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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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22 For [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] ESQ.

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1 [REDACTED] We're on the record.

2 Today is Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and this is a virtual transcribed interview of

3 [REDACTED]

4 House Resolution 1367, expanded by House Resolution 1470, directed this task
5 force to investigate the facts and circumstances of the attempted assassination of Donald
6 J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and on September 15, 2024, in West
7 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 investigation.

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

11 [REDACTED] Yeah. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

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

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

17 [REDACTED] Yes.

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] Yes, you do. Go ahead. He can answer.

21 [REDACTED] Yeah. [REDACTED] He's online now.

22 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] would you just identify yourself for the record?

23 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 And I am the attorney/representative for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]. Is there also an attorney representing the Secret Service today?

1 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Thanks.

2 [REDACTED]: And is there an attorney representing DHS here today?

3 [REDACTED] Yes. You have [REDACTED] oversight counsel, DHS

4 OGC.

5 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

6 For the record, Members of Congress can attend virtually this interview if they so
7 choose. We do not believe that any will join us today, but if they do, they'll identify
8 themselves and they would be free to ask questions as they see fit.

9 Now moving on to the staff that are present. Starting with the majority and then
10 the minority, can the staff members please introduce yourselves with your name, title,
11 and affiliation?

12 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior counsel, task force majority.

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

14 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], investigative counsel, task force minority.

15 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], senior advisor, majority.

16 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], professional staff member, task force minority.

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

18 [REDACTED]: I think that covers everyone, unless there's anyone I'm missing?

19 No? Looks like not.

20 Okay. Thank you all.

21 [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for this
22 interview.

23 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff
24 will alternate asking you questions 30 minutes per side per round.

25 Is it 30 minutes or 45?

1 [REDACTED]. Forty-five.

2 [REDACTED] Okay. -- 45 minutes per side per round until each side is finished
3 with their questioning. The majority staff will begin and proceed for 45 minutes, and
4 then the minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate
5 back and forth in this manner until both sides have no more questions. If either side is
6 in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few minutes past
7 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning, including any
8 pertinent followups.

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

11 There is a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
12 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the
13 staffer questioning you has finished each question before you begin your answer, and the
14 staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.
15 This is particularly important since this is a virtual interview and -- to make sure that we
16 wait to hear the questions and we wait to hear the answers; otherwise, it will be very
17 difficult for the court reporter to properly transcribe the interview.

18 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please
19 speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal
20 answers such as nodding or shaking your head, so it is important that you answer each
21 question with an audible, verbal answer. And, again, it's particularly important here in a
22 virtual in part because I think your screen is still frozen, [REDACTED] so we will not -- we'll
23 need to make sure that we have verbal responses to all of our questions. Do you
24 understand?

25 [REDACTED] Yeah. Apologies for the camera. It looks like it's moving on my

1 end. But, yeah, I'm confirming what you're saying.

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

6 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 [REDACTED]: Although you are here voluntarily and we will not swear you in,
14 you're required, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, to answer questions from Congress
15 truthfully. This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff or consultants like
16 myself in this interview. Do you understand?

17 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

20 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

23 [REDACTED] No.

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

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

5 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

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

17 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

19 [REDACTED] I do not.

20 [REDACTED]: Now, the Secret Service representative, [REDACTED] do you have
21 anything that you'd like to put on the record before we start?

22 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you. Thank you.

23 Today the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have made
24 available to the task force, consistent with its requests, information and records that
25 would not be publicly released. These disclosures include information and records

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

4 While the Secret Service and the Department have made this available and these
5 records available, we continue to assert that such information and records and any
6 discussion of such information and records during the course of this transcribed interview
7 is not intended for public release.

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

13 We would also ask the transcripts and any attachments be protected from further
14 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and information they are based on.

15 Finally, we would ask that you consult with the Secret Service and the Department
16 prior to any public release or disclosure.

17 Thank you.

18 [REDACTED] Thank you.

19 On the audio and video recording, we can confirm that there is no video recording
20 being made.

21 And I also would like to confirm with everybody who's on this Zoom that they -- or
22 this Teams, I guess I should say -- that they are not recording this. You don't have to all
23 say yes, just if somebody is, please speak up now.

24 Hearing nothing, I confirm that there is no video recording being made.

25 As to an audio recording, we do not intend to make an audio recording. The

1 court reporter, however, we understand does use an audio recording to assist with
2 creating the transcript but then subsequently destroys the audio recording. So there
3 will be no audio recording once the transcript is transcribed.

4 [REDACTED] Thank you. I appreciate the confirmation. Thank you.

5 [REDACTED]: And then on the privilege and confidentiality issues that you've raised
6 on behalf of the Secret Service, the chair will, of course, take into consideration any
7 requests for redactions or to maintain confidentiality as to particular issues, but I cannot
8 up front confirm that all of that will be accepted, but it will certainly be reviewed and
9 there will be discussions as we've had in the past to make sure that the Secret Service's
10 interests are taken into consideration.

11 [REDACTED] Thank you. We appreciate the opportunity to review the
12 materials. Thank you.

13 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

14 Okay. I'm going to start time now.

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY [REDACTED]:

17 Q Okay. [REDACTED] let's just start very briefly with some of your
18 background. You were with the Secret Service until recently. Is that right?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q And what was your last job at the Secret Service?

21 A I was a special agent in the Pittsburgh Field Office.

22 Q And what was your responsibility as a special agent?

23 A To conduct protective and investigative missions while at the office in
24 Pittsburgh.

25 Q And was there a specific unit or set of responsibilities you had in your last

1 position, beyond general protective services and investigation?

2 A Yes. So I was in our forensics lab. I did some investigations with that. I
3 also did cyber-related casework and worked international investigations and any
4 day-to-day requirements that would have been necessary as an agent in the field.

5 Q Do you know what the term or the acronym or abbreviation "PI" means?

6 A I believe it's protective intelligence.

7 Q Okay. Did you provide protective intelligence services as part of your
8 duties as a protective -- for your protective services responsibilities?

9 A Yes. It would be required in some capacity depending on our weekly or
10 monthly mission.

11 Q Okay. And before we get into the details of the July 13 events, were you
12 providing protective intelligence services for the July 13 Trump rally?

13 A Yes, that was my assignment for that visit.

14 Q Okay. And you did both advance and actual protective services for that
15 rally?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. So you are currently no longer with the Secret Service. Is that
18 right?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q What is your current job?

21 [REDACTED] I don't think it's necessary for him to report that right now. I don't
22 think -- I think it's outside the scope.

23 [REDACTED]: Well, are you asserting a privilege over that, [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] No. There's no common law privilege over that, but it's outside
25 the scope of -- there's no nexus to the scope of your interview.

1 ████████ Well, let me ask you this. I think it might be -- I'll back up then a
2 little bit.

3 ████████ did you voluntarily leave the Secret Service?

4 ████████ Yes.

5 ████████ And were you put on administrative leave or any kind of leave prior
6 to your decision to leave the Secret Service?

7 ████████ ██████ -- I don't know if he was going to say something. He's on
8 mute.

9 ████████ No. The question is, were you placed in any type of restricted
10 status or leave? You can answer that question. That has nexus to the job. That's
11 okay.

12 ████████ Yeah. No. Yes. I was on a restricted duty capacity in that role,
13 yes.

14 ████████. And you were on a restricted duty capacity because of the events of
15 July 13?

16 ████████ I don't know whether he can answer that.

17 ████████ can you answer that? Do you have a precise rationale that was
18 ever given to you for this?

19 ████████ I don't have a precise rationale that I can recall, but it was with the
20 ongoing investigation internally with the Secret Service for the July -- I believe the July
21 13th event, but I don't have specifics from a headquartered body or anything.

22 ████████. Was it your understanding that you were put on restricted status
23 because of an ongoing investigation by the Secret Service into the events of July 13?

24 ████████ That's what I'm saying, yes.

25 ████████. That was your understanding, or is that what you were told?

1 ██████████ That's my understanding. Again, I can't recall specifically what
2 was said to me, but it was in relation to the event. It's the best I can recall.

3 ██████████. Okay. So -- and, ██████████ I think this is tied to the scope of the
4 investigation.

5 Are you currently working for the Federal Government?

6 ██████████ I'm not.

7 ██████████ Okay. Yeah, that's all right. Go ahead.

8 BY ██████████:

9 Q Okay. Were you interviewed by the Secret Service in connection with the
10 events of July 13?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And how many times were you interviewed?

13 A By the Secret Service?

14 Q By the Secret Service. By the Secret Service.

15 A I believe just once.

16 Q And when was that?

17 A I don't recall. Again, this is 5 months now, and I've been subject to multiple
18 interviews. So I don't know the exact date, but I was interviewed.

19 Q Was it shortly after the events or was it weeks after?

20 A Again, I don't know the exact date, but it would have been one of the first
21 interviews I had taken part of.

22 Q Were you placed on restricted status immediately after the event or weeks
23 later?

24 A It was not immediately after the event.

25 Q Was it within days or weeks?

1 A I believe weeks after, but I, again, don't have a specific date. I would have
2 to -- I don't have that material to look at. I don't know. But it was not --

3 [REDACTED] I don't think -- hold it. Hold it.

4 [REDACTED] no one's asking -- let's make something clear. They're not asking for a
5 specific date. If you can just give him an estimate of the basic time. Was it -- he said
6 just weeks or was it days? What's your best recollection? You don't have to give a
7 specific date.

8 [REDACTED] Weeks after is probably the best I could think of.

9 [REDACTED] Okay.

10 [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] Okay. Good. That's good. Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. And was it before or after you were interviewed by the
13 Secret Service?

14 [REDACTED] That would have been I believe after.

15 [REDACTED] That was the Secret Service? Okay. Go ahead. Did you ask
16 what he was --

17 [REDACTED]: I'm asking when was he -- yeah. Let me ask the question, [REDACTED]
18 And, again, I think we have to just be careful with the talking over each other on the
19 Zoom.

20 [REDACTED] Sorry. Okay.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q The question is, were you placed on restricted status before or after you
23 were interviewed by the Secret Service?

24 A If I recall, it was after the interview.

25 Q Okay. All right. Let's talk about the -- we'll go right into the advance on

1 the July 13th events.

2 You mentioned before that you did play a role in advance for that event. Is that
3 right?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And when did you first learn that you would be assigned to former President
6 Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania? And, again, I'm not asking for specific dates. I'm
7 asking for roughly. Was it days before, weeks before? That kind of thing.

8 A Understood. Would have been days before. Typically, it's like a week or
9 so, but I don't know, again, the specific date.

10 Q Do you remember who told you that you would be assigned to the rally?

11 A It would have been a supervisor, but I don't recall precisely which one or
12 which notification, but it would have either come in person or through an email.

13 Q Okay. And who was your direct supervisor at the time?

14 A It was -- we have two. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Those are the
15 supervisors that I answer to.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Or did answer to.

18 Q So you said that you would have learned about it either by email or by some
19 direct communication, and it was likely [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

20 A To my recollection, that's how I would have been notified, yes.

21 Q And prior to the July 13 rally, had you provided protective intelligence
22 services for other events?

23 A If it was, it was very limited.

24 And I just want to be clear on the roles here. When protective intelligence -- like,
25 it's not a full-time job that I do. There is a full-time unit at headquarters that does that.

1 So any visit that comes in that's not a PPD or a VPD visit -- and that's Vice President or
2 President's detail -- it's up to the office to select an individual to do various roles. So it is
3 not my full-time role. It's based on the supervisor factors.

4 But if I had to recall, maybe once or twice in a supportive role, but that's the best I
5 can recall.

6 Q Okay. Let's just break that down a little bit. So the protective intelligence
7 services are principally provided by -- call it headquarters in D.C.?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay.

10 A There's a unit there that manages the protective intelligence and can be
11 delegated through the field or coordinated through the field -- the various field offices.
12 And, again, our office makeup may be different from a different office how that's divvied
13 up or who does those assignments. So I can't speak generally on, you know, how other
14 offices may or may not be set up in that way.

15 Q Okay. But your understanding was that Protective Intelligence services in
16 D.C. would work with a particular Secret Service office -- in this case, Pittsburgh -- to
17 identify someone who would provide protective intelligence services for any particular
18 event?

19 A Yes. So, again, for the July 13th event, I was advised to fill this role and
20 then would try to coordinate with headquarters on the visit with that, because they
21 don't -- they don't provide -- or they didn't provide a full-time individual from their
22 headquarters to come do the advance, so they designate coordination with the field
23 office.

24 Q Understood. And you said that you had, I think you said, limited prior
25 experience providing protective intelligence services. Do you have any recollection of

1 the number of times you did that? And I'm not looking for specifics, but was it a
2 handful? Was it dozens?

3 A Sure. I believe maybe a handful. I remember doing support for a
4 Presidential visit, I believe, at one point, but I infrequently do it.

5 Q Okay. Do you recall anything -- any other instances specifically other than
6 the Presidential one you mentioned and, of course, the July 13 event?

7 A Again, hard to recall every date or time I may have done that, but that's the
8 best I can recall, are those events.

9 Q Okay.

10 A We do do, you know, field requests from the headquarters for various
11 intelligence matters, but that's indicative of -- separate from the advances that do come
12 up in each field office.

13 Q Okay. And had you ever, to your best recollection, provided protective
14 intelligence services for someone who is not the President or Vice President?

15 A Can you be more clear on that? I'm not sure what you mean by that.

16 Q What I mean is, before this event -- obviously, former President Trump was
17 not the President of the United States, nor was he Vice President of the United States,
18 right?

19 A Right, right.

20 Q And you said that President -- you provided services to President Biden
21 before, protective intelligence services?

22 A I don't recall if it was -- it was a PPD -- I believe a PPD visit. So I don't recall
23 which President it would have been, but I recall helping support that, because when a
24 PPD visit comes, they send an agent from the Protective Intelligence headquarters
25 division, and, generally, an agent in that office, depending on the city, will support that

1 visit with that agent. That's what I recall doing at one point.

2 Q Okay. But you don't have any specific recollection of providing protective
3 intelligence support other than for a PPD visit or for the July 13th event?

4 A The best I can recall, yes. I mean, I don't recall specific other dates. I may
5 have supported others, but I don't recall the amounts or like an exact number.

6 Q Okay. And do you have security clearance -- or did you, I should
7 say -- when you were with the Secret Service?

8 A I did, yes.

9 Q And was it at the [REDACTED]?

10 A I believe it was, yes.

11 Q You believe it was or you're not sure?

12 A No. I last recall it was a [REDACTED], yes.

13 Q Okay. And [REDACTED], just for the record, is [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]?

15 A That's -- I believe that's what it stands for. I have to see it, but I understand
16 that's what it means.

17 Q Did you get training on security clearance -- or let me ask you this. Did you
18 receive training prior to receiving security clearance?

19 A I'm not sure what, like, training. There was briefings, but I don't recall
20 specifically the manner of training. Not that I did not take part in any, but I don't have
21 specifics on any at the moment I can recall.

22 Q Did you have -- to your best recollection, did you have [REDACTED]
23 throughout your time at the Secret Service or did you obtain it sometime during your
24 time at Secret Service?

25 A It was during my tenure with the Secret Service.

1 Q Okay. So there was some period that you did not have it, as best you
2 recall?

3 A I believe so, yes.

4 Q Okay. When you did the PPD event that you mentioned before, did you
5 have TS/SCI clearance?

6 A I believe so, yes, but I'd have to look at records and dates and times. But
7 yes.

8 Q Okay. But that's your best recollection?

9 A Yeah. Correct.

10 Q Okay. Did you receive training on how to handle classified information that
11 you would receive in the course of your duties?

12 A Again, I would believe that I would've, but I don't have specific dates or
13 times when training would've occurred. So I don't have a recollection of precisely when
14 that would've occurred.

15 Q Okay. But your recollection is that you probably did, you just don't
16 remember when?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you don't really remember, I would imagine, what you were trained?

19 A Other than just considerations for -- again, I'm trying to remember the
20 normal, like, things they do on, like disclosures, I believe. But, again, I don't remember
21 the specifics on the training. Not to say that I did not take part in any, but I don't recall
22 precisely what those -- the documents, without seeing them, would have obtained.

23 Q Okay. You testified that you had limited prior experience before the July 13
24 event in providing protective intelligence services. But did you receive any specific
25 training on the role and responsibilities for providing those services?

1 A Yes. The academy -- the Secret Service Academy does cover that training
2 and then any field experience from the senior agents in the field. But as far as specific,
3 like, additional training, I don't recall having any training that would have been specific to
4 do that duty as opposed to potentially agents that do this full time at headquarters. I
5 don't know their -- you know, what their requirements would've been, but my
6 understanding is my experience in the academy and then my on-the-job training.

7 Q Okay. And your experience in the academy, that was the beginning of your
8 career with the Secret Service?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And when did you join the Secret Service?

11 A 2009. I was a uniform division officer. Then I switched to a special agent
12 in 2018, 2019 timeframe.

13 Q And when did you go to the academy?

14 A Well, the first academy would have been the uniform division academy.
15 Would've been around 2008, 2009. And then to do the agent portion of it would've
16 been, again, around the same time, '18, '19.

17 Q Okay. And do you recall which of those academy experiences when you
18 received training on protective intelligence services?

19 A If I recall, I believe both academies covered it, because both uniform division
20 and special agents do encounter those instances in their duties. But I couldn't give
21 specifics on if one's different than the other or what would have been updated or not, but
22 that is part of the academy at the Secret Service.

23 Q Okay. And then I think you -- well, let me just -- I think you've already
24 answered this, but I'll just make it clear for the record.

25 You don't have any recollection of receiving any specific ongoing training after the

1 academy related to protective intelligence services?

2 A Not that I'm aware of. I know we do have a -- I think there's online training
3 of some kind, but, again, I don't know without seeing that if that's part of it. But,
4 generally, in my experience, it's through the academy and then on-the-job training and
5 then with the other senior agents.

6 Q Okay. And as the on-the-job training, as we've talked about, you
7 have -- you recall having pretty limited experience as a Protective Intelligence service
8 provider?

9 A On the advance -- doing the advances, yes. But, again, some things we do
10 get in the field that we have to investigate, but on the advance side of things, yes.

11 Q Okay. Do you recall any -- learning of any specific threat to former
12 President Trump prior to the July 13th event?

13 A I don't recall, no.

14 Q Okay. Do you recall receiving any information from D.C. or anyone else
15 prior to the event in your capacity as the Protective Intelligence advance person that
16 would relate to any threat to President -- former President Trump?

17 A I don't recall. I don't have those emails or any of that information in front
18 of me, but I don't recall specifically information, not that there may have not, but I don't
19 know.

20 Q Okay. But sitting here today, nothing -- you don't have any specific
21 recollection that there was some particular potential threat or concern that the Secret
22 Service had with respect to the July 13th event?

23 A Sitting here, no. It doesn't mean that there may not have been
24 information, but I don't recall that. Yes.

25 Q Okay. Now let's talk a bit about your role in advance for the July 13th

1 event.

2 A Sure.

3 Q You testified it was some days before that you were assigned. What did
4 you understand your role to be?

5 A To coordinate with our headquarters on any intelligence that may need to
6 be disseminated. Again, my role is not to conduct -- my role was not to conduct threat
7 intelligence like vulnerability assessments. My understanding is to collect information,
8 whether it's from local partners or any potential perceived threats directly coming from
9 our headquarters, and then we also work with the [REDACTED] to coordinate with them and also
10 coordinating with, again, local partners. Yeah.

11 Q Okay. So let's go through each of those. During the advance portion of
12 your responsibilities before the event, do you recall receiving any intelligence from
13 headquarters relating to the July 13th event?

