it clear to us that she wanted more Secret Service than his
23 individuals. And it sounds like you kind of touched on that by wanting certain posts to
24 be --

25 A Sure.

1 Q -- Secret Service. Is there a reason why -- obviously, I understand, you
2 know, the intelligence side of it, as you kind of spoke to, but is there any other reasons
3 why you'd want Secret Service personnel over his personnel for post-standers?

4 A I mean, the Secret Service personnel are trained to fulfill the role of the
5 Secret Service agent post-standing in protective environments. So anytime -- yes, it
6 would be great, because you know what kind of training that you have received and you
7 know which caliber agent you should be getting. Not to say his is not that caliber; they
8 just are not doing this work every day. So, yes, it would be great to have more Secret
9 Service agents at that site at the time.

10 However, they are paired for that ratio, they are paired with the Secret Service
11 agent, to make sure that that jump team leader is able to answer questions, brief them
12 on whatever else that they need to be briefed on that they have the questions on or pass
13 along. They have spare radios or spare parts if something was not to -- something they
14 need. But someone from the agency that they can refer to, not just the site agent.

15 So there is that mechanism in place to be able to have some type of an
16 understanding and just checks and balances going with that.

17 Q But, to your knowledge, his agents aren't receiving any sort of
18 protective-related training?

19 A I don't know what their protective training consists of.

20 Q Thanks.

21 [REDACTED] We've heard reference to them having some sort of brief virtual
22 training?

23 [REDACTED] I'm not in training, and I don't have the policies and procedures, so it's
24 not -- I don't know what type of training they receive.

25 [REDACTED] Okay.

1 ■■■■ I know that they volunteer for this assignment. So there is a pool of
2 his agents that during campaign years or at any of the -- his has been used for, and so
3 those names are into that system as to who they're using from that pool.

4 ■■■■ Thank you.

5 BY ■■■■

6 Q All right. So July 11th --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- there was a walk-through?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you remember who was there?

11 A So it was the [inaudible] walk-through. Butler Sheriff's Office was there.

12 PSP was there. Butler ESU was there. Connoquenessing Fire was there. Butler EMS
13 was there. Butler EMS HAZMAT had a representative there.

14 The counter-sniper advance from Secret Service was there. The TSD advance
15 from Secret Service was there. Site agent from Trump detail, ■■■■ was there. Site
16 agent counterpart from Pittsburgh, ■■■■ was there.

17 And I was there to make sure to marry up all of the teams that needed to be
18 married up.

19 Q Okay. Did you go with Agent ■■■■ and the tactical teams at some
20 point?

21 A I did not. I touched base with each entity that was there, made sure that
22 they touched -- that they were in contact with who they needed to be in contact with;
23 made sure that if they had any questions, they could -- that weren't being addressed and
24 they addressed them to me, that I could address them.

25 At the time, we did not have an ■■■■. We

1 were not able to find one for free at the time. Butler ESU Supervisor [REDACTED] actually had a
2 contact with one of the hospitals that was willing to provide [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]. So we did have discussion about that ambulance
4 asset and being able to line that up.

5 But I put Butler ESU in contact with Technician [REDACTED] I did not continue to
6 walk through with any of the assets.

7 Q Did you talk to either Butler or [REDACTED] about the location of their teams?

8 A I did not.

9 Q Were you aware at the time that the locals were going to be bringing
10 snipers?

11 A Yes. As I had discussed before, I had received a text from Butler ESU
12 Supervisor [REDACTED] stating that they would have two teams available for the rally.

13 Q And at that point you weren't aware of where they were going to be?

14 A I did not. As I've said before, I'm not a sniper; I never went through any of
15 that training. So I deferred to the advance team member who is a counter-sniper and
16 had him set up what he needed and where he wanted those units placed.

17 Q Okay.

18 And in your Senate interview, you mentioned that on July 11th you talked to the
19 Trump campaign staff and said, basically, "If you don't come up with something that
20 you're going to let us use to mitigate line of sight, we're going to talk to the second
21 supervisor."

22 Do you remember that conversation?

23 A That conversation happened several times. Throughout the entire week --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- we continued to have that conversation.

1 We were assured by the Trump campaign, as we discussed line of sight, that
2 several different things would be in place -- that there would be [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED], that we would have [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED].

5 Secret Service had discussed with police assets to have police in the area to
6 mitigate and deter in those areas. And, ultimately, we also had the counter-sniper
7 teams that were going to have overwatch of vulnerabilities throughout the perimeter.

8 Q So the Secret Service counter-snipers were going to have overwatch. Did
9 you know which areas they were going to have overwatch of?

10 A At that moment, I did not know.

11 Q Okay. When did you learn that?

12 A Technician [REDACTED] sent a [REDACTED] and an email on Thursday the 11th, that
13 afternoon, that stated where Secret Service counter-snipers would be placed, where the
14 local counter-snipers would be placed.

15 And then the [REDACTED] is. It's a big picture that -- basically, it
16 goes to the counter-sniper response team, so when the counter-sniper calls out to say,
17 we need you to investigate something at this location, that they can [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 Q Did you have any reaction that you remember about the location of any of
20 those assets when you saw [REDACTED]

21 A Well, I don't believe those assets were marked on [REDACTED]

22 Q Okay.

23 A In the body of the email was where the location of the assets were.

24 To be honest, I missed, that day, where it said "inside." I saw where the assets
25 were supposed to be, but I missed the word "inside."

1 Q Okay. And if you had seen the word "inside," was that significant?

2 A I don't know if it was so much significant as I would've asked the question as,
3 like, "Hey, did you mean inside?" But it wasn't -- once again, I deferred to the
4 counter-sniper as to his expertise and where he wanted those assets placed.

5 Q When did you become aware that they were going to be inside?

6 A When we briefed the following evening at 5:30 and we realized -- and by
7 "we," I mean the site agents and myself -- looking at the preliminary survey, that it was
8 incorrect on the preliminary survey and that we were briefing the exact location where
9 the snipers from the [REDACTED] were supposed to be located.

10 [REDACTED] And when you say "the next evening," are you talking about
11 July 12th?

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q Do you remember what time that was?

15 A It was at 5:30.

16 Q 5:30. Okay.

17 And I know I'm at time, but to finish up this line of questions --

18 A Yep.

19 Q I think we've heard that you were sick at some point, either -- was it
20 Thursday night?

21 A Thursday night into Friday, yes.

22 Q Thursday night into Friday.

23 A Yes.

24 Q You were at the hospital?

25 A I stopped by the ER for a few hours, yeah.

1 Q Okay. Just stopped by casually?

2 A I was having trouble. I had been in the heat all week. It was over
3 90 degrees and very hot. And I just -- the heat got to me. And I stopped by the ER,
4 made sure to get evaluated, got some saline, some fluids, and took a nap for about an
5 hour, and then went to work.

6 Q I think that's incredibly impressive, just for the record.

7 So Friday evening you're back on the job. You're having this conversation.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Did you discuss at all with the counter-snipers, like, "Should we be moving
10 these guys outside?" Was there ever a conversation about line of sight or concerns
11 around their location?

12 A Once again, I had had -- so the conversation I had with the counter-sniper
13 advance on Wednesday the 10th, I asked him if he had a plan and if he was comfortable
14 with his plan. And he said, yes, he had a plan, he was comfortable with the plan he had
15 in place, and that he was going to move forward with putting those documents together
16 for us.

17 As him being a counter-sniper, I didn't question as to exactly what his placement
18 was. There was a lot of vulnerabilities, a lot of buildings, a lot of people, and that was
19 where I thought he chose to put them.

20 Q Okay. You said you thought he chose to put them there?

21 A There are subsequent interviews I've seen that the local assets had told
22 them that that's where they were going.

23 And so I have no recollection of any of those conversations because I wasn't in
24 those conversations, but from what I've seen from subsequent interviews that have been
25 made public, they have said that that's where locals told them that they were going to go.

1 ■■■■ And just to clarify on a word choice, I think you said you have no
2 "recollection" of those conversations --

3 ■■■■ Yes. Sorry. I was not in those conversations.

4 ■■■■ So no awareness?

5 ■■■■ No awareness.

6 ■■■■ Okay. Thank you.

7 BY ■■■■

8 Q And, sorry, one last one: Did you think that the Secret Service
9 counter-snipers had line of sight to the AGR complex area?

10 A I did.

11 Q When did you learn that there might've been something blocking that line of
12 sight?

13 A After the shooting, after their report came out, after all of the above. I
14 mean, I did not know that they did not have clear line of sight; I did not know which team
15 was able to see, which team was not able to see the whole thing; and I did not know
16 which team was the overwatch of that area.

17 Q Okay. Thank you.

18 ■■■■ We can go off the record.

19 [Recess.]

20 ■■■■ We can go back on the record.

21 And present, as well, is ■■■■ ■■■■ majority staff director.

22 BY ■■■■

23 Q A couple of questions. Same structure: a few questions about the last
24 round, and then I'll turn it over.

25 A Sure.

1 Q With respect to July 8th --

2 A Okay.

3 Q -- the police meeting --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- we've heard some idea from local law enforcement that, somewhere along
6 the way at that meeting, either yourself or Special Agent [REDACTED] or both of you
7 communicated an idea that local tactical assets should stay out of sight so as to avoid
8 media or visitor exposure.

9 Does that ring any bells for you?

10 A There were conversations about them being in sight, out of sight. The
11 conversation that I had relayed to police of all facets was that they were to do their job
12 and that, if it meant being in sight, being in sight was fine.

13 We were not asking for any tactical teams to hide; we just didn't want them
14 directly on top of where we were going to be. So wherever they needed to respond
15 from, wherever they needed to be, that was fine; just, we did not want them directly in
16 the middle of, say, like, the inner perimeter, on the stage, or in that area.

17 But we were going to work with them. It wasn't that they didn't need to be
18 seen. It was that we needed to make sure that they had a place to be, and that's where
19 they needed to react from.

20 Q Was that dialogue related specifically to media exposure?

21 A No, not at all.

22 Q Okay. Or to the idea of the crowd not wanting or being able to see --

23 A Not at all, huh-uh.

24 Q Okay.

25 The question of the Secret Service security room, and --

1 A Okay.

2 Q -- I think at that July 8th meeting you had said that it was communicated, any
3 entity that's working with us, you are hereby welcome to have a representative --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- in the security room.

6 I think, as was mentioned previously, there was some thought on the local side
7 that, hey, we weren't invited.

8 But even more specifically than that, there seems to have been an idea that the
9 Secret Service communicated to the locals somewhere that only one representative from
10 the county was officially invited into the security room.

11 A That was never communicated from me. My communication had been that
12 all people that were going -- all entities that were going to be involved were
13 recommended and invited to be in the security room, to have someone in the security
14 room. It was never iterated from me that it was supposed to be just one representative.
15 It was supposed to be any entity that had a stake in the game.

16 Q And I know that the State Police had a representative in the security room --

17 A Yes.

18 Q -- and that the county had an EMS person as well.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Did you hear any of your colleagues that you heard of, even if it was
21 secondhand, that they had communicated, only one county rep in the security room?

22 A I had never heard that. This is the first I'm hearing of that.

23 When we discussed assets -- because there was supposed to be a command bus
24 that the locals wanted to bring to the Farm Show site -- the locals who had the command
25 bus said that they were going to have one asset in the command bus and that they would

1 have other assets in the security room.

2 It was never communicated that they wouldn't have any. It was that they were
3 going to have only one in the command bus and that they would have more in the
4 security room.

5 Q Do you have a recollection of who from the local side would have said that?

6 A I don't.

7 Q Did you -- if you had an understanding at the time, do you recall whether
8 your impression was that either the State Trooper representative in the security room or
9 the county EMS person in the security room had a direct radio-frequency communication
10 with all the other entities and assets helping that day?

11 A It was my understanding that they would have -- by saying "they," the State
12 Police and those Butler EMS assets -- whoever was in the security room would be
13 available to communicate back and forth on the local side with the police side.

14 It was never brought up to me -- I don't know if it was ever brought up to anyone,
15 but I was never a part of any conversation that they could not talk to each other and that
16 they would not be able to communicate back and forth.

17 Q Would the assumption, based on experience, have been that they could and
18 would have been able to communicate directly over the radio?

19 A Based on experience, yes. If it's brought to our attention that they can't,
20 then there's further discussion on that. But based on past experience, they've been able
21 to communicate with each other, especially when some of those smaller jurisdictions are
22 supported by State Police, that they all do share assets.

23 Q Do you recall any specific impressions -- at some point -- you tell me. Did
24 you at some point, or when, did you come to be aware that there was only one State
25 Police representative and one county EMS person in the security room?

1 A After the entire event, after the days -- in the days following, some of the
2 reports that have come out after the fact. My understanding was that there could have
3 been more in there, and then I was never able to confirm who was in there and who
4 wasn't in there.

5 [REDACTED] When you say your understanding, you mean your understanding at
6 the time of the event?

7 [REDACTED] My understanding at the time of the event was that there may have
8 been someone from Butler in there as well, but I was never able to confirm it. But after
9 the fact was when the reports came out that said who was in there and who was not.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay.

12 Different topic. I think it was in the context of July 9th, there was a conversation
13 about Pennsylvania State Police, and there was a remark, something along the lines of,
14 okay, Pennsylvania State Police was heading up security for the Butler Farm Show site.

15 I assume, but I'll ask: That statement would come with some form of disclaimer,
16 right? Like, the Pennsylvania State Police leading role related specifically to, I imagine,
17 local assets who were acting in a patrol capacity on the outer perimeter or something like
18 that?

19 A They were liaisoning directly with those other local assets and other local
20 jurisdictions because they had the relationships with them. Pennsylvania State Police,
21 Butler is their area, that Butler Farm Show area, so they primarily have jurisdiction in that
22 area and are supported by the other ones in that area.

23 So they were heading up or liaisoning with the other departments in putting the
24 plan together.

25 Q It's a little silly, but to state the obvious: The State Police is not

1 coordinating the Secret Service --

2 A No.

3 Q -- posts?

4 A No.

5 Q With respect to that State Police role, both that day but also generally in
6 your experience, as we learned about it, why is it that it's structured that way? In other
7 words, why is it not -- in your experience only --

8 A Sure.

9 Q -- not agency-wide policy -- that the Secret Service is sort of not equally
10 controlling every entity directly that day, that there's an intermediary entity?

11 A Well, there's a mutual understanding of a work product together, being able
12 to come together and work on these assignments and these advances and any type of
13 work within the area that's police work.

14 When you have a police department, they are not governed by Secret Service;
15 they are not run by Secret Service; their policies, procedures are not Secret Service; the
16 laws that they abide for and the laws that they enact are not Secret Service. So we
17 make recommendations as to what we would like, they can agree or disagree, and then
18 we move forward with making that plan and then move forward with adjusting as
19 needed.

20 Q Well, is it right that that construct typically falls along the lines of wherever a
21 perimeter is being set? In other words, it feels like, on the inside of the perimeter, in
22 this case, Secret Service, that's where your postings are, that's where you're housed,
23 that's your primary responsibility. On the outside, State and local law enforcement are
24 posted and have more of a primary role.

25 A So it's not necessarily that State and local is not inside the perimeter. It's

1 how the perimeter is defined as to what layers of security are within that.

2 So there were local law enforcement that were within the perimeter. It's just a
3 matter of what responsibilities they have. And, in this case, that outer perimeter
4 was -- the local law enforcement had taken the responsibility of being on the outer
5 perimeter.

6 Q Okay.

7 In that conversation I think that you overheard on the 9th, Pennsylvania State
8 Police talking about the AGR building would be locked, secured --

9 A Sure.

10 Q -- and posted, did that conversation ever get to the level of detail of what
11 "posted" meant?

12 In other words, you could be posted on that fence --

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q -- you could be posted in a circle around the complex. The complex is big,
15 and there are --

16 A Sure.

17 Q -- parts of it in the back that you would not be able to see from a fence
18 posting.

19 A Sure.

20 Q Was there that level of detail, at least just in that conversation?

21 A In that conversation, not that I was a part of. I am there to facilitate those
22 conversations, make sure that they are happening, and coordinate whatever, you
23 know -- whatever else the advance teams needs. I'm not there to monitor every part of
24 the conversation or monitor every part of the advance as it happens.

