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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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13 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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

24 House Office Building, commencing at 12:08 p.m.

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1 [REDACTED] We can go on the record. Today is Friday, October 25th, 2024.

2 And this is a transcribed interview of U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 Do you go by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] Either is fine.

6 [REDACTED] I wasn't sure. I'm sorry.

7 [REDACTED] That's fine.

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

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

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

15 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED].

16 [REDACTED] Thank you, Mr. [REDACTED]

17 My name is [REDACTED], not -- no relation -- and I'm special counsel for the task
18 force. The task force recognizes and appreciates that you are here voluntarily, and I
19 want to thank you for coming in today for this interview.

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

21 Do you have an attorney or attorneys representing you in a personal capacity present
22 with you today?

23 [REDACTED] I do.

24 [REDACTED] Would counsel please identify yourselves for the record?

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], counsel for the witness.

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], counsel for the witness.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] are you here for the witness as well? [REDACTED] can
3 you hear me? If you can, you're on mute.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for SAIC [REDACTED] also. Thank you.

5 [REDACTED] Thank you. Is there also an attorney present representing the
6 Secret Service today?

7 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED], deputy chief counsel.

8 [REDACTED] Thank you. And for DHS?

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Department of Homeland Security, Office of
10 General Counsel, oversight counsel.

11 [REDACTED] Thank you. There are no Members of Congress present here today.
12 We do not expect there will be, but if any Member does decide to attend, they are free to
13 ask you questions. They will identify themselves and the district they represent and
14 their affiliation with the task force.

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

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

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

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

20 And then we have two online. Would you guys please identify yourselves.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], deputy for the task force, majority.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], senior professional staff member, majority.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], professional staff member for minority.

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

2 [REDACTED] Thank you, all.

3 [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for this
4 interview. As previously agreed to by counsel for yourself, agency staff, majority and
5 minority staff, the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted
6 assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, including but not limited to
7 preparation and aftermath, and any information related to the September 15 attempted
8 assassination on former President Trump.

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

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

18 There's a court reporter taking down everything I say and everything you say to
19 make a written record of the interview. For the record to be clear, please wait until the
20 staffer questioning you has finished each question before you begin your answer. The
21 staffer will wait until you finish your response before proceeding to the next question.

22 Further, please speak clearly, concisely, and slowly to ensure the court reporter
23 can properly record this interview. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal
24 answers, such as nodding or shaking your head. So it is important that you answer each
25 question with an audible, verbal answer. Do you understand?

1 [REDACTED] I do.

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

6 Do you understand.

7 [REDACTED] I do.

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

13 Do you understand?

14 [REDACTED] I do.

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

19 Do you understand?

20 [REDACTED] I do.

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

23 Do you understand?

24 [REDACTED] Yes.

25 [REDACTED] Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful testimony in

1 today's interview?

2 [REDACTED] No.

3 [REDACTED] Please note that if you wish or your counsel wish to assert a privilege
4 over any statement today, that assertion must comply with the rules of the U.S. House of
5 Representatives. For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or
6 statements, witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted
7 and the reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or
8 appearance.

9 Do you understand?

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

17 We plan to take a five-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning,
18 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know, and we'll be
19 happy to accommodate you. However, to the extent there is a pending question, we
20 would ask that you finish answering the question before we take a break.

21 Do you understand?

22 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

24 [REDACTED] No.

25 [REDACTED] Would the Secret Service counsel, [REDACTED] like to say anything?

1 [REDACTED] Sure. Thank you so much, [REDACTED]

2 And to your end about the confidentiality, et cetera, the Secret Service and
3 Department of Homeland Security have made available records that would not -- and
4 information that would not otherwise be publicly available or publicly released. We feel
5 this information falls under the purview of the Privacy Act, personal privacy information,
6 for official use only, intelligence, law enforcement sensitive records.

7 While we've made these records available to you, we continue to assert that the
8 information is not intended for public disclosure, and we are not waiving any privileges
9 under those statutes.

10 And also, just to confirm that the information -- that the -- today's proceeding is
11 not under video or audio recording except for what's necessary for the court reporters.

12 And those are the points I want to make. Thank you so much.

13 [REDACTED] Thank you.

14 On the audio and visual recording, your understanding is correct. The
15 only -- there's no video recording being made. The only audio recording being made is
16 by the court reporter, and that's only for purposes of assisting her with making an
17 accurate transcript. She will, as we understand it, destroy the audio recording once she
18 has used it for that purpose.

19 And in terms of the confidentiality issues that the Secret Service has raised, the
20 chair, as we've discussed before, will take into consideration any requests for redactions
21 or maintaining anything that's provided here today as confidential and will make an
22 assessment in conjunction with staff and in conversation with Secret Service.

23 [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 [REDACTED] All right. We're going to start the time now, first 45 minutes.

25 [REDACTED] And, [REDACTED], likewise, will counsel for the witness have an opportunity to

1 review the transcript before it's made public so that we can advise on any redactions that
2 we think are appropriate, or errata?

3 [REDACTED] I think that's something we'll have to take into consideration.

4 [REDACTED] You'll be given the opportunity to review it. We can have a
5 conversation off the record about when and how.

6 [REDACTED] Great. Thank you so much.

7 [REDACTED] Of course.

8 [REDACTED] Okay. We will begin the questioning now.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q [REDACTED] have you been interviewed previously in connection with the
12 events that occurred on July 13th?

13 A I have.

14 Q Can you tell us who has interviewed you?

15 A I've been interviewed by the FBI, the United States Secret Service Mission
16 Assurance investigation, the investigators from our inspections division. I've been
17 interviewed by the Senate committee, and I've also been interviewed by the GAO.

18 Q The GAO. And that's the -- what does GAO stand for, for the record?

19 A I'm sorry?

20 Q What does the GAO stand for?

21 A It's Government Accountability Office, I believe. Also, the independent
22 blue ribbon panel I was interviewed by.

23 Q That's the DHS panel?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And are you currently at [REDACTED] at the Secret Service?

1 A No, I'm not.

2 Q What is your [REDACTED]?

3 A I was put on [REDACTED] is what I was told.

4 Q What does [REDACTED] mean to you?

5 A [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 right now.

9 Q Okay. And does that mean you're also [REDACTED] the
10 Pittsburgh field office?

11 A [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] for the GAO
12 interview that I had to do. But I've never been given any specific instructions at all
13 about what I'm supposed to be doing or what I'm not supposed to be doing.

14 Q [REDACTED]?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And the [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And, roughly, when were you [REDACTED]?

21 A I was told August 14th.

22 Q August 14th. So from [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]?

24 A I did.

25 Q Okay. Did anyone tell you why you were [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 A No.

3 Q Do you have any understanding as to why?

4 A I don't.

5 Q All right. Let's talk a little bit about your background.

6 A Okay.

7 Q How long have you been with the Secret Service?

8 A I began my career as a special agent with the Secret Service on June 5th of

9 2000.

10 Q So you've been with the Secret Service for approximately 24 years?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And can you give us just a brief overview of your career at the Secret Service,
13 like where you started and also locations that you were based until the present.

14 A Sure. From 2000 to 2006, I served as a special agent in the New York field
15 office where I conducted investigations, did protective operations. I was on an
16 [REDACTED] while I was there and also was a site agent for the RNC in
17 2004. So that was another separate assignment while I was there.

18 In April of 2006, I moved from New York to Washington, D.C. I became a
19 member of the Counter Assault Team. So I went through training for that in 2005,
20 passed the schools, went through that. I did that for three years. So from 2006 to
21 2009, I was on the Counter Assault Team.

22 In 2009, I transitioned over to the presidential protective division as a special
23 agent there. I did that for three years from 2009 through April of 2012.

24 In 2012, I went to the office of investigations, our staffing and logistics section.
25 It's called the war room. I was on the office of investigations side of it. I did that for a

1 year. And while I was there -- after a year, I was promoted to the assistant special agent in charge of that section while I was there.

3 In 2015 then, August of 2015, I was reassigned to the Pittsburgh field office as the assistant special agent in charge. And then from there, in January of 2018, I became the special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh field office.

6 Q So you were the special agent in charge of Pittsburgh field office since 2018?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Is there a difference between assistant special agent in charge and assistant to the special agent in charge?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What is the difference?

12 A The assistant special agent in charge is the number two person in an office of our size. The assistant to the special agent in charge would be -- would report to the assistant special agent in charge in the chain of command.

15 Q Okay. Got it. And prior to the Secret Service, just briefly, what was your educational background from college on and your prior work experience?

17 A Sure. In -- I graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo in 1998. I worked in a law firm for a year doing paralegal work, and then I worked for a pharmaceutical company in Westchester for less than a year, in 1999. And then I was hired by the Secret Service.

21 Q Okay. And then, when you were hired by the Secret Service, did you have to apply for the job?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Is there a training process that goes into being trained to be a Secret Service agent prior to actually taking on the role?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Can you tell us a little about the training you received?

3 A Sure. I went for in June -- June or July of 2000, I spent three months at the
4 Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FLETC, where you learn general criminal
5 investigation work and Federal criminal investigation work.

6 And then from there, we do another three months at the Raleigh Training Center
7 in Beltsville, Maryland, for specific Secret Service training, which is Secret Service criminal
8 investigations and then protective work as well.

9 Q Okay. So you received training for both protective and investigative
10 purposes?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And then your first role in New York, were you doing principally protection
13 or investigation work?

14 A Protection.

15 Q Protection. And then throughout your career, what would you say -- I'm
16 just asking for a very rough estimate, and I know it can vary from year to year, but what
17 percentage of your time would you say has been spent on investigation versus protective
18 work?

19 A Well, while you're in New York, it -- it could vary, while I was there for six
20 years. So probably less than 50 percent of it was protection, but there was a lot of
21 protection.

22 So I was there during 9/11, so the protection did increase tremendously after that.

23 So I shouldn't say 50 percent. It was a lot of protection during my first years in New
24 York. And then the three -- my six years of total protection time was all protection.

25 And then when I went to the office of investigations, I did that for almost four

1 years. That was no protection, really. It was logistics, but it wasn't actually doing
2 protection or investigations.

3 And then since I've been in Pittsburgh, during campaign years, it's -- it's, obviously,
4 a much higher protective tempo. But, otherwise, usually it's investigations.

5 Q Okay. So for this year, 2024 -- obviously, it's a campaign year -- the tempo
6 protective services would be higher than a normal year?