14 A Not specifically I don't, but I know sometimes they do send things out, but I
15 don't -- again, it's been months since I've seen any emails, but I -- yeah, I don't recall like
16 that immediately comes to my mind.

17 Q Okay. Yeah. All I can ask you about and all you can ever answer is what
18 you can recall sitting here today. If we had documents -- we have documents to try to
19 refresh your recollection, we'll show them to you.

20 A Okay.

21 Q But all we can ask of you is what you actually remember today.

22 A Okay.

23 Q So what about the [REDACTED] Do you remember the [REDACTED] sitting here today,
24 providing any specific intelligence relating to the July 13th event?

25 A I do not, no. I know that, again, we coordinate with them and they send a

1 letter to them from our office to notify them of, hey, this is coming up and to coordinate
2 on such matters. But yeah.

3 Q And what about local law enforcement or local assets? Do you recall
4 receiving any specific intelligence from them?

5 A We received a -- the day of the visit, there was an alert that came out at
6 approximately 11:00 that there was a Facebook -- somebody had called about a Facebook
7 quote that was concerning. That was followed up with -- the following week and was
8 deemed to be no concern or any relation to the protective interests, so -- but other than
9 that, I don't recall of anything else. I do know that local partners can provide
10 intelligence locally, but sitting here, again, without looking at information, I don't
11 immediately recall other than what I just mentioned.

12 Q Okay. So other than the Facebook post on July 13th itself, you don't recall
13 any specific intelligence coming from the local law enforcement prior to the actual
14 shooting?

15 A I don't know. Again, it doesn't mean that they may or may not provide or
16 have things, but without seeing records, I can't recall thinking right now.

17 Q Okay. Now, did you attend meetings prior to the event in your advance
18 role with other protective service providers?

19 A Yes. We have a police meeting that occurs. It's generally the first
20 meeting that does happen. And that's with local partners and with the Secret Service
21 lead team. That meeting does cover information, if we have it, for the upcoming event,
22 and then to coordinate with partners moving forward on subsequent meetings or any
23 planned meetings that would happen in the subsequent days up until the event.

24 Q Okay. Did you have such a meeting with local law enforcement in Butler
25 County? Or from Butler County, I should say.

1 A Yeah, it would've been -- we usually -- yeah, it's usually a building that we
2 routinely use. But that meeting did occur, again, one of the first days of the start of the
3 advance.

4 Q And was that in Pittsburgh or Butler County?

5 A Pittsburgh.

6 Q Okay. So local law enforcement -- some representatives came to
7 Pittsburgh or attended virtually to get a briefing?

8 A Yeah. So it's various entities from fire, EMS, police assets that would come
9 to an in-person meeting. This is pretty -- it was pretty general. These happen in most
10 instances for advances, and that's what this meeting was for.

11 Q And was there a specific part of that briefing that was about protective
12 intelligence?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And did you lead that part of the briefing?

15 A I did not. The lead agent, because she was giving the briefing itself, and for
16 the flow of it, if I recall, she had covered it while she was giving the presentation. Sorry
17 I'm making gestures. But she was flowing through --

18 Q We can't see your gestures, by the way.

19 A Yeah, yeah. No, sorry. That's why I stopped to back up a minute.

20 But, yeah -- no, it was -- I believe she had covered it while she was going over the
21 other various assignments that would be occurring for the event.

22 Q And was that Special Agent [REDACTED] Is that who you're referring
23 to?

24 A I believe so, yes.

25 Q Okay. And when you say she's the lead agent, what does that mean?

1 A She would be coordinating the event for that advance team.

2 Q Okay. And do you know what her role -- or I should say, what her title was
3 at the time?

4 A Do you mean Secret Service title or -- I'm not sure --

5 Q Yes. Secret Service title.

6 A Special agent. She's a special agent, yes.

7 Q Okay. Just special agent, that's what you understood?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. Was she on the DTD? Do you know what that is?

10 A I believe it's the Donald Trump detail.

11 Q Right.

12 A I don't know personally if she was or not.

13 Q Okay. Had you ever met her before or worked with her before?

14 A In the office, yes.

15 Q In what office?

16 A The Pittsburgh Field Office.

17 Q Okay. So she was from the Pittsburgh Field Office?

18 A That's where, at the time, currently she was assigned to, yes.

19 Q Okay. So you had worked with her before?

20 A In the Pittsburgh Field Office, yes. She had been an agent for a long time.

21 Again, I transitioned over in 2019, 2018, so my experience with her would have been in
22 the Pittsburgh Field Office when she was there.

23 Q Have you worked with her before on protective services?

24 A I don't recall specifically, but that doesn't mean I have not in some capacity,
25 but I don't have specific dates.

1 Q Okay. So when she covered the Protective Intelligence portion of the
2 briefing, in general terms, what did she say? I'm not asking for a recitation, obviously, of
3 exact words, but what did she cover?

4 A Yeah. Generally, things like what the assignment is. I'm trying to recall.
5 There's like a heckler policy that we cover where -- again, I'm doing the best I can -- the --

6 Q Yeah.

7 A Where somebody would, like, be like yelling or screaming that would disrupt
8 the visit. That would be coordinated with the local field office and the local staff to
9 intervene in that, and the Secret Service does not intervene in those unless there's a
10 direct threat to the President at that time. Again, I'm trying my best to remember,
11 but -- and then there's some other like -- like, just basically what the PI team does,
12 essentially, and what the role is.

13 Q Right. And the PI team that was present from the Secret Service, that was
14 you?

15 A Yeah. Just me, yeah.

16 Q Okay. Was there going to be anybody else that was going to be providing
17 PI services from the Secret Service during the July 13th event, to your knowledge?

18 A No. Other than me coordinating, you know, telephonically with our
19 headquarters.

20 Q Right. But you would be the only person physically present at the event?

21 A Yes. In the advance team, yes.

22 Q Okay. And did you have a speaking role at this briefing?

23 A I had an opportunity to speak, but because of the flow of the meeting, I
24 believe she just covered my role. Obviously, if anybody had any questions, they could
25 ask at the time, but that's how the meeting went, I believe.

1 Q Okay. And what was your role as she described it?

2 A To be the protective intelligence agent in charge with coordinating with, you
3 know, local and our headquarters for any threats that would be to the visit or any sort of,
4 you know, intelligence that would need to be disseminated to the team.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Yeah.

7 Q Okay. So --

8 A In general terms. Sorry.

9 Q In general terms. Right.

10 So you were identified as the person to contact for the local law enforcement if
11 they came upon information that they thought needed to be shared with the Secret
12 Service regarding any threats?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay. And that was -- that would be either information that came in
15 before the event or during the event, correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. And you were also going to be liaising with Secret Service in D.C.
18 Protective Intelligence to get any information from them or pass any information to them
19 that you came upon, right?

20 A Uh-huh. Yes.

21 Q And would you also be communicating with other Federal agents, including
22 Secret Service or DHS or anyone else that would be present at the event, about any kind
23 of intelligence that they needed to share or that you needed to share with them?

24 A Yeah. I mean, we coordinate with [REDACTED] and then, you know, yes, if there
25 were other entities, but I -- it would depend on the scenario.

1 Q Okay. So is it fair to say that your role, just in kind of layperson's terms,
2 was to be the recipient of intelligence to disseminate to others as needed during the
3 event?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. So you were -- did you have any role in actually developing any
6 intelligence yourself?

7 A No. That's -- [REDACTED].

8 Q Okay.

9 A So, again, that's not something I would be conducting in the field.

10 Q Okay. So you talked about this event -- or this briefing in Pittsburgh. Did
11 you subsequently have any further in-person meetings prior to the event to coordinate
12 with the other law enforcement officials that were present?

13 A I did go to a walk-through that was a couple days -- few days beforehand so I
14 understood the layout of the site so I could understand logistics to the best of my ability,
15 and then coordinating with the State trooper who I was assigned with to coordinate for
16 any local intelligence, and that person and his team would be working with me
17 throughout the week and on the day of the visit.

18 Q Okay. So the walk-through was at the -- was in Butler County itself,
19 obviously, right?

20 A Yeah, it was at the site. Correct.

21 Q Okay. When you were taking a -- surveying the property, I'll call it, did you
22 have any specific concerns about the ability of the Secret Service to provide protection to
23 former President Trump?

24 A I don't recall. And just so people understand, I don't have any role in -- so I
25 discern my role and others that may have been on the advance team. I don't have any

1 say or input on logistics, the site, how it's set up, post assignments, any security measures
2 physically at the site. That is something I don't provide input on or have any oversight
3 on.

4 So my focus was to go there to see how things were being laid out, where basic
5 things would be set up, so that when I arrived on the day of, that I had an idea of where
6 I -- logistically, where things would be once we arrived and how to navigate the area.

7 Q Okay. And then as -- on that day, do you recall hearing about any concerns
8 from anyone -- from Secret Service, from local law enforcement, anyone -- about any
9 concerns about securing what we now know is the AGR building and that area? Do you
10 recall hearing anything about that?

11 A I don't. And, again, I wasn't part of those discussions. My role that week
12 was doing the PI, advance, and the daily activities I was required to do.

13 Q Okay. Do you recall either you or maybe someone working for you sent a
14 letter to the [REDACTED] on July 10th requesting any intelligence they might have relating to the
15 July 13th rally?

16 A I believe so. I had sent that letter to get finalized and sent off.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. We're going to -- do we have -- that's exhibit 1, right? Or
18 we don't --

19 [REDACTED]. No, we don't have that.

20 [REDACTED]. Oh, we don't have that?

21 [REDACTED]. Yeah. We're just going to ask.

22 [REDACTED]. Okay. All right. So exhibit 1 -- so exhibit 2 is exhibit 1 now?

23 [REDACTED]. So we're just going to -- we don't have the [REDACTED] letter as an
24 exhibit.

25 [REDACTED]. Okay. Okay. Got it. Okay.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q So did you ever receive a response to that letter?

3 A I don't recall if I did or not.

4 Q Okay. But you don't -- sitting here today, you don't remember receiving a
5 response?

6 A I don't, no. Doesn't say that we didn't get one, but I don't recall any
7 communications outside of me sending the email to our administrative office to get it
8 approved to get sent out.

9 Q Okay. And do you recall that prior to the -- or as of the day of the event,
10 July 13th, that you were told by the PI division in D.C. that there were no updates on
11 pertinent intelligence?

12 A Correct. [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] They didn't know anything to provide or any intelligence.

15 Q Okay. The [REDACTED] deputy director has testified to the Senate that there was a
16 meeting between the Secret Service and the [REDACTED] in the days leading up to July 13th to
17 determine whether there was any pertinent information for the rally. Did you attend
18 that meeting?

19 A I did not. I don't recall attending that meeting.

20 Q Okay. All right. What I'm going to do now is offer into evidence majority
21 exhibit No. 1.

22 Actually, why don't we do this. Let's do majority exhibit No. 1 as the Senate
23 transcript.

24 [REDACTED] Majority exhibit No. 1
25 was marked for identification.]

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q And, [REDACTED] you testified before the Senate, correct?

3 A I did, yes.

4 Q And I'm going to show you a transcript. I'm not going to ask you to read it.

5 A Okay.

6 Q And your name is redacted, but I'll represent to you this is a transcript of
7 that interview.

8 A Okay.

9 Q You recall the interview, I assume?

10 A I do, yes.

11 Q Okay. Do you have -- is there anything, sitting here today, that you said in
12 that interview that you would want to correct?

13 A I don't know. Again, the answers I gave were to the best of my knowledge
14 or that I could recall.

15 Q Okay. Yeah. Sitting here today, there's nothing that you think that you
16 would want to correct?

17 A Off the top of my head without reviewing anything, I don't recall.

18 Q Okay. All right. Let's move on to majority exhibit 2.

19 [REDACTED] Majority exhibit No. 2

20 was marked for identification.]

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q Yeah. Okay. So this is -- these are text messages that were taken from
23 the personal phone of [REDACTED] I am assuming you've never seen this before, you
24 don't recognize this, to the extent you can see it at all on the screen?

25 A I can kind of make out the text, but it doesn't look familiar to me, no.

1 Q Okay. So at the -- this is a -- text messages that were on July 11th, 2024.

2 So this is a couple days before the event. The sender, which is --

3 [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q -- [REDACTED] It's redacted, but we know that to be [REDACTED] Do
6 you know who [REDACTED] is?

7 A I do, yes.

8 Q The sender, [REDACTED] says, "Does [redacted] know he's supposed to send
9 out PI information? LOL."

10 Redacted is -- based on our information, is you.

11 A Okay.

12 Q And then [REDACTED] responds, "Probably not."

13 And then [REDACTED] says -- is it [REDACTED]. or --

14 [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Excuse me.

17 "He's only seen it from us a shit ton, but I guess he doesn't pay attention to
18 protection."

19 [REDACTED] "He's a big picture guy."

20 Now, the reason I'm asking you about this is, what was your relationship like with
21 Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] at the time that you were doing protective
22 services for this event?

23 A I don't know. I mean, just basic relationship. I don't know.

24 Q Well, let me ask you this. Did you have a sense that they were not
25 respectful of your functions and the way you performed your job?

1 A I don't have an answer for that. I don't know, no.

2 Q Okay. So you don't know?

3 A I don't.

4 [REDACTED] That's his answer. Right.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q Okay. So do you know what a PI router is?

7 A Can you be more specific?

8 Q Not really. I'm asking, have you ever heard of that in your functions?

9 A I do know that we can make routers or that there are routers exist that may
10 have various functions for the purpose of that.

11 Q And what is a router?

12 A It'd be an email chain of various people that would be a pertinent group, I
13 guess, but that could be any group. I don't have a specific group.

14 Q Okay.

15 A But there are routers that are made with our email groups for various
16 investigative or protective assignments.

17 Q Okay. Do you know what Special Agent [REDACTED] role was at the event?

18 A I believe she was a site agent.

19 Q Site agent. And you mentioned Special Agent [REDACTED] was the lead agent?

20 A I believe so, yes.

21 Q Okay. So the lead agent and the site agent are the two leads for purposes
22 of providing protective services at the event?

23 A It's -- well, I believe [REDACTED] role is to be in the advance during that time.

24 There's also another agent assigned from the -- I believe the DTD detail as well to
25 coordinate with her. And they -- again, my best recollection, because it wasn't my

1 assignment at the time, was to perform the security measures for the visit and conduct
2 those assessments, and then concur with the lead agent or provide that information to
3 the lead agent or finalize it in some manner.

4 Q Okay. Did anybody ask you to create a router for the July 13th event?

5 A I don't recall that.

6 Q Okay. So the answer is you don't remember that, meaning you don't think
7 it happened or you don't remember one way or the other?

8 A I just don't remember one way or the other because, again, this has been
9 months now, and some of these things I don't precisely remember.

10 Q Okay. I'm going to read to you an excerpt from a transcript of an interview
11 with Special Agent [REDACTED] that the Senate conducted.

12 A Okay.

13 Q And she said, "If I'm doing protective intelligence, I typically send out an
14 email to everybody in the advance team and I say, 'This is a protective intelligence router.
15 Please pass pertinent information along on this router that's relevant.' Special Agent
16 [REDACTED] did not do that, so that wasn't established."

17 That's what she testified at the Senate. I'm not asking you to comment on her
18 testimony, but I'm asking you, is that accurate in the sense that you did not create a
19 router?

20 A I don't recall if I did or did not. Again, I'd have to look at emails or confirm
21 that in one way or the other.

22 Q Okay. But you don't have a specific recollection of creating one?

23 A I don't do -- know if I did or not, but nothing comes to my mind to specifically
24 say if I did or not.

25 [REDACTED] Okay. We're actually coming to the end of my time, so this is a

1 good part to stop and we can take a 5-minute break, and then I can hand it over to the
2 minority.

3 [REDACTED] Okay. I'll stay on the line.

4 [REDACTED]. We'll go off the record.

5 [Recess.]

6 [REDACTED]. If we can go back on the record right now.

7 EXAMINATION

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q [REDACTED] thank you again for being here today. My name is [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED], and I'm investigative counsel with the minority.

11 We are going to kind of start at the beginning again. I know a lot of the
12 information has -- you've already talked about some of it, but I just want to make sure
13 that I'm fully understanding. And so if I ask you questions that have already been asked,
14 I am -- I apologize in advance, but it's helpful for me.

15 So I understand that you joined the Secret Service in 2009. Did you do anything
16 prior to the Secret Service?

17 A One thing. Can you see my video? I know that was an issue. I want to
18 make sure that's --

19 Q You are frozen right now.

20 A Okay. I apologize for that.

21 But, yeah, I did. I mean, that was my -- I was in college and in various other
22 assignments or jobs, but nothing relevant to the Secret Service when I joined in 2009.

23 Q Understood. So no prior military experience?

24 A No.

25 Q Okay. And what is the Secret Service training to become a special agent?

1 What does that pipeline look like?

2 A Could you be more specific? Are you talking about in general or are you
3 talking about the career? I'm sorry.

4 Q I'm talking specifically from when you went -- and I believe you said that you
5 were uniform division, and then you may have been a K-9 handler, and then you became
6 a special agent. Is that correct?

7 A Correct. Yes.

8 Q So when you were going through the process in 2019 of becoming a special
9 agent, is there a specific training pipeline that the Secret Service requires everybody that
10 is going to be a special agent to go through?

11 A I understand. Okay. I'm unaware of a training. You have to apply to do
12 that, and I don't recall if I applied online or internally and whatever various standards that
13 need to be had to apply for that. Then you would go through that process and then
14 attend the U.S. Secret Service agent basic class in Maryland.

15 Q And --

16 A I'm sorry. And just to provide some clarity on that, that that at the time
17 was like a direct hire. Like, a lateral -- kind of like, hey, you attend the academy, but I
18 don't recall if that still happens today or the other methodologies that are used to hire
19 folks to be agents or uniform division officers.

20 Q Okay. But at the time it was an 8-week, in-person course?

21 A To be an agent?

22 Q Yes. To be a special agent. I'm sorry. I just want to confirm. Did you
23 say 8-week course?

24 A Yeah, sure. I don't know the weeks of it, but it's multiple months to attend
25 in our academy that's in Maryland.

1 [11:16 a.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Thank you.

4 And so you were stationed in the Pittsburgh office. What was your chain of
5 command day to day?

6 A So it was with the -- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] those are our supervisors.
7 So whether it's investigative duties or assignments, protection assignments, those were
8 our two supervisors. We had another one that had retired. But as of current to before
9 I -- prior to my departure from the government, that's who my two supervisors were.

10 Q Understood. Thank you.

11 So the Protective Intelligence role that you were fulfilling, is that the easiest way
12 to phrase it, a collateral duty?

13 A I guess, sure. It's part of a -- one of the many assignments that you hold as
14 an agent that, you know, you're required to do, whether it's on a weekly or a monthly
15 basis. So whether that's conducting your criminal investigations or various protection
16 assignments that may or may not come, yeah. So that's generally how that works.
17 And that can be depending on the visits or, you know, the tempo of protection. So it
18 can vary.

19 Q Understood. So Special Agent [REDACTED] could be the -- in the Protective
20 Intelligence role one week while you were taking lead on the advance, or it could be
21 Agent [REDACTED] that was protective intelligence as you were the site agent. It just
22 depended on the rally and what was assigned for a specific event?

23 A Yes. So the supervisors would decide that. And, again, that's depending
24 on manpower, who's available, various factors that is autonomous to the supervisory's
25 purview.

1 Q And not related to 13 July or any specific event but just kind of the overall
2 scope, what is the job responsibility of the Protective Intelligence lead for any event?