25 So I'm putting it in place. They're professionals. They're responsible. And

1 they are to make -- put that -- come up with the plan and then put that plan in place and
2 execute that plan.

3 Q Would you expect, ordinarily, a site agent or site agent counterpart to get
4 into that level of detail?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you have any knowledge or understanding of whether the site agent and
7 site counterpart in this case got into that level of detail with the State Police?

8 A I don't know. I wasn't a part of any conversation.

9 Q Same basic series of questions for the question of whether the posting
10 around AGR would be in the form of roving or stationary posts.

11 I assume -- you can confirm for me -- the conversation you heard did not
12 specifically get to that level of detail?

13 A No, it did not.

14 Q And you would not have any direct knowledge of whether folks -- site
15 agents, site counterparts -- ultimately got into that level of detail?

16 A I do not know what conversations they had about it.

17 Q And, in general, that is also a detail that you would typically expect a site
18 agent or a site counterpart to go over with their counterparts?

19 A I would expect that the site agents would discuss and explain what -- their
20 roles and responsibilities that they want for police postings and those recommendations.

21 Q And that's something I'm trying to put my finger on, is that level of detail.
22 When there's a coordination with a middle organization --

23 A Sure.

24 Q -- in this case, the Pennsylvania State Police -- you know, what level of detail
25 is still incumbent on the Secret Service site agent or site counterpart to get into?

1 In other words, it's not as simple as saying, "Hey, State Police," for example, "just
2 make sure it's secure out here. Do what you need to do." It is expected to be a little
3 bit more detailed than that.

4 A Even with Secret Service, it's expected to be more detailed.

5 Q Okay.

6 My last question is with respect to the local tactical team inside -- that ended up
7 being inside of AGR.

8 A Okay.

9 Q There was some conversation about, well, you know, when I first saw the
10 paper, I didn't catch that nuance, that it was inside, not on top of --

11 A Which TAC team are you referring to?

12 Q The local snipers, the ESU snipers.

13 A The snipers? Okay.

14 Q My question is a little broader, which is, if you remember, did you ever have
15 a sense along the way that that local sniper team that ended up being in AGR was in any
16 way contributing some version of physical security --

17 A No, not at all.

18 Q Okay. Can you elaborate on that?

19 A Sure.

20 That local sniper team was supposed to be there for the purpose of being a sniper.
21 Their overwatch, their counter-sniper, whatever -- whatever tactical reason they have
22 there is for a tactical response. It's not for overwatch of a building. It's not for security
23 of a building.

24 That building was supposed to be closed. That building was supposed to be
25 closed for business, and it was supposed to be locked. It was not supposed to be

1 watched by a sniper team that was going to be in the area of that building.

2 Q Gotcha.

3 Well, that's crystal-clear, but I'll just do it twice for the sake of clarity. So it
4 would not, for you, have ever occurred to you that that team was part of the broader
5 security plan as it relates to the AGR building or the space around the AGR building?

6 A For whatever space that they had -- that they were supposed to help
7 mitigate for a view as being a sniper, in the sniper's plans, that is what their peripheral
8 was. To make sure that no one came in the building, accessed the building, that was not
9 their specific role.

10 Q Okay. Thank you.

11

BY [REDACTED]

12 Q And following up on that, I think you've made this clear, but I just want to
13 make sure I understand.

14 The role of the snipers -- in particular, what they're looking at, what their sort of
15 field of vision is, and what they're responsible for -- is that something that you would
16 defer to Technician [REDACTED]

17 A I would.

18 And let me just add, with the conversation -- where I was going with that
19 conversation is, I have seen some of the transcripts from the Senate report where some
20 of the site agents may have been referring to thinking that that Butler ESU team was
21 watching the whole area and that was the posting for that building. And that's why
22 I'm -- I'm talking about that is incorrect. They were in their role as a tactical role as a
23 sniper.

24 Q Yeah. To you, it was clear they were responsible for whatever sniper
25 assignment they had discussed with Technician [REDACTED]

1 A Correct.

2 Q Did you ever get into the details with him on where those folks would be
3 looking, where the local snipers in the grandstand would be looking, in terms of the
4 snipers' responsibility?

5 A I didn't specifically, no.

6 Q Okay. And that's because that's just one of those things, with all these
7 different elements and tactical elements, you have to defer to the leader of that --

8 A Correct. I knew that he had a plan to have 360 coverage of whatever
9 vulnerabilities he had identified.

10 [REDACTED] And I'll ask one. Did Technician [REDACTED] ever give you the
11 impression that the AGR sniper team was somehow contributing physical security to the
12 AGR building?

13 [REDACTED] No.

14 [REDACTED] Okay.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q I want to -- you know, we're kind of yo-yoing on dates, so I can promise I will
17 minimize that. Just two quick things on the 8th.

18 The first is the meeting, the police meeting on that Monday.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Pennsylvania State Police is there?

21 A Yes.

22 Q All right. Was that Lieutenant [REDACTED] was there?

23 A Both Lieutenant [REDACTED] and Lieutenant [REDACTED] and I believe there were
24 other representatives from Pennsylvania State Police, but I don't know who.

25 Q Got it.

1 And, you know, it seems pretty clear to us that PSP is sort of playing this
2 facilitating role.

3 A Yes.

4 Q They know the players.

5 A Yes.

6 Q That's fair?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Was that explicitly said in that Monday meaning? In other words, did they
9 say, "Hey, we're going to help coordinate that"? Or was that not mentioned at that
10 point?

11 A I don't know if it was explicitly said.

12 After we met, I was in the front of the room with Lieutenant [REDACTED] and the
13 Butler Sheriff's office came up to me, Pittsburgh Police came up to me, a couple of other
14 assets came up to me, and Lieutenant [REDACTED] discussed with them as to, "We're leading
15 the motorcade. If you want to be in the motorcade, this is what we need to do. This is
16 where we're looking for assets for this."

17 Lieutenant [REDACTED] he met with the site. I did not have the meet with him at that
18 meeting.

19 Q Is it fairly standard in events like this, where you're working with all of these
20 different localities and up and down the government bureaucracy, that PSP will take that
21 sort of role?

22 A It depends on where we're going.

23 Q Okay.

24 A So, because we were going through many jurisdictions, we were going out
25 on the main roads, and instead of picking up, you know, [REDACTED] and police for

1 every jurisdiction, Pennsylvania State Police took the lead for us going from the airport to
2 the Butler Farm Show.

3 Q Got it.

4 And my last question on the 8th, unless my colleagues have another one, is the
5 walk-through with the staff.

6 A Okay. Many of them.

7 Q Many. Okay.

8 And just that morning, you mentioned, that's before any of the site is built or
9 really clearly --

10 A The build hadn't even -- the site wasn't finished built until probably
11 sometime the morning of the 13th.

12 Q Right. You guys are still trying to figure out where things would be, even, at
13 that point.

14 A Yes.

15 Q The line-of-sight mitigation issues, were there particulars discussed? Or
16 was it just like, hey, this is the sight; here's this, here's this, here's this? Or was there a
17 particular focus in your mind?

18 A At the time, the focus was the buildings, the roads, the houses that were all
19 brought up as, hey, look, this is an open field with a lot of stuff around it that could be
20 vulnerable.

21 Q Okay. So the tenor at that point was, hey, just generalized, we're going to
22 have line-of-sight issues, we need to mitigate that in the build --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- let's make sure we're accounting for that.

25 A Yes.

1 Q Fair enough. Okay.

2 [REDACTED] And just for clarity on the record, when you said "staff," I want to
3 make sure that you were referring to the Trump campaign staff.

4 [REDACTED] Absolutely. Is that --

5 [REDACTED] Yes.

6 [REDACTED] That's right, yeah.

7 [REDACTED] Thank you.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. Let's move forward to the 9th. Is that -- well, actually let me ask
10 you this. The discussion of the local -- you called it a bus, trailer, whatever --

11 A Command truck, command bus, whatever. Yeah.

12 Q Yeah. When did that first get brought up?

13 A It was during the meeting at the barracks. They had a HAZMAT trailer as
14 well as, like, a command trailer. And they wanted to bring those with to bring to the
15 site.

16 Q All right. What was their purported reasoning for wanting that there?

17 A At the site?

18 Q Yeah.

19 A They didn't have an actual reason.

20 We welcome HAZMAT, obviously. We didn't have a HAZMAT team traveling with
21 us, so that was a welcome asset.

22 Their command bus -- I used both assets to be able to protect line of sight on the
23 other side of the site. And so that was one of the -- once they said they wanted to bring
24 these assets in there, I asked if we could place them on the other side of the Farm Show
25 site so we could use them for line of sight with some of the other buildings.

1 Q Got it.

2 And that line of sight, is that sort of the 8 o'clock region, or approximately what
3 type of a waypoint? Because I don't want to get in maps and stuff, but, just generally,
4 from which direction on the stage was that line of sight being located?

5 A Well, off the stage -- 12 o'clock is off the front of the stage. It was around
6 the 7 or 8.

7 Q 7 or 8 o'clock, okay.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q And who was saying they wanted to bring that? Who was the local
10 individual?

11 A The Butler EMS staff that was at the meeting were the ones that said, we're
12 bringing these to the -- or, they're coming to the site.

13 Q Got it.

14 And I think you've made this clear, but at no point was the implication that local
15 law enforcement was going to be using that as a trailer in lieu of the Secret Service?

16 A No. That was where the discussion was where they said there will only be
17 one guy in there.

18 Q Got it. And again to make it clear: Had that ever been brought to your
19 attention, that would've contradicted the plan and you would've spoken up about that?

20 A If they wanted to use that as the command post or as the security room,
21 then we would've had a discussion about that. I would not have had a problem moving
22 the security room to that area or having a further discussion as to what we were going to
23 do.

24 Q Was a priority for you, though, at that point to ensure that there was one
25 central hub for a security room or command post?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 I think we talked about sort of the discussion with Lieutenant [REDACTED] but just very
4 quickly, are you hearing a lot of his wording in terms of "locked" and "posted," or is that
5 coming from Special Agents [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

6 A I heard that once from him and didn't hear any further discussion.

7 Q Okay.

8 The message you took away from that meeting in the barracks on the 9th is that
9 Pennsylvania State Police is going to be managing the postings around AGR.

10 A The message I took was that the police postings would be in the area of that
11 building and that it would be taken care of. Not which entity; just, it would be taken
12 care of.

13 Q And they would be outside that fence line?

14 A They would be outside the perimeter.

15 Q Okay.

16 Just so my understanding -- we talked a little bit about Secret Service
17 post-standers.

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q Understanding that you have to rely on local law enforcement, had there not
20 been that post-stander, had there not been someone from Pennsylvania State Police or
21 local there, would that have been a site where you would have put a Secret Service
22 agent?

23 A Yes. If I was aware that we did not have enough postings from local or they
24 were not able to support it, we would've called back to D.C. and asked for more assets.

25 Q And, you know, we've heard a little bit about the outer perimeter and Secret

1 Service's jurisdiction there and how it might be viewed as different.

2 Can you walk me through a little bit about how that might play into where you
3 would put a post-stander there?

4 A Well, the perimeter, as in where you're looking at the -- so you probably
5 heard discussions about the inner, middle, and outer.

6 So the inner is where the protectee is doing all their movements. That's kind
7 of the bubble, the body men, the detail, where they're moving with that protectee at all
8 times.

9 The middle is that area that the Secret Service has secured and has swept, where
10 the site is happening.

11 And then outside of that is the outer. Some of that outer is kind of mixed
12 together with the inner, but the outer perimeter is outside of that peripheral.

13 Q Okay.

14 And then the last piece on this: Were you ever aware at any point of that plan
15 that you took away on the 9th changing -- in other words, that PSP couldn't meet what
16 they had promised at that point?

17 A I was never aware that any police assets -- let me take that back. I was not
18 aware at the time of any of that, that there were actual police assets that could not
19 accommodate our requests.

20 On the day of the 13th, I heard in passing, as we were going to the sites, that
21 Butler County or Butler Township, one of those jurisdictions, had actually pulled back
22 bodies. However, in speaking with the site agents after the fact, I was told that that was
23 already accounted for.

24 I was not told by any entity that they could not support the request that we had as
25 to covering any of the posts for police assets.

1 [1:37 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Understood.

4 And the last piece on the 9th I wanted to ask, we talked a lot about the sort of
5 series of calls with [REDACTED] and then Commander [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED]
6 again.

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q First of all, that second call with [REDACTED] there was a second call with him. Is
9 that right?

10 A No. He texted.

11 Q Texted, okay. And that was in the -- that was the last of those series of
12 events? That was in the evening?

13 A From that conversation, yes.

14 Q Okay. The initial call from [REDACTED] -- and, again, I think you said this, I just
15 want to make sure -- he says, "Hey, we need counter snipers." Was he relating that to
16 the threat that he got into at that point?

17 A The initial call was asking if we were able to acquire local assets.

18 Q Was there a justification given for that --

19 A I don't believe so, but I don't recall the exact conversation. I know that
20 there was that conversation at some point that talked about receiving Secret Service
21 assets because of [REDACTED] However, I don't remember --

22 Q Which one of those occurred in?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. Then the first time, did you speak to technician [REDACTED] on the
25 9th, or was it the 10th the first time you directly spoke?

1 A I spoke to him on the phone on the 9th when I was relaying information for
2 the local counterparts to him, and a brief of what -- you know, he's coming to Butler,
3 Pennsylvania, "Here's your hotel. Here's the advance teams stuff. I will send you an
4 email with all the advance team information, and let me know if you need anything."
5 The 10th was the first time face to face I saw him and talked to him after he got off the
6 roof.

7 Q Got it. And was that a pretty brief conversation, or what --

8 A It was. I asked him if he was comfortable with the site, if there was
9 anything he needed, if there's -- do we need to change anything, and he said he was
10 comfortable with the plan he was formulating.

11 Q And, at this point, is it fair to say, you're sort of, "Hey, I have this expert; he's
12 taking the lead on" --

13 A Correct.

14 Q -- "this sniper aspect. I'm handing it off to him unless he has issues"?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. And, at this point, he feels comfortable that he's been connected
17 with the locals who need to know his preference?

18 A He said he was comfortable.

19 Q Understood. You also had discussion on the 10th with campaign staff
20 about mitigation lines of sight?

21 A All week, every day.

22 Q Okay. Can you tell me -- and, you know, feel free to -- if you kind of can't
23 parse which day it is --

24 A Sure.

25 Q I'm sure it's difficult at this point. But, on the 10th, I mean, at this point,

1 the site is a little more planned, I understand not built out. But what are those
2 discussions you're having on the 10th if you recall?

3 A Just, there were still discussions about farm equipment. Campaign staff
4 kept saying, "Don't worry about it. There will be equipment. There will be screens and
5 bleachers in place that will block line of sight from directions. It's not as bad as you
6 think with this big, huge site."

7 Q Are you at this point focusing anymore on the AGR area, that area around
8 the 3 o'clock, or is it still site wide?

9 A Everything. Like my -- as an advance or as a lead advance, I'm focusing on
10 everything. It's not just -- you know, those site agents, they need to go around at the
11 clock positions and focus on each and every part of that and make sure that they have
12 what they need, and if they don't have what they need, they need to bring it to my
13 attention and bring it up higher. But I'm, as a broad overview, coordinating what they
14 need and also focusing on the broad overview of the entire security plan, making sure
15 that it's put together.

16 Q Got it. And that makes sense then going into the 11th, again, my
17 understanding from what you're saying is that lead advance agent is really a facilitating,
18 coordinating role across the different players. Is that fair?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. So, on that walkthrough, the next day on the 11th, you're not having
21 specific tactical discussions with people. Is that fair?

22 A No. As a lead, I need to have the overall knowledge so, if something
23 happens, I'm overall able to respond in emergency situation, get the protectee safe, and
24 then move forward from that. I'm not to have every one of those specific conversations.
25 I'm not there to facilitate -- or micromanage each and every thing that happens with that

1 advance team.

2 Q Right. Because there's so much going on that you can't be involved in each
3 and every topic. Is that fair?

4 A Well, not so much. I mean, there is things going on, but that's their role.

5 Q Yeah.

6 A They're specific -- you know, I don't have the expertise that some of those
7 specific, you know, players have, but also that's their role. Their role is to be focused on
8 that, where my role is to be focused on everything.