7 A Much more, much more.

8 Q And then when you -- you mentioned that you had been part of the CAT
9 team at some point?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Is there separate training for CAT?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Tell us a little bit about that.

14 A When I went through the program, it was a one-week tryout where you had
15 to -- it was a shooting and a physical training testing that you had to pass. I believe it's
16 two weeks now.

17 And then it was -- if you passed that week, you were invited back to go through
18 the basic school, which was another six weeks of training, which you had to make it
19 through the whole thing. It was pass/fail. So you could get kicked out at any time if
20 you weren't -- if you failed an evolution.

21 While I was there also on the Counter Assault Team, I went through another
22 two-week training, school. It's called assistant team leader, ATL school, assistant team
23 leader school. That was a separate training that I went through there as well.

24 Q Okay. And in the course of your jobs at the Secret Service, you get periodic
25 opportunities for training, ongoing training?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what types of training do you get?

3 A So when you're on a protective detail, you do six weeks of shift work where
4 you're working two weeks of midnights, two weeks of evenings, and then two weeks of
5 days, and then you do two weeks of training, which is ideally what's supposed to happen.

6 So during my six years of protective time, that's where most of your training
7 comes in. Here in Washington, D.C., agents have to shoot -- they have to requal -- go
8 through requalifications for their shooting every month -- in the field, it's every three
9 months -- with your handgun, and then every six months with shoulder -- or shoulder
10 weapons.

11 We also do take quarterly physical training tests, and then there's also online
12 training that we have to go through, but a lot of times it just depends on availability to
13 have other training -- other training opportunities as well.

14 Q Got it. And you mentioned that ideally, at least back when you were going
15 through training, that it would be two weeks -- two, two, two weeks and then two weeks
16 of training.

17 Was that your experience back then, that that's how the schedule worked?

18 A That's how the schedule worked, but in an ideal world, you would get the
19 two weeks of training. But often you would get pulled from the training to go do an
20 advance. So just like what we had in July, an advance team, you go -- usually it's
21 supposed to be six to seven days before the actual visit. So you would get pulled off of
22 training to go do that.

23 So ideally, that's what should happen, but it's not always the case.

24 Q Understood. So effectively, an active operation or project would take
25 priority over training?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And it sounds like it's always been the case in your experience that the
3 training period would sometimes be interrupted by an actual operation?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Has that increased or decreased over the course of your career with the
6 Secret Service?

7 A It's probably been consistent. With everything that has happened,
8 obviously, our protective tempo has increased dramatically, even with the campaign.
9 So -- and during a campaign year, it's -- you usually know that your training opportunities
10 are going to be limited.

11 Q Right.

12 A We also -- to go back to the training part as well, we also have investigative
13 training. We have a lot of cyber training that we put our agents through as well.
14 So that's another thing that they do during the course of a year.

15 Q Understood. And when you said everything that's happened, are you
16 referring to the July 13th event?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q So since July 13th, you've seen a change, effectively?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. And prior to July 13th, it was still pretty consistent, though, that
21 there would be a lot of interruptions of training periods?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you ever have a sense from your experience and from being special
24 agent in charge that there was a manpower issue with the Secret Service in terms of
25 maintaining the schedule that was set for people to get training and be involved in actual

1 operations?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Tell us a little about what your sense was.

4 A So in -- from 2012 to 2015, I was the assistant special agent in charge in the
5 office of investigations for staffing and logistics. So that's called the war room.

6 So what happens is when a protective assignment comes up or -- so even -- say,
7 the President is going to Pittsburgh. The presidential protective division will send an
8 advance team to Pittsburgh, they'll work with the Pittsburgh field office then to help
9 coordinate the visit.

10 And then from there, they determine how many agents they need to bring in from
11 out of town to help secure the sites that we have, so if there's an airport, a major site, or
12 even two sites, whatever the case may be. All those agents that are coming in from out
13 of town to help secure the venues are not from the President's detail. Those are agents
14 that come from field offices throughout the country.

15 Those agents throughout the country report to the office of investigations, which
16 is where I work for the assistant director there. And so what would happen is, I then
17 would determine where the agents -- so if we needed 40 agents in Pittsburgh, I would
18 say, okay, we need to take, you know, ten from Chicago, ten from, you know, whatever
19 next office, and I would divvy it up and try to break it up. And you do that for every
20 single trip.

21 So during highly intensive staffing periods, especially like now, training gets
22 canceled all the time, leave gets canceled. So offices -- like during an NSSE, like the
23 United Nations or NATO or the RNC and DNC, those become leave restriction periods
24 where you can't even take leave. Or if you're going to take leave, you have to have it
25 put it in well in advance, and it has to be approved.

1 So it's not just training that gets canceled. It's leave. It's everything.

2 Q Right.

3 A But, yes, during -- during periods like this, maintaining training is definitely
4 an issue.

5 Q Okay. And then with respect to -- from that experience you had, was
6 manpower an issue from your perspective?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. In what way?

9 A You would -- in terms of especially like during United Nations where you're
10 pulling -- you're basically trying to send very resource you can into New York City, but you
11 also don't want to close down an office in case something comes up in that office.

12 But there comes a time where eventually you end up closing offices, especially
13 during a time where it's a campaign year and United Nations at the same time, which is
14 what happened this year, obviously. It's where we also have to then -- where we rely on
15 our DHS partners, like HSI, SAMS, and TSA to help assist us in periods like that as well.

16 So you spend hours and hours just figuring out the best way to, you know, put the
17 puzzle together on how we're going to staff all these different events.

18 Q Understood. You've talked about the fact that the Secret Service has for all
19 these separate functions, investigative function and protective function, when you have
20 an event like the U.N., especially if it coincides with a campaign year and you have people
21 who are assigned to investigations, do the investigations or the protective needs take
22 priority?

23 A Protection.

24 Q And that has been consistent from your perspective and your experience?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And it sounds like -- you mentioned the U.N. The U.N., obviously, that
2 meeting happens every year in New York City. Obviously, not every year is there a
3 campaign.

4 A Right.

5 Q But have you seen any changes over time in terms of demands on manpower
6 over the 24 years you've been with the Secret Service based on the needs for protective
7 services?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Tell us a little bit about that.

10 A It's just -- it's increased dramatically.

11 Q Okay. And why?

12 A A lot of reasons. It's threat-driven. But it's also the -- the additional
13 protectees that we've taken on over the years that we didn't used to protect. So
14 those -- those -- all of those different competing needs have just -- we're continually
15 trying to staff all of those different things.

16 So in terms of investigations, part of the thing we have to do in a field office when
17 we're working with our partners is making sure that they -- they understand that, you
18 know, we're going to do everything we can to maintain our investigations. We're not
19 trying to leave anybody in a lurch, but at the same point, during -- if our agents could be
20 gone just because of protection, we'll do everything we can to maintain our relationships
21 and to maintain our casework as well.

22 Q Understood. And then, again, from your perspective and your experience,
23 has the number of agents available to provide protective services increased in line with
24 the demands that are being placed on the Secret Service to provide protective services?

25 A No.

1 Q And can you tell us a little bit about your perspective on that? What is the
2 gap there? I'm not looking for specifics.

3 A No, no. That's okay. The gap, I believe, is just we've -- as we've tried to
4 increase our agent pool, we've also increased the number of protectees. So it's -- it
5 would be one thing if we just maintained the level of protection that we were doing, but
6 now we've increased it, and we don't have -- we can't keep up with one side with the
7 other in terms of our staffing and then the needs that we have.

8 Q Right. So it's not commensurate between the number of agents you have
9 available, trained agents available, versus the demands on the Secret Service?

10 A Correct.

11 Q And you've mentioned that you sometimes bring in other agents from other
12 agencies or divisions to assist. Have you found that to be an adequate substitute for
13 having a full contingent of Secret Service agents?

14 A Our partners, we're very grateful for their assistance, but, obviously, they do
15 not have the training that we have. So we -- the Secret Service does go through a
16 process to try to at least familiarize and train our partners within DHS.

17 But at the same point, they don't have the months of training that we have, and
18 they don't have our experience, so --

19 Q Right.

20 A -- I would never -- or I would, in terms of --

21 Q Understood. And I'm not asking for you to disparage them. I'm just
22 wondering about your -- but from your perspective, it sounds like -- again, given your
23 position and your history, your preference would be if there were more Secret Service
24 agents rather than relying on other agencies to provide --

25 A Very much.

1 Q -- to fill the gaps?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And we understand -- you can imagine we've spoken to a number of people
4 who are Secret Service agents.

5 We understand that the POTUS, President of the United States, VPOTUS, Vice
6 President, they are the two people who, understandably, get the most protective services
7 both in terms of number of people, assets, and the flexibility, call it. Is that right?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you have an understanding, based on your experience, of different levels
10 of protection that are as a baseline provided to different people based on status?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Can you tell us a little about that.

13 A So if you're dealing -- when we're dealing with foreign dignitaries, we have
14 classifications. So for the United Nations, we have high level, which is -- it's still not the
15 level of protection that you would give to the President, but it would be -- so at the
16 United Nations, if a dignitary was deemed to be a high-level protectee, they would get,
17 you know, increased support from the ██████ to help us as part of our agreement.

18 They'd get ██████ in terms of ██████ or ██████ I should
19 say. They get a larger Secret Service protective detail. They'll get -- they may get other
20 Secret Service assets in terms of Counter Assault Team, counter snipers, counter
21 surveillance, depending on -- depending on the visit.

22 Then we have -- the next level down would be what's called a ██████-level
23 protectee. And that's -- it's ██████ down. And then the ██████ protectee
24 will -- depending on the visit or if it's during the U.N. especially, the resources are ██████
25 ██████ so you're not getting -- they're not getting a ██████ they're not -- you know,

1 they're getting a Secret Service detail leader and a Secret Service lead agent, but they
2 might have [REDACTED] agents, which means the agents that are right around the
3 protectee in close proximity.

4 They also are -- you know, a [REDACTED] protectee during the United Nations gets
5 a -- they may get a [REDACTED] lead car, but they're not getting a full [REDACTED] to
6 escort them all the way around the city, which can be very problematic with traffic in New
7 York.

8 Then also, then, for our own permanent protectees, we have our former
9 Presidents and their spouses, which get much -- which is, obviously, a [REDACTED] -- it's a
10 permanent protective assignment, but it's not anywhere near what the President or Vice
11 President get.

12 Q Would they be -- would the former Presidents and First Ladies, would they
13 be in the [REDACTED] category?

14 A They would probably be -- I think that would probably be commensurate for
15 what they would be.

16 [REDACTED] Can you just differentiate between a former President protection
17 level and a candidate?