3 A The best of my knowledge, it's, again, to -- if -- so we have to
4 compartmentalize that. Again, if it's a PPD or a Vice President visit, you know, that's
5 different, because my understanding is they send people from those units at
6 headquarters to those cities and those various offices that would be receiving visits.

7 And depending on the level of protection, the -- they may designate an agent in
8 the field to request that role for the advance. So it could depend on the visit. It's not
9 always the same every time.

10 Q Understood. So for the event where it's not a PPD or a Vice Presidential
11 individual, what would the role entail from the advance and day of?

12 A Yeah. So, again, one of the -- depending on the supervisor and then the
13 logistics and the tactics of the week, that would -- that individual would be assigned.
14 And that role is the coordination with headquarters, coordination with local partners to
15 work the visit and pass any or receive any intelligence.

16 And then the day of the visit, again, is to -- like I -- [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]. That's generally how those are handled, to the best of my recollection.

19 Q Are Protective Intelligence leads intelligence analysts?

20 A No, I don't believe so. I believe they're all agents. But, I mean, that may
21 differ at headquarters. But I don't know the specificity on that designation from
22 headquarters to the agents.

23 Q So special agents acting as intelligence leads are not trained to understand
24 the nuances in what various intelligence reporting has?

25 A Nuances as in --

1 Q Yeah, let me ask that a little bit more clearly.

2 A Sure.

3 Q Are special agents acting as intelligence leads given specific training to
4 evaluate various types of intelligence?

5 A So I don't evaluate or, like, generate reporting, if that's what you're asking.
6 Any experience that's given is through the academy, through the on-the-job training.

7 If there's intelligence given to me, I have to assess it and -- and -- but as far as
8 generating leads or giving scores of what's -- I don't have any knowledge of that. That's
9 generally what headquarters, I believe, would be handling.

10 Q So what kind of a intelligence assessment would you do with intelligence
11 that you had been given in that role?

12 A If we were to be -- to get like a referral from headquarters because there
13 was a perceived threat, the office would handle that. And it would be disseminated by
14 the supervisors who'd flesh out that lead with any analysts that may be in the office to
15 ascertain what the veracity of that is. And it can vary depending on -- depending on
16 that.

17 Q So you would be the individual that they would give that intelligence to, and
18 then you would give it to your supervisor who would make the decision on what to do
19 with it?

20 A No. It would come from headquarters. Again, this is specific to like a
21 perceived threat that they may have.

22 Q Uh-huh.

23 A But that would go to the office, and then a -- generally, a supervisor would
24 take that and disseminate it to -- again, it's based on logistics, availability of agents. So
25 it's not determinate on -- and, again, I can't speak for other offices on how they do it.

1 But it can depend on the person that's available, if there isn't anybody -- a person. And
2 then it's just assessed, then coordinated with the analyst on -- in the office to kind of work
3 that referral.

4 Q Okay. [REDACTED] They reach out to your office.
5 By giving it to the office, does it go to you as the Protective Intelligence lead, or would
6 that go straight to a supervisor from D.C. who would then make the decision on how the
7 office was going to handle it?

8 A Now, are you speaking specific to the visit? Are you speaking in general,
9 like, day-to-day, week-to-week stuff?

10 Q Let's start with the general day to day, week to week.

11 A That is up to the -- generally the supervisors to disseminate that referral or
12 information. Doesn't mean that if there's not a supervisor there at the day, a senior
13 agent can read it or assess it and then determine the, you know, actions therein. But
14 that's generally how a referral like that would be handled in the field and then enacted
15 depending on the coordination and the need of headquarters. And that's generally how
16 every office handles those type of requests from headquarters.

17 Q Understood. So for a specific event, would that come to you instead of
18 going to a supervisor first and then you would determine who to pass that to if you were
19 delineated as the Protective Intelligence lead?

20 A Yeah. So for a -- an advance, I would receive information and it could also
21 go to the lead agent. That -- that can depend on the assessment, but it generally would
22 go to me, and then coordinate that information with -- as needed.

23 Q Okay. So how would you do that assessment to determine if you were
24 going to pass it to the lead, if you were going to pass it to a supervisor? What does that
25 assessment look like?

1 A Well, there's generally not a -- the best I can recall or assess that there's not
2 a -- it's based on what the information is, what the headquarters is asking for, what
3 they're -- they need for us in the field to do, whether it's interviews, and then the ability
4 to, you know, coordinate with the other agents or supervisors.

5 And, again, some of that information can come. And it can be labeled for
6 everybody that's in the entire office. So I can't be a hundred percent, like, recall that it's
7 always sent to me in that specific instance. Or it can be sent to the lead, then sent to
8 me. Or it goes to everybody in the office, and then it's decided. So it can vary, but it
9 does go to me, somebody on the team, or all the above. It just depends.

10 Q And then how would -- or how do protective intelligence threat
11 considerations factor into allocation and assignment of resources for a specific event?

12 A That's not a question that I can particularly answer because that's -- I -- that
13 sounds to me like a -- it's headquarters coordination with like a supervisor.

14 Again, I believe I understand your question is to -- information that's being given
15 to the office. Again, I don't -- I don't determine a threat like from like an analytic
16 perspective. That's, again, the division of Protective Intelligence. They have autonomy
17 over that. That doesn't mean that they don't report -- they -- or do report to our offices.
18 But that is a coordinated effort, if I understand your question correctly.

19 Q Yes. So let me see if I understand what you're saying. If it is coming from
20 the Protective Intelligence division in D.C., they will likely send it to you if you're the lead
21 and say, here's the threat and here's our recommendation, and then that would be acted
22 on accordingly versus sending it to your office and having the Pittsburgh Field Office
23 analyze it and then make decisions based off of it?

24 A Yeah. So the recommendations come from headquarters. For example, if
25 this is not -- this is not a visit, they -- they may refer, hey, we need this person interviewed

1 because they sent this threat or that threat. And then that recommen- -- like, that
2 recommendation comes to us. Generally, that's put to supervisors at a minimum and
3 then -- then it's determined by them on who would get that information to action upon it.
4 Because, again, like I said before, all agents go through this minimum training and do
5 on-the-job training to work these requests that come from headquarters, but that's
6 dependent on how the supervisor wants to assign those, again, based on tempo. And
7 those would be questions you'd have to ask, you know, them on specificity.

8 Q Okay. And can you give us an example of some of the on-the-job training
9 that you have received to be able to fulfill the Protective Intelligence lead role?

10 A I can speak generally, whether that's asking questions or -- again, I don't
11 know if there's a specific protocol that the Secret Service had on on-the-job training.
12 But, in general, if I recall, it's just asking questions that need to be answered, working in
13 partnership with agents that had more experience. But I can't point to specific, like,
14 yeah, hey, 2 years ago at this date I received this training. It's been too long to,
15 unfortunately, recite that, but I do know that that's generally how you would go about or
16 how individuals would go about learning through hands-on work and constructive
17 questions and things like that.

18 Q Is there a manual that the Secret Service has that they send out to the field
19 offices that say here is what the Protective Intelligence leads are supposed to do, here's
20 what the expectations are?

21 A There -- I know we have a manual, but I can't cite specific, like, chapters or
22 things that are -- that would have -- you could ask our supervisors for that information.
23 But I -- it's my understanding that there does -- it does exist, but I can't specifically cite
24 what it does or does not say.

25 Q So if there was intelligence shared prior to an event -- and let's take it

1 outside of the Protective Intelligence unit in D.C. but maybe the [REDACTED] or local intelligence.

2 It is not coming from the Secret Service. What would you do with that intelligence?

3 A If it's coming to -- as outside of the July 13th event, is that what you're
4 asking?

5 Q Yes. Outside of the July 13th, if you are the Protective Intelligence lead on
6 another event, you send out the [REDACTED] letter, you reach out to your local counterparts, and
7 one of them does have intelligence that would be relevant for you and they send it to
8 you, what are the next steps on that?

9 A I guess it would depend on the information, but I don't -- it can -- it just -- I
10 think it varies on what it is. And, yeah, that's the best I can answer.

11 Q Are there -- can you give us some of the options that you would be choosing
12 from?

13 A Sure. Whether you'd share it with electronically or in person, getting
14 recommendations with -- or that way would be my best guess.

15 Q And if there was intelligence shared prior to an event with a Protective
16 Intelligence lead, would the Protective Intelligence lead make any decisions about
17 resourcing for that event?

18 A I don't know precisely. I think that would be a lead's decision, but I don't
19 have a concrete answer to give to you on that.

20 Q Have you ever been in position to be given intelligence briefings for a
21 protectee?

22 A In a position? You mean as in, like, discussed this with other -- or give a
23 briefing of it?

24 Q Have you ever been a part of an event where there was a intelligence
25 briefing given prior to that event for any protectee?

1 A Yeah, sure.

2 Q And who was it that was giving that briefing?

3 A I don't know. I mean, these -- I know that briefings do happen, that
4 that -- but I'm not sure what -- the veracity of that. Again, that's -- how I said before
5 with the meeting that we had with the police meeting, that's an example of what I can
6 recall.

7 Q Understood. And have you ever received an intelligence briefing, whether
8 it be in person, via email, from a Protective Intelligence lead prior to an event?

9 A Are you speaking, like, in general or just like other events?

10 Q Can you think of a specific time where you have been given an intelligence
11 briefing by the Protective Intelligence lead prior to an event?

12 A Yeah. I mean, the police meeting that we have, that's -- that I was a part of
13 that I spoke with earlier, that's an event where a briefing would be given, yes.

14 Q At -- was -- in that police meeting that occurred on the 8th that you were at,
15 was there intelligence information passed during that briefing?

16 A I don't recall. I believe it was just general information about the visit, but I
17 don't -- I don't think so. Again, I don't have that information in front of me to verify it.

18 Q Understood. So I guess my question is, just specifically to intelligence, do
19 you recall a time in your career where you received an intelligence briefing from a
20 Protective Intelligence lead?

21 A I would imagine so. Yes, based on the visits that I -- that come into the city
22 or that I've been asked to go, yeah.

23 [REDACTED] Do you have a specific recollection of such a briefing or are you
24 speculating --

25 [REDACTED] I mean, there --

1 [REDACTED] -- based on your -- what, [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] No, I'm sorry, [REDACTED] Go ahead. I didn't mean to step on you.

3 [REDACTED] That's okay. Do you have a specific recollection of such a briefing,
4 or are you speculating that in all likelihood it happened but you're not sure?

5 [REDACTED] Well, I can't speak of a specific instance. I know they do occur.
6 I -- it's likely based on my role as an agent --

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 [REDACTED] -- that I've been part of one, yes.

9 [REDACTED] Okay. That's fine.

10 BY MS. [REDACTED]:

11 Q Okay. [REDACTED] moving on to the planning for the July 13th event,
12 what was your chain of command the day of the rally?

13 A It would have been through [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or the lead agent as
14 well, depending on, you know -- but, yes, those would be the individuals.

15 Q So how would you make the decision if you needed to get information
16 somewhere about whether or not that was appropriate to go to [REDACTED] or if that was
17 appropriate to go to [REDACTED] What types of things would go to each individual?

18 A I don't know. I guess it would depend on the information. Yeah, I can't
19 give a specific, like, example in my head, the best I can recall. But, generally, it's with
20 one or both, depending on the scenario.

21 Q So if there was something in regards to your Protective Intelligence role,
22 would that go to Special Agent [REDACTED] or would that go to your officer in charge, Agent

23 [REDACTED]

24 A It would -- it could go to both or one or the other. It just depends. I don't
25 have a -- yeah.

1 Q Okay. And have you participated in Butler area events in the past?

2 A I imagine so, because Butler's close, but I can't specifically cite a date or
3 time. Butler is in our area of responsibility, so I imagine I've in the past been there for
4 investigative purposes.

5 Q And did you have a prior relationship with any of the Butler area law
6 enforcement?

7 A I don't recall having specific. That doesn't mean I haven't engaged with
8 them or did engage with them at some point for my -- my role as a special agent.

9 Q Understood. And same question with the State law enforcement that was
10 providing support for the July 13th event.

11 A Yeah, same answer. It's -- you know, we do work with them, whether it's in
12 protection or investigative roles. To speak on specific people or the role, that can vary.

13 Q Understood. And so you were at the police meeting on the 8th of July,
14 correct?

15 A The Secret Service police meeting? Yes.

16 Q Yes.

17 A I recall, yes, I was there.

18 Q And you mentioned that you also did a walk-through. Do you recall when
19 that walk-through occurred?

20 A It would have been days before the rally. Again, I don't know the specific
21 day but just to have an idea of what -- how the setup was going so I understood when I
22 came that day on the 13th I would know logistically where I would go and have an idea
23 when I showed up.

24 Q And did you prepare a threat assessment as a part of your advance
25 planning?

1 A Don't recall setting up a threat assessment. That would be something that
2 a headquarter body, I believe, would do. Again, that may depend on if it's a VPD or PPD
3 visit, but I don't -- without seeing any information in front of me, yeah.

4 Q Okay. And can you walk us through what [REDACTED] is?

5 A Yeah. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] But that's
8 generally what we try to get done.

9 [REDACTED] And it's the best of my knowledge we can't, but it's a
10 request we try to get done during the week of an event. And that's generally done on
11 most protection advances, if I recall.

12 Q [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] -- I don't know if you can answer that, but I'm just -- I'm
14 wondering what [REDACTED] are they.

15 A Yeah. I don't have the specific knowledge on [REDACTED] it would be.
16 But from my understanding, if I recall, it's to request that they put that in place in
17 coordination with the [REDACTED].

18 Q Okay. Understood. I'll move on from that line of questioning.

19 Do you recall doing it prior to the event on July 13th?

20 A That was something I was working on during that week. Yes, I was trying to
21 put those in place.

22 Q All right. And then what other documents did you prepare as a part of your
23 advance planning?

24 A That -- the [REDACTED] letter. I don't recall because, again, it's been a while, but
25 I -- and any information that would have been given for the advance report that comes

1 out. But that's all I can recall at this time.

2 Q Understood. And looking at the [REDACTED] letter, in review of that, it looks like
3 you were the special agent that was the point of contact for former President Trump and
4 that the individual that was there for First Lady Biden was the RAIC. What is that role,
5 R-A-I-C?

6 A I believe that is the acronym for the Resident Agent in Charge.

7 Q And who is the Resident Agent in Charge?

8 A Of which office?

9 Q Pittsburgh.

10 A There isn't a Resident Agent in Charge in Pittsburgh. If I remember
11 correctly, that would have been our Charleston office that resides under us. But I -- I
12 don't -- that's my understanding of who that individual would have been.

13 To give you a little more general knowledge, that term is for our satellite offices or
14 smaller offices that may not have a special agent in charge. That's what that term is for.
15 So --

16 Q And that makes sense. Thank you for that --

17 A Sure.

18 Q -- clarification.

19 Would that individual also -- would this kind of be a collateral duty for that
20 individual as well?

21 A Yes, in that -- I don't know if for that assignment but, generally, in those
22 assignments, yes. And, again, it's depending on the availability of people, the logistics,
23 like all those kind of things.

24 Q Understood. So you sent out the letter to the [REDACTED] and you did not get a
25 response back from the [REDACTED]. Is that correct?

1 A Yeah, I don't recall getting a response. Yes.

2 Q And is that typical to not get a response?

3 A I don't know if that is or not. Again, that could be simply an email
4 recognition from the person who sent it, but I don't know if it's protocol or standard
5 procedure that they have to respond to you or call you. I don't -- I don't know.

6 [REDACTED]. Okay. I am going to share what I'm going to change to
7 minority exhibit A.

8 [REDACTED] Minority exhibit A
9 was marked for identification.]

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q Sorry, this is not the correct exhibit.

12 A Okay.

13 Q Can you see what looks like Bates No. 5344 at the top right?

14 A I do see that, yeah.

15 Q Okay. Can you walk us through --

16 [REDACTED] What exhibit is that? I'm sorry. This is [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]. So this was written as minority exhibit B when it was pre-sent
18 but moving that up to minority exhibit A.

19 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

20 [REDACTED]. Of course, sir.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q So, [REDACTED] can you walk us through to your -- the best of your
23 recollection what this email is?

24 A Sure, yeah. Without seeing the redacted versions, I recall this might be the
25 letter that would have been sent to our front office to then send to the [REDACTED] point of

1 contact. That's my understanding of what this looks like.

2 Q Understood. And then moving down, is this the letter that you drafted to
3 send to the [REDACTED] And it looks like that was on July 10th?

4 A That looks like it is, yes.

5 Q And so to the best of your recollection, you sent that to your front office
6 who was supposed to send that on to the [REDACTED]

7 A Yeah. To my understanding and the best I can remember, yes.

8 Q And did you follow up with the front office about whether or not it was sent
9 on the 10th of July?

10 A I don't recall if I did or not.

11 Q Understood. And then prior to the 13th July rally, were you aware that the
12 Secret Service was sending a counter sniper team to the rally?

13 A Again, that's not my role to --

14 [REDACTED] She's just asking were you aware.

15 Hold it. Hold it.

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Were you aware?

18 [REDACTED] Understood.

19 [REDACTED] Were you aware? That's all she's asking.

20 [REDACTED] Sure. I was not, no, not until --

21 [REDACTED] Okay.

22 [REDACTED] -- maybe the day of.

23 [REDACTED] That's -- that's --

24 [REDACTED] Sure.

25 [REDACTED] Hold it. That's your answer, yes or no.

1 [REDACTED] Yep.

2 [REDACTED] You said no.

3 Okay. Next.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q Do you recall, [REDACTED] what intelligence you received prior to the 13th
6 July rally related to former President Trump?

7 A I don't necessarily without seeing my emails. But the one I reported on
8 that day that -- the Facebook posts that we received that I -- we followed up with.

9 But, yeah, without having any knowledge of looking at my records, I don't -- at the
10 time -- don't recall anything other than what I called that day. Sorry.

11 Q No, no, please, continue.

12 A Yeah, other than that day, it doesn't say -- it doesn't mean I didn't -- yeah.

13 Q Understood.

14 [REDACTED]. So I am going to pull up what is minority exhibit B now. And
15 my apologies to the team that received these beforehand. It is minority exhibit C but
16 changing it to B.

17 [REDACTED] Minority exhibit B
18 was marked for identification.]

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q This, [REDACTED] is a compilation of emails. I believe they are your emails
21 that kind of --

22 A Okay.

23 Q -- walk through some of what you may have received prior to the July 13th
24 event.

25 And I'm wondering --

1 A Okay.

2 Q -- if we can just walk through and have you review them and explain to us
3 where you got them from and what you did with this information and if you recall
4 receiving this information.

5 A Sure.

6 Q So starting on this first one that's Bates No. 5465, and if you can just walk us
7 through what it is that we are looking at, once you have time to review.

8 A Okay.

9 Q And let me know if you want me to scroll.

10 A Yeah. This looks like an email regarding some -- I'm not sure what OSB
11 means, but it looks like a report on Israeli-Palestine information. Yeah.

12 Q And was there anything, when you received this -- and it looks like it was
13 received on the -- July 8th -- was there anything in this report that required any further
14 action on your end?

15 A I don't recall if there was or wasn't.

16 Q Understood. Moving on, and this looks like it is a email on July 10th. And
17 can you explain what it is that we are looking at? And please let me know if you want
18 me to scroll up or down.