9 Q And address concerns if they have them and --

10 A Correct.

11 Q -- bring them to you?

12 Around that time in the walkthrough or related to the walkthrough, did anyone
13 bring you concerns specifically about those meetings they had?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. So did technician [REDACTED] ever say he had a conversation with
16 some of the locals about AGR-related concerns?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] --

19 A No.

20 Q -- they didn't bring anything either?

21 Were you aware of any discussions about the water tower and staffing that
22 location?

23 A I did not have any discussions about.

24 Q All right. And what about, we'd heard a little bit some talk and it may not
25 have reached your level, about putting sort of an opaque fencing across that outer --

1 A Never heard that until that Senate briefing when they asked about that.

2 Q Got it. And, at this point, is it fair to say your assumption, because PSP will
3 be in the area, that won't be a place where people are congregating, in the vicinity of
4 AGR?

5 A My understanding was that that area would be cut off from the public and
6 that there would not be congregating in that area.

7 Q Got it. And that's all sort of based on that July 9th meeting with [REDACTED]
8 where he says, we're going lock and secure --

9 A From my general understanding, yes.

10 Q Okay. At this point, it seems pretty clear on the 11th that the perimeters
11 have been set, sort of where that outer perimeter line along the fence is?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Is it just sort of a default, because, "Hey, we already had this hard barrier,
14 this fence here; it makes sense to put it here"?

15 A It's not just a default. I mean, that is nice to have some type of barrier in
16 that spot, but that was just where the perimeter -- there wasn't a specific as to, well, just
17 because this fenced area is having it there.

18 Q Well, then, help me. When was that decision made to set that perimeter,
19 you know, I don't know if it's the outer perimeter or wherever it was, that line, where was
20 that meeting?

21 A I mean, the discussions were all week as to perimeters and where the
22 postings were going to go, who was going to be posted in what areas, what entities, what
23 assets were going to be in what areas. And so, as you move forward with the week, that
24 was the plan that moved forward from a draft to an actual plan.

25 Q Understood. Okay. And then, you know, I know we talked earlier about

1 the discussion on the 10th. On the 11th, lines of sight, mitigation, especially with
2 regards to the [REDACTED], can you walk me through a little bit about those
3 conversations.

4 A Continuing to have conversations with Trump's campaign staff about line of
5 sight. Some of the equipment was starting to come as they were starting to build
6 everything out. On the 12th, second supervisors walked through with the site agents,
7 both from Trump site agent and the site counterpart, and continued those discussions as
8 well. They brought staff into those conversations to discuss line of sight and that we
9 needed to mitigate and put objects in place for line-of-sight concerns.

10 Q Okay. And, specifically with regard to the AGR area, do you recall specific
11 discussions about that line of sight?

12 A Specifics of the AGR area was specific discussions about bleachers being
13 angled and screens being angled, as well as [REDACTED]
14 on that.

15 Q I'll defer if you're reading a note from counsel.

16 [REDACTED] Thank you.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q No, yeah, sorry.

19 A Further explanation with the meetings that happened with Trump's staff as
20 to putting equipment or placement within the site was that their concern was the press
21 shot and making sure that they had their clean press shots that they were looking for
22 within that. So that was why those discussions continued all week as to whether Secret
23 Service, like within what perimeters we were going to put different equipment that was
24 not the equipment that they were originally expecting.

25 Q Yeah. And can you just expound on that. When --

1 A Sure.

2 Q -- you say "clean press shot," and I'm sure you have these back and forths
3 with campaigns, and, again, whatever side we are, tell me a bit --

4 A Sure.

5 Q -- what you took away from that.

6 A In general, staff is -- and I'm being general about any staff, they're looking
7 for -- it's not just the event that they're having or the security of the event or, you know,
8 where -- what is happening in the event, but they're always looking for some type of
9 picturesque moment that you're going to see later on. So sometimes there's a lot of
10 back and forth as to placing things, as where things would be placed and what would be
11 placed in order for us to accomplish what we need for line of sight or other obstacles,
12 because they have a certain vision as to what they want their part of the site to look like.

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q Could I ask --

15 A Sure.

16 Q -- is it fair to imagine that that dynamic and possible tension or
17 disagreements has a construct, those are not unique to --

18 A Not unique at all. And that's --

19 Q And I'll just, if I could just define the not unique premise. I imagine not
20 unique to campaign versus White House staff --

21 A Correct.

22 Q -- any particular candidate staff --

23 A Correct.

24 Q -- local party, those are structural difficulties that -- in your experience?

25 A In my experience, those are structural difficulties, yes, and that's why I said

1 generally with staff and I didn't refer to each staff, because that is conversation that, I
2 mean, throughout my 20-plus years, I've had before. And that is why when we started
3 the week and throughout the week, when I met with Trump lead staff, I continued to say,
4 "Hey, look, like, you don't let us put stuff where we want to put stuff; we don't take care
5 of these line-of-sight issues. Like you can build out your site to be as pretty as you want
6 to, but when the supervisor comes here on Friday, he's going to change it up."

7 Q And I know this particular event is in the context of a particular set of staff,
8 particular candidates, and we'll talk about that, and we should. But, just clarifying, the
9 structural issue is sort of a global challenge that you have faced?

10 A It is not uncommon that that discussion has come up before.

11 Q Okay. Thank you.

12

BY [REDACTED]

13 Q And I think, just in my mind, it's basically an issue of political campaign, I
14 mean, ideology, party, whatever it is, they're sort of more focused on the aesthetics.
15 You guys have the security, and it's about meeting in the middle to figure out where the
16 lines are drawn?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Okay. And, in terms of a specific issue, in any case, you guys try to resolve
19 that on a case-by-case basis?

20 A Well, each trip, each visit is unique. So, yes, every single time we're going
21 to come up with a plan together; we're going to work with it together. We are going to
22 continue to have those conversations and voice our concern and to bring it up. And
23 then, ultimately, you know, that second supervisor walkthrough, and the day of making
24 sure that there's -- those concerns are -- continue to be raised until they're met.

25 Q Understood. All right. So I think I want to move on to the 12th now.

1 A Okay.

2 Q You said the morning started fun for you.

3 A Sure.

4 Q You -- to clarify, I mean, I understand you were able to get through it.

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Is there a protocol in place for a role, like if someone is designated, hey,
7 specific role, but day before they're not able to go if it had been a, you know, a serious
8 emergency; is there a protocol in place for how that person would be replaced, or is it ad
9 hoc on the nature of the situation?

10 A I mean, the nature of the situation, they'll find some -- what they need to
11 find, and they'll bring them up to speed as best as possible. I let my immediate
12 supervisors know. I let the Trump detail supervisors know that I had been sick, that I
13 was comfortable moving forward, and that I was well enough to move forward. That's
14 why I took a quick nap, and then I moved forward with my job that day.

15 I did not attend the entire second supervisor walkthrough. I had discussions with
16 that second supervisor from the Trump detail at the time, and he said -- [REDACTED] said,
17 "Meet us at the site. We'll figure it out, and I'll start the walkthrough." So I went and I
18 touched base with him when I got to the site, was at the site for several hours, made sure
19 that, if they had any concerns that needed to be raised and needed to be worked on, that
20 they were worked on.

21 Q Understood. Okay. So, the 12th, kind of doing the final checks. I
22 also -- help me here. This was the first time you met Special Agent [REDACTED], is that right,
23 in person, like --

24 A Yes.

25 Q -- the -- doing the CUAS?

1 A Yes, he was at the site at the time.

2 Q Did you get a sense from him there were any issues, that he had any
3 problems?

4 A I met him in person. I asked him, "Do you need anything? Are you good?
5 Is your hotel okay? Do you need anything at the site? Do you have what you need?"
6 And he said, "No. I'm good. Thanks. I'm just getting the [REDACTED] while I'm
7 standing here."

8 Q Got it. So no indication from him that there would be any issues --

9 A No.

10 Q -- the next day in his duties?

11 Were you -- I apologize if you mentioned this on the last round. Did you -- were
12 you aware of his training experience at that point or no?

13 A No. I knew that the Trump detail selected him as someone who had
14 knowledge of the CUAS systems and that that was his role was to come and operate
15 those systems. I had no knowledge of what his training or abilities were.

16 Q Got it. Fair to say, Trump detail picks him. You have to assume that he
17 knows what he's doing, and he's been picked for a reason?

18 A I've never seen those systems. I've never operated them. So, if I'm being
19 told by them that that's who they're sending, then --

20 Q Understood. And then that evening is the final briefing. You said Special
21 Agent [REDACTED] gave that briefing?

22 A So, when I left the site that afternoon or early evening, the site was not built
23 out yet.

24 [REDACTED] What time approximately, if you can recall?

25 [REDACTED] It was between 3 and 4 that I left the site. When I left the site, they

1 were still in the midst of building all that. That was the last time I saw it. I did take
2 some pictures of some of the areas that former President Trump was going to be walking
3 or be in at the time to send back to the detail for the briefing.

4 The site continued to be built until the next morning at some point. I have no
5 idea when that point was. That briefing was at 5:30. It was on Teams. The
6 supervisor for the Trump detail, the SAIC of the Trump detail, was on the call; the shift
7 leader, which came from CNOS, was on the call; the second supervisor [REDACTED] was on
8 the call; the second supervisor that was shadowing from CNOS was on the call; the CAT
9 operator was on the call; site agent [REDACTED] was on the call; site agent [REDACTED] was on the
10 call; and I was on the call.

11 And as has been general what I have done when I was on the VP's detail as well is
12 it's a briefing that goes to the supervisor of the detail that's going to be in charge of like
13 the guy you always see behind the protectee wherever you go, that that's his detail
14 leader; [REDACTED]. So he's the one in charge of
15 that detail, and he's the one that you're going to brief and tell him from start to finish
16 what's going to happen for the trip.

17 So I started with the briefing. I briefed from start to finish as to, we were going
18 to land at the airport, what time we're landing at the airport, all the things, the
19 [REDACTED], what [REDACTED] we were going to have at
20 the airport, how the motorcade was going to be set up, and how we were going to leave
21 the airport. I made sure that he knew that we had another detail that was going to be in
22 town at the time; it wasn't going to conflict with us; it wasn't going to conflict with our
23 assets, but just to know that they may land at the same time.

24 From there, I told him about the motorcade, our motorcade route, what my
25 observations were on the route, what we were concerned about, the hospitals that we

1 were talking about, because it was a [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED], from [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED].

4 Then I told him how we were arriving at the site. Because the Trump detail is
5 sending a site agent to be representative at that site and to work there, they also are
6 sending them there for the experience of briefing a supervisor. So she briefed the site.
7 She briefed everything from the prelim, but she also briefed, you know, all the actions we
8 were taking, the itinerary of former President Trump through the site, what he was
9 expected to -- how long he was expected to be on stage, the assets we were going to
10 have there, what our emergency protocol would've been if we needed to move him off
11 stage or if we needed to respond somewhere [REDACTED], all of those
12 contingencies. She briefed from the prelim that the incorrect information was on there
13 about the local snipers and made sure that they knew that the -- the correct information
14 about where the local snipers would be.

15 The CAT operator that was [REDACTED] briefed what he -- his knowledge
16 was from all the conversations that he had with the counter assault or the counter assault
17 SWAT, [REDACTED], all of the tactical assets that he had been briefing with the entire week, he
18 briefed those as well. When he briefed, he also mentioned that when he arrived that he
19 was going to meet with Butler ESU, and he was going to give them a radio on site.

20 From that point, we talked about the contingencies of the hospital that was near
21 Butler. It was not a [REDACTED], so I discussed why that hospital would be
22 our first hospital but may not be our [REDACTED]. And
23 then I briefed what our expectations were for the motorcade on the way back and what
24 we would be encountering from the motorcade on the way back.

25 Our timing was different than the First Lady when we were arriving back at the

1 airport so we wouldn't run into her again, and how they would proceed to the next stop,
2 that they were going to be wheels up, and any other contingencies and questions that
3 they would've had going into this vast plan that we had for the trip that was coming to
4 Pittsburgh.

5 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 Q Sounds like a fairly comprehensive call.

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q Was technician [REDACTED] on that call?

9 A He was not on that call.

10 Q Would that have been a standard practice to have someone of a counter
11 sniper variety in this type of venue to be on that call?

12 A So this is a first call I've done like this with a former detail or any other detail.
13 In general, when I've done these before, it's always been just me and the detail leader or
14 whoever the supervisor is coming with that protectee, where I sit down with all of their
15 paperwork and I brief from start to finish every single aspect of the entire trip. The
16 second supervisor from the Trump detail set up the call. It was on Teams. He made
17 sure to give invites. Until all of this happened, I didn't realize that [REDACTED] was not on
18 that call.

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When you say all of -- sorry. When you say all of this, you mean
20 the call occurring?

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Until after -- because it was briefed what the snipers were doing on
22 the call until afterthought, after action, I did not realize that [REDACTED] was not actually on
23 that call.

24 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 Q As of this call, what was the line-of-sight situation? There's so many

1 conversations.

2 A Sure.

3 Q Where did it stand at that point?

4 A So the second supervisors, both from the Trump detail and the CNOS, and
5 the site agents were still at the site. They were still doing walkthroughs. They were
6 still building out. And no conversation had come to my attention that that had not been
7 resolved.

8 Q Could I ask the phrasing there, did you think it had been resolved, or you just
9 did not know whether or not it had been resolved?

10 A I was not aware that the line of sight was not resolved until the shooting
11 started happening on the 13th. Those conversations were continuing with staff and
12 with the second supervisors. I wasn't there to see the site built out, so I was not aware
13 that that conversation had not been resolved and that those assets were not in place.

14 Q And so, to put a fine point on it, there was some point at which you were
15 under the impression that it was resolved?

16 A Yes.

17 Q At what point did you come to have that impression, if you recall?

18 A I never received any information that there was a concern that had not been
19 resolved, still have not been told by anyone. I've not had a conversation with anyone
20 past that. But I was never -- these are -- when you're encompassing this you're
21 addressing issues as they come. You're addressing them making sure they're resolved,
22 and it was not discussed that it had not been resolved. And, if it wasn't resolved, it
23 should have been raised to me, should've been raised to the supervisors, and that should
24 have come up on that call that they've had a conversation that they couldn't resolve it.

25 Q Right. So you know for a fact that the issue is a known issue?

1 A Yes.

2 [REDACTED] [Inaudible.]

3 [REDACTED] Are you meaning to communicate with the folks in the room? I
4 think you might be unmuted. And he just muted, so, yeah.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So you knew it to be an issue that was known. In other words, you knew
7 that the relevant people were discussing the issue?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And, I guess, maybe from your experience, you assumed that if it were
10 somehow a lingering, unresolved issue, it would be brought to your attention?

11 A I would've known about it --

12 Q Right.

13 A -- as my past experience, yes.

14 Q And nobody brought that directly to your attention as an unresolved issue?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Is it also right to -- I should ask, do you recall ever seeking out the site agent
17 or site agent counterpart and asking, "Has this issue been resolved?"

18 A I spoke with both the site agent and the site counterpart multiple times on
19 the 13th, asking what the status of the site was, if they were good, if there was anything
20 that needed to be addressed, if there was any concerns that needed to be addressed, and
21 was told every time, with the exception of the medical situations that they were having,
22 that they were -- that there was nothing to bring up.

23 Q And I know we're creeping up on time, but do you have any recollection of
24 visually observing the site on the 13th once it had been built out and thinking to yourself,
25 well, the [REDACTED] aren't quite

1 [REDACTED] here or there?

2 A So, from the direction I was standing when he was on stage, I was behind the
3 stage facing two sets of bleachers to the 6 o'clock from behind him on the ground level.
4 I was never in an avenue where I could see anything that I would be able to pick out at
5 the moment and say, "It's not in the right place." I never saw any of those lines of sights
6 from where I was standing.

7

BY [REDACTED]

8 Q Got it. Our colleagues have nicely not set loud alarms to interrupt us. I
9 have two more questions. It will just take --

10 A Sure.

11 Q -- no more than 15 seconds. First, the -- so ultimately -- and I think
12 [REDACTED] got at this -- ultimately, you would've expected [REDACTED] to brief you either on the
13 night of the 12th or the morning of the 13th if there were a [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]?

15 A I would've expected either site agent, second supervisor, anyone that had a
16 role in that site to -- just to call and say that there were concerns and issues that had not
17 been resolved.