18 [REDACTED] Sure. So a former President, they -- their detail is smaller, but they
19 have, you know, their detail leader and their deputy special agent in charge. So the
20 special agent in charge is also detail leader, if I use both interchangeably.

21 The SAIC and the DSAIC, the deputy special agent in charge, those are GS-15
22 positions. They're not special executive -- senior executive series individuals. The
23 assistant special agents in charge on a former presidential detail, those are GS-14s.
24 They're not GS-15s.

25 If you're on the President's detail, anybody that's -- or the Vice President, any

1 assistant special agent in charge are all GS-15s. They have more of them, obviously. A
2 former President's detail might have three or four, depending.

3 They all still have an operations section to help coordinate and do logistics and
4 scheduling and everything for the agents, but the number of agents that work a former
5 President, I don't want to speculate, but it's -- it's less than what a normal presidential
6 shift -- we call a shift the agents that are right around the protectee.

7 So for the President of the United States, it's much -- it's a larger number of
8 people that are around them even for close protection than for a former President.

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q And --

11 A And then -- I'm sorry. Then a candidate, when -- so when -- even, say, for
12 former President Trump when he was elevated to the nominee or a candidate, we have
13 what's called CNOS, which is the Candidate Nomination Operations Section. I'm sure
14 you guys have heard this before.

15 The -- what they did was they -- with former President Trump -- and we also did it
16 with former Secretary Clinton, because she was a former First Lady. So she already had
17 Secret Service protection, so we just supplemented her detail, and we did the -- we do
18 the same thing with former President Trump.

19 So another GS-15 supervisor during the rotation. So our agents do [REDACTED]
20 rotations to supplement. The detail leader is already there for the Donald Trump detail,
21 DTD, Donald Trump Division.

22 So with that being said, another supervisor is there, a higher grade more senior
23 supervisor than just the normal GS-14 assistant special agent in charge. Additional shift
24 agents are added on as well to increase the numbers around former President Trump at
25 the time. At some point also, additional resources are blessed off or approved for

1 former President Trump.

2 So before July 13th, he was receiving at some point in June a [REDACTED] -- a
3 [REDACTED] CAT element was added to the detail to travel with the shift. Everywhere
4 the President went, there would be at least [REDACTED] -- a [REDACTED] tactical element that
5 would travel with him, and they would also help coordinate tactical assets on the ground
6 for whatever visit, wherever the former President was going.

7 Obviously, right now Vice President Harris has her full detail. She doesn't
8 need -- there's no CNOS addition to her, but then there's, obviously, the vice presidential
9 candidates, their spouses as well.

10 Q And with respect to -- to the CNOS, as we understand it, has historically been
11 the person who has actually been nominated by the party, the Democratic Party, the
12 Republican Party, to run for President.

13 Have you -- prior to former President Trump, are you aware of instances in which
14 the enhanced security has been provided to somebody who was a likely candidate or a
15 potential candidate?

16 A Yes. I believe at any point if protection is -- protection to be authorized
17 through -- there's a committee for -- with, I believe it's the majority leader, the minority
18 leader, House Speaker and then the minority leader in the house, I believe it's the
19 secretary of Homeland Security. And I apologize, I don't know everybody that's part of
20 it.

21 But at any point a candidate can make a request for Secret Service protection.
22 But it has to be approved through that process unless there's some other mechanism or
23 something else takes place, and then it can be approved right away.

24 So this year, Robert Kennedy, Jr., or RFK, Jr. got Secret Service protection for, I
25 believe it was probably a month. Back in 2008, then-Senator Obama got Secret Service

1 protection for over a year before he ever took the full nomination. That was one of the
2 longest periods of time that we had ever extended protection for somebody in the Secret
3 Service at that point. I believe it was over a year and a half. So I was on the Counter
4 Assault Team when that happened.

5 During the campaign, it does not just have to be the nominee that gets protection.
6 So we -- the Secret Service, we build out multiple of these CNOS details, these temporary
7 details, to -- because of the fact that we -- you know, if there's multiple nominees -- or
8 there's multiple candidates, as they raise to a certain level, they have to maintain a
9 certain level of fundraising and a certain level of polling in order to meet the
10 requirements unless it's threat-based.

11 Q And for the levels of funding and polling, et cetera, that's not something
12 that's decided by the Secret Service; it's decided by this other group?

13 A I don't know. I believe it's -- I believe it's supplemented through DHS, but I
14 don't know.

15 Q Just a question for whatever you know.

16 And you mentioned that former President Trump got a CAT team in, roughly, June
17 of this year?

18 A I believe so.

19 Q Do you know if that's because his campaign requested one, or was there
20 some independent reason why he got a CAT team?

21 A I don't know the specific reason why.

22 Q Okay. Do you have any understanding as to why?

23 A I don't. I don't know if it was because of just the process of him moving
24 forward in the process or not, so -- in terms of the nomination.

25 Q Okay. And in your experience, does a CNOS typically have a CAT team

1 assigned to him or her?

2 A At some point usually, yes.

3 Q Okay. And then what about someone who is not technically a CNOS but is
4 just a candidate, like RFK, Jr.?

5 A I'm not sure if he had it. My only experience in doing it was when I was on
6 CAT, I did it -- I did rotations with Senator McCain.

7 Q Okay.

8 A When I was in the office of investigations, I dealt mainly with the office of
9 investigations assets. So these questions would be for the office of protective
10 operations. They actually approve and bless off on any protective asset like that,
11 not -- so I don't have the experience with it.

12 Q Understood. And what about counter snipers, is that something that, in
13 your experience, is typical for a CNOS to have?

14 A Not usually.

15 Q All right. Do you have an understanding as to why counter snipers are not
16 usually, in your experience, assigned to CNOSes?

17 A Well, to CNOS -- let me go back. I would not say to all CNOS. But
18 probably to the nominee, it would be -- it would be case dependent on the site, on the
19 vulnerabilities, on the need for it, and it would have to be a special request. But it's
20 mainly just due to the fact that it's such a -- as an asset, it's -- there's -- I believe there's
21 [REDACTED] -- in the [REDACTED] the number of actual counter snipers that we have. So it's just
22 such a scarce resource that we have.

23 Q Understood. And when you said -- you mentioned the need for it, does
24 threat level have something to do with -- in your experience, with providing counter
25 snipers to nonPOTUS, VPOTUS?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And we understand it, former President Trump had a counter sniper team
3 assigned to him for the Butler event on July 13th.

4 Do you have any understanding as to whether or not he requested that or if that
5 was assigned to him?

6 A I believe it was assigned. I don't know if the detail requested it or how it
7 came to be.

8 Q Okay. Do you have an understanding as to why this was assigned -- this
9 counter sniper team was assigned to former President Trump?

10 A I don't.

11 Q All right. Let's talk a little bit about your job you've had for the last six years
12 as the special agent in charge.

13 Can you just give us an overview of what your role and responsibilities are.

14 A So the Pittsburgh field office, we cover the western half of Pennsylvania, so
15 we go all the way up through Erie, all the way west to Ohio, and all the way east towards
16 Harrisburg, and then the Philadelphia office takes over from there. We also have an
17 office down in Charleston, West Virginia, which covers the entire state of West Virginia as
18 well.

19 So in terms of myself as special agent in charge, there's all protective operations
20 and investigative missions that are in our district, also administrative responsibilities,
21 liaison -- one of my main functions are liaison with our local, state, and Federal partners,
22 the U.S. Attorney's Office. I also have -- do congressional outreach, so Congressman
23 Kelly I know very well and have done outreach with him several times.

24 We also try to -- we help coordinate training for our partners. So cyber training,
25 so we have a -- we've built up since I've been the special agent in charge, the cyber crime

1 task force in Pittsburgh. It wasn't there for a couple of years, and then I was able to get
2 support from headquarters to bring that back.

3 So with that, we provide cyber training for our partners. So detectives and
4 criminal -- cyber investigators from our local, state -- local and state partners, we provide
5 them with cyber training down at the -- it's called the National Cyber Forensics Institute.
6 It's down in Hoover, Alabama. So we provide them that training free of charge. It's
7 through DHS grants.

8 Then they take the training that they got, bring it back to their department, and
9 they also share with us, with the task force. So that's how we -- that's one of the main
10 ways that we, basically, thank our partners for all of their help with our protective
11 missions because we normally do not reimburse them for overtime or other, you know,
12 things that they deal with when they help us with protection.

13 So that's one of the main things that we do through our investigations is
14 by -- through that, so -- but those are my main functions usually.

15 Q And how many special agents -- how many Secret Service agents are
16 assigned to -- let's say, were assigned to the Pittsburgh field office as of July 13th?

17 A I believe it was about 20.

18 Q Were they split between people who were principally responsible for
19 investigations versus protective services, or they do both interchangeably?

20 A Both interchangeably. So in a small office like ours, you basically learn how
21 to do everything. If you are in a big office, like when I was in New York, there's different
22 squads. So there's a counterfeit squad, a fraud squad or credit card squad, depending
23 what it was. I was part of a task force that dealt with organized crime.

24 But then there's also protection squads and a Protective Intelligence squad.
25 Agents in smaller offices have to learn how to do everything.

1 Q And so the 20 -- around 20 people that were Secret Service agents who were
2 assigned, were they full-time assigned to the Pittsburgh field office, meaning that that
3 was -- I know they travel, but that was their full-time job?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Okay. And did that number fluctuate at all from the time that you started
6 as the special agent in charge to July 13th?

7 A When I started as the assistant special agent in charge in 2015, I believe we
8 had less than 10 agents, and then we just -- through either attrition or agents being pulled
9 to Washington, D.C., for permanent protection and not being backfilled. Then I was able
10 to -- when I became the special agent in charge, I was able to grow the office. I think our
11 most, we had over 24 agents at one point.

12 But it was because of the fact that in 2016 and then even in 2020 -- from the 2012
13 campaign to 2016, we quadrupled the number of protective visits to Pittsburgh.
14 So -- then in 2020, even with COVID, we were still receiving a lot of protective visits in
15 Pittsburgh between President Trump and then Vice President Biden.

16 So due to that, even after that, I was able to maintain at least the number of
17 agents that we have in Pittsburgh, a normal -- another comparable office test would be
18 like Buffalo or an office of our size, Indianapolis, something like that. And that's what
19 the majority of offices in the Secret Service are. Those are normally like 12 to 15 agents,
20 and that includes your supervisors.