19 A Yeah, sure.

20 Q Yeah.

21 A This doesn't look familiar to me. So I'm not -- yeah.

22 Q Understood. Moving on, this looks like the -- July 11th at 11:00 -- or July
23 13th -- excuse me -- at 11 a.m.

24 You mentioned earlier that there was something that came in. Is this what you
25 were talking about earlier?

1 A Can you scroll down?

2 Q Yes, absolutely.

3 A Yeah. This looks like that report I had talked about. Yep, that's correct.

4 Q So when you got word that this was happening, what were your next steps?

5 A Yeah. If I recall correctly, I addressed it or I'd followed up with it the
6 following few days, because it was received I think as we were moving to the motorcade
7 and we had determined that we would follow up with this information later in the week
8 to interview that person, which we did, and was not of relevance to our mission.

9 Q Understood. If there was a [REDACTED],
10 would your expectation have been that you would have been made aware of that threat
11 due to your role that day?

12 A Say it again. I didn't hear you.

13 Q If there was a [REDACTED], would your
14 expectation have been that you would have been made aware of that threat?

15 A Yeah, I believe so, depending on the threat.

16 Q What type of a threat would not be important for the Protective Intelligence
17 lead to know about?

18 A I don't have an answer for that. That's depending on various factors, if I
19 recall, because every information we get is unique that I -- when I was working there.
20 So it would just have to be depending on the scenario, the assessment of it. It's a lot of
21 variations for that answer.

22 Q Any intelligence that related to either former President Trump or the July
23 13th location or rally, there would be times where you wouldn't need to know about that
24 as the Protective Intelligence lead?

25 A No, that's not -- I mean, it would be pertinent to know that, yes. All I'm just

1 trying to associate is depending on -- it's dependent on the information, I guess. But,
2 yes, any intelligence that's sent, yeah, would -- yes.

3 Q So any intelligence that's sent, you would expect to know about it.

4 A I would expect to, yes. But also that can be dependent on who's sending it,
5 who's receiving it. It's not as clear based on the tactics and considerations on every
6 advance team mission. Or if -- again, if it's PPD, like, that can vary too, so but, in
7 general, yes.

8 Q [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]

10 A I did not, no.

11 Q Were you aware that a [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]?

13 A I don't recall receiving that information.

14 Q Did Special Agent [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]?

16 A I don't recall. Yeah, I don't recall any specific information, no.

17 Q And did you provide any sort of an intelligence brief, whether that was via
18 email or in person, to the team for the July 13th rally?

19 A Just part of the initial briefing that we had and then discussions with the
20 onsite intelligence team member that was going to be there for the day of the rally.
21 That's -- I recall those type -- any of these things would have been that stuff.

22 Q So there was no formal briefing that you gave, but you were there during the
23 police meeting on July 8th where Special Agent [REDACTED] may have mentioned intelligence.
24 And you did have a conversation prior to the event with your Protective Intelligence
25 agent counterpart that was boots on the ground. Is that correct?

1 A Correct. I did not give a --

2 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. This is -- this is [REDACTED] speaking.

3 When you say intelligence, are we talking about intelligence, [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]? Or what do you mean by intelligence?

5 Or do you have a broader sense, just any intelligence? But intelligence meaning what, a
6 nexus to a threat?

7 [REDACTED]: Yes, sir, any sort of intelligence that [REDACTED] may have
8 been aware of prior to the 13 July, nothing specific in this question, just generally any
9 intelligence.

10 [REDACTED] And that has to do with threats, I'm assuming. Or no?

11 [REDACTED]: I mean, I defer to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to define what intelligence
12 means in that role --

13 [REDACTED] Okay. Why don't we try to --

14 [REDACTED]: -- and whether or not intelligence --

15 [REDACTED] -- understand that?

16 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] Go ahead.

18 All right. Why don't we try to understand that?

19 [REDACTED] first of all, when the questioner uses the word "intelligence," what
20 is -- what was your understanding of the meaning of that to you at the time that you
21 functioned in the role that you talked about, the Protective Intelligence agent?

22 [REDACTED] Yeah. Again, it's information that is not assessed by me, because,
23 again, I don't do threat assessments. That's something that's done by headquarters, and
24 it's information that comes from headquarters that would be asked to act upon or
25 general information. But, yeah, that's my understanding.

1 [REDACTED] Okay. So it could be -- some of this could be something less than
2 an actual imminent threat or threat to life. Is that your understanding?

3 [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 [REDACTED] Okay. So now with that understanding and you -- do you recall
5 what the question was that's on the table? Did you receive any type of intelligence
6 briefing prior to July 13th?

7 [REDACTED]: Did you provide?

8 [REDACTED] Excuse me?

9 [REDACTED]: Did -- did [REDACTED] provide any type of an intelligence
10 briefing?

11 [REDACTED] Did provide.

12 [REDACTED]: Yes, did he provide?

13 [REDACTED] So did he -- okay.

14 Did you provide an intelligence briefing to anybody based on your understanding
15 of what an intelligence briefing is?

16 [REDACTED] Yeah. No, I did not. Just --

17 [REDACTED] Okay.

18 [REDACTED] -- communications with the onsite intelligence agent that was
19 going to be there and coordinating with her based on the level of the visit and my inability
20 because [REDACTED] there being there all day. But I did talk to her but
21 did not give an in-person briefing, no.

22 [REDACTED] Okay.

23 [REDACTED]: Understood. And I think that we just got to my time. So
24 thank you for your time, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 We will go off the record and take a 5-minute break.

1 [Recess.]

2 [REDACTED]: Let's go back on the record.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q [REDACTED] you testified to the Senate -- and I think you talked a bit about
5 this in response to questions from the minority -- that you didn't recall whether you knew
6 prior to the day of the rally that the Secret Service would have counter snipers assigned.
7 Do you recall that?

8 A Yeah, making this -- yeah, having snipers assigned, that's not something I
9 was aware of up until the, if I remember correctly, a day or two of the advance. But,
10 yeah, I was not part of those conversations of that being assigned or not.

11 Q Okay. And do you recall what, if anything, anyone told you about why
12 counter snipers were assigned to this event?

13 A I don't know. That's -- wasn't part of those conversations, nor was it part of
14 my job because, again, I -- my limited assignment was --

15 [REDACTED] No, no, no, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] just answer the question.

16 [REDACTED] Yeah.

17 [REDACTED] I think he was -- the question was what?

18 [REDACTED]: What, if anything, did -- yeah -- did anyone tell you about why
19 counter snipers were present for this -- would be present for this?

20 [REDACTED] Yeah, that's all he's asking. Did anyone ever tell you why counter
21 snipers were assigned to that event? That's all he's asking.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah. I -- no, I don't recall.

23 [REDACTED] Okay. That's your answer. That's fine.

24 BY [REDACTED]

25 Q Okay. Did you ask anyone why counter snipers were assigned?

1 A I did not, no, not that I recall.

2 Q Okay. Do you know who [REDACTED]

3 A The name sounds familiar. I think like maybe a Secret Service employee,
4 but I don't recall.

5 Q Okay. He's the assistant director of the Office of Protective Operations.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Or he was at the time.

8 Do you recall if you had any conversations with him in advance or up through the
9 day of the event?

10 A No.

11 Q [REDACTED] told the Senate that the reason he understood that the Secret
12 Service counter snipers were present at Butler was partially due to threat information.
13 And lead advance Agent [REDACTED] told the Senate that the decision to have counter snipers
14 present was a direct result of credible intelligence and that she was informed of this prior
15 to the event.

16 I assume that you did not receive this information from either Agent [REDACTED] or
17 Agent [REDACTED].

18 A No, I don't recall.

19 Q But you were the person who's supposed to coordinate protective
20 intelligence prior to the event itself, correct?

21 A Coordinate it as in -- what do you mean?

22 Q What do you mean by it? That's how you described it earlier.

23 A Sure. Yeah, collecting information that'd be provided by headquarters or
24 local partners.

25 Q Okay. And that -- headquarters. You'd also receive information

1 presumably from Pittsburgh Field Office if there was information from the Pittsburgh Field
2 Office, right?

3 A Information from the Pittsburgh office that they would have received from
4 headquarters?

5 Q Or anything. Was your job not -- did it exclude the Pittsburgh Field Office
6 from receiving intelligence?

7 A No. I -- yes, I think I understand your question correctly.

8 Q So the -- yes meaning that you would have -- that part of your job, as you
9 understood it, was to receive any intelligence from the Pittsburgh Field Office, from
10 headquarters, from local law enforcement, from the [REDACTED] from any of those sources,
11 right?

12 A Yeah. Correct, in coordination with folks in our office, depending on the
13 information.

14 Q Okay. But as you testified, you did not receive any information from
15 Special Agent [REDACTED] or from headquarters about credible intelligence regarding a threat,
16 right?

17 A Correct, yeah, I don't recall receiving any information.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Again, I said I'd called that morning to the headquarters, PID, the Protective
20 Intelligence Division. That's -- and I don't recall them giving me any information relevant
21 for that day.

22 Q Okay. Let's turn to the day itself, July 13.

23 Well, prior to that day, were you aware there would be two command posts, one
24 for Secret Service and one for local law enforcement?

25 A I was not, no. I don't recall getting that information. Doesn't mean there

1 may have not been one established.

2 Q Okay. In your prior experiences providing protective services for events,
3 have you seen instances in which two command posts were used?

4 A In my limited experience as a Protective Intelligence agent, I can't recall
5 a -- because the dynamic of how these security rooms or command posts are assigned or
6 placed. I know that we have done it in the past. It doesn't mean that, you know -- I
7 can't -- physically have seen one because, again, it could be the dynamic of where it's
8 located physically on the site.

9 Q Okay. Did you have an understanding as to where you would be posted
10 once you got to the event on July 13?

11 A So my role is not to be posted because I am coordinating with the agent on
12 the ground. So I [REDACTED]. And then I am [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] to coordinate any sort of issues that may arise onsite that have a threat to
14 the site. So I'm not assigned to a specific spot. I am a mobile asset that is responding
15 or providing any tactical considerations based on where I am or where I may need to be
16 depending on what's going on.

17 Q Okay. And so when -- what was your understanding as to when you arrived
18 at the site on July 13th, what was your understanding of where you would be? You
19 just -- you'd float around? You'd be in the car? You'd be anyplace? Or there was no
20 assigned place for you to be?

21 A Yeah. I mean, again, I'm not assigned to a location. It's dependent on
22 how the site's built, what's going on. You know, I do have a -- the United States attorney
23 that does coordinate with us that is physically there with me.

24 So we generally just try to assess the site and, you know, react to what's going on
25 and making sure I'm in a position that I can be made available to respond to a situation.

1 Q So did you have any specific idea of what you would be physically doing once
2 you arrived at the site, like, where would you be?

3 A So I'm not assigned --

4 Q No, I understand.

5 A -- where I --

6 Q I understand you're not assigned. I'm just saying when -- that -- when you
7 were [REDACTED], what did you expect you would be -- where did you expect
8 you'd be once you got to the event? [REDACTED]? Would you
9 wander around? Would you go to the command post? What would you do? What
10 were you thinking you would be doing?

11 A Well, it would -- when I was -- when I arrived, I had helped to rearrange the
12 motorcade, which can be something that you do, depending on the scenario, what's going
13 on.

14 Again, I'm just trying to get there, help with that, and then assess the crowd, get a
15 view of what's going on, and then just responding to anything or be at -- available to help
16 respond to any threats that may happen onsite.

17 Q Okay.

18 A And --

19 Q Sorry. Sorry, go ahead. Finish your -- I thought you were done. I'm
20 sorry.

21 A And, again, that can depend to the visit. It can depend on the -- again, if it's
22 VPD or it's anybody else. So there's several factors that play into that that isn't very
23 cookie cutter per visit.

24 Q Okay. Now, the day of the event, July 13, when did you -- did you go to the
25 site first? Did you go to the airport to begin your duties that day?

1 A To the airport.

2 Q Okay. So your -- and what time did you get -- again, I'm not asking for a
3 specific time. But what time, roughly, in the day did you [REDACTED]?

4 A If I recall, early afternoon, maybe around noon would be the best -- my best
5 approximation.

6 Q And you were there to wait for -- [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]?

8 A Correct. [REDACTED]. And
9 when I say we, [REDACTED].

10 Q Okay. And for that event, you had -- you had communication devices.
11 You had cell phones and radios?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And how many radios did you have?

14 A The one on my -- that I carry, that's -- I wear when I'm working, and then
15 there's generally one in the car, yeah.

16 Q Okay. And the one that you carry, what's the purpose of that one?

17 A To have that when you're mobile or not in the car and you have
18 communications.

19 Q And what channel was it -- was it tuned to?

20 A I don't recall which channel it would have been tuned to or not.

21 Q Well, given your responsibilities that day, do you have any belief about what
22 channel you would have been tuned to?

23 A There's several channels that can be used depending on how many assets
24 are using channels. But I -- generally, it's -- yeah, I can't think of the one we were on
25 that day.

1 And, again, it's because the -- depending on what resources are using what, the
2 site may have a different channel they use from the advance team. So there's generally
3 more than one channel that's used during the event.

4 Q Okay. But sitting here today, you don't recall which channel you were
5 tuned into on that radio?

6 A I don't. Maybe it was -- again, I know we have like a [REDACTED] channel.
7 There's like a -- but to give the specific one or to recall which one I was on, I just don't
8 unfortunately remember.

9 Q The [REDACTED] channel, what is the [REDACTED] channel? What do you hear on a
10 [REDACTED] channel?

11 A Again, so -- just so I -- maybe this will help. These channels are not specific
12 to each site. That's dependent upon several factors, whether it's White House
13 communications, which channel needs to be used or if other assets are using different
14 channels.

15 But the radios are for protection-related matters. I mean, that's the best I can
16 offer. Because I don't --

17 Q Did anyone --

18 A I'm sorry.

19 Q Did anyone instruct you as to what channel you were supposed to listen to,
20 or was that left to your discretion?

21 A No, there would have been channels that, hey, to listen to. But to recall
22 which one we used that day, I just don't remember.

23 Q I understand that part. But you -- so you did, though, you would have been
24 told by somebody the channel you should have this radio tuned to is whatever channel it
25 was.

1 A Yeah. Again, I don't know who or when that may have occurred. But,
2 generally, yes, there's communications to the team to ensure that you're listening to this
3 channel or the other channel or whichever one's been deemed that day to be of proper
4 use.

5 Q Okay. So it was not your discretion to decide which channel. You were
6 told this is the one you're supposed to listen to, right?

7 A Well, again, it depends on what's going on at the time, because there are
8 multiple channels. You can. But at a minimum they are given, you know, this channel
9 does this, this one has this assignment with this team on it.

10 So it can be discretionary. But it's also there's certain channels that, you know,
11 have -- like, for example, there may be a channel that the protection team uses. There's
12 a channel that the post standards that are onsite use, so -- but that does exist.

13 Q Okay. But just, again, just to be clear, your recollection -- I think you just
14 testified -- is that you would have been told this is the channel that you should be caught
15 primarily listening to, right?

16 A Yeah, that's fair.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But there's alternate channels that can be used that may have, you know,
19 other assets listening in or on and --

20 Q Do you --

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Do you have any reason to think, sitting here today, that you were not
23 monitoring the channel that you were instructed to use primarily that day for that radio?

24 A I don't recall. If I was on the right channel or I wasn't on the right channel,
25 I -- that's -- I can't discern that right now.

1 Q Okay. So you don't know if you were on the right channel or wrong
2 channel right now?

3 A I don't because that was 4 months ago and I don't remember precisely if that
4 was -- again, the right channel, I don't know what that -- which that means because --

5 Q Well, what I mean by right channel is what you just testified to, that you said
6 that you would have been instructed to listen to a particular channel, right?

7 A Yes, with the option of --

8 Q Okay.

9 A -- knowing that there's other channels available if I needed to listen to
10 others, that's correct.

11 Q Understood. Understood. But the question that I asked you, which you
12 said you don't remember, is whether or not you, in fact, did monitor the channel that you
13 were instructed to monitor that day.

14 A Yeah. Again, I don't recall if I did or did not.

15 Q Okay.

16 A That's --

17 Q That's fine.

18 A But there's -- yeah, yeah.

19 Q That's fine. Understood.

20 So the -- you had cell phones with you as well?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How many cell phones did you have?

23 A My work cell.

24 Q Did you have a personal cell as well?

25 A I did.

1 Q Okay. And the work cell you were supposed to use obviously for work
2 purposes?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And the personal cell you were supposed to use for personal reasons, right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Okay. And did you have any trouble that day with the cell service on either
7 your work or your personal phone?

8 A If I recall, there was some issues, but I can't -- without recalling precisely
9 when or when those times occurred. But, yeah, I -- to my recollection, I believe there
10 was, but I don't specifically cite which times.

11 Q Okay. But you recall there's -- there was some kind of issue with cell
12 service that day?

13 A Yeah. The best of my recollection, I think it was talked about at some point
14 or there may have been issues. But, yeah, sorry to give an exact date or when that was
15 or time, yeah.

16 Q I'm not -- yeah, I'm not looking for exact time. I'm asking just generally was
17 there a problem. And it seems like you're saying, yes, there was at least at some point
18 some problems that you were having with the cell service, right?

19 A From my best recollection, I believe so, yeah.

20 Q Do you recall if you were having trouble with both of your phones or just
21 work phone or just personal phone?

22 A I don't recall which one or at which time or if there was.

23 Q All right. Were you -- so there was a site briefing. On the morning of July
24 13th, there was a site briefing by the Secret Service at -- in Butler. Did you attend that
25 briefing?

1 A The morning of the visit?

2 Q Yes.

3 A No, I did not.

4 Q Okay. So the morning before you [REDACTED], what were you -- to

5 [REDACTED] what were you doing that morning?

6 A The morning of the visit, just so I understand?

7 Q The morning of the visit.

8 A Yep. Just getting my things together. And that's, when I had spoke
9 previously, we had gotten that call about that Facebook post that -- around the same time
10 as I was [REDACTED] and, you know, whatever things I needed to do in
11 preparation to get to the airport.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Stop by the office maybe to grab an item, if I recall, but general things that
14 you would do to go [REDACTED].

1 [12:24 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. Now, when you [REDACTED], you left from the Pittsburgh
4 Field Office [REDACTED] or did you come from someplace else?

5 A No. If I recall, I went to the office first maybe to get equipment, but at the
6 same time I was working on that Facebook issue that we were dealing with at the same
7 time. Yes.

8 Q And the Facebook issue, what did you do to look into the Facebook issue
9 that morning?

10 A Yeah. I had discussed that with the team, and based on the dynamic of the
11 post, we determined because of the time and where we were and our assets, that this
12 would be -- interview this individual, follow up with that individual, which we did the
13 following week.

14 Q Okay. Now, were you aware --

15 A Sorry.

16 Q No, go ahead.

17 A That's it. I just concluded my statement.

18 Q Okay. Were you aware that morning -- other than the Facebook issue, did
19 you receive any other information or intelligence that morning about any concerns that
20 anyone had about the event that was coming up that day?

21 A To my knowledge, no, because, again, I called our headquarters office that
22 morning. But not that I recall, no.

23 Q Okay. So you drove by yourself in your vehicle [REDACTED]

24 A Yes. And I met the team there --

25 Q Okay.

1 A -- if I recall.

2 Q And so while you were -- how long roughly? Was it an hour? Two hours?
3 Ten minutes? How long were you waiting [REDACTED]?

4 A I don't remember. Maybe -- I can't give you a specific time. I'm not sure.

5 Q I'm not asking for a specific time. I'm just wondering, was it any -- you
6 know, did you show up and then he landed? Did you show up and then you waited
7 around for a while?

8 A Showed up and then we were just getting things ready and talking to the
9 [REDACTED] that showed up so he knew the assignment. And then once everybody was set
10 with assets, then we would go and pick him up.