18 Q Got it. And then the last question, on the 12th, on that evening call, who
19 briefed the counter sniper portion of that, or was it just kind of went through quickly?

20 A The portion was briefed from -- so I discussed the airport sniper, counter
21 snipers that would be there, and then [REDACTED] discussed the counter snipers at the farm
22 show site, and anything that was missed was interjected by the CAT operator.

23 [REDACTED] Got it. All right. We can go off the record. Thank you.

24 [Recess.]

25

BY [REDACTED]

1 Q We can go back on the record.

2 I want to ask just a couple of quick questions following up on Friday, but before
3 that, you said in your Senate interview that the site agents, part of their responsibility is
4 to continue walking through the site the entire day of the event to make sure that
5 [REDACTED], any holes are filled, and then relay that information back to yourself
6 and to the detail, who would be the second supervisor, as to if those things were not in
7 place. To the best of your knowledge, was that occurring on the day of the 13th?

8 A I wasn't there, so I cannot tell you what they walked through, what they
9 didn't walkthrough, what changes they made, what changes they didn't make. I can
10 only tell you about the one change that I knew that was voiced to me after the fact, but
11 every moment that I called or every moment that I texted and said, "Are you guys good, is
12 there anything that you need, is there any concerns," I was met with negative results
13 or -- and that means I was not given anything that I needed to raise up or that needed to
14 be resolved.

15 The only thing that was told to me after the fact was that part of the buildout that
16 they had some [REDACTED] together with some flags, [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] -- or [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 And, just prior to us arriving, Agent [REDACTED] and another agent, I am not sure who,
20 actually [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and moved that bike rack and
21 moved -- because there were also chairs in that area that did not need to be in that
22 area -- moved the people and the chairs to another area so that that area was open, and
23 that ultimately ended up being where our cars were that we needed to leave them.

24 Q So it's a good example of something working. She saw something wrong --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- she mitigated it and then --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- communicated that to you, not in real time but after the fact?

4 A After -- I mean, after everything happened, she told me about that
5 happening. But, yes, it was something that she saw wrong, and she mitigated right then
6 and there on the spot.

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When you say "after everything happening," you mean after the
8 shooting?

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] After the shooting, after the event, that was one of the things that
10 was discussed.

11 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 Q Okay. How many times did you reach out to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to check in?

13 A I can't tell you. I mean, I'm sure you have my phone records at some point,
14 but it was multiple.

15 Q Okay. And always over the phone, not over the radio?

16 A The radio didn't stretch that far. So from where they were at the site, I
17 was -- I left my house probably around 10 o'clock that morning. So, from that point
18 forward, moving to the airport, after they finished their -- because they -- they posted
19 after their -- they should've had them -- all the agent assets posted at 11 o'clock to start
20 [REDACTED]. So me moving to the airport after 10 o'clock, there was multiple phone
21 calls, multiple text messages in order to check on anything that was going on at the site.

22 Q Okay. And, when we talked to Special Agent [REDACTED] she mentioned that
23 there was a discussion about putting [REDACTED] or something at the 2
24 o'clock versus the 3 o'clock. Were you part of that conversation?

25 A No.

1 Q Okay. Did she --

2 A I know that conversation happened, but I was not a part of it.

3 Q How do you know it happened?

4 A From discussions from her.

5 Q Okay. So she told you that they had agreed to put something at the 2
6 o'clock, or what did she tell you?

7 A I knew that they were discussing some trucks in that area.

8 Q Okay. And then she told us, when she got to the site, she noticed that
9 [REDACTED], but she did not raise that concern to you. Can you confirm
10 that that was not raised?

11 A No, it was not raised to me.

12 Q Okay. If it had been raised to you, what would the next steps have been?

13 A If she raised it to me, was not able to be able to resolve it herself, I would've
14 called the second supervisors and said, "Staff is not doing what we asked them to do; we
15 need to give something in that spot."

16 Q Okay. Were there any instances where you needed to call the second
17 supervisor that day to elevate any concerns?

18 A I was in contact with him that day. So also he was at the airport with me
19 starting at 1 o'clock. I was in contact with him, but I don't recall specific issues that I had
20 to discuss with him. I know that, once I was at the airport with [REDACTED] that the
21 CUAS advance agent had reached out to him direct about the CUAS system not working.
22 I know that he had talked to someone directly; I'm not sure which entity, but had talked
23 to somebody about they'd had a lot of medical concerns that had happened with some of
24 the general public that was there. So we were relaying things, but there wasn't
25 something that was an issue that had not been raised to him.

1 Q Okay. So you were aware that the CUAS system was not operating
2 properly because [REDACTED] was told, and with you?

3 A He told me in passing that they were working on getting the system up. At
4 the time I talked to him, and I don't know what time that was, it was prior to former
5 President Trump landing, but he mentioned that the system was down, that he was
6 working -- that the CUAS advance was working on getting that system back up, and that
7 they hadn't had that problem before.

8 Q Okay. Did they tell you what the problem was or just that it wasn't
9 working?

10 A He was having some type of [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay. [REDACTED] hat
12 [REDACTED]? Is there another way you can check the site, or is there anything else
13 you can do to say, "Oh, well, this is broken; what's the second option?"

14 A [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]

20 Q And that never occurred, to the best of your knowledge?

21 A To the best of my knowledge, I've never received a report of that.

22 Q Okay. So then that 5:30 meeting where you all were on the phone --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- we talked about it a lot. I just had a couple quick questions on that. Did
25 site agent [REDACTED] talk about the line-of-sight concerns on that call?

1 A All vulnerabilities were spoke -- were talked about on that call. So any of
2 the vulnerabilities that we were looking at, the fact that there were buildings from all
3 angles, the roads, how the roads were going to be dealt with, the local police had
4 postings on the roads, but they were not going to shut down traffic completely on those
5 roads during the time he was there. So all of those caveats and all of those mitigations
6 were talked about in that meeting.

7 Q Were mitigations in place for the 3 o'clock or 2 o'clock areas? Was that
8 discussed, or was it just general mitigation?

9 A It was discussed on all of the areas within -- you go around the tactical clock
10 when you're discussing as to what you see and what vulnerabilities and what you need to
11 discuss.

12 Q And that happened on that call?

13 A I don't recall it not happening.

14 Q Okay.

15 A And that was -- and, to her defense, if she missed something in that
16 conversation, I interjected, the shift leader asked additional questions, and the CAT
17 operator interjected with additional things, but she briefed the site fully for that.

18 Q So you felt like she did a pretty good job on the brief?

19 A Actually, yes.

20 Q Okay. Were the counter snipers for the -- or, sorry, not counter snipers,
21 the snipers for the local law enforcement, was it specifically stated that they would be
22 inside the AGR building?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And did anyone raise concerns at that time about their location?

25 A No, they did not.

1 Q Okay. I think we've talked a lot about the assets that were requested, but
2 other than the CAT LNO that the detail requested that was denied, were there any other
3 requests that you made that were denied?

4 A That I made?

5 Q Yes.

6 A Requests that I made personally as a lead were I requested 13
7 magnetometers for the size of the crowd and was granted 10.

8 Q Okay.

9 A The Trump detail also requested [REDACTED] and was denied that as
10 well.

11 Q Do you feel like those would've made a difference on the 13th if you had
12 been granted those assets? I know it's a hypothetical.

13 A It's hard to answer a hypothetical on that. The magnetometers was to
14 screen the amount of people coming in, so that is -- it's not in place as to what happened
15 on the 13th. With the hypothetical on the airspace or the CAT LNO or, you know, things
16 being executed correctly and being in place, I can't make that hypothetical as to which
17 way it would have gone.

18 Q What does the air support entail?

19 A I don't know the full program, but I know it would have given more support
20 talking with the [REDACTED]

21 Q Were there any assets that you would have wanted to request but did not
22 because of -- you had just spent 3 weeks on the ops detail and you kind of knew what was
23 available?

24 A There was nothing in particular that I -- that jumped out. Some of the
25 assets that I could've had -- or not phrasing it "could've had" but some of the assets that

1 are typical to the President's detail, which are -- were not typical to former
2 President Trump at the time, those assets would be great to have, but they were not
3 things that were typically or set a precedent for those events to have. So they were not
4 asks made because they were -- they were not. But, of course, I would always want
5 more assets.

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And, just to be clear, you're saying for a former President, those
7 would not be typical assets that would be deployed?

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Correct.

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay.

10 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 Q Were there any decisions regarding assets or manpower that you
12 communicated to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] sort of an escalation saying, "Hey, I think we need this;
13 is there any way you guys can help?"

14 A I can't think of any conversations that I had with that.

15 Q Okay. Before July 13th, were you provided any documents or ops plans
16 regarding the rally from State or local law enforcement?

17 A The only one I was ever provided with was the Pennsylvania State Police ops
18 plan.

19 Q Okay. Is it normal to just get --

20 A It's honestly normal to not get any. From a lead's perspective, I don't know
21 what the tactical assets share with each other or not share with each other, but from the
22 lead's perspective, it's -- I've worked multiple of these and never received an ops plan for
23 another.

24 Q So you got the ops plan. Did you look through it?

25 A I looked through it.

1 Q Did you think it was sufficient for what you needed at the time?

2 A I mean, I skimmed through, saw what their plan was, the radio, talked to
3 Secret Service, "If you see something to scan your area, discuss if there's something out of
4 place that you need to discuss," who they need to raise up to, and phone numbers for
5 everyone and their brothers basically on that sheet. Nothing immediately stood out to
6 me.

7 Q Okay. During this entire time period of working with local law
8 enforcement, did any of them raise any specific concerns to you, whether about the site
9 or the prep or anything, assets, manpower?

10 A Specific concerns to me, no.

11 Q We've talked a little bit about the AGR complex and the concerns
12 surrounding the line of sight. You said it's been -- it was an ongoing conversation all
13 week.

14 A Sure.

15 Q Do you ever feel like there was a final decision made on what mitigation was
16 going to be in place?

17 A From the final decision of what I knew in the plan that we had was that there
18 was -- there were supposed to be police postings in the area that would be able to deter,
19 mitigate people from accessing the building. There was supposed to be farm

20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]. There was supposed to be the [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] and that the counter snipers from
23 Secret Service that were on that angle would also have visibility of that area. Until all of
24 this and subsequent investigation, I did not know that parts of that were not
25 mitigated -- were not executed.

1 Q And when do you think that that plan was finalized? Like, in your mind,
2 when was it, "Okay, we're good, this is the mitigation that's in place," everything you just
3 described?

4 A That was the plan -- I couldn't tell you which day, but that was the plan we
5 moved forward with.

6 Q Okay. Did you remember speaking to anyone from Butler Township or
7 Butler ESU about the AGR building specifically?

8 A I did not talk to anybody about that building specifically.

9 Q Okay.

10 [REDACTED] All right. We'll introduce majority exhibit 4.

11 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 4

12 was marked for identification.]

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q This is not something you've seen before, but this is an excerpt from a
15 transcribed interview we did with local law enforcement, Officer [REDACTED] of the Butler
16 Township Police Department. I don't know if you remember coming across him, but he
17 was --

18 A No.

19 Q You don't remember him?

20 A I don't remember him.

21 Q Okay. He day of was working a post with Secret Service agent as Butler
22 Township --

23 A Okay.

24 Q -- but did prep as Butler ESU, because there's a lot of overlap, I guess.

25 A Sure.

1 Q So, if we look down on the first page, line 24, it's just the question so you can
2 provide it for context. It says, "How would you describe your route on the July 11th
3 walkthrough?" And he answers, line one, this is page 10, "So I got there, and we were
4 all down by Brady Paul Lodge" -- at this point, it was the ESU members there, and there
5 were -- and we -- "realized everyone else was up at the office."

6 So it looks like -- or it sounds like they were just at -- Butler ESU is --

7 A -- just at the lodge. Yeah.

8 Q Yeah. So you guys weren't there. But then, on line 9 through 12 on this
9 page, he says that he spoke with counter sniper team lead that day, [REDACTED] and
10 then he "broke away myself and spoke with Agent [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED]"

11 A Okay.

12 Q Did Agent [REDACTED] or Agent [REDACTED] ever talk to you about anything --

13 A No.

14 Q -- said to you? Okay.

15 Did you know where the State and local law enforcement would be positioned in
16 relation to the AGR building?

17 A I knew in general that there was going to be posts in front of them. I didn't
18 know exactly where they would be positioned.

19 Q Okay. In your mission assurance review interview, you said that Donald
20 Trump detail has treated him like he was a sitting President even though he wasn't since
21 he left office. The assets and the asks of what they needed were not on that level. Do
22 you remember making that statement?

23 A Which interview was this?

24 Q The MAR one, mission assurance review, Secret Service.

25 A Yes.

1 [REDACTED] I would just note quickly for the record before you answer, we
2 haven't actually received a copy of the transcript.

3 [REDACTED] We haven't either.

4 [REDACTED] We haven't either, but we were given the ability to view it in
5 camera yesterday, so I, too, would like to have a copy.

6 [REDACTED] Okay. Well, we would appreciate that opportunity as well, but can
7 discuss offline, but --

8 [REDACTED] Same.

9 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you. And so whatever my client is about to say will
10 obviously reflect her recollection. We don't have the document in front of us.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q Right. Do you recall making a statement along the lines of what I read?

13 A Yes. They did not receive the assets or the training that any of the
14 Presidential detail receives, but they were, in general, asking for the same paperwork, the
15 same type of command and control that they would be receiving for the President's detail
16 with less assets basically.

17 Q Can you help me understand that a little bit more?

18 A Sure.

19 Q I don't quite know the differences.

20 A So, as has been referred to by the Acting Director and some others with the
21 common attitude of "do more with less," that's typically known. And, within that
22 interview context, discussing the fact that, even though he's a former President, he
23 doesn't get the same assets, but their expectations were along the same lines of having
24 the same type of footprint and having the same type of paperwork submitted and same
25 type of work quality, even though you're doing more with less, and you're not getting

1 what your expectations are.

2 Q So the expectation from -- is that like from Secret Service Headquarters is
3 expecting that level or who's expectation is that the same paperwork, same sort of --

4 A The Trump detail has outlined what they prefer and their expectations for
5 paperwork and the site agents, for instance, coming from their detail to be able to
6 reiterate what their expectations and their messages are.

7 Q I recognize that you may not have seen this yet, but DHS released an
8 independent review panel report 2 days ago. Have you reviewed that?

9 A I have not reviewed it --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- myself.

12 Q One of the findings in there was that an evaluation of Secret Service's
13 method for how it resources protectees to ensure that it's risk-based rather than reliant
14 on title to make resource determinations. It sounds a little bit like the Donald Trump
15 detail seemed to be operating on this risk-based versus title-based, and maybe they
16 should have been operating on title based because that's what Secret Service expects.
17 Is that fair?

18 A I can't comment on policies and procedures and their risk assessments and
19 how they're treating those. Those are opinions of mine that the way that things were
20 being operated were not quite to what I had seen in past precedent.

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q And is that -- sorry. Is that from your time that you had spent those
23 3 weeks there with DTD that you'd seen them submitting those kind of requests?

24 A I mean, when I was there those 3 weeks, I saw requests and the overall
25 stature of how things were carried. I also spent a lot of time on the VP's detail and how

1 those things or how the advances were carried there or how day-to-day work was carried
2 there. But I also was in D.C. for almost 19 years and understood how the parameters
3 worked within D.C. So it was just the way things happened to be down there were just
4 not, as I said, talking about the "do more with less," that you have the same expectations
5 of the other details, yet that's not what you're getting.

6

BY [REDACTED]

7

Q Okay. In your mission assurance review, you also mentioned that you
8 heard from your PSP counterpart that the Butler Sheriff's Office had not provided as many
9 bodies as he originally planned to. Do you remember that?

10

A I do. So, in passing, in the car conversation as we were leaving to go to the
11 site, my PSP counterpart said, "did you hear that the Butler pulled back eight officers for
12 political reasons?" I was not able to verify that. I was not told that there were posts
13 that were missing or that there were holes in the security. Asked the agents if
14 everything was still good as we went -- as we drove, because that's customary and
15 practices I continue to ask over and over again. "How does the site look? Are things
16 good? Do you need anything? Are there any issues or concerns? How many people
17 are there? What's going on?"