21 So we were able to at least increase our numbers, but we had requested to
22 receive even more.

23 Q Okay. And it sounds like that the increase or the request for increase was
24 because of the number of visits that were coming to the Pittsburgh area?

25 A It was because of the protective tempo, but it was also because of the fact

1 that we were increasing our investigations as well with our cyber task force.

2 Q Okay. So it was a combination of protective and investigation?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And you mentioned that at one point you had about 24 agents?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Do you know when that was?

7 A That would have been, I believe, after 2020.

8 Q After 2020. So like 2021 time frame?

9 A Probably. Yes.

10 Q And then -- so it sounds like from maybe around 2020 through 2024, the
11 number of agents in the office went from 24 to about 20?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Did that -- in your capacity as special agent in charge, did that hamper your
14 ability to provide the services that you were supposed to provide?

15 A I mean, it's always a challenge to try to juggle our protective mission and
16 also maintain our investigations, but when it comes down to it, the protective mission
17 always takes precedence.

18 Q Right. So did you yourself have any expectation that Pennsylvania or
19 Pittsburgh area would become less of a focus of a campaign in 2024 than it was in 2020?

20 A No.

21 Q Did you hear from anyone else in the Secret Service that they expected
22 Pennsylvania would be kind of less relevant to the national election than it had been in
23 2020?

24 A No, I did not.

25 Q Let's talk a bit about your security clearance. You have [REDACTED]?

1 A Yes.

2 Q That's [REDACTED].

3 And that's the highest level of security clearance available, right?

4 A For the Secret Service, I believe so.

5 Q And how long have you had that?

6 A Since 2006.

7 Q And did you receive training, do you recall, about how to handle classified
8 information when you first got your [REDACTED]?

9 A I believe so.

10 Q Have you periodically received any updates, even on virtual or anything else,
11 about training for how to handle classified information at that level?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Has there ever been any diminution or diminishment, or whatever the word
14 would be, in your clearance since you got [REDACTED] in 2006?

15 A No.

16 Q In your role as special agent in charge, did you receive threat reports from
17 the FBI?

18 A In general?

19 Q In general.

20 A I believe so.

21 Q Did you ever receive something called a daily threat report from the FBI?

22 A No. I mean, I've -- in terms of something that was top secret or -- no.
23 Classified, no.

24 Q Okay. Any kind of -- even if it wasn't classified, did you ever -- did you
25 receive periodic reports from the FBI about threats?

1 A Yeah. We would get periodic -- either from our Protective Intelligence
2 Division or from our local FBI, we would get periodic just alerts or things that might not
3 be out in the public but not classified.

4 Q Got it. The Protective Intelligence group, were they based in D.C.?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you have a dedicated Protective Intelligence officer or agent -- excuse
7 me -- in Pittsburgh?

8 A Dedicated?

9 Q Who was considered to be the person who deals with Protective Intelligence
10 information.

11 A Just all the time?

12 Q Yes.

13 A No.

14 Q So how would -- in your experience, how would the Protective Intelligence
15 group in D.C. communicate Protective Intelligence information to the Pittsburgh field
16 office?

17 A It would depend on if it was related to an actual visit or if it was just a threat
18 in general. We have an email router where alerts are sent to -- it's called PID, P-I,
19 Protective Intelligence.

20 So the Protective Intelligence Division would send -- send a notification to our
21 router, and the notification could be about, you know, a threat that was seen online that
22 we need to investigate or just something for our situational awareness, but might not be
23 a tasking yet. So that's -- it's normally done through email.

24 Also, if there was -- if there was something to pass in terms of intelligence, I would
25 have to go to a SCIF over at the FBI to do that, not -- it's not something that I would do in

1 my office. We have a secure phone, but if it was something that was at an elevated
2 level, I would go to a SCIF for it.

3 Q So something that was developed in Pittsburgh field office or information
4 you obtained that you wanted to transmit to Protective Intelligence in D.C., if it was
5 classified, you'd have to go to a SCIF?

6 A Transmit or receive, yes.

7 Q Transmit or receive. Okay. And do all of the 20 agents who were in the
8 Pittsburgh field office as of July 13th, do they all have [REDACTED]?

9 A I'm not sure. I believe I received my [REDACTED] --

10 [REDACTED] Just answer the question.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q The question was whether or not they all do or some do.

13 A I'm not sure.

14 Q You don't know. Were there -- do you know if some did other than
15 yourself?

16 A Normally you get it, I believe, when you go to a protective detail, a
17 permanent protective detail. And then I maintained it afterward because I became a
18 supervisor. Sometimes you could have it while you're on the detail, and then you're not
19 needed to have it anymore. It just depends.

20 Q With respect to advance, like covering protective services for events rather
21 than just general information coming in about a threat, as we understand it, the
22 Protective Intelligence group in D.C. would communicate with a field office and transmit
23 any information they might have that might be relevant to an event, to a candidate or to
24 POTUS or VPOTUS.

25 Is there somebody in the Pittsburgh field office who received that kind of

1 information, typically?

2 A So if there was an advance or a visit that was going on, there would be an
3 agent that would be assigned to be the Protective Intelligence advance agent. That
4 person is either calling to D.C. or D.C. is calling -- the Protective Intelligence Division is
5 either calling him or her or he or she is calling them.

6 Q Got it. And so for the event in Butler County on July 13th, we understand
7 that was [REDACTED] was the Protective Intelligence agent?

8 A Yes.

9 Q To your understanding, did he have [REDACTED]?

10 A I believe he may have. I'm not sure, though.

11 Q Okay. But he was assigned as the Protective Intelligence agent for that
12 particular event?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did you assign him to that?

15 A I don't remember if it was myself or ATSAIC [REDACTED].

16 Q I'm sorry?

17 A I don't remember if it was me or ATSAIC [REDACTED] who assigned him.

18 Q Okay. Would it have been one of the two of you, though?

19 A At that point, yes. Our ASAIC, our number two person in the office, retired
20 that week.

21 Q That was [REDACTED]?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. Do you remember when he retired? Was it around July 4th?

24 A He officially retired July 13th.

25 Q July 13th, okay.

1 A But he was out of the office the week before. I believe July 3rd -- 2nd or
2 3rd was his last day in the office.

3 Q Okay. Do you recall -- I know you don't remember if you were the person
4 who specifically assigned Agent [REDACTED] to be the PI -- or former Agent [REDACTED] to be the
5 PI, but do you recall any reason why he was chosen in particular?

6 A I don't. I don't know if -- I believe it was -- he was an agent that was
7 available in the office at that point. We had the First Lady's visit also that week. We
8 had -- most of our office was at NATO during the week of the advance.

9 And then a lot of those agents were already being rotated to the RNC, which took
10 place -- which they were traveling to on July 14th.

11 Q So it sounds like it was a pretty busy time?

12 A Yes.

13 Q You had NATO, you had a FLOTUS visit, you had a Butler County visit from
14 former President Trump all around the same time?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So you don't have any particular memory as to why [REDACTED] was assigned
17 other than he was available?

18 A I believe so, yeah.

19 Q Okay. My time is up, but I'm going to just ask a couple more questions and
20 then hand it over to the minority.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Do you recall, in advance of the July 13th visit by former President Trump in
23 Butler County, receiving any information, [REDACTED], from the FBI or the
24 Secret Service, Protective Intelligence relating to a specific or [REDACTED] threat relating to
25 former President Trump?

1 A I did not.

2 Q Okay. And do you know if -- and when I ask you if you know, it's really
3 asking did you hear from anyone else.

4 Did they get any information from anyone in the Pittsburgh field office about a
5 specific threat or [REDACTED] threat to former President Trump in the days leading up to July
6 13th?

7 A Did I hear about it before or afterwards?

8 Q Before.

9 A No.

10 Q Did you hear anyone else say that I heard about something?

11 A No, I didn't.

12 Q Okay. So as far as you can recall, you were not informed of any specific or
13 [REDACTED] threat relating to former President Trump prior to July 13th?

14 A As far as I can recall.

15 [REDACTED] Okay. I'm going to turn it over to the minority. We'll take a
16 five-minute break. Off the record.

17 [Recess.]

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Thank you again for spending some time this afternoon with us. I know we
21 were just --

22 A I'm sorry.

23 Q No. We're fine. Do you need a second?

24 A Go ahead.

25 Q We were just starting to discuss some of the roles and assignments going

1 into July 13th, so I'd like to pick up a little bit there.

2 So you're the special agent in charge of Pittsburgh office -- or the Pittsburgh field
3 office, and two of your subordinates, I believe, Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] was assigned to
4 be the lead agent, and Special Agent [REDACTED] was the site counterpart. Is that right?

5 A I believe so, yes.

6 Q Do they both directly report to you, or is there a layer in between?

7 A There's two layers between.

8 Q Okay. Who are those two levels?

9 A ATSAIC [REDACTED] would be the first line supervisor for them, and then
10 the next level is the assistant special agent in charge, which was vacant at that point, and
11 then myself.

12 Q Understood. Does the fact that there is a large event coming to town
13 change that reporting structure in any way, or is that -- the fact that you're sort of
14 introducing elements from a protective detail, did that alter anything?

15 A Yeah. So when the protective detail comes into town, they're almost
16 basically working for the protective detail.

17 Q Okay. So is their supervisor, for purposes of that event, somebody from
18 the detail?

19 A I'm still there in my capacity as a special agent in charge.

20 Q Okay.

21 A But in terms of reporting or in terms of reporting approvals and everything
22 like that, those actually went through the Donald Trump Detail.

23 Q Okay. And I believe the site agent, Special Agent [REDACTED] she came from the
24 detail. Is that right?

25 A Yes.

1 Q So does she have any function reporting to you for purposes of July 13th
2 planning?

3 A The purposes to report to me were for -- so one of my responsibilities is to
4 do the manpower walk-through, which is where we determine Secret Service assets in
5 terms of post standers for the visit. That took place on July 10th. So she was part of
6 that meeting with me.

7 But, otherwise, everything else she would reporting through her chain of
8 command on the detail.

9 Q And do you know who that chain of command was, who those agents were?

10 A Sure. For that day of -- the day of the visit or for the week of the advance,
11 it was -- I believe it was ASAIC [REDACTED] --

12 Q Uh-huh.

13 A -- who was also the operations supervisor for the Donald Trump Detail.

14 And during the week or the day before the visit, [REDACTED] and another agent that
15 was part of the CNOS supplement that we were talking about, a GS-15, also came with
16 him in terms of approving the operational plan.