11 Q [REDACTED]?

12 A Sure. So generally in advance assignments, they are assigned to help deal
13 with any like [REDACTED] that may occur on the visit, during the time of the visit,
14 any threats. And then I would coordinate with [REDACTED] to ascertain if it's a Federal
15 matter or if we need to, you know, deal with the State and local individuals to ascertain
16 that potential violation. [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 Q Do you remember the name of the [REDACTED]?

19 A Yes. [REDACTED], I believe.

20 Q [REDACTED]?

21 A Yeah. [REDACTED]

22 Q Okay.

23 A Yeah.

24 Q And then subsequently in that day, were you partnered with a Protective
25 Intelligence agent as well?

1 A Not in the motorcade, but there was an individual that was there that I had
2 spoken to prior to that day who was going to be onsite to coordinate with me upon my
3 arrival.

4 Q Okay. And do you remember what her name was?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q Let me help you. Is it [REDACTED]

7 A Yeah, that sounds right. Yes, correct.

8 Q Okay. But you met up with Agent [REDACTED] at the event itself, not in the
9 motorcade?

10 A Yeah. Afterwards, we had -- I met her after I showed up, yeah.

11 Q At the event?

12 A Correct, yes.

13 Q Okay. Now, you mentioned that there was another radio that you had that
14 was in the car. Which car are you referring to?

15 A My assigned government vehicle.

16 Q The one that you drove [REDACTED] or -- that one?

17 A Yeah. So just some clarity on that. Because the events -- generally, we
18 will use our government vehicles to provide in the motorcade, and that's what I did.

19 Q Okay. And then when you got [REDACTED] t
20 [REDACTED] do you get into the motorcade at that point?

21 A So we were already set up to receive him and that -- without getting into
22 tactics, it's just we're ready to go all in a line, essentially. And then once the plane lands,
23 then the aim is to be a smooth arrival, pickup, and then departure.

24 Q Okay. And the vehicle that you were in in the motorcade, was that the
25 vehicle you'd driven to the airport or were you in a different vehicle?

- 1 A It's the same car.
- 2 Q So were you driving that car in the motorcade?
- 3 A I believe I was, yes.
- 4 Q Okay. And with you in the car was the [REDACTED]
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q Anyone else in the car with you?
- 7 A Yeah, the special agent in charge was with me as well.
- 8 Q Okay. That's Special Agent [REDACTED]
- 9 A No. That's [REDACTED]
- 10 Q Oh, you're talking about the DDT?
- 11 A This is -- yeah. Sorry. Special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh office, [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 Q Okay. [REDACTED] Okay. So he was in the car with you?
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q And you mentioned there was this radio. Do you recall what channel that
- 16 radio was tuned to?
- 17 A The car? No, I don't.
- 18 Q Okay. Is that similar to the radio that you carry on your person that there
- 19 would have been a -- someone would have told you that the channel that this should be
- 20 tuned to is X, Y, or Z?
- 21 A Yeah, it's a radio that would accept the same kind of channels or
- 22 transmissions.
- 23 Q Okay. Do you recall if you were tuned to the same -- or you would have
- 24 been tuned to the same channel on both the radio you had on your person as well as the
- 25 radio that was in the car?

1 A I don't. I don't recall, unfortunately.

2 Q Okay. So as you're driving in the motorcade, we believe it took about an
3 hour or so. It's a pretty long drive from the airport to Butler. Is that about right?

4 A That sounds accurate. It's not a short trip from where that was to Butler.

5 Q Right. Anything notable happen in terms of receiving any information, that
6 you can recall, while you were driving in the motorcade?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q Well, I'm asking you, do you remember anything?

9 A No. That's my answer. I don't remember anything. Sorry.

10 Q You don't remember. Right. "I don't know" -- just to be clear, "I don't
11 know" is different than "I don't remember." When you say "I don't remember," it
12 means you, sitting here today, don't remember anything, but "I don't know" means you
13 don't know one way or the other.

14 A Yeah, no. I don't remember any intelligence or any information, if that's
15 what you're asking, in the --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- drive to the site.

18 Q Okay. So sitting here today, do you recall if you had any concerns about
19 the safety of the event while you were driving in the motorcade?

20 A No, not that I recall.

21 Q Okay. So when you arrive at the event, roughly how much time was there
22 between -- again, I'm just asking you for a rough estimate -- an hour, 10 minutes, 15
23 minutes, whatever; it's just an estimate -- between when you arrived and when
24 President -- former President Trump took the stage?

25 A Yeah. Arriving, helping with the motorcade, getting that set up -- because,

1 again, that's something that when the motorcade gets there, and [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]. After that, getting up and
3 going to the security room, maybe a half hour, roughly, if I have to give a best estimate.

4 Q Okay. So, roughly, a half hour is basically -- again, not holding you to the
5 specifics, but that's sort of your -- that's your best recollection right now?

6 A Yeah. Right now it is, yeah.

7 Q Okay. So when you arrived at the motorcade, what was your -- what were
8 you doing? What did you do?

9 A Sure. So, again, getting out -- once he's arrived, they're taking him out of
10 the vehicle to get him up. Then shortly thereafter, trying to help move the motorcade in
11 a way that if there was an incident or we had to immediately leave, it would be set up in a
12 way that it could -- we didn't have to back up and rearrange it. It was already
13 prearranged, ready to go. Helping get that done.

14 Then once that was finished, assessing the site with [REDACTED]. I recall, like,
15 looking at the crowd potentially because we were -- where we were at and located was
16 right next to the crowd. Yeah. And then just going into the security room, which -- the
17 Secret Service security room. And then shortly thereafter, you know, was when the
18 shots fired happened. So yeah.

19 Q Okay. So we're going to break this down a little bit.

20 A Sure.

21 Q When you first arrived, did you -- do you recall if you heard anything about a
22 suspicious person on grounds, when you first arrived?

23 A I don't think when I first arrived. There were communications between
24 myself and [REDACTED] at some point, but I don't --

25 Q Right.

1 A -- recall immediately having information.

2 Q Were you in direct contact when you first arrived with local law
3 enforcement?

4 A I mean, there's local law enforcement all over the place. So can you be a
5 little more specific or you mean in general?

6 Q In your Protective Intelligence function, were you -- did you have -- were you
7 in contact with or did you have a phone number for getting phone calls from radio
8 transmissions, texts from anybody on local law enforcement about the intelligence
9 function?

10 A Understood. So I was in communication with the State trooper that I was
11 working with that week who would be working with [REDACTED] but don't recall updates.
12 But understood that if I needed to communicate with this individual, I had their point of
13 contact.

14 Q Okay. And so while you were -- when you first arrived, you said that, you
15 know, you and the [REDACTED] kind of surveyed the site. I guess you walked around a bit.

16 Prior to hearing from Agent [REDACTED] you don't recall hearing about a suspicious
17 person from anyone, right?

18 A Yeah. I don't recall if I did or did not.

19 Q Okay.

20 [REDACTED] We're going to offer into evidence here majority exhibit 5.

21 [REDACTED]. Premarked as 5.

22 [REDACTED]. Premarked as 5.

23 [REDACTED] Majority exhibit No. 5
24 was marked for identification.]

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q All right. I'm going to take you through these. These are a series of
2 emails between you and other people --

3 A Okay.

4 Q -- that kind of help us identify, you know, specific times and what may have
5 been going on at those times.

6 A Sure.

7 Q So this is redacted because this is how it's produced to us by the Secret
8 Service, but we can make representation to you about who sent it and who received it,
9 okay?

10 A Sure.

11 Q So this first email is from you to Agent [REDACTED] and it's dated Saturday,
12 July 13, at 6 p.m.

13 And you write, "I'm here, obviously. Ha.

14 "Let me know if you need anything. I have an extra PI packet should we need it.
15 Best way to reach out is my cell.

16 "Thanks."

17 Do you recall sending this email?

18 A It looks familiar. Yes.

19 Q Okay. All right. Now, based on what we've -- based on your testimony
20 and also what we've seen from other documents, you arrived at the site at roughly 5:30,
21 which is about a half hour before President -- former President Trump took the stage,
22 which is consistent with what you recall today.

23 A Okay.

24 Q When you said -- when you wrote, "I'm here, obviously," do you recall what
25 you were talking about? Was it the event or were you someplace specific at that point?

1 A I don't know based on the specificity of this email if I -- reading this, it
2 appears because I arrived onsite, but I can't be 100 percent accurate.

3 Q Okay. And you mentioned that you have an extra PI packet. What is a PI
4 packet?

5 A Sure. [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay.

12 A So it's not assigned to me. I'm sorry.

13 Q No, go ahead. Go ahead.

14 A It's not assigned to me or these packets are -- they're made available in the
15 office, and they are -- generally, agents carry these that do protective assignments.

16 Q Okay.

17 A If they can.

18 Q But to summarize, that you'd use this PI packet to potentially question, call it
19 suspicious persons. Is that right?

20 A Yeah. It's there as a guide and -- but, yeah, it's there in case it's needed for
21 that instance, yes.

22 Q Okay. Do you recall if the reason that you mention this in this email was
23 because there had been a suspicious person identified at that point?

24 A No. I can't recall if that's the reason or not.

25 Q Got it. So we have other information -- and I'm going to ask you to recall

1 this --

2 A Sure.

3 Q -- that at approximately 6:05, about 5 minutes after this email, Special Agent
4 [REDACTED] called you and told you for the first time about a suspicious person. Do you
5 recall that call?

6 A That does sound accurate, but I don't recall specifically the nature of the call,
7 but that is in the timeline of when we would have been discussing that.

8 Q Okay. When you say you don't recall the specific nature of the call, do you
9 recall that a suspicious person was mentioned by Agent [REDACTED]

10 A Yes. Whether it's a text message, because there were pictures that I'm
11 sure you have of us in text message discussing that individual, but --

12 Q Okay.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Okay. I'm going to turn to the next page of this exhibit. And this is blank
15 the way it's been produced to us.

16 Go down.

17 [REDACTED]. The image is not included.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q Okay. We can represent to you that it's typical with the Zoom, but there is
20 an image -- a JPEG image that was attached to this by email. And do you recall what
21 that JPEG image was?

22 A Based on this email, no, I don't.

23 Q Okay. Do you recall receiving a photo of who we learned was Mr. Crooks
24 prior to the shooting?

25 A Yes. There was a photo that was sent from her to me, yes.

1 Q Okay.

2 A From what I can recall.

3 Q So regardless of whether or not this was the email in which she attached the
4 photo, you do recall receiving a photo prior to the shooting?

5 A Yeah, there was some -- a photo -- I think it was through the work cell
6 phone -- of the individual that they -- she had received information from and she was
7 working to ascertain the veracity of that individual.

8 Q Okay. The next page, this is a -- this is right after -- I think it's 13 seconds
9 after the first email, the prior email we just sent --

10 A Sure.

11 Q -- where you write back to Special Agent [REDACTED] "Command post PSP
12 trooper said he may be walking towards Sheetz."

13 Is this a reference to the person whose image was on the prior email and you
14 saying that this person may be walking towards Sheetz?

15 A So in the previous picture -- I don't know if that's the one we're specifically
16 talking about. I know that there was the photo sent, but I believe -- I recall that was the
17 same person that they were looking for at Sheetz, but I don't specifically know if that was
18 that same individual.

19 Q Okay. Understood. But sitting here today, your recollection is that this
20 was you referring to the person we'd come later to know as Crooks that you'd gotten
21 information that he was walking towards Sheetz, right?

22 A So, again, I can't speak that this text is me confirming that I -- the individual
23 is that same person that they're looking for at Sheetz. I don't accurately say if they had
24 one or more individuals that they were working that day, but it's within that same
25 investigation they were trying to ascertain at that time.

1 Q Okay. Well, [REDACTED] obviously, the event that happened on July 13th,
2 it was 3 months ago, but it was obviously a pretty significant event. I assume it's also
3 the first time that you've been involved in an event where there's an attempted
4 assassination?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. Do you have any reason to think that the person that you're
7 referring to as "he" in this email is not the person that we would learn later on is Mr.
8 Crooks?

9 A Yeah. I don't think it is or is not referring to him because the
10 contextness of it, I'm not sure whether timeline of events of this specific text message
11 is referring to that individual. Obviously, I know who that individual is based on -- but I
12 believe it to be that person that they were working towards the photo that I got, but I
13 don't, again, recall if that's confirming it's the same individual walking towards Sheetz
14 that was on the roof at that time or that was working towards the roof, going after the
15 fact, that information. That's why it's hard to definitively answer that based on just this
16 text message here.

17 [REDACTED]. Sorry. This is [REDACTED].

18 Were you communicating with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about more than one suspicious
19 person at the time?

20 [REDACTED] No, I'm not saying that. I'm just not confirming that -- I can't
21 confirm that that's the same person, because I don't know if the troopers were looking
22 for somebody else or there was two people. I remember there being a bike, but I'm
23 trying to recall from the scene as best I can. Yeah.

24 [REDACTED]. Okay. The command post PSP trooper that you said had
25 relayed that information to you, was that Sergeant [REDACTED] that was in the

1 command post?

2 [REDACTED] I don't know the name.

3 [REDACTED]. Okay.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q But you were given information by a PSP trooper that you then put into this
6 email, right?

7 A Yeah. The text message, yes.

8 Q Okay. The text message. Sorry.

9 And so this was based on information that -- and you relay it here. Command
10 post PSP told you that "he" -- whoever "he" may be -- is walking towards Sheetz, right?

11 A Correct.

12 Q And you passed this on to Agent [REDACTED] Do you recall if Special
13 Agent -- sorry?

14 Do you recall if Special Agent [REDACTED] told you that the suspicious person had a
15 rangefinder?

16 A I don't recall that.

17 Q Okay. We'll turn to the next --

18 A Yeah. If you have pictures or emails that you have, I'm happy to look at
19 them.

20 Q Yeah. We'll turn to the next document.

21 A Okay.

22 Q So this is a text from Special Agent [REDACTED] to you --

23 A Okay.

24 Q -- in which she writes, "Subject outside venue along fence line seen with a
25 rangefinder."

1 A Okay.

2 Q Do you recall if -- do you recall this text?

3 A Seeing it now, yes.

4 Q Okay. So you had been informed by -- at least by 6:07 that the suspicious
5 person had a rangefinder?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. Now, who was physically -- who were you physically present with at
8 around this point in time?

9 A I believe I was in the security room at the time, and [REDACTED] was in the
10 room with me, and there were various other law enforcement entities in the room at the
11 same time. So at that time, the troopers obviously had information, passing that to her,
12 her giving me the photo of the individual that she was looking into, and I was waiting on
13 her to ascertain the veracity of that and trying to attempt to coordinate with the -- that
14 trooper that was providing me that information.

15 Q Okay.

16 A But as far as folks in there, like, I don't -- after the fact -- yeah. Go ahead.
17 Sorry.

18 Q Well, let me -- but you were in the security room, which is another word for
19 the command post?

20 A That's --

21 Q Okay.

22 A -- two different things.

23 Q They're two different -- wait. I'm sorry. You said yes, and then you said
24 they're two different things?

25 A The security room is what I'm referring to as the Secret Service-established

1 security room.

2 Q Okay. And what is the difference between that and the command post?

3 A That they're -- I don't know if they're -- the command post, if they had one
4 established, I know that generally they will create one from like a local law enforcement
5 perspective.

6 Q Okay.

7 A I don't know if other agents referred to a security room as a command post.
8 That may be a case sometimes. But I know it as the security room for the Secret
9 Service-established one.

10 Q Was Special Agent [REDACTED] present at this point?

11 A I don't recall that she was or was not, but I don't believe she was in that
12 security room.

13 Q What about Special Agent [REDACTED]

14 A I don't believe so, no.

15 Q Was there anybody from the Secret Service that you recall being present
16 other than yourself?

17 A There would have been the individual controlling the radios, like, that
18 monitors the communications between the agents that are on post or the shift meeting,
19 the agents assigned to, you know, President -- former President Trump or any other
20 protectees that we would have. So I know that that person is in there, and there were
21 other individuals in law enforcement capacities.

22 Q Okay. Yeah. I'm running out of time, so I think we get the picture. But
23 do you remember that the person -- the Secret Service person that you mentioned was
24 Special Agent [REDACTED]? Did you know him?

25 A Not at the time. Only after the fact did I know who he was, yeah.

1 Q Okay. But you were aware that that person was a Secret Service agent,
2 correct?

3 A That that person is generally a Secret Service agent that's assigned to that
4 specific role, yes. But I never -- I can't confirm that person, who he was until after the
5 fact.

6 Q Okay. But when you were in the security room -- you just said this is a
7 security room set up by the Secret Service.

8 A Correct.

9 Q Were you not aware of anybody from the Secret Service other than yourself
10 in the room?

11 A No. What I'm saying is there is a person there on the radios that was there.
12 I just don't recall, until after the fact, who that person was, which was [REDACTED]

13 Q That's fine. I understand that you don't remember who it is, but you knew
14 he was a Secret Service agent, correct?

15 A Yes. That's what that person is, but I didn't speak to that person when I
16 was in that room.

17 [REDACTED] He's just asking you whether you knew whether he was a Secret
18 Service agent. That's all.

19 [REDACTED] Yeah.

20 [REDACTED] You answered yes, right?

21 [REDACTED] Yeah. A secret service agent.

22 [REDACTED] Okay. That's it. That's it. Let him ask the next question.

23 [REDACTED]: That's the only pending question.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q The next question is, you just said that you did not speak to that person

1 while you were in the room, correct?

2 A The best I can recall, I don't recall if I did or not, no.

3 Q Okay. Did you tell that person that a suspicious person with a rangefinder
4 was out on the grounds?

5 A I don't recall if I did or not.

6 Q When you say you don't recall, do you have any reason to think you did?

7 A I don't know if I did or not. I can't recall if I told that person that there was
8 someone with a rangefinder there or not.

9 Q Well, if that person testified that you did not tell them, do you have any
10 reason to believe that would be inaccurate?

11 A I don't. But, again, I can't recall if I did or did not tell them.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm running -- I'm over my time.

13 All right. I'm going to -- let's take a brief break, and then we'll hand it back to the
14 minority.

15 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

16 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

17 [Recess.]

18 [REDACTED]: We will go back on the record.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q So, [REDACTED] can you tell us, what kind of communications did you have
21 with State and local law enforcement in the week leading up to the July 13th event?

22 A Would've been electronic communications.

23 Q With who?

24 A Yeah. Is there an echo? I'm sorry.

25 [REDACTED] No, no. She's asking you -- this is leading up to the event. This is

1 before the event itself, correct?

2 [REDACTED]: Yes. Yes. That's my question. What communications --

3 [REDACTED] Okay. So she wants to know, do you have a recollection -- you
4 know, again, to the best that you can recall -- whether you had any commun- -- not the
5 mode of communication necessarily, by email or otherwise -- I'm sure she's going to
6 ask -- but whether you recall having any communications at all, regardless of mode, with
7 any local -- let's say local law enforcement?

8 [REDACTED] Yeah, yeah. For sure. Sorry. I just thought I heard an echo.

9 That's all. I was trying to make clarification on --

10 [REDACTED] No, no. You're good. You're good. What's your answer?

11 [REDACTED] So yes, there -- we communicated with local law enforcement that
12 week.

13 [REDACTED] All right.

14 [REDACTED]: Do you remember emails that you sent to PSP Officer [REDACTED]?

15 [REDACTED] Specific emails, no, but having communications, text or email, yes.

16 [REDACTED]: And to your recollection --

17 [REDACTED] You can refresh him -- yeah, you can -- I'm sorry. If you have the
18 availability, can you refresh his recollection with any documents? If not, he'll answer
19 the question to the best of his recollection. That's all.