18

So I was not receiving information that there were posts missing, and the
19 discussion after -- as almost an after-action was that those eight had been pulled back
20 earlier than that ops plan had been put together, and that ops plan accounted for not
21 having those eight officers in there.

22

Q Okay. Was there an airport briefing on the morning of the 13th?

23

A With the one Secret Service post stander, the Secret Service agent that was
24 there, I had talked with them and then with each entity talked with them as to what their
25 role was and what they needed to do.

1 Q Was that a fairly standard -- no big issues came up?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. Was everyone there that needed to be there?

4 A I believe so. I didn't have any assets missing.

5 Q Okay. Did you go to any of the other briefings on the 13th, or just the
6 airport one --

7 A No --

8 Q -- because you were --

9 A -- just the airport. I started at the airport; I ended the airport. So went
10 and got the cars and then arrived back at the airport and started my day with briefings
11 and sweeps and whatever else I needed to do.

12 Q Were you aware of the briefing on the 13th of Secret Service at the site?

13 A Yes. It was supposed to be at 10 o'clock. I was aware that that's -- that
14 it's customary that you have a post stander briefing, discuss the site plan, discuss what
15 postings are going to be, what -- any other pertinent information they needed to discuss,
16 and then they go walk the site and put the Secret Service postings in their areas that they
17 need to be and then start the sweep.

18 Q Who would lead that?

19 A It would be the site agents.

20 Q What about the field office site supervisor, would he be there?

21 A Generally, he would be there.

22 Q Was he there that day, to the best of your knowledge?

23 A To the best of my knowledge, I don't believe he was there when the briefing
24 took place. I don't know if he was there when any of it took place, but I don't believe he
25 was there when it started.

1 Q When did you become aware of that?

2 A I talked to him that morning because we were running into some last-minute
3 name checks, and I had called him to verify a name check.

4 Q Did he tell you why he wasn't going to be at the briefing?

5 A He didn't. He just said he was on his way.

6 Q Okay. But he told you on that call that he was going to be there?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did you tell him he should go?

9 A He's the supervisor. I can't tell him. I had sent out reporting instructions
10 to the entities that were from the Pittsburgh office. They were from -- when I'm sending
11 all the manpower, there's also instructions that went from the Pittsburgh Field Office, and
12 in that, I can recall outlining that he -- the briefing would happen at the site and that he
13 needed to discuss times and locations with Agent [REDACTED]

14 Q So, since he wasn't there, who took what -- the responsibility of that?

15 A I wasn't at the briefing. I'm not sure --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- what was said.

18 Q Did you talk to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] about him not being there?

19 A I let [REDACTED] know that he wasn't coming or he wasn't going to be at the
20 briefing.

21 Q Okay. Did she have any reaction that you remember?

22 A I'm not sure what reaction she had.

23 Q Okay. Before former President Trump arrived at the airport, did you have
24 any communications with the Secret Service personnel that we haven't already talked
25 about who were at the rally site? Sorry. Any other people that you talked to at the

1 site?

2 A I talked to Uniformed Division at some point.

3 Q What'd you talk to them about?

4 A I continued to get questions about items that were able to be brought into
5 the site and Uniformed Division runs the magnetometers, so I had sent a couple messages
6 to the sergeant asking -- telling him that I had intercepted some of those, making sure
7 that I gave the right answer, and that he could touch base with them for more questions.

8 [REDACTED] Was this about the cups? Is that --

9 [REDACTED] No -- shoot.

10 [REDACTED] Water bottles or cups?

11 [REDACTED] Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were talking about the person's name.

12 I was like, I'm ringing a bell. Yeah, there was something about cups. There was
13 something about diaper bags. There was something about breast pump, and I -- the
14 cups was the one that I was pretty sure that they could bring them in if they were empty,
15 but I wasn't positive, and I did pass that message onto him.

16 BY [REDACTED]

17 Q Do you remember talking to anybody else that morning while you were at
18 the airport who was at the site?

19 A I can't recall talking to -- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were over and over again, but my
20 memory is not recalling anybody else there.

21 Q And [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] never brought up any issues with the site build?

22 A With the site build, no.

23 Q What issues did they bring up?

24 A [REDACTED] had some issues with her radio. There were issues with -- or not
25 issues, but there were a lot of medical incidents or medical responses that had happened,

1 but those were the only issues that were really brought up.

2 Q You mentioned she had trouble with her radio. Did you have any way to
3 help fix that, or do you know how it was remedied?

4 A She was working with the radio -- Agent [REDACTED] had called the radio shop in
5 D.C. and asked for some response as to how to try and mitigate that. I also had told her
6 that the jump team leader sometimes had extra radios with them and that she should ask
7 one of the jump team leaders -- there was three of them there -- if they had an extra
8 radio that she would be able to use.

9 Q What communication devices did you use on -- throughout that whole day?
10 We talked about your cell phone. Was it your personal or your work?

11 A My personal phone was not on me once I left my house.

12 Q Okay. So work phone, that's texting, calling?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Any encrypted messaging apps?

15 A No.

16 Q And then radio once you got to the site. Is that right?

17 A Radio once I got to the airport.

18 Q Once you got to the airport?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And then was that a different frequency than when you were at the rally
21 site?

22 A I stayed on the same frequency the whole time. The post standers are on a
23 different frequency than I am.

24 Q Okay. Which one were you on?

25 A I was on [REDACTED]

1 Q Did you ever have to change channels?

2 A No.

1 [2:44 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Who else was on [REDACTED]

4 A The shift, the detail leader, CAT, I believe counter-sniper, the site agent, field
5 office supervisor from -- SAIC [REDACTED] protective intelligence advance, and the security
6 room was monitoring that frequency as well.

7 Q Were you scanning --

8 A And the motorcade driver. Sorry.

9 Q Okay. Were you scanning the other channel --

10 A I was not.

11 Q -- for post-standers?

12 A I was not scanning it.

13 Q Okay.

14 What time did you arrive at the Butler site?

15 A It was right around 5:30.

16 Q So when you arrived, what do you do?

17 A When we arrived, the limo went into the tent, so obscured from view.

18 Agent [REDACTED] met the limo, as she should have, when they went in there. As the lead, I'm
19 the last person on the door of the limo. So, as they all walked to go to their final
20 destination -- or their next destination, [REDACTED] told
21 me I was good and [REDACTED]

22 Then I went face-to-face with the detail leader, touched base with him, made sure
23 everything was good, that he was good, that he didn't need anything, and then told him
24 that I was going to go [REDACTED].

25 The motorcade was faced towards the direction that we arrived in and needed to

1 be completely [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] or just because, once a rally starts, I'm not going to mess with
3 the motorcade. [REDACTED]

4 So I [REDACTED] that were down closer towards that Brady Paul building,
5 which is the FOP Lodge. That was the parking lot we used [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED],
7 and made sure that we had an [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED],
9 and made sure everything was in place. And I talked to drivers, looked at them in the
10 eye and made sure we were good as I put them in place.

11 Once those cars were in place, I went back to -- the next tent he was in was the
12 photo-op tent. So this was a group of tents where he was going to be. [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 So he was in the photo-op tent by that point. And I touched base again with the
16 second supervisor because he was the closest one to see. The campaign supervisor was
17 closest one to see. I saw my supervisor, SAIC [REDACTED] at that point. And, once again,
18 "Any issues? Are we good?" Had not heard any issues.

19 I waited there until he went to offstage announce. Then we lined up how we
20 were going to line up for him to go on stage. Once he left offstage announce, I was
21 [REDACTED] So he left offstage
22 announce -- former President Trump left offstage announce, went up a couple stairs to go
23 on the catwalk, and [REDACTED] and then to the stage and the stairs.

24 Once he was on the stage, I went behind the stage on the ground level, on the
25 corner -- I guess it was a right back corner -- to make sure that [REDACTED] from

1 that. The supervisors were by the stairs, and so [REDACTED] from where
2 I was standing.

3 Q Backing up just a little bit, when the CAT got out of the motorcade --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- do you remember seeing a radio being given --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- or taken from --

8 A Yes. So I watched Butler ESU -- I don't know his name. I couldn't tell you.
9 I could describe him, I could describe the uniform. I watched him come up. He said,
10 "Where's CAT?" And I directed him to where CAT was. And he met up with CAT, gave
11 them a radio. And then, from what I subsequently learned, that he -- they were actually
12 married up together the entire time.

13 [REDACTED] Can you describe his uniform?

14 [REDACTED] It was green and tan camo, said "Butler ESU." And then he was
15 blondish, kind of scruffy.

16 [REDACTED] Thank you.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q So you said you learned subsequently that they were married up the whole
19 time. What do you mean by that?

20 A So, after the Senate report had been released, I was able to see that the
21 conversation that CAT Operator [REDACTED] had discussing that that Butler ESU tactical person,
22 or officer, was with him the entire time, that he was stationed with him while we were at
23 the site, and I do recall actually seeing that [REDACTED] as
24 well.

25 Q Okay.

1 Your PSP counterpart -- this is before Trump takes the stage, but --

2 A Sure.

3 Q -- were they with you?

4 A No. He was in the photo line.

5 So a part of the -- what's customary when he has a photo line is that there are
6 invited law enforcement, fire, that get to participate in having their photo with him. So
7 he was one of the law enforcement that was receiving his photo with him.

8 Q Okay.

9 [REDACTED] Was that [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

11 [REDACTED] And that's standard --

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 [REDACTED] -- at any event?

14 [REDACTED] Yes. And then once he left that photo line, he came back outside the
15 tent and was nearer my directions.

16 BY [REDACTED]

17 Q What time was that, if you can recall?

18 A No idea.

19 Q Was it before or after former President Trump took the stage?

20 A It was before he took the stage.

21 Q Do you recall being able to hear his radio at all?

22 A No.

23 Q Were you made aware of any suspicious individuals that day?

24 A No, I was not.

25 Q Prior to shots being fired, were you made aware of any issue occurring?

1 A Prior to shots being fired, the first knowledge of any issue was when a Secret
2 Service counter-sniper came over the radio and said that Butler was working something
3 at the 3 o'clock.

4 Q What did you do when you heard that?

5 A I started scanning my area.

6 Q Did you see anything?

7 A No.

8 [REDACTED] Can I ask, when was that, approximately, if you recall?

9 [REDACTED] It was not far before the shots were fired. So the reports have said
10 the shots were fired around 6:11, so it was not far before that.

11 [REDACTED] And "not far," are you talking about minutes? Seconds?

12 [REDACTED] Not seconds, but not a long period of time either. I don't have --

13 [REDACTED] 1 or 2 minutes-ish?

14 [REDACTED] Sure.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q Did you hear any followup from that?

17 A So, after the counter-sniper from Secret Service put it on the radio, he then
18 said it again, and within seconds of saying it a second time is when the first shot was fired.

19 Q And it was just "working something at the 3 o'clock"?

20 A Just "working something at the 3 o'clock."

21 Q Nothing about someone on a roof?

22 A Nothing about anyone on a roof, nothing about anyone with a gun, nothing
23 about his person, no suspicious -- there was -- the description was "working something at
24 the 3 o'clock."

25 Q And you said you were in the 6 o'clock position?

1 A Near the 6 o'clock, yeah. Around 5, 6. I was behind the stage, on the
2 right.

3 Q Can you describe to us your reaction when you first heard the gunshots?

4 A The first gunshot I heard, I turned and I ran towards the stairs to get on the
5 stage. I got on the stage. There were already a couple agents around his body. I
6 looked for any area of former President Trump's body that I could cover myself. And
7 then shots continued to be fired at that time.

8 Q Did you ever -- could you tell which direction the shots were coming from?

9 A I could hear the noise behind me, but I did not know what direction it was
10 coming from.

11 Q Okay. And understanding that this is an incredibly intense moment --

12 A Sure.

13 Q -- did you hear anything on your radio throughout, as you're coming up on
14 the stage, as you're putting your body in front of President Trump's?

15 A I did not hear anything on my radio at that point.

16 Once we surrounded former President Trump with our bodies, shots continue to
17 be fired. At that point, someone did come over the radio and say, "Shooter down."

18 And part of our training is, when something is said on the radio when something
19 like that's happening or when anyone is able to communicate in that area, you repeat
20 what it is. So I'm sure you've heard the recordings because the mikes were still live on
21 the stage at that time. You're hearing Secret Service reiterate what they're hearing,
22 what they're seeing on the radio and in real-time.

23 Q Did you hear the counter-sniper shot being fired?

24 A I couldn't discern between what shot was what. I just heard gunfire.

25 Q Okay.

1 You hear, "Shooter is down." What is the next step?

2 A Once we heard shooter was down, we assessed former President Trump's
3 current state, whether or not we could move him, if it was safe to move him. It was
4 discussed amongst the group about moving, and then we moved as a group to move him
5 back to the cars so that we could leave.

6 Q Because this is not something I'm ever around, I apologize for asking --

7 A Sure.

8 Q -- for over-explanation. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED].

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q What is the assessment process like for whether or not [REDACTED]

12 A Well, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 Q Do you recall how quickly after "shooter down" comes on the radio that
17 you're able to start moving the former President?

18 A Recalling personally, no, I don't recall. Looking at the timestamps from our
19 command post logs, it was about 2 minutes, 3 minutes.

20 Q And because we've seen footage afterwards --

21 A Sure.

22 Q -- [REDACTED]

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 A [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay.

4 A [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED],

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q Do you remember who said you had --

12 A I don't.

13 Q -- enough people?

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q Was everybody else on the stage at that point from the Donald Trump
16 detail?

17 A The people that were on the stage were -- SAIC [REDACTED] was on stage. The
18 Donald Trump detail had individuals on stage. [REDACTED] I was
19 on stage. I couldn't -- I mean, it was all bodies. And part of the Trump detail was also
20 CNOS individuals, so it's the entire -- [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay. So from Pittsburgh Field Office, it's you and SAIC [REDACTED]

22 A Yes. To my knowledge. I don't know if there was -- I do not --

23 Q But you're sure that [REDACTED] was up there?

24 A I'm sure [REDACTED] was up there. And I have not continued to watch footage.
25 It's, frankly, a traumatic situation that I've gone through, so at this point, like, I can't

1 watch -- I haven't watched the footage as to what happened. I just -- I know what
2 happened while I was there, and that's what I can say.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q We're sorry that we have to walk you through this again. I know --

5 A You're fine.

6 Q -- it was traumatic.

7 After you jumped down off the stage, you move him to the motorcade?

8 A Yep. So I jumped off the stage prior to when they stopped on the stage.

9 Q Uh-huh.

10 A [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] And the entire -- everyone, as they got him to
12 the car -- the closest car that they got him to was the one that we had staged there -- put
13 him in the car.

14 At that point, [REDACTED] I ran
15 to my police car that I was supposed to be riding in and went over the radio and said that
16 we were going to head to Butler Memorial Hospital. That was our destination. And I
17 repeated it at least twice.

18 Q For getting the protectee into the car, is there a specific protocol that you
19 follow to protect while you're transferring them?

20 A As in -- what are you --

21 Q Is there any specific -- like, do you do training scenarios where you're
22 pushing a protectee into a car and do you fan out a specific way? [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 A [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay.

2 A [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] And

10 when I'm jumping off the stage, [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 Q Yeah.

13 A So it just -- it depends on your, you know, environment and what is
14 happening at that time.

15 Q But you guys do go through pretty rigorous training for these types of
16 events?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Yes.

20 Q When was your last -- that you can recall, your last training that went
21 through a scenario like this?

22 A In the summer of 2022.

23 Q Okay.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And I do recognize that I am at time, but I'm going to just finish up,
25 because then you won't have to talk to me anymore.

1 [REDACTED] Sure.

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q When you did that training, were you in a field office or were --

4 A No. I was on the Vice President's detail.

5 Q So did you do regular ongoing training as part of the Vice President's detail?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 Q How often would you say you do those? Like, once a month?

11 A [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] s.

13 Q Okay. [REDACTED] -

14 A But it's also manpower-dependent; it's also, you know, trip-dependent.

15 There's a lot of factors into whether or not that training actually happens on that
16 particular detail.

17 I don't have visualization as to these other details as to how often they do any of
18 that type of training.

19 Q And since going to that field office, it sounds like you haven't had any other
20 training. Is it common that in the field office you don't do any protective-related
21 training that's regular or ongoing?

22 A Well, [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 But since I was in an operations section, that was not something that I would've

1 gone through.