17 Q And do you recall who that was?

18 A I believe his name is [REDACTED].

19 Q Got it. And you said he's not actually from the detail. He was just
20 assigned for this event. Is that right?

21 A He was part of that CNOS supplement that we talked about.

22 Q Right. Understood. And what about [REDACTED], was he the detail
23 leader? How does he fit into the structure?

24 A So, yes, he's the agent in charge of the Trump detail.

25 Q Would ASAIC [REDACTED] report to him?

1 A Yes. Or he would report to the deputy special agent in charge and to SAIC

2 [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. Thank you. Thinking about the Butler Farm grounds rally site, who
4 is ultimately in charge of that site security?

5 A The site agents.

6 Q The site agents. If there's any sort of disagreement, dispute between the
7 site agent and the lead advance agent here, Special Agent [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] how
8 is that resolved?

9 A Be resolved in numerous ways. But it could be resolved by bringing to my
10 attention, it could be resolved by taking it to the detail itself, which is where most of the
11 briefings took place. That's either/or. Either avenue, really.

1 [1:21 P.M.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q And did anything come to you during the advance week along those lines?
4 Anything that you had to resolve, disputes between the agents?

5 A Not disputes between the agents. The only issue that was brought to my
6 attention the entire week was -- there were two issues on Friday, the day before the visit.
7 Agent [REDACTED] reached out to me in the afternoon to let me know that there would be an
8 issue with staff because of VIP tickets that they were giving out. She had found out that
9 staff was giving out VIP tickets to the event, and [REDACTED] was worried about the fact that
10 the public coming to the event getting these VIP tickets were under the assumption that
11 they were going to get like prime seating, like in the bleachers or close up to the stage,
12 which is where they would want to be.

13 And Agent [REDACTED] told me the fact that the VIP tickets were basically just to get
14 through an expedited magnetometer line. So you would get into the venue sooner, but
15 it was still first come, first serve. So there was really nothing to be a VIP except that you
16 got to go through a shorter line. So she was worried about that becoming an issue the
17 next day with people complaining about that to her.

18 And then later that night during the site build-out, she reached out to me again to
19 tell me she was worried about there being insufficient security from the staff to secure
20 the venue overnight. I asked her if she had reached out to Pennsylvania State Police,
21 PSP, and she did at that point then, and PSP agreed to help monitor the site, I believe,
22 that night.

23 Q Thank you.

24 And in both of those examples, you mentioned staff. I take it that's campaign
25 staff?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And on the first issue, the VIP tickets, is that a security concern, or was she
3 more just concerned that this was going to sort of be a headache? The day of July 13th,
4 people are going to come to the agents and say, We thought we would have better seats?
5 How would that play out?

6 A It's a security concern in the fact that when you're building out the site, it's a
7 dedicated magnetometer. So you're still directing people to that way. But I think it
8 was more about the latter.

9 Q Understood.
10 How did you respond to that concern?

11 A That's a staff function. I really have nothing to do with that in terms of
12 what they were -- how they set it up. It's their site in terms of that.

13 Q Understood.

14 And on the second issue, you said that Agent [REDACTED] did go to PSP for support in
15 securing the site overnight?

16 A I believe so, yes.

17 Q Any sense of who at PSP she was working with there?

18 A I don't know if she spoke with Lieutenant [REDACTED] or one of his -- Lieutenant
19 [REDACTED] I believe was involved with coordinating the -- for planning the entire week. I
20 don't know who she went to.

21 Q Okay. But your understanding was that those concerns were resolved and
22 the site was adequately secured overnight?

23 A She called me later to tell me that she had gotten assurances that it would
24 be monitored.

25 Q Is it unusual that there is this dynamic between the field office and the detail

1 sort of working in combination to support a protected visit, or would that always be the
2 case?

3 A No. In my experience, that's -- so for a presidential visit or a vice
4 presidential visit, those details would send the full detail, a full advance team to help
5 coordinate the planning, develop the security plan.

6 And then also, they send their own supervisors as well, the same thing as the
7 Donald Trump detail does. Those are called second supervisors. So they come before
8 the visit to assess the plan, make sure that everything is up to their standards of what
9 they need to be, and make any changes or adjustments that need to be made.

10 The Donald Trump detail is -- I believe it's the only former presidential detail that
11 sends their own site agent and sends their own supervisors to assess and approve the
12 plan. So if it was President Obama or President Clinton or President Bush coming to
13 Pittsburgh, and they didn't send their own supervisors, it would fall to me to be the one
14 to -- or the Pittsburgh supervisors to be the one that, you know, approve the overall plan,
15 or approve paperwork or approve the documents and everything like that.

16 But it was not the case on July 13th.

17 Q So on July 13th, the Donald Trump detail sent, as you were saying, the site
18 agent, as well as supervisors. And you're providing a lead agent and the site counterpart
19 from the field office, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And I think I'm understanding you to say that for, let's say, former President
22 Obama, he might send the lead advance also. Just help me understand what you're
23 saying the President or Vice President's detail, or another former president would be
24 sending.

25 A A former President's detail might not send anybody.

1 Q Okay. So that would fall entirely on the field office?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Any understanding of why former President Trump's detail operates this
4 way?

5 A My understanding is because of the fact they like the way their sites
6 are -- they like the way they build their sites to be done specifically, and also maintain
7 their relationship with staff.

8 Q So in other words, Special Agent [REDACTED] has a relationship with the campaign
9 staff. They're working in tandem on a regular basis. Theoretically, she would come in
10 and have that full site plan ready to go?

11 A Theoretically.

12 Q Theoretically, did you understand her to have that sort of relation?

13 A I don't know Agent [REDACTED] so I can't speak to that.

14 Q Okay. Did you not interact with her over the course of the week at all?

15 A I met her at the police meeting, which was July 8th, said hello to her, and
16 then I -- she was part of our walk-through on July 10th, but after that, I did not speak with
17 her during the week.

18 Q It would have been more Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] on
19 the day-to-day dealing with her?

20 A Dealing with [REDACTED]

21 Q Yes.

22 A Yes.

23 Q In your opinion, just based on your many years of experience, what is the
24 ideal way to set up an advance team? Would you ideally send folks from the detail?
25 Would you send folks from the field office alone, or would you work in tandem?

1 [REDACTED] Could you clarify the question?

2 [REDACTED]. Sure.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q I'm just asking. This seems to be a little bit different from what you're used
5 to where a site agent comes from the detail. In your experience, if you could start from
6 scratch, who would you send as the lead advance agent? Who would you send as the
7 site agent? How would you staff that?

8 A Ideally, everything would be staffed like we do for the President or Vice
9 President where they send a full advance team to develop the plan and approve the plan.
10 And then we would send our agents as counterparts to help assist them with anything
11 with our local or State partners.

12 Or even just a lot of times, agents, when you're a counterpart, you're helping with
13 paperwork. You're helping with -- you're doing a lot of the different -- you're handling a
14 lot of the smaller details or lesser things to do while the site agent or the lead or
15 somebody else is handling a lot of other things. You're almost a gofer for them.

16 Q I won't use gofer, but more support, local support, liaison role from the field
17 office, and having the detail take the lead on the actual event is what I hear you to be
18 saying. Is that fair?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay.

21 And you just mentioned the July 8th police meeting, so I'd like to fast-forward a
22 little bit to that. What was your role in setting up that meeting, if any?

23 A So my role is actually to set up that meeting. That's one of my -- one of my
24 main responsibilities is to set up that meeting and then to do the manpower
25 walk-through, which took place on July 10th.

1 So on July -- the week before, it was July 2nd or 3rd. I apologize. I don't
2 remember which one. We got confirmation that former President Trump was going to
3 be coming to Butler. We did not have the site yet at that point. I was on vacation or
4 annual leave, out of town, but I was still monitoring my work phone. So I was seeing
5 what was going on.

6 I arrived back in town on July 4th. And then on July 5th, we started to get
7 confirmation that it would be the Butler Farm site, or Butler Farm Show site. I received
8 multiple calls from different entities expressing concern with using that site, to include
9 Sheriff [REDACTED] [REDACTED] expressed concern about the site. And then Congressman Kelly
10 reached out to me directly as well to express concern of using that site due to the size of
11 the site, and it not being appropriate for what the staff was looking to do there, and also,
12 due to the fact that it was a huge open area surrounded by very high-traffic roads that
13 were all under construction.

14 So it was not deemed to be a good site by a lot of people, to include what
15 Congressman Kelly told me. Congressman Kelly actually told me, I believe, that he
16 reached out to the staff to express his concerns and was still told that we -- I believe they
17 signed a contract, so they were going to use that site.

18 Q Do you recall when those discussions with Congressman Kelly and Sheriff
19 [REDACTED] occurred?

20 A Those occurred I believe on July 4th or 5th.

21 Q July 4th or 5th. So prior to this police meeting?

22 A Right.

23 So to answer your other question then, on July 5th, we were doing planning also
24 for the First Lady's visit, which was on July 13th as well. So we knew that former
25 President Trump and the First Lady would both be arriving at the same airport. So I

1 decided that we would do both police meetings at the same location but at different
2 times.

3 But due to the fact that we would be starting in Allegheny County in Pittsburgh,
4 we have a very good relationship with the Allegheny County Emergency Services. So
5 they have a large conference center that they let us use for the police meeting. So we
6 set up the first police meeting at noon for the First Lady, and then the next meeting was
7 going to be at 1 o'clock for former President Trump.

8 Q And just before we get back to the police meeting, I do want to talk about
9 those discussions with Sheriff [REDACTED] and Congressman Kelly a bit more. They conveyed
10 to you that the venue in their opinion was not appropriate. And I think you said that
11 Congressman Kelly told you that he had spoken with the campaign staff about that. Is
12 that right?

13 A I believe so, yes.

14 Q Was he more specific in what those discussions entailed?

15 A I did not -- it was a very quick call. I remember him just saying something
16 along the lines that staff was still going to go with that site.

17 Q And what about the discussion with Sheriff [REDACTED]

18 A I don't remember anything further with Sheriff [REDACTED] other than that.

19 Q What did you do with that information?

20 A In terms of going forward with what we were going through?

21 Q Yeah. Did you reach out to campaign staff at all?

22 A No, I didn't.

23 Q Are you aware of anybody else with Secret Service having discussions with
24 campaign staff about the selection of the Butler Farm ground site?

25 A I can't speak to the detail. I don't know what they did with the staff.

1 Q But anybody in your office have those discussions with staff?

2 A About concerns of that site? No, not that I know of.

3 Q And I believe you said Congressman Kelly relayed that the campaign had
4 already signed a contract with the Butler Farm grounds. Is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q In that discussion, was there ever any talk about using the Butler airport for
7 the rally?