20 [REDACTED]: Sounds great. Thank you.

21 [REDACTED] Okay.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q To your recollection, was PSP sending any bodies to also fulfill a protective
24 intelligence role?

25 A Yeah. So the -- [REDACTED], I think his name was, was my point of contact, and

1 he had a team of individuals that were going to be assigned at the site in an undercover
2 capacity. But he did mention that he was going to be onsite with [REDACTED] if I recall
3 correctly, and that he didn't have enough guys or was limited to his ability to provide a
4 full team, if I recall. But yeah.

5 Q And do you recall, by "undercover," does that mean that they were in plain
6 clothes?

7 A That's my understanding, yes.

8 Q And were there two individuals that were fulfilling that plainclothes role?

9 A That sounds correct. I don't have the specific number without, you know,
10 reading or getting -- refresh my memory at all. But there was -- he did have individuals
11 that were available to work that day in an undercover capacity.

12 Q Understood. Thank you.

13 And were he and Officer [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] in plainclothes or
14 were they clearly officers and Secret Service agents?

15 A I'm not sure what you mean. Do you mean like physically what they were
16 wearing? Is that what you're --

17 Q Yeah.

18 A Okay.

19 Q Were they supposed to be undercover as well or no?

20 A I don't know the -- like if they were supposed to be undercover or what
21 clothing they were wearing. She -- again, her role -- sorry -- is to be a liaison to me to
22 the PSP. So my understanding is that she's not undercover but rather working with the
23 unit on the grounds, but I don't recall the specificity, like, granular details of that.

24 Q Understood. And prior to 13 July, [REDACTED] what did a rangefinder
25 mean to you?

1 A That it's used to find distances on -- you know, for various purposes.

2 Q What are the purposes that a rangefinder is used for?

3 A To get an accurate, like, distance of something. Like in golfing, golfers use
4 rangefinders to do like a hole. I know that.

5 Q Okay. Moving to the event on 13 July, you mentioned that you were at the

6 [REDACTED]. What is the reasoning behind Protective Intelligence

7 [REDACTED]

8 A So that, to my understanding, is when the site is separate, so that if there's
9 an ongoing issue there, I am available to the team and can provide direct line of
10 communication there onsite. That's my best understanding of that role.

11 Q Okay. So --

12 A Like the detail -- sorry. I apologize.

13 Q No, please. No, no. Please continue.

14 A Like, because the detail is there, so like having a direct line of
15 communication with them is my best understanding of what that -- the reasoning for
16 [REDACTED].

17 Q So it would be your [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 A Yes, but that would depend on the information, I guess, because it can vary
21 or the reasoning for passing that information on. But, yes, that would be something I
22 could effectively do.

23 Q Okay. And then you testified earlier that you arrived at the Butler Farm
24 Show at approximately 17:30. Is that correct?

25 A That sounds accurate. I don't remember the exact time of when I arrived.

1 Q Okay. And then at approximately 18:00, that's when you made it to the
2 security room. Is that correct?

3 A I don't know if I made it to the security room at 6 o'clock, but that sounds
4 around the time I would've been in there.

5 Q Okay. And can you describe the security room for us, for those of us that
6 weren't there?

7 A Sure. It's a room that was used or repurposed that was part of the Farm
8 Show's room that was designated to house agents or, you know, police officers or EMS
9 folks to be there to communicate amongst each other.

10 Q How big was the security room?

11 A If I could estimate, maybe a 30-by-30 room, like -- that's really an estimation
12 there. I'm sorry, but --

13 Q No, understood. And to your recollection, who was in the security room
14 when you arrived?

15 A Yeah. Again, there were law enforcement folks there. I was only in there
16 for a short time before the shots fired occurred, so I don't have a complete accurate
17 assessment of how many were in there, but maybe less than 10, 15. Again, I'm just
18 trying to do the best I can on a estimation of that.

19 Q Okay. So approximately, to your recollection, less than 10?

20 A I don't know if it was less than 10 for sure, but there were -- I can at least say
21 there were individuals in that room when I arrived in there the short time before the
22 shots were fired.

23 Q And to your recollection, what conversations were going on when you
24 arrived in the room?

25 A Again, I don't remember the specific conversations because I was in there

1 trying to deal with the information that [REDACTED] was giving to me, but I -- and then the
2 State trooper that was providing some of the updates that I was trying to pass to her, but
3 that's the best I can remember.

4 Q But you were in the security room when you received the phone call from
5 Special Agent [REDACTED] correct?

6 A I don't remember if I was, but that sounds accurate based on the timeline.

7 Q And then as you testified to earlier, at 18:07, you and Special Agent
8 [REDACTED] exchanged some emails that included information that there was a suspicious
9 individual with a rangefinder, correct?

10 A Yeah. There was information being exchanged, correct.

11 Q And that information included the fact that there was a suspicious person
12 with a rangefinder, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And then while these emails were going or between it, you overheard one of
15 the PSP officers in the room say that the individual was -- might be heading towards
16 Sheetz, correct?

17 A That sounds accurate. I believe I was verbally talking to one of those
18 individuals, but I can't remember specifically who or when that may have occurred. It
19 would've been somebody in that room because I passed it to her via text.

20 Q And then she responded back, and I can read it. It was the majority's
21 exhibit, so you've seen it.

22 But from what the majority's exhibit said, at 6:07:25, it says, "Subject outside
23 venue along fence line seen with a rangefinder."

24 So, [REDACTED] when you got that information that there was a suspicious
25 person along the fence line with a rangefinder that local and State law enforcement were

1 trying to find -- PSP is talking about it, you're having conversations within the security
2 room -- what did you do with that information?

3 A Yeah. So I was assessing it at the same time that I was trying to
4 communicate with her, trying to understand the veracity of what it was, trying to confirm
5 if we -- or the same information was being relayed and letting her work through that
6 problem and potentially having to respond out to interview this person because that's, at
7 the time, my assessment of what this logically was going to potentially be. And shortly
8 thereafter is when the shots came out. So that was what I was trying to assess with her.

9 Q You've mentioned a few times that you were waiting for her to assess the
10 veracity of the information. What do you mean by that?

11 A So, again, because she's on the ground and I'm physically not there with her
12 and she's working with the State troopers, she is working that problem or working that
13 information to then pass back to me what is the outcome of that. So I'm just kind of in a
14 situation of getting the information, waiting to hear back from her, understanding that I
15 can't physically see her because she's not near me and that's not physically possible
16 based on where we were at. So just having that conversation back and forth and
17 waiting to hear back on any confirmations of information or any updates to pass from
18 her.

19 Q Did you pass the initial information to anyone?

20 A I don't recall if I did. But, again, I was focusing on working with her, the
21 State trooper on the ground, and any information that they were trying to verify or find
22 credible to pass to me that now I knew what to do or have the next step to assess and still
23 find out what they were actually working out there.

24 Q ██████████ you just mentioned that you don't recall. To the best of your
25 knowledge, did you pass the information that there was a suspicious person with a

1 rangefinder on to Special Agent [REDACTED]

2 A I don't recall if I did or not, because my recollection is I was working, again,
3 that with [REDACTED] and her partner at the time and trying to focus on that problem.

4 Q I under -- understood that, yes, that you were working to get more
5 information, but the information that you had you do not recall. If you would have,
6 would you have put that out via text message to them, via email to them, via radio?

7 [REDACTED] All right. That is a highly speculative question. You know,
8 that's --

9 [REDACTED]: Sir, I'm not sure it is highly speculative.

10 [REDACTED] My only point is, is what he's been saying is that upon receipt of this
11 information, there was an extraordinarily short time afterwards that shots were fired.
12 It's not even clear that he would have had timing to communicate with anybody.

13 So I don't think you -- I don't know whether you've even established, you know,
14 the interval of time between the time he received the information and shots were fired.

15 [REDACTED]: So --

16 [REDACTED] So I don't know what -- you're asking questions that may not have
17 any reality associated with them.

18 [REDACTED]: Sure. Let me go back and put a little bit more on the record,
19 and then I'll follow up with this question line.

20 [REDACTED] No, please. Please, please.

21 [REDACTED]: Yes. Of course, sir.

22 So you received the phone call from Special Agent [REDACTED] at 6:05 with
23 information, you received text messages at 6:07, and shots were fired at 6:11, correct?

24 [REDACTED] Okay. All right. Can you answer --

25 [REDACTED]: Let me rephrase that.

1 [REDACTED] -- sitting where you are?

2 [REDACTED]: Shots were fired at --

3 [REDACTED] Now, we can accept -- hold it. Hold it. We can accept your
4 representation, but you can't ask him, you know, whether it's correct. I don't know
5 whether he knows it's correct or not, but I'm not disputing your representation because I
6 don't know.

7 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] from your recollection, were shots fired at 6:11
8 p.m.?

9 [REDACTED] That sounds accurate, but I can't remember precisely without
10 looking at records.

11 [REDACTED] All right. Let's assume that her representation is correct.

12 So now going back to your question, you said he received a text message at what
13 time, 6:07?

14 [REDACTED]: Yes. So at 6:07.

15 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. So now you're claiming that there's 4 minutes -- you're
16 claiming there's approximately 4 minutes of interval between the receipt of the text and
17 shots fired. Is that your point? Can I accept that as your representation?

18 [REDACTED]: That is my point, yes.

19 [REDACTED] Okay. So now what you want to know is, you know, basically what
20 he was doing, to the best of his recollection, in that 4-minute interval. And I'll leave it to
21 [REDACTED] to try to answer that. I don't know.

22 Now, do you want to try to explain now that you have the bookends between the
23 receipt of the message and shots fired? Now you have an interval of time. Can you
24 now, to the best of your recollection, try to explain what you're trying to do
25 contemporaneous with the ticking of that interval of time?

1 [REDACTED] Yeah. Like I mentioned, I was working with her on the problem
2 upon receiving the information and then assessing it and trying to have her verify what
3 she was looking at or following up on information that she could provide me to give a
4 more accurate representation or just working the problem the best I could in that
5 timeframe.

6 [REDACTED]: What does that mean, "working the problem"?

7 [REDACTED] Okay. Fair question. Go ahead, [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] Sure. That's my way of understanding that there is -- she's got
9 information that she's working on that is -- needs further followup that I'm trying to
10 ascertain the -- like what it means, what she's providing, who this person is, did they
11 actually locate this person, like, things like that. And that's what I'm waiting or
12 collaborating with her on in that timeframe prior to shots fired.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q How were you collaborating with her?

15 A Text messages and/or phone calls if and when they were going to come in at
16 some point or -- that's how we were communicating.

17 Q Now, the task force does not have on record any additional phone call, with
18 the exception of that 6:05, nor any additional text messages between your 6:07 and then
19 a 6:34 p.m. where you asked her to call you on your personal cell.

20 Are there other phone calls or text messages between the two of you that the task
21 force does not have?

22 A No.

23 Q So --

24 A And just to be clear, like -- sorry.

25 Q Oh, no. Please continue.

1 A Yeah. I'm just trying to explain that I'm waiting on or trying to receive
2 potentially other texts from my government phone or a call or information being received
3 from the trooper that give me the actual, hey, he's at Sheetz information to pass to her.
4 So that's what I'm trying to, in the 4 minutes, wait for, receive, or get updates on in that
5 timeframe.

6 I don't have other text messages that were provided. It was simply me waiting
7 for that information to come in. If there was going to be any other information that was
8 going to come in, whether it's from the troopers or her or me looking at information,
9 relaying it back to her, those type of things is what I was trying to do in those 4 minutes.

10 Q [REDACTED] you testified earlier today that your role as the Protective
11 Intelligence lead was to get information and to pass it on to the relevant individuals that
12 would have need of that information. You have testified that you were not given any
13 explicit training for intelligence evaluation or assessment but, rather, you receive
14 information and you pass it on accordingly.

15 So when you received this information at -- this intelligence at 6:07 that there's a
16 suspicious person with a rangefinder at this event, why did you not pass it on?

17 A Because I was waiting for additional information, to the best of my
18 knowledge, of what I was -- at the time and I could recall -- dealing -- I was currently
19 dealing with that information that she was providing and trying to get updates from her.
20 That's the best I can recall in that situation.

21 Q So at 6:11, when shots were fired, what were your next actions at that
22 point?

23 A Yeah. So I went outside the security room to try to confirm what was
24 happening, if that was -- if there were actually shots fired. Then as I had left the security
25 room to go to the -- where the stage was, noticing that people were leaving in a panic.

1 So, in my mind, there were shots actually fired. I don't recall hearing any because I was
2 in the room while that was going on, to the best of my knowledge.

3 And then assessing the scene afterwards, understanding that the motorcade had
4 left without me on the motorcade because of the proximity of where I was and where the
5 motorcade was located. So knowing that I was being left behind, on a tactical
6 consideration I understood that, because they were trying to get the protectee out of
7 there. So I was fully aware.

8 So by then I had to shift my responsibility at the time to try to figure out, were
9 there other threats that were onsite, is anybody injured, confirming with local law
10 enforcement, just things you would do upon receiving that information in a law
11 enforcement capacity.

12 Q Okay. Is there a Secret Service regulation or policy that indicates that
13 individuals that are in the motorcade need to stay near the motorcade at an event?

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

15 [REDACTED] At this point, [REDACTED] I'm going to turn it over to a
16 colleague to ask some follow-up questions, and then I will have a few questions after he is
17 done.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Hi, [REDACTED] Can you hear me?

21 A Yeah, I got you. Thanks.

22 Q Great. Thank you so much.

23 So I'm just going to stick with just a few other questions kind of relating to the
24 security room side of things, and then I'll kind of hop around just to clean up some of the
25 earlier question lines.

1 So when you, per the earlier production, discussing that you had heard from PSP
2 Sergeant Olayer that the suspect was heading towards Sheetz, around that time when
3 that was conveyed in the security room, did you also happen to hear the Special Agent in
4 Charge [REDACTED] or Special Agent [REDACTED] discussing deploying the counter
5 sniper response team Agent [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED] to check out that suspicious
6 person heading towards Sheetz?

7 A I don't recall that conversation, no.

8 Q Okay. And I guess more so just to kind of clarify, at what point when you
9 hear some form of intelligence, such as there's an individual who's suspicious, who has a
10 rangefinder, what would you say is the protocol or best practices that you have typically
11 employed as an intel advance agent? Do you typically provide a heads-up to your
12 supervisors that there might be an issue and you're working on chasing down the leads
13 just for their awareness, or do you typically provide them a more complete, you know,
14 I've looked into this issue, just making you aware that we've taken care of it? I guess I'm
15 just trying to figure out what the -- kind of what the situation might be.

16 A Sure. And that's going to be dependent upon various considerations,
17 tactical considerations, or scenario-based information that's been given. I don't believe
18 there's a policy that says I have to immediately communicate right away. That doesn't
19 mean it doesn't -- may not require it, but it's just very dependent on the information I get
20 or what's going on and is there any other agent that would be in a similar scenario and
21 following up with other assets.

22 So it's just very dependent on the situation and what my experience or my -- you
23 know, what would lead me to action upon them.

24 Q Sure. Thank you.

25 My colleague, [REDACTED], was talking a bit earlier about some of the radio

1 frequency channels, kind of getting a bit more of that picture.

2 When you entered the security room at approximately the 6 p.m. timeline, did
3 you happen to keep your radio on, or did you turn it off now that you were inside of the
4 central communications hub for the event for the Secret Service? Do you recall?

5 A Yeah, I don't recall if I turned it on or not. Yeah.

6 Q And earlier when [REDACTED] was kind of working to figure out what potential
7 channel you might have been on, I know that the names -- you know, you might not
8 remember those 3 months later and that there were some changes internally between
9 Secret Service switching from channel to channel due to bleed-over from the First Lady's
10 event in Pittsburgh. But around 6:09 p.m., one of the counter snipers had put off over
11 the radio, specifically the [REDACTED] channel, which was the shift/motorcade channel, that
12 local law enforcement was working something at around the 3 o'clock location.

13 Did you happen to hear that on either your personal hand-held radio or from the
14 communications equipment within the security room?

15 A Yeah. I don't recall hearing that specific transmission.

16 Q Okay. And while you were in the security room, did you happen to have
17 the AUSA with you at that time?

18 A Yes, I believe he was there with me in the room. Correct.

19 Q Do you recall any comments that he might have made during the -- while he
20 was in the security room with you either prior to or directly following the shooting at
21 6:11?

22 A No, other than just trying to assess the shots fired and getting, you know, to
23 safety and getting him -- because he's not armed, so trying to help get him to a location
24 where he would not be in danger if there was still an imminent threat.

25 Q Great. Thank you.

1 So I'm just going to move on to a few other questions I have.

2 Out of curiosity, have you had a chance to review any of your prior emails or
3 correspondence for this transcribed interview or before the Senate HSGAC transcribed
4 interview?

5 A I don't believe so, no. I can't recall if I did or not.

6 Q Did you request -- do you recall requesting an opportunity with the Secret
7 Service to review your prior correspondence or emails, or did the Secret Service offer that
8 to you?

9 A I don't know. I don't recall.

10 Q Okay. Going back to an earlier thread, talking about the [REDACTED] letter that was
11 sent earlier in the week prior to the rally, you had discussed, you know, you would help
12 kind of create that letter, and then that was sent out through someone else in the office
13 to them, but you did not receive a response. You said that you were unsure or you did
14 not recall whether it was typical for the [REDACTED] to respond to a letter requesting intelligence
15 that they might have prior to an event.

16 What I would like to know is, if you were unsure whether or not they would
17 respond to something like that, how would you know whether to figure out if there was
18 something abnormal if they don't respond? You know, was it that, if there was a lack of
19 response, you take that as everything is okay, or if they haven't yet responded to you
20 before the event, do you follow up? It would just be helpful to figure out what that
21 issue might be or what that protocol might be.

22 A Sure. Yeah, sure. And I think my reasoning and understanding based on
23 my experience is if it's received and then if there's anything to provide, they would
24 respond with that. Not that they would have to confirm -- not that they didn't confirm.
25 I can't confirm that. But my understanding is -- or at least perception is it's received and

1 then they would send something if they had anything. That would be my
2 understanding.

3 Q And is that perception -- is that something that someone in your office might
4 have communicated to you? If the [REDACTED] doesn't say anything, everything is all right? Or
5 is that just your own personal -- that's your gut feeling, that's your perception of the
6 issue?

7 A Yeah. Again, it's just my perception of that. That doesn't mean that they
8 haven't reached out to anybody in the past to confirm it. I don't know what [REDACTED]
9 schedule was that week or if they responded with an email to our front office saying
10 confirm. Like, I don't know.

11 Q Sure. And the final question I would just like to chat about briefly is
12 regarding the July 13th Facebook post that we previously discussed. That had been a
13 suspicious Facebook post that was investigated. You had sent out an email to Special
14 Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at around 11:21 a.m.

15 Was there a reason why you chose to send that specifically to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
16 but neglected to -- or omitted Agent [REDACTED] who was the site agent for the
17 Donald Trump detail?

18 A Just out of pure -- just because I knew them and I didn't know her that well.
19 I just gave it to those two agents so they were aware of it and they were in direct
20 communication with the supervisors and the detail.

21 Q Sure. And earlier in your discussion about the chain of command, you had
22 mentioned, you know, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as -- you know, they're the kind of the local
23 supervisors of the field office, and then Agent [REDACTED] is the lead advance agent.

24 You know, when you're disseminating some of this information, wouldn't you
25 typically want to make sure that both the site agent and the site counterpart would have

1 kind of a full picture, since it seems like they -- although they're kind of making joint
2 decisions on some of this?