2 Q Okay.

3 [REDACTED] And just a quick timeline point, and Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] can
4 expand on this, [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 I don't know if you want to expand on that at all or just confirm that that's
8 accurate.

9 [REDACTED] That is accurate, yes.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 Did you have another question?

12 [REDACTED] Sure. I can take a few minutes for cleanup.

13 Just going back -- so you said [REDACTED] was your PSP counterpart.

14 [REDACTED] Yes.

15 [REDACTED] Was he the one that said to you, kind of about the staffing
16 issues, that some may or may not have been assigned based on political reasons?

17 [REDACTED] Yes, he is the one that reiterated that comment.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 And then have you --

20 [REDACTED] Before you do cleanup, can I finish going through --

21 [REDACTED] Oh. I thought you were --

22 [REDACTED] Nope.

23 [REDACTED] Sorry about that.

24 [REDACTED] Miscommunications happen.

25 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 Q All right. So you go to the hospital --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- in the motorcade. What are your responsibilities when you get there?

4 A Oh. So we respond to the hospital. As you mentioned about a car
5 window being punched out, Lieutenant [REDACTED] -- his keys were with another individual,
6 another officer that was within our motorcade. He was holding them at the time. So
7 the car was locked, and Lieutenant [REDACTED] did have to punch out his window before we
8 left to go to the hospital. It was within seconds. We did not -- by the time this was all
9 happening, the motorcade was ready to roll, and we were not holding up the motorcade
10 by that happening.

11 Lieutenant [REDACTED] -- the motorcycles -- [REDACTED] -- led us to Butler
12 Memorial Hospital. On our way to the hospital, [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] And we continued to Butler Memorial Hospital. It was about a 10- to
19 15-minute drive to get to Butler Memorial Hospital from where we were.

20 When we pulled up to Butler Memorial Hospital, we pulled up to the emergency
21 room entrance. The Secret Service made a perimeter around the cars that he was going
22 to come out of. And then, at his own volition, he was able to exit the vehicle, walk into
23 the hospital. Met right at the doors by the hospital personnel to be evaluated.

24 Once he was in the hospital, I was in contact with my counterpart from
25 Pennsylvania State Police. He had contacted to make sure a perimeter was set up

1 around the hospital, make sure that we had [REDACTED] that responded
2 to us at the hospital, [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] It was about 15 minutes out. [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 As we continued on, I did make a phone call to ATSAIC [REDACTED] because he was the
8 site supervisor at the site. Even though they are going to hold Federal interim presence
9 at the site until [REDACTED] shows up, they're going to hold that larger crime scene, part of the
10 responsibility of those site agents is, when directed -- or, I'm sorry, part of the
11 responsibility of some of those post-standers, as directed, they're going to be sent to the
12 hospital, if needed, to go to stand post. So, when I called ATSAIC [REDACTED] I said, I need
13 three to five agents to respond to the hospital so that we can start putting a perimeter
14 out as well.

15 I spoke with a second supervisor, the shift leader, asked them what they needed,
16 if they wanted more posts inside the hospital, if they wanted us just to keep our
17 perimeter outside the hospital.

18 The hospital was put on lockdown, so -- and that was the hospital that put them
19 on lockdown.

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 I did obtain some IDs from security at one point so that we could use the doors
25 and get in and out if we needed to.

1 And then, from that point, I started working with a plan for our assets to make
2 sure how we could evacuate if we needed to and which way we're going to evacuate,
3 whether it was going to be air or land.

4 I spoke with -- the First Lady had been leaving at, like, the exact same time, so
5 those assets were still at the airport. That lead and that field office counterpart were
6 securing the airport and redoing sweeps and taking care of that entire perspective at that
7 point. And then they were sending some of their post-standers to the hospital to
8 respond as well.

9 From that, I had been in contact to find out what assets we had in place, if we
10 were able -- what they would take, how we could get anywhere if we were to airlift to
11 either the hospital or if we were to airlift to the airport instead of driving to the airport.

12 I spoke with other [REDACTED] I spoke to the FBI, because the FBI sent
13 representation to the hospital. And the FBI agent that was reaching out from the
14 investigation was also saying that the FBI agents were going to the site and making sure
15 that someone knew that they were going to the site.

16 I was receiving phone calls from every direction as to, you know, headquarters or
17 [REDACTED] or Secret Service. The Uniformed Division, they had a man in commoners and police
18 presence. They called and were coming to the hospital, going to the [REDACTED] going
19 to the airport, and making sure that we had postings there.

20 Once we realized that we were going to move back to the airport, I met with our
21 counter-assault operators. The Butler ESU operator that was with us was a major part
22 of the conversation; Pennsylvania State Police SWAT was part of the conversation. And
23 we discussed different aspects as to where we would have as, like, a [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] for what turned out to be over 70 minutes to drive back to the
25 airport.

1 So we discussed the different places that we could stop, secured those places.
2 They reached out to those sites, made sure that they were secured, let us know once they
3 were secured, and picked out four places along the way, and also understanding which
4 hospitals were along the way.

5 Once we knew that he was able to drive to the airport and that was the preferred
6 way, then we started discussing routes. We had a route picked out as to where we
7 were.

8 As I had also briefed with the motorcycles because there was a lead at the airport
9 and we went over the route to the airport, now we had another meeting and discussed
10 what routes we were going to take, what posture we were going to take as we drove
11 back, and what to expect about that on the way, how much time they needed to do street
12 closures and get us going and what notice they needed.

13 We switched out police cars because, obviously, Lieutenant [REDACTED] car was
14 operable but not desired to have glass flying at you for 70 miles. And then I continued
15 to check in with the detail -- they give status updates -- and to be able to give them
16 updates on what we needed to do at the hospital.

17 Once some of those other agents did respond as to the hospital from either the
18 site or from the airport, one of them happened to be a supervisor from another office,
19 and I said, please, this is the hospital, go set a perimeter and go deal with the general
20 public and make sure that they're pushed back from where we were. We were not
21 denying anyone; we were just pushing them back from the situation as to where we were
22 responding at the time.

23 We were there for [REDACTED]. The call was made to take him back to the
24 airport, and he was going to continue on to [REDACTED]. So we made sure the
25 cars were fixed and turned around.

1 One of the shots that was fired had hit a speaker that had a hydraulic line on a
2 crane, and there was hydraulic fluid on some of the cars, and it was making it difficult to
3 see. So we had to make sure that we had the cars in operating order in order to get him
4 out of there and to endure that long ride.

5 Once the detail made the call that we were driving, I made sure to make contact
6 with the officers that had been securing around the site, as well as making contact with
7 the motors and said that we plan to leave in 10 minutes, here you go.

8 Once they were in place and I knew that they had the closures, they let us know
9 that they were ready for us to set. Once the detail was ready for us to set, we did bring
10 a doctor with us from the hospital. We brought former President Trump into the cars
11 and then made the very long journey to the airport.

12 There were some [REDACTED] along the way that I really can't get into, but we
13 made sure to [REDACTED] to where we needed to get to the airport in a secure
14 fashion. I was in contact with the agent that was at the airport several times, making
15 sure that whatever [REDACTED] what they needed, where we were going
16 to respond at the airport, because we needed to hold at the airport for an amount of time
17 versus going straight to the plane, and they were able to secure that area for us and have
18 it ready to go when we got to the airport.

19 It was about an hour and a half to get to the airport. And once we got there, he
20 went into the [REDACTED], did whatever he was doing in the [REDACTED] And then
21 when we were prepared and ready to take him to the plane, then we made the
22 movement on the tarmac to get to the plane.

23 Q So I think your summarization of you did "a lot" was perhaps an
24 underestimation.

25 So, throughout that whole process, you were clearly in contact with all the people

1 you needed to be in contact with. Was there anyone you were trying to reach that you
2 were unable to reach during that time?

3 A I can't recall. Because if there was somebody I couldn't reach that I needed
4 to be in contact with, I just went above them and called someone else.

5 Q Which sounds like the right way to handle it.

6 Were there any conversations that you can recall about what had happened, or
7 was it all just forward-looking, we gotta handle this in real-time?

8 A There was conversations because the shooter had a vehicle that
9 possibly -- at the time, all we knew, it possibly had devices in it. So we needed to make
10 sure that our route was nowhere near that vehicle going back. I don't know the Butler
11 area well, so reliance on the State Troopers to know exactly what roads we're talking
12 about when I'm telling him where that vehicle is parked and where his routes are going to
13 take us back to the interstate.

14 There was some talk about was there only one shooter, is he down, and
15 confirmation of that. But there was not -- it was generalized. It wasn't, you know,
16 going through, play by play, what happened.

17 Q Okay.

18 Was anyone yelling at each other or blaming each other for things, or was it just
19 trying to figure out the situation?

20 A No. It was pretty -- I don't want to say "docile," but it was to the point and
21 cordial and what needed to be done. Where I was at, there was no yelling, there was no
22 production of any sort. Everyone did their job, and I honestly cannot thank all of them
23 enough for just the professionalism and heroism and just doing what they did that day.

24 Q I mean, I think the same goes for you. You quickly handled this in a way
25 that I think very few people could have, so we appreciate you.

1 A Thank you.

2 Q I think we have just a couple of, like, sort of last-minute cleanup questions,
3 which are going to sound silly after everything that we just walked through with you.

4 A That's fine.

5 Q But can you confirm that you are on situational telework status still?

6 A I am still on situational telework status.

7 Q And do you have any indication of when that's going to end?

8 A I do not.

9 Q Have you ever been on it before?

10 A No, I have not.

11 Q Did anyone tell you why you're on it right now?

12 A The first -- the only real discussion about it was that they were discussing the
13 investigation -- and by "they," I mean executive staff for Secret Service -- that the five of
14 us in Pittsburgh were going along with the mission assurance and investigation process,
15 and that at the direction of the Acting Director, through the Deputy Assistant Director of
16 Investigations, that we needed to be placed in a status where we were not in the office.

17 So we were not to be actively working investigations or protection assignments.
18 We could answer our phones, we could use emails, respond to any questions or anything
19 that came up, but we were not to be actively working.

20 Q Looking back now, do you feel like, in all of the planning for this event, you
21 had all of the information that you needed to at the time to plan a secure event?

22 A The hindsight is that, for all the information we had at the time, we
23 had a -- the advance team put together a plan and had all of these pieces of that plan put
24 together. And now seeing that those pieces of the plan didn't all come together and it
25 wasn't executed the way it was supposed to be executed or what we expected to be

1 executed, I can't make any judgment or, you know, hypothesis on how things would have
2 happened if the plan would have come to fruition and actually been executed that way.

3 Q So the plan felt pretty good; the execution perhaps was lacking?

4 A Well, I think it's obvious since we're sitting here today that the execution did
5 not go as planned.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Just a few quick things. And I'm going to kind of bounce around just to
8 clear up a couple questions or things for the record. Just want to go back to some of the
9 advance planning stuff real quick.

10 You and Agent [REDACTED] you both were essentially tasked in a dual-role capacity.
11 Is that correct? You --

12 A No.

13 Q -- were lead advance and you were transport.

14 A Correct.

15 Q Would those normally be put together, or are those two separate --

16 A It's always preferred to be separate, but for a former President, for a
17 candidate, for some of the other protectees, it's not uncommon for transportation and
18 lead to be put together as dual duties.

19 Q Okay.

20 Then just one other one. Agent [REDACTED] told us that she wanted a flex post for a
21 post-stander --

22 A Okay.

23 Q -- and that you denied that. Do you recall that request from her?

24 A I do. The post that she asked for was a -- it used to be classified as a flex
25 post. It was a post that was in front of where the mags were, [REDACTED]

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2 As we talked about that, I said it was not a standard practice currently. I had not
3 seen that practice in quite some time. However, a post was created in that direction,
4 and it was classified as something else, and it was given the justification that it needed to
5 have in order for that post to exist.

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Q Okay.

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That's all I have. Thank you.

8

A Uh-huh.

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BY

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Q Just two quick ones.

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We had talked before that the Senate released an interim report. Is there
12 anything that they covered that you felt was incorrect or things that they missed that
13 should have been portrayed?

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A From their report, as I mentioned before, I feel that, at times, just because
15 there was more than one female agent that was interviewed, sometimes some of our
16 interviews seem to have crossed paths and not always been on the correct transcript or
17 not been reported correctly in their report.

18

Going through the drafts, tried to clean up as much as possible on that, but some
19 of it -- as there was a line of questioning in prior transcripts that I was not a part of, but it
20 was listed in someone's transcript as me being the one that said it.

21

So that was one of the main things that came out of that from what I saw.

22

They never asked about what I did that day as well. So I thank you that you let
23 me talk about what I did that day. But they never actually went through, like, all the
24 motions of that day.

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Q The quote that was misattributed to you, do you recall which one that was?

1 A I don't. I would have to have counsel look back on what it exactly was.
2 But it was something dealing with either officers or line of sight that was not a
3 conversation I had, and the date that was referenced was prior to me being interviewed.

4 Q Okay.

5 And is there anything that we covered today that you'd like to get on the record
6 that you think is important -- or, that we did not cover today?

7 A Nothing at this moment. Can we circle back to that, though?

8 [REDACTED] And I would just note -- on the prior question on the Senate report, I
9 would just note that it's unfortunate that the report was put out having not had an
10 opportunity for them to interview many, if not most, of the individuals who had critical
11 information that would've rounded out the story in full, consistent with the discussion
12 we're having here today.

13 And I know it is termed an interim report, but it's been received as something
14 more authoritative. And from my perspective, that's unfortunate, because they did not
15 have information that is necessary to fully understand what happened that day. It was
16 incredibly complex with lots of moving pieces.

17 And I had requested that they notate that early in the report, that they had not
18 talked to many of the key individuals, including many of the folks from the Donald Trump
19 detail, and that was not included in the interim report they put out.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay.

22 And then my final question is -- I know we talked about this earlier, but after you
23 had that phone call from Agent [REDACTED] and you saw him at the
24 airport that day and you saw him at the second supervisor walk-through, at no point did
25 he ever bring up that phone call?

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1 vulnerabilities at that site and that we were assessing the site and that we were going to
2 continue to work to mitigate those vulnerabilities and to make it a successful visit.

3 Once the staff picks the site -- which, they had picked that before we even arrived
4 at that site -- it's pretty difficult to have that changed.

5 Q In your experience, have you seen a situation where staff picks a site and on
6 the Secret Service side of things you all just step in and say, I'm sorry, but we cannot
7 possibly use this site?

8 A I had one situation as a lead when I was on the Vice President's detail where
9 I was asked to look at a possible site and to give my justification as to whether or not that
10 site would be good or bad for the Vice President of the United States. And by
11 saying that, the sitting Vice President of the United States.

12 I went, looked at the site. The vulnerabilities were pretty intense in that site.
13 And brought those discussions back, and that detail -- it was not a site that we used. We
14 used a different site.

15 Q Farm Show site did not rise to that level for you, it sounds like?

16 A For the protectee we were working, for what we took on as a task to put a
17 site plan together, to put the advance together, we were given that site as the site that
18 they wanted to go to. With the information we had at the time, I would -- there
19 was -- it -- there was not a change that happened.

20 Q Were you aware of or did you hear any of your colleagues sort of have any
21 type of debate or discussion with staff about the overall quality of the site? Not
22 specifically line-of-sight issues, but any type of conversation between Secret Service and
23 staff of, this site is bad, we should not use it?

24 A I don't recall specific to that. There was always conversations about, like,
25 well, what are you going to do about the crowd? How are you going to make sure the

1 crowd is safe? How are you going to make -- and by "safe," medical. It was 90-plus
2 degrees that entire week and that day. The sun was beating. There was a long way for
3 the crowd to walk in order to go through security to get into the site. ADA.

4 So there was discussions about the site and the crowd itself and making sure that
5 the site was accessible to them and in a safe manner. I don't recall, though, there being
6 conversations on, this is a terrible site and we can't use this site.

7 Q In the moments after the shots were fired --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- I think I understood from the previous round, you were not part of that
10 group that was surrounding the former President when the fist pumps occurred. You
11 were not, at that moment, part of the group that was physically surrounding the former
12 President.

13 A No, I wasn't on top of him then. I was transitioning to getting off the stage.

14 Q Did you have a view of that, you know, I don't know, 5-second -- I'm
15 estimating -- interval when the former President was pumping his fist, for lack of a more
16 sophisticated term?