8 [REDACTED] Can we go off the record for a second.

9 [Discussion off the record.]

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q I believe you started to say or to nod that there had been some discussion
12 about the Butler airport as a potential location. Do you recall any discussion about why
13 that was not in play to be used?

14 A The Butler airport, I think had a car show or there was another function that
15 was going to be going on there. And then another suggestion was to use the Butler Fair
16 grounds, and staff, from what I was told, came back and said that they were just going to
17 go with the Butler Farm site.

18 Q Okay. Thank you.

19 So back to the July 8th meeting, I think you said it is one of your primary roles to
20 sort of bring this group together. How do you know who to reach out to?

21 A So for the entities that are part of Allegheny County, they were already -- we
22 work with them all the time. So we already had them notified about the meetings
23 because they would stay for -- they would help plan the First Lady's visit, stay for that
24 meeting, and then they'd just stay for the next meeting as well.

25 For the Butler, the police MDs in Butler, I just started reaching out to my contacts

1 to find out who was in charge for PSP for Butler, who was the Butler EMS, Butler
2 Township P.D. the Butler sheriff. Sheriff [REDACTED] and I, I know Sheriff [REDACTED] so it was
3 easy. I believe I used -- he gave me a lot of different information for the contacts.

4 Q So you mentioned the sheriff. You mentioned PSP. Did you also reach
5 out to Butler Township Police Department?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And what about Butler City Police Department?

8 A I did.

9 Q Were they all in attendance at the police meetings?

10 A Butler city was not.

11 Q Okay, and why not? Did they decline your invitation or --

12 A At that point, none of their personnel were going to be involved with the
13 visit.

14 Q Why was that? What was your understanding?

15 A It's not their jurisdiction.

16 Q Okay.

17 How did you actually reach out? It sounds like you called them. Was there also
18 an email process?

19 A First I called them so that they wouldn't just get an email. So I called them
20 to invite them and also because of the fact that they're in Butler County, and I was asking
21 them to go into Allegheny County, to another jurisdiction for a meeting. So I invited
22 them that way and explained why we were doing it in Allegheny County, as opposed to
23 doing it in Butler.

24 But also, I had not spoken to some of them in a couple years. So I spoke with
25 Lieutenant [REDACTED] I spoke with Lieutenant [REDACTED] from Butler Township P.D. I spoke

1 with [REDACTED], the EMS coordinator or director for Butler County. And I also
2 spoke with a representative from Butler ESU, but I don't know the name.

3 Q Was it Commander [REDACTED], do you recall?

4 A I don't believe it was him, [REDACTED].

5 Q Okay.

6 When you make these calls, what's the response like? Are people happy to
7 help? Anybody say we don't have that ability?

8 A No, they were all appreciative of the call, and they knew that it was coming.

9 Q And they were all able to support it?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you recall any discussions along the lines of we can help generally, but
12 maybe don't have the ability to help with a particular request? We can't supply the
13 number of -- we don't have the manpower to support the visit?

14 A So on the July 8th meeting, we had our regular -- we do a regular meeting
15 where we welcome everybody, thank them for being there. That's usually my function.
16 And then I turn it over to the lead agent, who was Agent [REDACTED] here. Agent [REDACTED] then
17 goes through the itinerary of the visit, what we know at that time, what the anticipation
18 is.

19 And then also, there's a quick, like, intelligence briefing, and an identification thing
20 where we show our pins and different things like that, the meanings of them.

21 And then after that, we break up into groups. So people that are going to be
22 involved with the motorcades go to another part, people that are going to be involved
23 with the airport go to another part, and then people that are going to be involved with
24 the site go to another part. And then they meet with whatever person from the Secret
25 Service would be the point of contact from there.

1 And during that part, I usually just walk around and say thank you, and if there's
2 anything that comes up, that if anybody needs anything, I'm there.

3 I overheard from the group that was meeting about the site, I had overheard them
4 talking about the fact that they did not know if they were going to have enough staffing
5 for it, and that they might need to bring in the Butler city guys to help out. And the
6 reason I recall that is because they made a joke about it saying that, Well, we'd better tell
7 the city guys that they need to be nice because they're not going to be in the city.

8 So when I left the meeting then -- and nobody came to me and told me. That
9 was just me overhearing it. Nobody came to me and brought any concern to me about
10 staffing issues, but I called Chief [REDACTED] from Butler City police, who I know. I called him
11 and I just gave him the heads-up, that, Hey, the township or the sheriff might be calling
12 you for support because I just heard them talking about that they might be short staffed.

13 And then when I spoke to him a couple days later, he had never gotten a phone
14 call from anybody asking for help, and I was under the -- and nobody had called me to ask
15 for help either.

16 Q So was it your impression that that had sort of been worked out, that the
17 Butler sheriff and Butler township would be able to provide adequate support?

18 A I never received information that it wouldn't be, that it wouldn't.

19 Q Okay.

20 I believe you said that you overheard this in sort of the breakout session of who
21 was discussing the site. Who led that part of the breakout session from the Secret
22 Service?

23 A I believe that was Agent [REDACTED]

24 Q And who specifically was raising these concerns that you overheard?

25 A I don't recall.

1 Q But you say it was both the sheriff and Butler township?

2 A They were all there together so --

3 Q Okay. Understood.

4 And then you said you called Chief [REDACTED] a few days later. What was the
5 purpose of that call?

6 A So the campaign or the Donald Trump staff, to thank our local and State
7 partners, will usually offer police photos with former President Trump to say thank you.
8 So it was like a VIP photo.

9 I offered one of those to Chief [REDACTED] with the idea that he might still be getting a
10 call to ask for help. So I wanted to include him on it just in case.

11 Q What if local resources can't meet Secret Service needs? Do you call
12 additional local support from -- do you expand your radius, or do you then look for
13 additional Secret Service manpower?

14 A It would be either.

15 Q Did you do any of that in this case?

16 A I didn't, no.

17 Q Okay.

18 [REDACTED] Did you know that there was a need?

19 [REDACTED] I didn't.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q And just over the course of the week, if it came up at all.

22 You said that I believe Special Agent [REDACTED] led the broader part of the briefing.
23 What is generally discussed during that briefing?

24 A Like I said, the itinerary is discussed, a full, you know -- we go through,
25 obviously, the identification of our protectee, what's going to be in the motorcade, what

1 requests are going to be needed. There's an intelligence briefing. And also, I
2 mentioned towards the end of it, there's an invitation for the security room to say that
3 we're going to have a security room at the site. We'd appreciate for a representative
4 from each agency to be in the security room.

5 Q And who makes that request to be in the security room?

6 A That comes from the lead usually.

7 Q Do you recall specifically if Special Agent [REDACTED] said we would like one from
8 every entity?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And any suggestion during that meeting that Secret Service was only
11 interested in having one person from the county generally in the security room?

12 A No.

13 Q Do you recall any discussion either during Special Agent [REDACTED] briefing or
14 during the breakout sessions, which I understand you were sort of floating around, did
15 you hear any instruction from a Secret Service agent to locals to stay hidden or keep their
16 tactical assets out of sight of press or the rally attendees?

17 A No.

18 Q At that point in time, July 8th, did you have any understanding of what
19 assets the Donald Trump detail will have at its disposal and will be bringing to the site?

20 A For what the normal footprint is?

21 Q Yes.

22 A No.

23 Q And what was your understanding of what would be coming on July 13th?

24 A So when we did our manpower walk-through on July 10th, before we started
25 doing that walk-through, I was told that we would be getting three jump teams

1 from -- [REDACTED] CNOS jump teams, which is a jump team leader, which is a Secret Service
2 agent and [REDACTED] his agents is [REDACTED] jump team. I was told we were going to be getting [REDACTED]
3 for this.

4 Q But it sounds like that comes a little later in the week that you found out the
5 specifics?

6 A That was on -- no. July 10th is when I found that out.

7 Q But at the July 8th meeting, you don't yet have that understanding of those
8 precise assets?

9 A I was not told before then.

10 Q Okay.

11 On July 8th, I think that there was also a walk-through of the Butler Farm ground
12 site. Did you attend that?

13 A I did not.

14 Q Did you speak with Special Agent [REDACTED] or Special Agent [REDACTED] about that
15 walk-through once they were finished with it?

16 A They reported right to the emergency operation center when they were
17 done with it. I was already in the middle of the First Lady's meeting at that point. So I
18 don't recall specifically what we talked about in terms of how the walk-through went.
19 That's something that normally takes place all the time.

20 Q Understood.

21 You mentioned and we started to talk about the security room. What is the
22 security room?

23 A It's just a communications room that we set up at sites, or if it's a larger visit,
24 like for the President at the time, it would be -- you would have a command post and
25 then a security room at each site.

1 Q So how does the security room differ from a command post?

2 A A command post is just larger. It's got -- you could have, you know,
3 different sites that are in different jurisdictions. So you might not have, like, somebody
4 from Allegheny County in the security room if it was Butler assets, if that makes sense.
5 You would want to have resources from that jurisdiction in the security room.

6 If you're at the airport, so when we have a visit with [REDACTED] at the Air
7 National Guard Base, we would have Air National Guard in the security room at the
8 airport. We don't need them at the site because there's no Air National Guard
9 resources at the site. They're just worried about their resources at the site, if that
10 makes sense.

11 Q Yeah.

12 So on July 13th, there was no command post, correct?

13 A Not a command post, no.

14 Q Okay. Just the security room at the Butler Farm ground site.

15 Did you have any role in staffing that security room?

16 A No.

17 Q Was there a communications agent, a special agent that was posted to the
18 security room?

19 A There's an agent that's in the security room, but it's the site agent that staffs
20 it.

21 Q The site agent staffs it.

22 Who was that security room agent?

23 A It was [REDACTED].

24 Q And is [REDACTED] somebody from the Pittsburgh off, or where did he come
25 from?

1 A No. He's a special agent in charge of the Buffalo Field Office.

2 Q Okay.

3 And Special Agent [REDACTED] is who decided that he would be in the security room?

4 A No, I did.

5 Q Oh, you did. Sorry if I misunderstood, but I thought you were saying that
6 she would be in charge of who goes in the security room.

7 A No. I thought you were talking about everybody in the security room.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Who would be there.