3 A Yeah. Again, I didn't quite understand her -- like, how to reach that email.
4 So passing it along to the lead and the site agent so they have it because they are working
5 with that individual all week is the best I could do to get that information out there.

6 Q Were you not on any prior emails during the week leading up to the July
7 13th event with [REDACTED] cc'd on? I would have to go back and check. I thought
8 that was the case, but I just would like to clarify with you.

9 A No. Again, I'm saying I likely am on emails with her, but based on the
10 timing and when that was occurring, it just was my response to send it to those two
11 individuals. That's all. I'm not making --

12 Q Okay.

13 A Yeah. That's all.

1 [1:36 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED]: Sure. Thank you. Thank you for clarifying.

3 [REDACTED] Sure.

4 [REDACTED]: I'm going to turn it back to [REDACTED].

5 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q [REDACTED] can you hear me?

8 A I got you, yeah.

9 Q All right.

10 A Is my picture still, like, frozen? I'm sorry if it still is.

11 Q It is still frozen --

12 A Okay.

13 Q -- but we have audio, so it's okay.

14 [REDACTED] at any point before shots were fired, did you hear that the suspicious
15 person with the rangefinder was on the roof?

16 A I don't hear -- I don't recall hearing that, no.

17 Q And do you recall, was there any discussion in the security room after you
18 got there, between when you got there and when shots were fired, about taking former
19 President Trump off the stage in light of the suspicious person with the rangefinder?

20 A I don't recall hearing that in the security room, no, because I was dealing
21 with [REDACTED] at the time.

22 Q And after the shooting, did you go at any point to the AGR complex?

23 A I did.

24 Q And were you on the roof of the AGR complex?

25 A I was, yes, at some point.

1 Q Okay. Why did you go to the roof?

2 A To -- again, as a law enforcement entity, to help with the other individuals,
3 see if there's any way I could be helpful.

4 Q And what -- who were the other individuals that were up on the roof with
5 you?

6 A It was local law enforcement there. I think -- I believe [REDACTED] was there, and I
7 think the -- there's other law enforcement entities there, yeah.

8 Q Was there anybody from [REDACTED] there with you on the roof that day?

9 A I don't recall if there were or it wasn't.

10 Q And what did you see when you were up on the roof?

11 A Again, what appeared to be an individual, when I got on the roof, facedown,
12 that was, I believe, handcuffed or some sort of restraint on their hands. And then their
13 rifle was laying there, and then that's really all I had seen before I got down.

14 Q So approximately how long were you up on the roof?

15 A I don't know. Fifteen minutes? Twenty? I -- that's my best guess. It
16 was a short duration because at the time I was in a role of just trying to help. And what I
17 mean by that is like, hey, I'm here, what can I do to help kind of role. So --

18 Q And was the [REDACTED] who was with you that day up on the
19 roof?

20 A I believe he was too, yeah.

21 Q And then in the productions that were sent to us by the Secret Service,
22 there's an email from a [REDACTED] to you at 10:43 p.m. --

23 A Okay.

24 Q -- that was sent on Saturday, July 13th, that had information about
25 Mr. Crooks. And it says Matthew Crooks' [REDACTED] information.

1 Do you know -- do you recall why the [REDACTED] would be sending you information on
2 Matthew Crooks and his -- what he may or may not have bought?

3 A Without seeing the emails, and understanding that I was part of some
4 emails, I think we were having an effort to identify this individual, is what I recall.

5 Q So to your recollection, any emails that you would have received from [REDACTED]
6 was in regards to determining who the shooter was and not anything to do with
7 purchasing weapons?

8 A So the basis of what they're providing was to help, from what I recall, to help
9 ID this individual because we had -- that was the goal that night was try to find out who
10 this person was. And getting their assistance seemed to be the best way to go about
11 doing that in coordination with the [REDACTED] that night.

12 I can't speak on like -- I'm sorry. I can't speak on like -- because I'm not an [REDACTED]
13 agent but understanding that databases exist to help ID people.

14 Q Understood. Thank you for that clarification.

15 Since July 13th, how many interviews have you been part of about what happened
16 at the Butler event on the 13th?

17 A I believe this is my fifth one, I believe.

18 Q And can you tell us who the other four were with?

19 A Your counterparts at the Senate.

20 [REDACTED] Yeah, [REDACTED], sorry, did you have something to say?

21 [REDACTED] No, no, no, no. I'm listening.

22 [REDACTED] Okay. Okay.

23 [REDACTED] Just try to remember who you were interviewed with.

24 [REDACTED] Yeah. So your counterparts in Congress, a Secret Service internal
25 review, [REDACTED] and there was a panel that was -- a blue panel or some sort of panel that was

1 set up as well. I believe those were the other four.

2 [REDACTED]: So, Mr. [REDACTED] I'm not going to ask you to speculate on any
3 other role that was there, any other individual that was acting on the 13th. But from a
4 Protective Intelligence role, what could have gone better or different?

5 [REDACTED] If you know.

6 [REDACTED] Yeah. I think what -- the way I handled it to the best of my ability
7 is kind of where I would say with that. I don't have really an answer of how we could've
8 done it better because -- and I don't want to speculate or Monday-morning quarterback
9 anybody or have that perception.

10 But I think I did the best I could to efficiently handle the situation that I was
11 involved in and at the time that I was dealing with it.

12 [REDACTED]: Do you have an opinion on what the Secret Service could have
13 done to make your job that day easier or to have you more prepared for what your job
14 was --

15 [REDACTED] I think he's --

16 [REDACTED]: -- on the 13th?

17 [REDACTED] He's already answered that question.

18 But you want to repeat your answer, go ahead.

19 [REDACTED] Yeah. Again, I was -- with what I had and the way I was able to
20 apply my job and the scenario that I was in, I think doing the best we could with all the
21 resources that we had and the information that I was dealing with and up until the point
22 of the assassination attempt.

23 [REDACTED]: Were there any additional resources that you wish that you
24 would have had?

25 [REDACTED] I don't know whether he can answer that question. He doesn't

1 have access to the entire circumstances, the totality of what was available and what
2 others' jobs were. I mean, I just don't think he can answer that question.

3 If you want to try, go. But can you answer that question?

4 [REDACTED]: Understood. And let me clarify. I --

5 [REDACTED] He's not a mission -- you know, he's not on missions here.

6 [REDACTED]: Understood. And --

7 [REDACTED] He can only respond to the fragmentary information that he had on
8 scene --

9 [REDACTED]: And I -- I just mean --

10 [REDACTED] -- and then make the best assessment.

11 [REDACTED]: -- for the Protective Intelligence lead role. I don't mean for
12 anybody else.

13 But you just testified that with the resources that you had, you did the best that
14 you could. And I was just following up on the --

15 [REDACTED] That's what he said.

16 [REDACTED]: -- resourcing --

17 [REDACTED] That's his answer.

18 [REDACTED]: -- with the --

19 [REDACTED] That's his answer.

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Were there --

21 [REDACTED] Okay.

22 [REDACTED]: -- specific resources that you didn't have that you wish you
23 would have?

24 [REDACTED] Can you answer that question?

25 [REDACTED] Sure. I understood. Thanks.

1 I can't speak to that because, again, it's not my full-time role with, you know, our
2 headquarters' role and the way that the -- at the time the Secret Service handled those
3 particular assignments.

4 [REDACTED]. Understood.

5 Now, let me see if there's any other questions from my colleagues.

6 Okay. So at this point, Mr. [REDACTED] I think -- we appreciate you being here
7 today.

8 Let's take a quick break, and then I'd like to turn it back over to the majority just
9 for a few follow-up questions that they have.

10 Let's go off the record.

11 [Recess.]

12 [REDACTED]. Why don't we go back on the record?

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q [REDACTED] I just have a few remaining questions for you.

15 If we can put back up majority exhibit No. 5.

16 Okay. And if we go to the fifth page of that exhibit.

17 So, [REDACTED] this was at 6:34 p.m. on July 13. And you were asked a couple
18 of questions about this by the minority. But this was a text from you to -- I'm sorry.
19 Who?

20 [REDACTED]. To [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q -- to [REDACTED] right, to [REDACTED]

23 And you say on it, "Call me on my personal."

24 Is that -- does that mean call on your personal cell?

25 A Yes.

1 Q All right. And this is approximately 20 minutes after the shooting had
2 occurred at around 6:11.

3 Do you know why you asked her to call you on your personal cell?

4 A Because I couldn't reach her. I'd looked into this after I was asked by this.
5 I'd called multiple times from my government phone around the exact same time and
6 couldn't reach her. So that's why I was trying to establish a lot of communication
7 immediately after the shooting had occurred to find her and get some sort of
8 communication established, and this was why I asked her to call me on my personal cell
9 phone.

10 Q Okay. But when you -- so you first used your work cell to try to reach her?

11 A What I recall, yes. I don't have that in front of me. But when I looked into
12 it, I had tried to call her on my cell phone -- work cell phone on multiple times before I
13 sent her this text around the same time.

14 Q And was -- when you tried to call her on your work cell, was the line not
15 going through or was it she wasn't answering?

16 A I don't know if it was one or the other, but it was -- I wasn't successful. And
17 it may have had to do with the communication issues that were going on with the cellular
18 devices. But I wasn't able to reach her and to be overly abundant and cautious to try to
19 have her at least try my cell phone so I could establish some sort of communication with
20 her.

21 Q Okay. This text was sent on your work cell.

22 A Correct, yes.

23 Q So you sent a text on your work cell to have her call you on your personal
24 because you weren't able to reach her on your work cell.

25 A Correct.

1 Q And you don't remember --

2 A To the best of my recollection.

3 Q Okay. And you don't remember if the problem was that the service wasn't
4 working or if she just wasn't answering.

5 A I, again, believe it was both. I think, if I recall correctly, I had tried and it
6 wasn't going through or it was ringing once or twice. The best I can recall it was one of
7 those issues. I needed to get ahold of her because the shots just happened and I
8 couldn't find her and my recollection of why I was trying to reach out to her.

9 Q Okay. So the -- so your thinking at the time was maybe the personal cell
10 would work better?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Did you send her a text like this on your personal cell at that time?

13 A No.

14 Q From your personal cell.

15 A No.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Not that I recall, no.

18 Q Were you concerned when you sent her a text on your work cell that the
19 text might not go through if you were having service trouble?

20 A I don't know. I mean, again, the whole point of me trying to do this,
21 because I couldn't get ahold of her and I was left behind, and so I'm trying to find some
22 way that would work, whether it was a text or a call.

23 And I believe at the time, after reviewing this information, just trying to establish
24 where she was, again, even if she was okay. Like, I -- that was just after the shooting
25 had occurred.

1 Q Okay. So it was about 20 --

2 A Go ahead.

3 Q Right. It's 20 minutes or so after the shooting had occurred.

4 You said that -- that you'd been left behind. What do you mean by that?

5 A Because the motorcade had taken off, because I was not in proximity to
6 catch a ride with the motorcade, because I had came in the motorcade. So I was not in
7 the motorcade that went to the hospital.

8 So I was -- that's what I meant by being left behind. I was -- I had missed my ride.
9 Therefore, I was left on the scene to, again, like I had mentioned earlier, to shift my focus
10 on being there and helping any way I could.

11 Q Okay. Two questions just following on that. You had driven over, I think
12 you testified, in a -- in your government-issued car in the motorcade from the airport to
13 the site, right?

14 A Yep, that's correct.

15 Q So what happened to your car that you'd driven after the shooting?

16 A I believe they didn't take it was my understanding. So --

17 Q You believe they didn't or did take -- I'm sorry. I just couldn't hear.

18 A No, that's fine. Did not. I believe it was left behind. Based on the
19 nature -- after the fact, the nature of how they were trying to get out with the limited
20 amount of -- because I didn't see them leave, other than just getting -- seeing the
21 motorcade physically leave the site, I didn't see them get in the cars or just -- I don't know
22 how they were doing it. I think they just the best of their ability to tactically get out of
23 there as soon as they could, and I believe that my car was left behind --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- in that process.

1 Q Okay. So your car was still there, but you just weren't in the motorcade at
2 that point?

3 A Yeah, that's what I recall, yes.

4 Q Okay. Did you get any instructions between the shooting and when you
5 sent this text message when you were looking for Special Agent [REDACTED] about what you
6 should be doing at this point?

7 A I didn't receive any instructions, because just by nature, I assumed what
8 happened, trying to see if there was any additional shooters, if that shooter had been
9 neutralized and then trying to, you know, again, find my team. Was my team hurt? Is
10 any officers hurt? Does anybody need any, you know, medical assistance? And just
11 acting as if normally a police officer or anybody in law enforcement would in a situation
12 like that.

13 Q Okay. And were you still, in your mind, providing Protective Intelligence
14 services after the shooting?

15 A I was not providing services per se. But there was communications coming
16 from headquarters to me to try to get updates or find out what was happening.
17 Because, again, I think there was a lot of confusion or just overall people trying to check
18 on each other and find out exactly what was going on from headquarters. And I was
19 getting calls from the headquarters folks to -- just for updates and knowledge of what's
20 going on.

21 Q Okay. But those -- the information you were getting or was coming across
22 to you at that point, this is after the shooting, was about what had happened already at
23 the event, correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Was anybody sending you information about any other threats that might be

1 posed to former President Trump at that time?

2 A No, I don't recall, no.

3 Q Okay. Your function that day was to provide protective services to former
4 President Trump, correct?

5 A Generally, yes, that's accurate.

6 Q Okay. Well, that was your specific reason for being there, right?

7 A Yes, it is.

8 Q Okay.

9 A And I'm only saying that because other things can happen or because of the
10 dynamics of being in law enforcement. But, yes, that was my primary role, correct.

11 Q Of course. Understood.

12 Did you have any concerns yourself that, although former President Trump had
13 been evacuated from the scene, that there could be additional threats facing him as he
14 was being taken to the hospital, for example?

15 A I mean, that's -- naturally that's a reaction until we figure out physically if
16 there was anybody else. But from an intelligence perspective, no, that was not my
17 thought process.

18 It was more of physically being on scene because I'd -- I had prior tactical
19 experience my earlier years in the Secret Service of understanding that there may be
20 somebody else out there but not having any prior knowledge of knowing that, just of the
21 expectation that there should be somebody potentially.

22 Q Understood. But from your perspective, once the shots were fired and he
23 was evacuated from the scene, you shifted to tactical support effectively.

24 A I mean, I was thinking those things, yes. But then also, there were
25 individuals that were hurt. Did -- you know, trying to, again, find teammates, because I

1 didn't -- I was not in the motorcade when it left, who was on site, any other assets that
2 were there that we could figure out, you know, again, what was happening, preservation
3 efforts, like, all those kind of considerations.

4 Q Where was, if you know, where was Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at this
5 point after the shooting?

6 A It's -- immediately after, I don't know. But we did end up, obviously, linking
7 up at some point in the night. But immediately after, I don't recall or which time we
8 would have been together. But it wasn't immediately after.

9 Q Okay. Was she -- did you link up with her at the site or someplace else?

10 A No, it was on the site, because she was still there and I think we had met at
11 either in the security room after several minutes or hours. But at some point we had
12 connected. And just trying to, you know, be more in the law enforcement capacity and
13 do whatever we could to make the scene safe and anything you normally would do in this
14 kind of situation.

15 Q Understood. But your understanding was, when you met up with her at
16 the site, that she had been at the site after the shooting?

17 A Again, that's my understanding. But I -- once we had reconnected, you
18 know, at some point later in the night, I don't know if she had left to come back, but
19 it's -- I assume she was there the whole time.

20 Q Okay. Your understanding was that she was there the whole time, right?

21 A Yeah, that's my understanding.

22 Q Okay. So the -- there -- was there anyone providing Protective Intelligence
23 services to former President Trump, to your knowledge, after he left the site?

24 A Not that I'm aware of, no, because --

25 Q Okay.

1 A -- there -- yeah, I understand your question. I get what you're asking. But
2 at that time, I -- the decision was made to help, you know, provide any safety or keep the
3 scene safe, find our resources, and try to, you know, deal with the situation like that.

4 Q Okay. Then just referring back to this exhibit and what we -- you've
5 testified a bit about in terms of the timing from when you first heard about a suspicious
6 person, which was on a phone call, I think you recall, with Special Agent [REDACTED] and
7 then we've got some of the text messages.

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q The -- you recall that she told you on a call, and we think it's around 6:05
10 p.m., that there was a suspicious person, right?

11 A Yeah. I'm listening. Correct, yeah.

12 Q And you recall that at some point she told you, probably maybe in the same
13 call, maybe separate call, that the suspicious person had a rangefinder, right?

14 A Again, outside the text message here, I don't recall specifically if it was
15 relayed again or previously in a separate call.

16 Q Okay.

17 A But, yeah, seeing it here, obviously, yes, I would have seen that from her.

18 Q Okay. So we know at least as of 6:07 -- this is the documents in front of
19 us -- that you were told by somebody that there -- that a suspicious person had a
20 rangefinder, right? "Subject outside venue."

21 A Yeah, that's accurate, yes.

22 Q Okay. And then we have another text where you relay that PSP command
23 post. Let's go to that document.

24 "Command Post PSP Trooper said he may be walking towards Sheetz."

25 I think your best recollection is that was talking of the same person, the

1 rangefinder suspicious person, right?

2 A Again, I -- that would be reasonable to think. Again, I don't recall at this
3 time this is that same individual. Because we're saying "he," right? And I -- I know the
4 picture was sent to me. And I think it was plausible that it was the person, but without
5 being physically there or seeing it or knowing why the trooper thinks he may be walking
6 towards Sheetz, I'm still trying to figure that out. That's my best recollection.

7 Q Understood. But you don't have any recollection of any other suspicious
8 persons being brought to your attention that day, do you?

9 A I don't recall there being other ones. But, again, you know, I -- I'm not
10 going to speak for what he may be walking towards. Again, getting the photo,
11 understanding that --

12 Q I'm not asking about what he meant. I'm asking what you understood.

13 [REDACTED] Well, he's answering what he understood.

14 [REDACTED] No, he's not. He's telling me that he thinks --

15 [REDACTED] He --

16 [REDACTED] -- he doesn't know if it's the same suspicious person that he's talking
17 about --

18 [REDACTED] That's right. That's his answer, and that's what his thought process
19 was at the time. That's what he's telling you.

20 [REDACTED] Well, then let me ask this question, if I might, [REDACTED]

21 Again, do you recall any other suspicious people being brought to your attention
22 that day?

23 [REDACTED] I don't recall a specific --

24 [REDACTED] You're asking --

25 [REDACTED] -- inside this timeframe --

1 [REDACTED] -- him whether anyone was specific -- you're asking him whether
2 anyone was specifically identified.

3 [REDACTED]: No, no. My question is --

4 [REDACTED] I just --

5 [REDACTED]: My question is very straightforward actually.

6 [REDACTED] You have a -- here we have an ambiguous pronoun, "he" --

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED] -- in the midst of --

9 [REDACTED]: All right. Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

10 [REDACTED] -- a tangled situation, and you're asking him --

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

12 [REDACTED] -- to determine --

13 [REDACTED]: -- if you'd like --

14 [REDACTED] -- whether he --

15 [REDACTED]: -- to testify for your client, we can arrange that.

16 [REDACTED] if you want to testify for your client, we can arrange that. But
17 instead I'd like him to answer my questions --

18 [REDACTED] Go ahead, [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]: -- under the rules.

20 [REDACTED] Repeat what you said.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q [REDACTED] answer -- I'll pose the question.