17 A From where he was static --

18 [REDACTED] Can I ask -- sorry. Do you mean view, was she able to see or does
19 she have an opinion?

20 [REDACTED] Was she in the moment able to directly see the occurrence of the
21 fist pump?

22 [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 [REDACTED] Yes. From the static position he was in, there were [REDACTED] also
24 surrounding on top of the stage and [REDACTED] I was facing a direction where I
25 was jumping off the stage forwards, but I was able to turn and see out of my peripheral

1 what was going on.

2

BY [REDACTED]

3 Q For those of us not trained and watching at home, it was a little remarkable,
4 it felt, that the former President, it looked like, was able to expose his own head, at least
5 to some degree.

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q Did that sequence strike you as consistent with your own personal training?
8 Were you a little surprised with what you saw? How did you perceive that sequence?

9 A Consistent with my training, we've trained in situations with someone who
10 has not just been injured, with people who are actors versus an actual protectee. I've
11 never been in that situation. So I know what the training was supposed to be, to move
12 him, and we moved him, and we did so in a fashion that we were able to move him.
13 How any of that occurred, I can't comment as to that action at that time.

14 Q Okay.

15 You described for us the sequence of events to the hospital and related logistics.

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q Is it right that there was never any confusion for you that the former
18 President had been shot, had suffered a shooting-related injury to his ear?

19 Because I think there might have been a little confusion, it sounds like, for, for
20 example, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the few minutes right after the incident, that they
21 thought perhaps he had not been shot.

22 You never had any doubt and knew the whole time --

23 A I heard the shots. I was standing in the area that the shots went off -- or
24 went. I saw officers duck down. I saw equipment fall. I saw just mass -- just people
25 turning, whatever else.

1 So, as the first shot went and I was turning to get on the stage, I could see him,
2 what seemed very slowly, fold down to get down on his face on the stage. We have

3 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]

5 When he got up and we pulled him up as a group, I could see the blood on his
6 cheek and I could see the blood towards his hair and in his ear. And I did not know how
7 bad it was, but I knew that that blood was not from us.

8 So, in my mind, that first -- seeing the way it splattered across his face and in his
9 hair, I knew that there was something that was other than him just getting on the ground
10 and having a couple people on top of him.

11 Q For you or your colleagues who were in that immediate area with you, do
12 you recall ever being under the impression that the blood may have been from bumping
13 his [REDACTED] like that, or everybody always understood he had been
14 shot?

15 A I don't know if everybody understood that. I don't know -- you know,
16 everybody has their perception in the moment. It was a very intense moment. But, to
17 me, my opinion when I saw him was that he had been shot.

18 Q Great. From the, quote/unquote, beginning, as far as you could tell?

19 A As far as I could tell. I didn't know how bad or anything else. I just knew
20 that, to me, my opinion was, I think he's been shot.

21 Q Thank you.

22 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 Q All right. I want to take you a bit back from that. And I apologize, we're
24 kind of having to yo-yo here.

25 A Uh-huh.

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1 there --

2 Q Okay.

3 A -- would be police posting. I didn't know which entity was going to be in
4 the vicinity, in front there, where they were -- the assets were placed.

5 Q I just wanted to clarify. When you say "in front," are you referring to the
6 ones within the fence line, or parking lot? What do you mean by "in front"?

7 A The side facing the rally.

8 Q So next to AGR, or within the fence line? I'm sorry. What is -- where did
9 you understand those specific postings to be?

10 A I can't recall a clear understanding of that. I just recall that they were
11 supposed to be between the rally side and the AGR side that faces the rally, that there
12 were to be police postings in that area.

13 Q Understood. Okay.

14 A And is it fair to say that, between the 9th and leading into the rally, your
15 impression that held up from that 9th meeting with Lieutenant [REDACTED] that you guys had,
16 that was the continued impression you had? In other words, nothing had changed?

17 A I never heard about a change.

18 Q Understood.

19 A Now, this may be within Technician [REDACTED] wheelhouse, but were you ever
20 aware of the roof coverage of AGR or who was supposed to be watching that area?

21 A I don't. I just know that from where Technician [REDACTED] was placed or
22 where he placed himself that he had overwatch in his grid of that area.

23 Q Got it.

24 A And then you also mentioned, I believe, in the majority's questioning about trucks
25 near the AGR?

1 A Okay.

2 Q And if not, tell me.

3 But going into that day, then, where were you expecting mitigation trucks to be
4 based upon -- you know, we got off this call at 1700 on Friday.

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Going into that day, if you were to show up, where did you expect those
7 assets, those vehicles, whatever it may be, to be?

8 A Somewhere along where the fences are to the rally site. Between -- to
9 block the line of sight that was still open for the AGR to -- and the grounds of the AGR and
10 the other buildings in that area to the rally site.

11 Q Got it. And that was sort of the agreed-upon notion. Was that discussed
12 during the 1700 call?

13 A I can't recall that actual specific, getting into what was placed, where it was
14 placed, and --

15 Q Okay. Fair enough. But your impression was, there would be trucks
16 somewhere near that fence line to help mitigate that line of sight?

17 A Yes. From all the discussions throughout that week, I was -- the things that
18 I've listed [inaudible] mitigations, but to include the farm equipment or trucks that were
19 going to be in that area.

20 Q All right.

21 I want to talk about the security room quickly.

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q Did you know that the radio person, whoever was in charge of that, was
24 going to be Special Agent [REDACTED] at that point?

25 A Ahead of time?

1 Q Yes.

2 A Ahead of the rally, I did know that that would be SAIC [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. And just help me understand exactly what his duty is in a nutshell as
4 the person in the security room.

5 A Sure.

6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Q All right.

13 And my understanding, he hadn't been present for much of the site week
14 beforehand, right? He hadn't been --

15 A No.

16 Q -- preparing --

17 A He's what we consider a post-stander. So he is not a part of any of the
18 planning process. He [REDACTED],

19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And just to clarify, when you say "what we consider a post-stander,"
23 you mean what the Secret Service considers --

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] What the Secret Service considers as a post-stander, yes.

25 BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay. I guess, it seems to me, in that role, someone who's sort of

2 [REDACTED] Is that fair?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 Q In your experience having done events like this, is it common that someone
7 is brought in at the last minute to do that, or is it more often someone who has been
8 more intimately involved in the planning?

9 A He was not brought in in the last minute. A [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED],
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED].

13 Q Got it. [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 A No.

16 Q Understood.

17 And remind me, you said, during that day, again, up until the 1800 point, were you
18 ever aware that that local law enforcement, those folks, weren't represented in the
19 command post, other than PSP?

20 A I was not aware of who was in the command post besides the Secret Service
21 person.

22 Q Okay.

23 A I'm sorry. Let me clarify.

24 Q Yeah, please.

25 A You just said "command post" again, and there's been a lot of "command

1 post" versus "security room."

2 Security room, I was not aware of who was in there besides Secret Service
3 personnel, in the security room.

4 Q I see.

5 All right. Can you tell me quickly -- I've been reading, you got an email from SAIC
6 [REDACTED] at approximately 1738. Is that right?

7 A I found the email after the fact. I did not see the email when it was sent.

8 Q Got it. Did you ever understand what he had been trying to get in touch
9 with you about?

10 A No, I do not.

11 Q Do you know why he wouldn't have radioed you?

12 A I don't.

13 Q All right.

14 And -- my apologies. Go ahead.

15 A If pertinent information needs to be passed, then it's protocol and standard
16 practice to use the radio. I don't know what that email was. I also had a missed call.
17 And that was never reiterated to me. We never discussed what any of that was for.

18 Q Understood.

19 Okay. You come in on the motorcade, and I think you said you didn't see -- you
20 weren't able to view AGR at any point, that sort of complex and the area around it, prior
21 to the shots. Is that right?

22 A Correct. I would not have been walking around the site and viewing the
23 site layout at the time.

24 Q Got it. [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] Understood.

- 1 Are you aware -- or if you are, when did you become aware -- that the Secret
2 Service was tracking a suspicious person prior to the former President getting on stage?
- 3 A I was not aware of any suspicious person or anybody being tracked prior to
4 the radio traffic that said Butler was working something at the 3 o'clock.

1 [3:54 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Got it.

4 And help me understand this, because I understand events like this, I assume
5 there are many suspicious people. It's frequent that you would have a couple of people
6 like that. Is that fair?

7 A Sure.

8 Q Is that something that would always go out on the radio, or would it be
9 worked more with that specific person in that area?

10 A If it's raised to the level -- any pertinent information should go over the
11 radio. So, if it's raised to the level that that many people are discussing as to a situation
12 that needs to be addressed, then it needs to go over the radio. The detail needs to
13 know about what's going on. So, someone in the detail, it should have been raised, and
14 the quickest way possible is to use the radios in order to raise what you're having other
15 entities respond to.

16 Q Got it.

17 So the fact that there was a suspicious person, a suspicious person with a
18 rangefinder, that's the type of information, again, looking back on it, the detail probably
19 should have been made aware of?

20 A I would have expected that all pertinent information would have been
21 relayed.

22 Q How -- and I realize this may be getting into sort of tradecraft elements that
23 aren't appropriate for this venue, but what are the sort of considerations that a detail will
24 go through in terms of suspicious people and whether or not the protectee should
25 actually get on the stage in a case like this?

1 A Well, had we had the pertinent information that they were working
2 something prior to that point, the protocol would have been to raise those concerns to
3 the [REDACTED] to make a decision. And whatever behavior was happening and how it
4 was being responded to, all of those things would be relayed to the [REDACTED] and the
5 [REDACTED] to make sure that they could make a consensus decision on what
6 was going to happen, whether or not we would take the stage, not take the stage, delay,
7 or need to leave.

8 Q Got it.

9 So all of that information should have gone over the radio and should have
10 probably gone to the [REDACTED] to make that call?

11 A All pertinent information should have gone over the radio for a more broad
12 audience to be able to make a decision.

13 Q I want to then move forward -- and we'll go through this hopefully fairly
14 quickly -- with the radio call from the counter snipers saying locals are working something
15 at 3 o'clock.

16 A Yeah.

17 Q That was on the [REDACTED] channel?

18 A It was on [REDACTED]

19 Q Okay. Can tell me about the first call? What was his tone? What was
20 his level of urgency in that call?

21 A I don't recall a heightened level. He wasn't screaming. He wasn't
22 quickened. It was just saying, "[REDACTED] Butler is working something at the 3 o'clock."

23 Q Okay. What about the second call?

24 A It was -- to my recollection, it was the same tone.

25 Q All right. And I think my colleague asked about how far in advance it was of

1 the shooting. Can you guesstimate about how long between those two calls?

2 A It was not more than a couple minutes. From the second call to the
3 shooting was seconds.

4 Q Locals working something at 3 o'clock, there's no mention in that call or
5 anything around the context of the police officers like are having their weapons drawn or
6 weapons out, right?

7 A No.

8 Q That's a significantly different bit of information. Is that fair?

9 A I would expect that that type of information would have been passed.

10 Q Got it.

11 So someone seeing local police officers, okay, they're working something; now
12 they have their guns drawn, that it is an update that you think should have been passed?

13 A I would expect information like that to be passed.

14 Q Okay. And that would potentially have a very strong impact on whether a
15 detail leader either lets someone go up on stage or pulls someone off stage?

16 A He was already on stage. There -- I don't know the exact decision that
17 would have been made at that point. I'm not the detail leader --

18 Q I'm not asking you that.

19 A -- but there would have been a reaction.

20 Q That's not a typical thing that happens?

21 A It's not typical, no.

22 Q Okay. We can, I think, pass that.

23 I just want to ask the car window, punching out the car window, I'm trying
24 understand.

25 A Sure.

1 Q That's Lieutenant [REDACTED]

2 A Yes.

3 Q And it was a Pennsylvania State Police car?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Were his keys in the car or --

6 A I have no idea. So I know that another trooper had a set of his keys that
7 they were holding while he was in the photo line. I don't know if there was another set
8 of keys. I don't know how the car operated.

9 Q That's what I was going to ask, how did he start the car.

10 A Miracle? I don't know, but I don't know how the car operated. I just
11 know that he punched the car -- out, we unlocked the doors, and we left.

12 Q Okay. So there was another set of keys, or he hot-wired it, or whatever
13 happened, go the car --

14 A There wasn't time to do that. But the car was functional, and we drove
15 very quickly to the hospital.

16 Q Fair enough. I won't follow up on the time it takes. I don't think we need
17 that on the record.

18 All right. I just want to go through some interactions with other personnel
19 because our colleagues really did a comprehensive job on that, and I want to make sure I
20 understand.

21 Special Agent [REDACTED] it seems like you had pretty limited interaction with him that
22 really ended that Friday. Is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did you ever speak with SAIC [REDACTED] at all that day?

25 A I don't recall speaking with him.

1 Q Okay. Technician [REDACTED] after Wednesday? And I'm not --

2 A I saw him Thursday. I know I talked with him in person Thursday. I don't
3 recall Friday. Game day I spoke to him after everything happened. I saw him at the
4 airport, and I said, "Are you okay?"

5 Q Nothing substantive beyond what we've talked about?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay. What about any other counter sniper team members, other than
8 sort of pleasantries, "Hi, how are you," and then afterwards?

9 A I didn't speak to any of the counter sniper team members.

10 Q All right. What about someone on the counter sniper response team, [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]?

12 A I spoke to him prior to the event about what he was to wear, and I never
13 spoke to him again.

14 Q What was he supposed to wear?

15 A It would have been -- we were trying to -- as in "we" the site agents and I
16 were trying to make sure that he was comfortable because it was hot, and he was going
17 to be walking around with police and told him to wear police markings, that he could
18 dress down and not wear a suit. He only had suits available and a police jacket, and we
19 said that, as long as the police jacket had markings on it, that he could wear that police
20 jacket.

21 Q Were you aware on the day that he was deployed or how he was deployed?

22 A I was not aware of that, how he was deployed or where he was deployed.

23 Q Typically, though, someone in his role would be utilized by the counter
24 sniper team and directed by them. Is that correct?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Where would he then typically be stationed? Would he be inside the
2 perimeters, the outside?

3 A He has the opportunity to go wherever he needs to go. So he had a
4 vehicle. There were golf carts as well. He was paired with Pennsylvania State Police.
5 I don't know if that police officer had a vehicle as well. I'm not sure. But he had access
6 to at least one vehicle. And he is to be roving, waiting for the counter snipers to contact
7 him or security room -- counter snipers through security room to contact him to tell him
8 to respond to whatever situation they're asking him to respond to.

9 Q Got it.

10 Based on your recollection of the event and how things were laid out, help me
11 understand how long about would it take -- let's say he had a golf cart. How long would
12 it take for him to get from, let's say, near the stage where the counter snipers were, if he
13 was down on the ground near there, to the AGR? Like how long would that take, and
14 how would he get there?

15 A It would -- it's not --

16 Q If there's an easier way of saying it, that's fine too.

17 A It's not an opportune place, especially with that crowd there at the time.
18 I'm not sure as to being in that area during all of this, but it would not be an opportune
19 place to respond from.

20 Q Is it fair -- like when I'm thinking about this, it seems like the counter snipers
21 looking out, looking for far away threats, as their name would indicate --

22 A Sure.

23 Q -- you would want that person outside the venue. Is that a fair statement,
24 or would the situation be very dependent?

25 A That would be a fair statement.

1 Q Okay. You know, we've talked a lot about Senior Special Agent [REDACTED]
2 What is your evaluation of her relative level of competence? Is she a good agent?

3 A From every time I've worked with her, I thought she was competent and that
4 she was experienced.

5 Q And I don't know how many agents I guess you guys have. Do you work
6 with her typically on a daily basis? How often do you see and interact with her?

7 A I interact with her on off and on, but it's not a big office. I see her
8 throughout -- often, I guess.

9 Q Similar question with Special Agent [REDACTED] Obviously, you don't see her as
10 much?

11 A Correct.

12 Q What were your thoughts on her overall performance during the week?

13 A During the week, to be frank, it sometimes took a little bit more giving of
14 direction. I did not feel that she could not do her job. I did not get that impression at
15 the time. I felt that sometimes I had to call a couple extra times to ask her to respond or
16 a question or something, but I did not have a sense that she could not perform her duties.