10 Q So starting with Special Agent [REDACTED] how does he find himself as the agent
11 there?

12 A Sure. So we did our walk-through on July 10th, and I knew that we would
13 have [REDACTED] post standers at that point to secure the site. I felt like we needed more. So I
14 told the advance team that I was going to request at least three more agents to help
15 secure the site. So I called the office -- when I got done at the walk-through, I called the
16 office of investigations to the position where I used to be, and I told them that we would
17 need additional -- I was going to request additional resources for this site. And they told
18 me, Okay.

19 And then later in the day, I got a call from Agent or SAIC [REDACTED] telling me that he
20 was coming to Pittsburgh, and he told me that he was coming for the First Lady's visit. I
21 told him that if it was okay with him, I would prefer to put him on the Trump visit so that I
22 could have a senior person in the security room there.

23 Q It sounds like you have some awareness of SAIC [REDACTED] experience. Is that
24 fair?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Why did you want him on the Trump visit as opposed to the First Lady's
2 visit?

3 A The First Lady's visit was a smaller footprint. It was an indoor venue, less
4 people, quicker visit. The Trump visit was going to be a very long day, starting early,
5 ending late, a lot of different moving parts. I wanted a senior person to be in the
6 security room to handle anything that might come up.

7 Q And to the extent you would know it, what is SAIC [REDACTED] experience and
8 background that qualified him for that in your mind?

9 A He's done several different supervisor assignments. We started in New
10 York together. He then did a permanent protective detail. He's been promoted
11 multiple times, had multiple different assignments in protection and outside of
12 protection. So just his natural experience as an agent.

13 Q And when you asked that he work on this visit, as opposed to the First
14 Lady's, was it a request that he specifically be in the security room, or you just generally
15 were looking for him to join the former President's visit?

16 A No, I asked him. I said, If it's okay with you, I want to put you in the
17 security room for the visit.

18 Q To your knowledge, had he worked in a security room before?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Had you seen him work in a security room?

21 A We've all worked security rooms throughout our career.

22 Q And we sort of talked about putting him in there. What exactly is the role
23 of the security room agent? How would you describe what responsibilities that person
24 has?

25 A Passing information to wherever it's needed to go to, depending on what's

1 coming in. You're relaying information coming from -- you're relaying arrival
2 information coming to the post standers at the visit or to everybody that's working the
3 visit. You're dealing with medical issues and getting resources where they need to be.
4 Just you're constantly just in communication and relaying with everybody.

5 Q Constant communications. You talked about arrival information, medical
6 information. Is there any sort of standard that's written anywhere that says this is the
7 type of information that a security room agent needs to be disseminating?

8 A I'm not sure.

9 Q Okay.

10 You know, we've heard some discussion from other folks that we've interviewed.
11 We don't want to put information out on the radio. We don't want too much chatter.
12 Is there any guidance of what rises to the level of information that is important to put
13 over the radio?

14 [REDACTED] Written guidance?

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q Written or your training and experience. But no articulation of a way to do
17 that?

18 A I think it's the individual's judgment.

19 Q Okay.

20 And I think, in our confusion, you were saying that Special Agent [REDACTED] asked
21 other folks to be in the security room, or she was generally in charge of who should be in
22 there?

23 A The site agent is responsible to make sure that all the entities are in the
24 security room that are supposed to be there.

25 Q And who should have been in there on July 13th?

1 A Well, in terms of local or State representatives who were invited to be in
2 there should have been in the security room.

3 Q And to your knowledge, who was in the security room on July 13th?

4 A Post incident, I know that there was a Butler EMS representative in there,
5 and I know that there was a PSP sergeant in there.

6 Q But leading up to it, did you have any sense of who would be staffed in there
7 other than SAIC [REDACTED]

8 A No.

9 Q You mentioned Butler EMS and PSP. Focusing on the time leading up to
10 July 13th, is it your understanding, having worked with these agencies before, whether
11 they have the ability to communicate with each other, whether their radios have
12 interoperability?

13 A I don't know.

14 Q And then, since July 13th, have you come to understand what the
15 interoperability capabilities were?

16 A No.

17 Q Were you also aware that there was going to be a Butler EMS trailer onsite
18 at the Butler Farm grounds?

19 A So on July 5th, when I spoke with [REDACTED], the director of EMS for
20 Butler County, when we were originally talking about the venue the next week, we knew
21 that the projections for the weather that week was going to be very hot, and there was
22 going to be this open farm ground.

23 So Director [REDACTED] said to me that it's going to be hot. There's going to be a
24 lot of people dropping out there. I might bring out the mobile command post. And I
25 said, Okay. My understanding is that it would be for medical purposes, not to replace or

1 act as a secondary police command post.

2 Q Is it your understanding that it did, in fact, operate as a secondary police
3 command post?

4 A I don't know who was represented in that.

5 Q Okay. But as far as your communications with Director [REDACTED] he was
6 going to bring this really as an emergency management function, not as a separate law
7 enforcement platform. Is that fair?

8 A Yes. It was not brought to my attention that it would be for police.

9 Q Okay.

10 Had you been made aware that -- or had there been a suggestion that this would
11 be a separate police command post for local or State, would that have been a concern to
12 you?

13 A If I had been made aware of it?

14 Q Yes.

15 A I would have asked either for the representatives to be with us or for us to
16 take our representatives and put it with them.

17 Q Okay.

18 Based on your discussions with Special Agent [REDACTED] or Special Agent [REDACTED] did it
19 come to your attention that there would be local law enforcement separate?

20 A No.

21 Q So was there ever any discussion that you were aware of, as you suggested,
22 placing a Secret Service agent in that local trailer?

23 A No.

24 Q On July 9th, there was a walk-through, both at the airport and at the Butler
25 Farm grounds. Did you attend either of those?

1 A No.

2 Q Do you recall after those walk-throughs discussing with Special Agent [REDACTED]
3 her manpower justification document?

4 A No.

5 Q What is the purpose of a manpower justification document? What is that?

6 A So as a site agent, you have to go through and justify every post individual
7 you're requesting and say that it's for a relevant purpose. So when we use post stander
8 assets from the Secret Service, it's supposed to be for a post where it's somebody that's
9 going to be a decision-maker, or a need to have -- use a different discretion about who
10 should be coming in, who should be coming out.

11 If it's something that we would ask one of our law enforcement partners to do, we
12 don't want to put them in a position where they would have to be put in a position to
13 make that decision that they might not have the experience or knowledge about who the
14 people coming are.

15 So normally, we ask our police counterparts to be in [REDACTED] posts where
16 they can just deny access for the most part.

17 Q And did you review the manpower justification going into the manpower
18 walk-through? Like, do those two pieces go together at all?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay.

21 So on July 10th, we have mentioned a couple times the manpower walk-through,
22 and I think you've described it, but, generally speaking, what's the purpose of that visit?

23 A So it's to handle, or to review, the Secret Service post standers that we're
24 going to be requesting to make sure that those assets are all -- or that, you know, as a
25 supervisor, you walk the site with the site agent, look at their posts, what they're planning

1 on doing, and you just assess if there's enough or not enough and see what they're doing
2 with the post standers.

3 Q And going into that, who has sort of done the first run at deciding where
4 post standers might be?

5 A That would be the site agent.

6 Q The site agent?

7 What about the site counterpart, or are you grouping them together?

8 A They would be together.

9 Q Okay.

10 For lack of a better term, can you walk us through the walk-through? What are
11 you looking for? What happens over the course of that July 10th visit?

12 A So when I arrived at the site for the walk-through, we started in an office
13 building and looked at an overview picture of the Butler Farm grounds just to see where
14 the stage would be, what we're going to be looking at, and then just went over Secret
15 Service posting at that point.

16 And then we actually just walked where the Secret Service post standers would
17 be. So I saw where magnetometers would be for the public coming in. And then, the
18 site was not built at this point at all. So we went to where the stage would be. I saw,
19 you know, the post standers, where the VIP tent would be, where the arrival/departure
20 tent. Those were all together behind the stage. There's a barn and then there's the
21 tent for where the VIP photos would be, a hold tent for former President Trump, and then
22 the arrival/departure tent were all right there together behind the stage, where the stage
23 would be, I should say.

24 So you see where those post standers are going to be. Do we have enough?

25 And that's when I said that we needed to add -- I wanted to add an additional three to the

1 size of the venue.

2 With that being said, with the manpower constraints that we were dealing with, I
3 didn't even know that I would get the three that I was asking for. I did get them.

4 But then, while we were at the stage area -- or during the walk-through, we talked
5 about line-of-sight issues, what are we doing to mitigate line of sight, because the entire
6 field was a line of sight. It was just line-of-sight issues everywhere.

7 I was told throughout the walk-throughs that the Butler Farm Show had -- there
8 was either somebody connected with the Butler Farm Show itself, or a vendor they used
9 had offered large farm equipment, combines and other things to use to block line of sight
10 wherever we needed it, and it was free of charge is what I was told. I remember that in
11 my head.

12 So then when we went and we walked by the -- when we were at where the stage
13 would be, I looked towards the 3 o'clock area, where everybody knows now, and I
14 pointed over to the AGR complex, and I said, What are we doing over there? I was told
15 that we would have roving police posts in that area.

16 I was told that the arrangements had already been made to close the AGR
17 building. They were going to close down for the day, that they were going to lock it;
18 that the parking lot, there was going to be, I believe, a patrol car or something in the
19 parking lot to keep the parking lot blocked off; that there would be roving police posts in
20 that area; that we would also have -- there would be police, patrol police in the rabbit
21 room, the double fence that separates the AGR complex from the Butler Farm Show site;
22 that there would be police posts in there as well; and that we would have large farm
23 equipment to block the line of sight from there; that we would have counter snipers; and
24 that we would have bleachers, jumbotrons, and other things to block line of sight as well.

25 Q Okay. And I realize we're coming up on time, but just who is conveying this

1 information to you? Who is telling you that we're going to have roving police posts?

2 A It was all three. So when I did the walk-through, it was with Agent [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and then also, with the representative from the technical security
4 division who, I'm sorry, I don't know his name off the top of my head.

5 Q No problem at all.

6 And when you're describing these roving police posts and we're going to have
7 police posts in the rabbit run, any specificity as to which police entities would be covering
8 those locations?

9 A No. I was told the next day they were doing their walk-through with the
10 police to establish all of that.

11 Q Among the entities that we discussed earlier, PSP, Butler township -- not
12 Butler city -- and the sheriff, did you have a general sense of where they would be, if
13 there was one of them that would be sort of more likely to cover that AGR complex or --

14 A No, not at that point.

15 Q Okay.

16 [REDACTED] And I see we're at about 45 minutes. So I will go off the record,
17 and we'll turn it over to the minority -- or majority. Thank you.