23 A Sure.

24 Q Do you recall any other suspicious persons being brought to your attention
25 that day? Yes or no?

1 A I do not. But, again --

2 Q Thank you.

3 A If I can clarify -- yep. But if I can clarify --

4 [REDACTED] All right. No, no, no, you answered the question. That's okay.

5 That's okay.

6 [REDACTED] Sure.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q The -- this text message, do you agree with me that it says that it's at 6:07:23
9 p.m. on July 13? Yes or no?

10 A Yeah, it says what it says, correct.

11 Q All right. Let's go to the prior text message.

12 Okay. Then we have immediately after, "Subject outside venue along fence line
13 seen with a rangefinder."

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yep, I see it.

16 Q Okay. That's, what, 2 seconds after the prior text message?

17 A I believe --

18 Q Let's go back.

19 A -- it's accurate, without seeing the previous one. But, yeah, I see -- okay.

20 That would be 2 seconds, yep.

21 Q Okay. So these documents don't refresh your recollection at all about who
22 the "he" was in the -- go back to the prior text message -- in the prior text message that
23 you sent 2 seconds before?

24 [REDACTED] The "he" that's walking towards Sheetz, that's what you're
25 talking about.

1 [REDACTED]: Yes. Yes.

2 [REDACTED] All right. If you can answer that, go ahead.

3 [REDACTED] Yeah. Again, with dealing with the timeline, the picture of an
4 individual, I know we at least were dealing with that person. But trying to confirm that
5 he, the Sheetz guy, is also the person that is the subject with the rangefinder was what I
6 was also trying to ascertain, based on reading this and trying to recollect to the best of my
7 ability.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Okay. So what you're testifying to is -- and we'll do this -- again, just
10 try -- I'm just trying to make a very clear record --

11 A Sure.

12 Q -- that the text message you sent at 6:07:23 seconds, "Command Post PSP
13 trooper said he may be walking towards Sheetz," right?

14 A Yep.

15 Q Then 2 seconds later -- 2 seconds later there's a text, "Subject outside venue
16 along fence line seen with a rangefinder," right?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q You don't know -- these do not help you refresh your recollection as to
19 whether the "he" in the prior text was the subject in this text?

20 A It's helping paint the picture. But, again, there was somebody else that
21 was -- there was a bicycle, I believe, that was reported. I'm trying to recall, like, if that
22 was involved in this person they were looking for, but --

23 Q So --

24 A This -- but, yeah, do the best I can here. It does seem to be part of what
25 we're dealing with with this individual with the picture. But trying to piece together if

1 that's the same person, the subject outside the fence line with the rangefinder is the
2 same person at Sheetz, I think I was trying to process that at this time, trying to recollect
3 the best I can. And then determining after the fact that that -- if that person was the
4 same individual, that's the process I was going through to do that.

5 I did not receive independent information of my ability to say there was definitely
6 two people in the scenario. If I can recall correctly, we were just trying to figure out if
7 that person was also at Sheetz, if that's the same guy who may or may not have been the
8 person with the rangefinder. That's --

9 Q Okay. So your testimony is that you -- that at the time, to the best of your
10 recollection, you were also trying to figure out whether or not there were multiple, more
11 than one, say, subjects, right?

12 A Yeah, because of -- I'm trying to picture if this subject outside the venue is
13 the same person that the troopers are saying is the guy who was at Sheetz.

14 Q Okay.

15 A I understand the timeline is close and I understand that and likely could have
16 been that other person, but I wasn't -- I was trying to figure that out at the time with
17 [REDACTED] and the State troopers. That's all I know. That's the best I can recall.

18 Q Okay. Now, you've testified that there was a Secret Service agent present
19 in the command post or the security room whose job it was to receive and relay
20 information, right?

21 A Correct, yes.

22 Q And you do not recall informing that person about either -- I'm just taking
23 from the text -- the range find -- a subject of the rangefinder or the "he" walking toward
24 the Sheetz, right?

25 A Yeah, I don't recall if I did or not.

1 Q Okay. You don't recall if you did or not. But do you have any -- do you
2 have any reason to think that if that person says you did not that that's not true?

3 A No. I mean, if that person is saying that, I wouldn't say that that person is
4 wrong or right based on their recollection. But I don't -- I don't recall having that
5 specific conversation. It may or may not have happened.

6 Q Okay. And then when you heard, before these text messages, from Special
7 Agent [REDACTED] that there was a suspicious person on the grounds, you don't have any
8 recollection one way or the other, sounds like, whether or not you passed that
9 information on to the Secret Service agent in charge of information dissemination in the
10 room.

11 A Yeah, I don't recall if I did or not at that time.

12 Q Is there any reason why you would not have conveyed the information you
13 were hearing from Special Agent [REDACTED] and from the PSP trooper to the agent in the
14 room who was responsible for disseminating information?

15 A Based on what I was working with her and trying to assess the -- her
16 information and hearing from her, you know, it's hard to determine if that timeline,
17 especially with the shots that were fired, you know, 3 or 4 minutes later because how
18 I -- the nature and when -- how I was interacting with [REDACTED] her -- her physical presence
19 on the ground and what she was dealing with.

20 At that time, again, I was trying to assess the information to formulate a potential
21 answer or next steps in this -- at this point.

22 Q So is there -- is it your view, sitting here today, that the information that you
23 obtained from Special Agent [REDACTED] was not ready or material enough to be passed on
24 to the information -- the person who's in charge of information dissemination in the room
25 with you?

1 A Based on the timeline of what I was dealing with, that's how I recall it is
2 trying to confirm with updates from her or updates maybe from the State troopers that
3 were providing the initial information.

4 Q Is there any training that you received or any instructions you've received
5 about when you should pass information on to the Secret Service agent who's in the
6 command post, whose job it is is to disseminate information?

7 A Not that I know of, no.

8 Q Okay. So you were making a decision at the time based on whether or not
9 you thought it was ready or essentially to go to somebody. Is that right?

10 A Yeah, based on my experience and what I was doing at the time and my
11 assessment and best ability to judge that situation.

12 Q Okay. Did you -- do you recall ever hearing on the Secret Service radio that
13 you had or in the room, because I think there were other Secret Service radios on,
14 anything come across the channel about local law enforcement dealing with the situation
15 at 3 o'clock?

16 A I do not, no.

17 Q So do you have any recollection of hearing anything from counter snipers
18 over the radio or any other Secret Service agent about dealing with a situation on the
19 grounds prior to?

20 A No, I do not because I was working on that situation with Kristen at the time.
21 I don't recall hearing --

22 Q Got it.

23 A -- hearing anything.

24 Q Okay. So the information you heard, as best you recall, is only from Special
25 Agent [REDACTED]

1 A Yeah, because we were dealing with it at that time, yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Sure.

4 [REDACTED]. Sorry. This is [REDACTED].

5 Could you clarify? When you say that you were working on something with
6 Agent [REDACTED] I mean, if there are about 4 minutes right in between you getting that
7 text message from her about the rangefinder and then 6:11 when the shots go off, what
8 is -- what is taking up the time for working on other than sending the text message, which
9 takes however many seconds to draft? Like, what are you doing other than those -- the
10 time it takes to communicate?

11 [REDACTED] Yeah. I don't recall specifically every minute that I -- what I was
12 doing, other than just trying to get confirmation from her or wait for information to come
13 in to confirm that they -- this individual is there.

14 I'm not going to speculate on -- because, again, these are minutes and I'm trying
15 to do my best to find out, confirming things. She's waiting for information. You know,
16 the troopers that were in the room, were they going to send -- give me more information
17 to update it, confirming what she had gotten was accurate.

18 I was waiting on all sorts of those type of things or making decisions at that time in
19 my head, trying to figure out the best way to handle this at the time being.

20 [REDACTED]. Right. So, essentially, just waiting to get another response
21 back from her?

22 [REDACTED] Again, that -- seeing -- recalling that, was trying to work that -- help
23 with the problem as best I could that was going on, the information we were getting, and
24 assessing it and determining the next steps in actioning that information they were
25 dealing with.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q I think you testified that Special Agent [REDACTED] -- you do not recall Special
3 Agent [REDACTED] being in the security room with you at the same time that you were
4 handling or dealing with the situation that you'd learned about from Special Agent
5 [REDACTED] right?

6 A Yeah, I don't believe she was in there, from what I recall.

7 Q Okay. She has also testified to the Senate, and she says she was there.

8 A Okay.

9 Q Do you have any reason to think that was inaccurate?

10 A I don't -- I don't know if it is or not. I'm not saying she may or may not have
11 been in there, but I don't -- I just don't recall at that time, the time that I was -- the short
12 time that I was in there.

13 Q Yeah, I'm asking you not -- whether or not -- when you say you don't recall, I
14 just want to make sure you're saying you don't remember her being there, meaning you
15 don't have a specific recollection, but you're not saying that she wasn't there.

16 A I'm not saying she ever was ever in the security room at some point during
17 the day. I'm just saying I don't recall specifically during the time that I was in there prior
18 to the shots fired. I don't recall.

19 Q Okay. But what -- but I'm asking a slightly different question, which is,
20 when the -- right before the shots were fired, when you were in the command post or the
21 security room, when you say you don't recall her being there, are you saying, I don't
22 believe she was there, or are you saying, I don't remember one way or the other?

23 A I don't remember one way or the other. I'm not saying -- denying that she
24 may have been there. I'm just not able to recall and confirm that she was or was not in
25 there.

1 Q Okay. Is this the kind of information that you -- you know, the information
2 you were getting from Special Agent [REDACTED] is this the kind of information that you
3 would normally provide to her if she were present?

4 A It depends. I mean, again, that was -- I was working on that information at
5 the time, trying to ascertain the next steps with that. And then if there was a conclusion
6 to that, my next -- in my head was, hey, what do we need to respond out there to
7 interview this person, because that's what can sometimes happen in these situations
8 where they are located or they did get interviewed by myself and the Protective
9 Intelligence team as a followup. But, obviously, that didn't happen.

10 Q Okay. All right. My final set of questions, then I'll see if my colleagues
11 have anything they want to add.

12 When you were put on restricted status by the Secret Service, I think you testified
13 that they didn't give you any specific reasons. Is that right?

14 A I don't remember a specific reason why, but it was in relation to the
15 investigation into July 13th, is my best recollection.

16 Q So your best recollection is that they told you they were putting you on
17 restricted status because they were investigating the events of that day.

18 A Yeah. We have a quality assurance investigation that -- again, I don't know
19 if it's specific to that day or because of a shooting, because I was a part of an
20 officer-involved shooting that day. I don't know the exact variables of precisely why,
21 other than it obviously had to do with that scenario.

22 Q Okay. When you were interviewed by the Secret Service, did they ask you
23 about the July 13th events and your role in the protective services that day?

24 A Well, let me just answer the question of -- talk to [REDACTED] real quick about this,
25 if I can, give an offline real quick.

1 Q Sure, you can go offline. I'm not asking you specifics about what you said
2 or what they asked you. I'm just asking you what the topic was.

3 [REDACTED] Yeah, you can answer that, if you can.

4 [REDACTED] Okay. I mean, yeah, it was about the July 13th event, yes.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. And how long, roughly, did this interview last?

6 [REDACTED] I --

7 [REDACTED] You can answer that.

8 [REDACTED] Yeah, I'm trying to recall. I mean, maybe an hour. I don't know.
9 I'm trying my best to remember. This was 3 months ago and have had multiple ones
10 since.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q Okay. Were you ever taken off of restricted status before you left the
13 Secret Service?

14 A I don't know the answer to that.

15 Q You don't know the answer to whether or not you had restricted status or
16 not?

17 A Prior to leaving? Oh.

18 Q Yes.

19 A I believe I still was in that status prior to departure, yes.

20 Q Okay. Did your decision to depart the Secret Service have anything to do
21 with the fact that you were on restricted status?

22 [REDACTED] Could you just repeat that question again? I'm sorry.

23 [REDACTED]: Sure. Did your decision to leave the Secret Service --

24 [REDACTED] Oh.

25 [REDACTED]: -- have anything to do with the fact that you were on restricted

1 status?

2 [REDACTED] You can answer that actually if you want.

3 [REDACTED] It did not, no.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah. Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: Did the Secret Service -- and I'm not asking for the content of it. I'm
6 just asking for the fact.

7 Did the Secret Service convey to you any criticisms of your performance that day
8 in the investigation they conducted after the invest -- after the event?

9 [REDACTED] I am not aware of that.

10 [REDACTED] Okay. So the answer is --

11 [REDACTED] Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: -- you are not aware of any criticisms that they -- that they gave of
13 any performance --

14 [REDACTED] If they -- yeah, hold it, hold it.

15 If any, right? He's not aware of any criticism, if any.

16 [REDACTED]: That's a double any because I said any, but okay. Fine.

17 Do you understand the question, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] Yeah. I'm not aware of any -- I'm not aware of anything, no.

19 [REDACTED] Okay. And did your decision to leave the Secret Service have
20 anything to do with the events of July 13th?

21 [REDACTED] Don't know if I --

22 [REDACTED] You know, look, what was your decision? Did you decide to leave
23 on your own? What's your decision?

24 [REDACTED] Yeah, I left because -- I was looking, prior to this, to --

25 [REDACTED] Okay. So that's your answer.

1 ██████████ And I -- yeah, I was looking prior to this, and it would -- and this
2 was a --

3 ██████████ You got a job opportunity, right?

4 ██████████ Yeah, I had a job opportunity prior, like, that I was already working
5 on prior to this.

6 ██████████ There you go. That's your answer. That's it.

7 ██████████. So your -- so your decision to leave the Secret Service is based on a
8 preexisting plan to take another job.

9 ██████████ Yeah, that was a fact -- a factor in doing this, yes.

10 ██████████ Go ahead. That's it.

11 ██████████. And --

12 ██████████ That's what he said.

13 ██████████ And did you start looking for a new job before or after July 13th?

14 ██████████ Yeah, I'm not going to allow this line anymore. It's not relevant.

15 ██████████ What's the --

16 ██████████ It's not relevant.

17 ██████████ I'm sorry?

18 ██████████ He already answered that his separation from service had nothing to
19 do --

20 ██████████. ██████████ are you asserting a privilege? Are you asserting a
21 privilege?

22 ██████████ There's no common law privilege that applies. This has to do with
23 the scope of your inquiry.

24 ██████████ Mr. --

25 ██████████ And, you know, you're not permitted to go outside and deviate

1 materially from the scope. Now you're getting --

2 [REDACTED] Actually, I think this is within the scope.

3 [REDACTED] -- into an issue that has nothing to do with the business of the

4 Secret Service --

5 [REDACTED] No, it does actually.

6 [REDACTED] -- or your inquiry.

7 [REDACTED] It has -- [REDACTED] --

8 [REDACTED] He's already said -- he's indicated --

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

10 [REDACTED] -- it has nothing to do with the events.

11 [REDACTED] -- you do not get to decide what is relevant to the committee.

12 [REDACTED] He's not going to answer your question.

13 [REDACTED] I mean --

14 [REDACTED] He's not going to answer your question.

15 [REDACTED] You're instructing him not to answer the question.

16 [REDACTED] Yes. Yes, it's not relevant.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. I want to just make sure we're clear on the record --

18 [REDACTED] It's not even close to relevant.

19 [REDACTED] If I could just finish, I'm just going to put on the record --

20 [REDACTED] Go ahead.

21 [REDACTED] -- the question and that you are instructing him not to answer the

22 question on the grounds that it is beyond the scope of this task force inquiry.

23 The question is --

24 [REDACTED] That's correct.

25 [REDACTED] -- did you start looking for a job away from the Secret Service before

1 or after the events of July 13th?

2 And you've instructed him not to answer --

3 [REDACTED] And --

4 [REDACTED] Excuse me. Let me finish the record, please, sir.

5 [REDACTED] Go ahead. Go ahead. Go ahead.

6 [REDACTED] You've instructed him not to answer that question based on your
7 assessment that this is beyond the scope of the House task force inquiry, correct?

8 [REDACTED] Yes. And with all due respect to you and the others, it borders on
9 abuse.

10 [REDACTED] Borders on abuse. Okay. We can put that on the record.

11 And how is it abusive? Could you explain that?

12 [REDACTED] Because it's not even marginally relevant to your inquiry.

13 [REDACTED] We strongly disagree, and I'm sure you'll be hearing from the chair --

14 [REDACTED] Okay.

15 [REDACTED] -- on that issue.

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] We do think --

18 [REDACTED] That's fair.

19 [REDACTED] -- that his --

20 [REDACTED] That's fair.

21 [REDACTED] We do think his decision on whether or not to leave the Secret
22 Service is relevant given that he was put on restricted status in connection with an
23 investigation of the events that are at the heart of this inquiry. And we think it's
24 relevant whether or not he decided to leave the Secret Service before or after those
25 events.

1 And I think that the idea that it is abusive, we'll let the chair decide that and we
2 can all wait for his decision.

3 ██████████ That's fine. I understand.

4 ██████████ I have no further questions.

5 Do you guys have any questions?

6 ██████████ I just want to say -- this is ██████████.

7 I just wanted to clarify one thing because -- I'm sorry to keep harping on this.

8 But you said that the job offer that you had outside of the Secret Service, which we don't
9 have to go into, you said it was one of the factors and the reason why you ultimately
10 made the decision.

11 We're trying to understand what -- if those other factors were the events of July
12 13th and the aftermath that ultimately -- that got you to make the decision to take this
13 other job.

14 ██████████ All right. I'm not sure you're characterizing his testimony
15 appropriately, but he's not answering your question. He already answered it. We'll
16 take it up with the chair, whoever that is.

17 ██████████ We'll let Chairman Kelly know.

18 ██████████ Okay. That's fair.

19 ██████████ Can I ask it another way?

20 ██████████ No. Don't bother, with all due respect.

21 ██████████ Can I have a minute with my counsel real quick and then just for
22 like a minute --

23 ██████████ Sure.

24 ██████████ -- go offline?

25 ██████████ Of course. Of course. Anything you want.

1 ██████████ All right. All right. I'm going to go offline. I'll be right back.
2 [Discussion off the record.]
3 ██████████. ██████████ ██████████ you had a chance to confer. Is there
4 anything you want to add?
5 ██████████ No.
6 ██████████ Okay. Do we have any other questions?
7 ██████████. If they're not a legitimate line of questioning, then no.
8 ██████████ Okay. All right. Well, thank you for the time. We'll be back in
9 touch with your lawyer about the interview. We may need a second interview.
10 ██████████. There's a hand raised.
11 ██████████ Oh, hand raised.
12 ██████████ do have you something that you want to add?
13 ██████████ I didn't mean to interrupt you. Just before we close, I wanted
14 to ask a practical question. That's all.
15 ██████████ You can ask your practical question, please.
16 ██████████ Sure. So I -- I just heard from ██████████. I guess he got
17 the schedule for the rest of the week and --
18 ██████████ Oh, hang on. Can we --
19 ██████████ Yes.
20 ██████████ ██████████ we're still on the record. Can we talk about that
21 when --
22 ██████████ Yeah, absolutely.
23 ██████████ -- we're off the record? Okay.
24 ██████████ Yeah.
25 ██████████ So as I was saying, ██████████ and ██████████ thank you for your

1 time.

2 [REDACTED] Thank you.

3 [REDACTED] We'll be consulting with the chair about the instructions not to
4 answer certain questions, and we'll come back to you.

5 [REDACTED] That's fair.

6 [REDACTED] Okay.

7 [REDACTED] I want to thank you very much again for your hospitality and
8 courtesy and your accommodation here. Thank you.

9 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

10 And so we're off the record.

11 [Whereupon, at 2:32 p.m., the interview was adjourned.]

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