17 Q Am I correct in then -- when you're saying she could perform her duties but
18 then you had to sort of push her along, was that an effort-based thing? I'm trying to
19 understand what your meaning is there.

20 A Um --

21 Q And I realize this is a tough thing to ask, but I --

22 A I don't think -- I mean, personally I don't want to get into personnel, but
23 there were times that I maybe had to remind of something at the -- just to respond to a
24 location, but it was not -- it was not something that was detrimental at the time. It was
25 just something that she just needed to go and perform her job, and I didn't have any

1 inkling that she couldn't perform her job.

2 Q Got it.

3 And then just the last piece on that. I mean, was it a matter of she didn't know
4 where to be because she wasn't experienced or you felt you guys had to kind of push her
5 to where she knew she maybe should have been already?

6 A I felt like at times she did not have the same sense of urgency that
7 experienced Secret Service would have.

8 Q Understood.

9 The last piece on her I want to ask is we haven't seen anything about this, but I
10 know in both your mission assurance review and in another one, there was a question
11 about alcohol consumption.

12 A Okay.

13 Q Did you have any reason to think that she or anyone else had consumed
14 alcohol or were in violation of protocol or had done anything against what the Secret
15 Service would expect of their agents?

16 A I did not.

17 [REDACTED] And, just quickly before my client answers that, I just want to state
18 again for the record we have not had an opportunity to review the mission assurance
19 transcript. We don't have anything in front of us. Obviously, she'll answer to the best
20 of her recollection.

21 But I would just renew the request to the Secret Service that we have an
22 opportunity -- if their personnel are going to be effectively cross-examined against the
23 document that we have not had the opportunity to review, it seems incredibly unfair.

24 So I renew the request that we have a chance to review it in camera.

25 [REDACTED] No, that's understood. And I will look into that, and we'll -- I will

1 get back to you on that as soon as possible.

2 [REDACTED] Thank you. I appreciate it.

3 [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q And my -- oh, go ahead.

6 A I do not have any recollection, nor do -- I did not have any visibility. I never
7 saw any rules or policies that were broken by [REDACTED] or any other agent that led me to
8 believe that they were in violation of policy.

9 Q Got it.

10 And I apologies again on that. It was hopefully not a cross-examination. I was
11 just trying to understand sort of your perspective, so thanks for giving that.

12 A Sure.

13 Q And then were you aware of the Trump campaign having private security
14 there and what that role would be if so?

15 A So, at nights, I want to say the 11th and the 12th, because they had already
16 started putting equipment -- obviously, with the equipment, there's a lot of high-dollar
17 audio equipment and such that is -- as they're starting to build the site and put in place,
18 that they had hired private security to be there overnight while no one was there to make
19 sure that no one stole the equipment.

20 Q Got it.

21 So that wasn't in lieu of any law enforcement?

22 A No.

23 Q That was just for that specific --

24 A No. That's -- the campaign hires their own private security to do such as
25 that when they're putting equipment out there like that that they would prefer not to

1 disappear.

2 Q Fair enough.

3 I may have a few bits later, but I'll turn it over to my colleagues now if they have
4 anything further.

5 [REDACTED] Just a few quick followup questions.

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BY [REDACTED]

7 Q In regards to your assessments of Special Agent [REDACTED] did you have a sense
8 that second supervisor [REDACTED] would have agreed with your assessment?

9 A I'm -- what --

10 Q And maybe it's, no, you have no sense of what his opinion was, but I'm just
11 wondering was there any sort of a sense that your opinion would have been agreed
12 upon?

13 A I have no sense nor do I have an opinion on what a supervisor has an opinion
14 on their own employee.

15 Q Understood.

16 Have you ever been at an outdoor rally, with the exception of 13 July, where the
17 local sniper supports were operating in anything but a counter sniper role?

18 A Off the top of my head, I don't recall.

19 Q The vast majority of what you recall they would be operating in a counter
20 sniper role?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And, last question from me, when you were working with Donald Trump
23 detail ops prior to the rally, was there any discussion about you taking lead as -- for the
24 lead agent for the Butler rally? When you knew there were discussions about coming to
25 Butler, coming to western Pennsylvania, were there discussions between you guys that

1 you would take the lead on that?

2 A There were some discussions with the fact that I was pretty much one of the
3 only agents left that wasn't going to the NATO summit or going to the RNC and that that
4 was the 3 weeks that I was supposed to go home for. So there was discussion I was
5 probably one of the only ones left that was going to end up being the lead.

6 [REDACTED] Understood. Thank you for your time today.

7 [REDACTED] Just one quick question -- maybe not quick but one question.

8 We talked a fair amount about you just said, you know, you were sort of the last
9 one standing. We talked a bit about manpower issues, resourcing at the Secret Service.
10 We talked about directions with locals and how they support the Secret Service function.

11 If the Secret Service had all the resources in the world, all the manpower, all the
12 costs, is there still a benefit of working with local partners who know the area, know what
13 other sort of resources are available? Would you still want local or State there on site
14 with you?

15 [REDACTED] Absolutely. There's a benefit of having police, not just because we
16 need them -- we do need them. But it's also a benefit building those relationships
17 within the community. So they know those communities. They work in those
18 communities every day.

19 And we also have the criminal mission as well that we're working investigations,
20 and so partnerships with them, knowing we have Federal money, we can work those
21 investigations with them. We can help them with resources and things that they need.
22 And it's a collaboration of being able to work with those local partners and work within
23 your community.

24 [REDACTED] Thank you very much.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q You know, I think I just have two quick things.

2 I think the first is we talked about the counter sniper response team, and I think
3 much earlier today at this point we talked about the counter surveillance unit and that it
4 wasn't requested.

5 A The countersurveillance advance was not requested, correct.

6 Q Okay. Yeah. Talk to me about the day of. Did someone fulfill, in your
7 mind, a countersurveillance role?

8 A Yes. Pennsylvania State Police had arranged through the protective
9 intelligence advance to have at least [REDACTED] to be a response as a counter
10 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

11 Q Okay. Who directs that team?

12 A They had supervisors on the ground that were directing them. They had
13 had communications with the security room, and they also had the ability to
14 communicate with the intelligence advance.

15 Q Got it.

16 And is it fair to say this all fell within the purview of the plan you guys had
17 discussed with the Pennsylvania State Police about how they were going to maintain that
18 outer perimeter?

19 A It was an asset the protective intelligence advance had told site agents and
20 myself that they would have outside of the perimeter. Until seeing the ops plan, I didn't
21 see that they were going to put it in the ops plan. I'm thankful they did, but I knew that
22 they -- in speaking with the intelligence advance and my counterpart, that they would
23 have an [REDACTED]

24 Q Got it.

25 So fair to say then that, you know, you all are adept at dealing with when you

1 don't get assets incorporating locals that, in your mind, the CSU function, had you gotten
2 one from Secret Service, that person's role was fulfilled at least on paper by the
3 Pennsylvania State Police plan?

4 A Having manpower out there that day, yes.

5 Q Okay. And my last thing is just making sure I understand on the radio.

6 So the radio room really, everything should go in, everything should have come
7 out. Is that fair?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Seems like if you weren't aware, then, the issues from suspicious individual,
10 to rangefinder, to guns drawn, to man on roof, all of those things are things you would
11 expect to come out from that radio room to the various posts?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. And then that all needs to eventually -- obviously, there may be
14 other people who need to know, like counter snipers or whomever, but at the end of the
15 day, that needs to be pushed to the detail lead and the protective lead to make those
16 decisions about what to do in this case with the former President?

17 A All of that pertinent information, I'm surprised and disappointed to find out
18 after the fact through the subsequent reports that the security room had information,
19 counter snipers had information, and that information was not passed out.

20 My expectation and per protocol would have been to pass pertinent information
21 to a larger, broader audience on those radios so that we could make a decision, the detail
22 could make a decision as to any actions that could have happened.

23 Q Understood.

24 And then the last question on that, you know certainly now, but I assume you had
25 become aware before, that local law enforcement wasn't in the room -- I mean, not

1 before; during the event, but you've subsequently become aware that local law
2 enforcement wasn't in that security room, right?

3 A I think I'm aware that Butler did not have a representative in the room.

4 Q At the end of the day, whose job is it to ensure that the people who need to
5 be in that room are in that room?

6 A I made the ask for them to be in the room at the police meeting, and then
7 the site agents ultimately the day of the rally or the day of the event should be making
8 sure that the assets that they have are in place, the equipment that they need is in place,
9 and that the personnel that they need is in place.

10 Q Okay. Appreciate it.

11 I'm going to turn it over to my colleague for some other questions.

12 [REDACTED] It's almost the end.

13

BY [REDACTED]

14 Q The counter surveillance equivalent from the Pennsylvania State Police -- I
15 don't know what the right word is for them. Is it still counter surveillance?

16 A They were in an [REDACTED], sure, that can be it.

17 Q Okay. That team. If you know, were they out and about on [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] or were they more of a response if there's a reason to go out there?

19 A They should have been out on the perimeter all day. [REDACTED] so

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 Q Okay. Did you learn anything after the fact or, I guess, during the day of
23 where they actually were or --

24 A After the fact, on the subsequent Senate report that had come out, I read
25 that Pennsylvania State security room personnel had actually dispatched them to go

1 towards the AGR and go find the shooter.

2 Q Okay.

3 [REDACTED] Can I ask a quick question?

4 [REDACTED] Yes, please.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So is it both those folks who were dispatched or matched up potentially with
7 [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED] or the protective intelligence agents?

8 A No --

9 Q -- well, let me ask just ask it in a much better way.

10 Which were the counter surveillance unit equivalents? Were they the
11 [REDACTED]? Were they the dispatched people?

12 A The [REDACTED].

13 Q Okay.

14 A They were the Pennsylvania State Police. They were not paired with
15 anyone from Secret Service.

16 Q Got it.

17 A They had phone contacts with the security room. I'm not sure whether or
18 not they had radio contacts because in the [REDACTED] I'm not sure how they
19 operate, but they had contacts with their chain of command through the security room.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q So is it right that is totally -- there's that team, the undercover Pennsylvania
22 State Police team.

23 A Yes.

24 Q Totally separate from that, there's Secret Service, counter sniper response?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Separate?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And then, separate from that, there's Agent [REDACTED], whatever --

4 A Protective intelligence response.

5 Q Yes, okay. So those are three different things?

6 A Completely, yes.

7 Q Okay. Thank you.

8 Last one is you've given us all the details about exactly what happened and when
9 it happened and who was there. And, in the last round, you talked a little bit about
10 planning versus execution. We understand execution was flawed ultimately.

11 But do you have any theories or personal reflections as to why? In other words,
12 if the plan itself was generally according to the roadmap and there was still such a failure
13 in execution, do you have any personal thoughts on whether that's because the planning
14 protocol is somehow flawed or this was a perfect storm of small individual mistakes or
15 something other than those options?

16 A I don't have any opinions or hypothetical on how or why the plan was not
17 executed to the way it would be expected or to its ability or what would result if it was or
18 wasn't. I'm just -- I'm not able to pick at that. I just -- it happened, and no hypothetical
19 is going to change whether or not it was executed at this time.

20 [REDACTED] Thank you.

21 We can go off the record.

22 [Whereupon, at 4:18 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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55	20	CHANGE “to repeat.” TO “to repeat them.”
56	12	CHANGE “that you’ve experienced” TO “that you’re experienced”
56	15-16	CHANGE “there’s one special agent a senior special agent” TO “there’s a special agent and a senior special agent”
57	25	CHANGE “it will be” TO “it will be the”
63	5	CHANGE “disagreement with the” TO “disagreement when the”
66	1	CHANGE “escalation chain from” TO “escalation chain go from”
67	8	CHANGE “assets and” TO “assets in”
67	23	CHANGE “to the lead officer opposed” TO “to the lead officer as opposed”
109	25	ADD “?” AFTER “██████████”
110	22	CHANGE “Lieutenant ██████████ was there” TO “Lieutenant ██████████ who was there”
114	3	CHANGE “get in maps” TO “get in to maps”
115	9	ADD “?” AFTER “AGR”
117	22	“those occurred” TO “those it occurred”
119	17	CHANGE “that lead advance agent” TO “that the lead advance agent”
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184	6	CHANGE “██████████” to “██████████”
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189	9	ADD “?” AFTER “car”
191	2	CHANGE “perimeters, the outside” to “perimeters, or outside”

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194	10	CHANGE “And I apologies” TO “And my apologies”
196	8	CHANGE “a fair amount about you just said” TO “a fair amount about what you just said”
200	7	CHANGE “ [REDACTED] ” TO “ [REDACTED] ”
201	3	CHANGE “ [REDACTED] ” TO “ [REDACTED] ”

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10	21	CHANGE “privy to. As these additional facts and context has come to light, my client has learned” TO “privy to. As these additional facts and context have come to light, my client has learned”
14	16	CHANGE “to what campaign assignment they would like to work. I put in the preferences to work” TO “to what campaign assignment they would like to work. I put in the preference to work”
17	22	CHANGE “The site agents that came from the Trump detail, that site agent and the site” TO “The site agent that came from the Trump detail, that site agent and the site”
18	4	CHANGE “On the day of the visit, the Trump site agents, their responsibilities are the” TO “On the day of the visit, the Trump site agent, their responsibilities are the”
23	10	CHANGE “They assigned those two. And then the Trump detail assigned the site” TO “They assigned those too. And then the Trump detail assigned the site”
25	20	CHANGE “No, they filled it in. So the Trump detail site agents filled in for site” TO “No, they filled it in. So the Trump detail site agent filled in for site”
28	17	CHANGE “the preliminary survey went to Trump ops, candidate nomination, and” TO “the preliminary survey went to Trump ops, Candidate Nomination ops, and”
29	18	CHANGE “So you got it back, and this box was then filled out with who had reviewed it?” TO “So you got it back, and this box wasn’t filled out with who had reviewed it?”
31	23	CHANGE “ ” TO “ ”

¹ Errata sheet submitted by personal counsel to

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32	6	CHANGE “information should’ve been passed to her. I would expect that information to be passed” TO “information should’ve been passed to him. I would expect that information to be passed”
39	9	CHANGE “roads, houses. Discussed with the Trump staff lead that there were lots of line-of-sight” TO “roads, houses. I discussed with the Trump staff lead that there were lots of line-of-sight”
43	25	CHANGE “that way. But those site agents work together. The manual states that both are” TO “that way. Both those site agents work together. The manual states that both are”
44	7	CHANGE “I can't tell you verbatim how it's -- it's lined out. The manual is -- has many” TO “I can't tell you verbatim how it's -- it's laid out. The manual is -- has many”
44	16	CHANGE “In my experience, I have nothing to do with those policies or procedures that” TO “In my experience, I have nothing to do with creating those policies or procedures that”
51	7	CHANGE “had -- [REDACTED] we were going to be getting Secret Service counter” TO “had -- [REDACTED] we were going to be getting Secret Service counter”
57	1	CHANGE “on -- some structures an asset and an ASAIC are vastly different. Some structures” TO “on -- some structures an ATSAIC and an ASAIC are vastly different. Some structures”
58	7	CHANGE “That's -- President is put in place for those -- those to be staffed that way, and” TO “That's -- precedent is put in place for those -- those to be staffed that way, and”
59	4	CHANGE “And part of the discretion with that is there were [REDACTED] and a lot of” TO “And part of the issue with that is there were [REDACTED] and a lot of”
65	4	CHANGE “[REDACTED] -- in this case, former President” TO “[REDACTED]”

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78	15	CHANGE "safety, HAZMAT, and EOD, explosive ordnance assets, as well as touched base with the" TO "safety, HAZMAT, and EOD, explosive ordnance assets, as well as touched base with the"
92	21	CHANGE "And, in this, we did have his agents that were supporting this visit, this particular" TO "And, in this, we did have HSI agents that were supporting this visit, this particular"
92	22	CHANGE "visit. And so, with the his agents, they had what they call "jump teams." So there was" TO "visit. And so, with the HSI agents, they had what they call "jump teams." So there was"
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95	11	CHANGE “So it was the [inaudible] walk-through. Butler Sheriff’s Office was there.” TO “So it was the 10 A.M. walk-through. Butler Sheriff’s Office was there.”
127	11	CHANGE “And as has been general what I have done when I was on the VP’s detail as well is” TO “And as has been generally what I have done when I was on the VP’s detail as well is”
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