18 [Recess.]

19 [REDACTED] We're going back on the record.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Special Agent [REDACTED] I want to start off where my colleagues in the minority
22 left off, which is the site visit. I think it was July 10th.

23 Now, you've talked about surveying the site, walking around the site with [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] and -- I'm sorry. Was it [REDACTED] Who was the third person?

25 A [REDACTED]

1 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 And you also mentioned that you specifically noticed the 3 o'clock area from
3 where the stage was going to be, which was the AGR building, correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And you were the person who said that what are we going to do about this
6 line of sight, right?

7 A Yes.

8 [REDACTED] It was a person.

9 [REDACTED] No. I think he said he was the person.

10 [REDACTED] I said I pointed over to that area and said what are we doing over
11 here?

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Did anyone else say that in your presence?

14 A Did anybody else say what are we doing over here?

15 Q Yes.

16 A No. It was just us.

17 Q So from your perspective, you were the person in that group of people that
18 you were with that said, what are we going to do about this area, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q All right.

21 Did anyone else around you express any concerns about the same thing you were
22 pointing out, which was the open line of sight from the AGR building?

23 A No. They expressed what they were going to do to eliminate or mitigate
24 those problems.

25 Q Okay. And they being [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

1 A Yes.

2 Q And the resources that were going to be added, I guess for free, would be,
3 like, equipment, vehicles, things like that? Is that right, in part?

4 A Large farm equipment is what I was told.

5 Q Okay. And do you recall who told you that that was going to be part of the
6 plan?

7 A I don't.

8 Q Okay.

9 Who was responsible for dealing with local law enforcement amongst that group
10 of people from your perspective?

11 A The site agent.

12 Q The site agent. And that was?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q [REDACTED]

15 And so and then with respect to the law enforcement piece of the providing
16 security for the AGR building, that seemed like it was going to be local law enforcement?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. So it would be PSP, Butler, et cetera?

19 A I didn't know.

20 Q Okay. But you understood it to be local law enforcement, not Federal law
21 enforcement?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And who was responsible for dealing with those people as far as you knew?

24 A That's part of the site.

25 Q So it would be Agent [REDACTED] as well?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 Did you have an understanding as to whether or not Agent [REDACTED] or -- I don't know
4 why I'm blanking on the name -- or Special Agent [REDACTED] had any direct contact with law
5 enforcement, local law enforcement at that time?

6 A Could you repeat the question?

7 Q Did they have any -- did those two people who reported to you, did they
8 have any responsibility for dealing with local law enforcement at that point?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. And what was that? To your understanding, what was their
11 responsibility?

12 A To coordinate with them as part of the site planning.

13 Q Okay.

14 Did you have an understanding at that time, when you heard that local law
15 enforcement would also be providing assets to secure that area, whether or not Special
16 Agent [REDACTED] or Special Agent [REDACTED] had spoken to law enforcement, local law
17 enforcement about what type of assets they could provide?

18 A No.

19 Q When you heard what the plan was from whomever it was that told you, did
20 that alleviate your concerns?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And why was that?

23 A Because those were all standard things that we would do to mitigate that
24 line-of-sight concern.

25 Q Did you hear anyone suggest, or did you suggest that there should be an

1 opaque structure, or opaque sheet of some sort put in between the AGR field and the site
2 of stage?

3 A I don't recall that.

4 Q Did you ever hear anyone suggest that before July 13th?

5 A Not that I recall.

6 Q Now, going back to Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] they were
7 both people who reported to you, correct?

8 A So they report to me as part of the Pittsburgh field office chain of command,
9 but during the week of the visit, they're reporting also to the supervisor from the Trump
10 detail.

11 Q Okay.

12 Was it the supervisors from the Trump detail that chose them for this event or
13 was it you?

14 A No, it was the Pittsburgh field office.

15 Q Okay. And was that you, or was that somebody else?

16 A I don't recall if it was me or ATSAIC [REDACTED] specifically who assigned them.

17 Q Okay, but it was one of the two of you?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And did you have any concerns about either of them being able to do the
20 function that they were being asked to do?

21 A No.

22 Q Had you worked with Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] for some
23 period of time?

24 A They both had been assigned to Pittsburgh for, I believe, 2 years at that
25 point.

1 Q Did you have any prior concerns with their performance or their functions in
2 protective detail?

3 A No. Agent [REDACTED] had done a full 6 years with the Vice President detail
4 where she was a whip, which means she was a senior non-supervisor agent, and also had
5 done several lead advances for the Vice President's detail.

6 Agent [REDACTED] did 6 years with the President's detail where she had done several
7 sites as well.

8 Q Okay. So you were comfortable they both knew what they were doing
9 effectively?

10 A Yes.

11 Q In the course of that walk-through, did you have occasion to interact with
12 local law enforcement at all?

13 A There was no local law enforcement there.

14 Q So that day it was only the Secret Service that was present?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what about Special Agent [REDACTED] Had you ever dealt with her before?

17 A I had not.

18 Q Did you have any understanding of her reputation? Had you ever heard of
19 her before?

20 A I had not heard of her.

21 Q So this was the first time you had ever met her?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Anything about your interactions with her that day that gave you any
24 concern about her ability to do her job?

25 A No.

1 Q So just so the record is clear, it sounds like as of July 10th, when you did the
2 walk-through, the people you were working with in the Secret Service, you were
3 comfortable that they knew what they were doing and they had a good plan?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you have an understanding on July 10th when you did the walk-through
6 of what the perimeter would be for this event?

7 A So when I was doing my walk-through on July 10th, the focus was going to
8 be on Secret Service staffing. I knew that the next day, that the perimeter would be
9 established more with -- they were having a meeting with local partners to more firmly
10 establish what the outer perimeter would be.

11 Q Okay. And so that day it sounds like there wasn't -- you didn't know what
12 exactly the perimeter would be that day because that wasn't the purpose of that
13 particular visit?

14 A Yes.

15 Q You did mention that you thought at that point -- I think that was the day
16 that once you did that site visit, that you believed that you needed another three agents.
17 Is that right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So that was based on what assessment?

20 A I was requesting, because of the fact that it was such a large site, what we
21 were going to be dealing with. But also, I wanted to ensure that some more crucial
22 posts were handled by Secret Service agents, as opposed to being given to his agents that
23 might not have the experience to do them.

24 Q Okay.

25 And the post stander sites, just explain to us what that means. Post standing,

1 what is that role?

2 A Post standing is what every Secret Service agent does. If you're not part of
3 the immediate working shift around the protectee, you're holding a post to make sure
4 that wherever you're holding is secure and that only things that are supposed to be
5 coming into that area are what's supposed to be coming in.

6 Q Got it.

7 Okay. I think you mentioned, I may be wrong with this, but there were 18
8 planned at that point?

9 A Yep.

10 Q So you wanted 21?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And just to -- did you get the 21?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Was there any pushback from D.C. about that?

15 A No.

16 Q Now, when you identified the AGR building or that area as a question about
17 what are we going to do about this, and you were told that there would be various farm
18 equipment that would be made available, there would be police presence from local law
19 enforcement, did you, based on your experience, have an understanding of what that
20 meant for the AGR building as to whether or not it was within or outside the perimeter?

21 A In terms of the building itself or --

22 Q Yes, and the field. Yes, exactly.

23 A My understanding is that that was just a no-go. I did not think it was part
24 of the inner perimeter of where we were going to be. But in terms of the actual outer
25 perimeter and everything, I didn't understand, I didn't have a full understanding of the

1 scope of the outer perimeter at that point.

2 Q Okay.

3 So you understood, of course, at that point, it sounds like, that the rally itself,
4 people who were going to be attending the rally inside the rally, not the people outside,
5 would not be in the field or in the building, obviously, for the inner perimeter, right, for
6 the actual rally, correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q But the outer perimeter, you did not understand at that point whether or
9 not that area would be part of the outer perimeter?

10 A I understood that area to be basically locked down and closed off with
11 police, the building to be closed, that there would be police posted there to make sure
12 that there was nobody around the building. But in terms of us discussing if it's inner
13 perimeter or outer perimeter, that didn't happen.

14 Q Okay.

15 And is there a distinction in your mind between an inner perimeter and outer
16 perimeter from your experience?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What is that?

19 A It would depend on if it was Secret Service resources or for -- needed to
20 secure something or if it would be local or State partners that needed to secure it.

21 Q Okay. So inner perimeter would be secured principally by the Secret
22 Service, in your experience?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And outer perimeter would be secured by local law enforcement, in your
25 experience?

1 A It could be.

2 Q Could be? Could it also be secured by someone else?

3 A Well, we also had that day, we also had local law enforcement on our inner
4 perimeter as well.

5 Q Okay. So could there be Secret Service, in your experience, assets available
6 or used in the outer perimeter?

7 A Yes.

8 Q But at that point, you weren't sure what exactly the outer perimeter would
9 be, but you did understand that that area, based on what people told you, would be part
10 of the outer perimeter and, essentially, would be locked down?

11 A I was under the impression -- I was told that it would be locked down.

12 Q Okay.

13 And did that alleviate your concern about what are we going to do about
14 3 o'clock?

15 A Yes.

16 Q At that point, when you were doing that survey, were you aware that
17 President, former President Trump had counter snipers that were assigned to this rally?

18 A So July 9th I was cc'd on an email that counter snipers were approved and
19 asked for housing in Pittsburgh beginning on July 10th. So that's when I knew that
20 counter snipers were coming.

21 When we concluded our walk-through on July 10th, the counter sniper advance
22 technician was at the site, and I said hello to him. I had never met him before. And
23 that was my only interaction with him.

24 Q Okay. So you didn't speak to him about lines of sight or anything around
25 the site?

1 A He was just getting there to begin his advance at that point.

2 Q Okay. Understood.

3 I think we talked earlier today that counter snipers are [REDACTED] for
4 [REDACTED]. Did you think it was [REDACTED] that counter
5 snipers were provided for this rally?

6 A [REDACTED].

7 Q Okay. You had not received -- and we talked about this earlier -- you had
8 not received any information about a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] relating to former
9 President Trump at that point?

10 A I did not.

11 Q So your entire -- your basis for thinking that they provided counter sniper
12 support was because of the [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] of the event?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did you have an understanding as to whether or not the counter snipers
15 would be focused on any particular areas of the event?

16 A No. They had not been there advancing.

17 Q Okay.

18 Did you have an idea of how many counter snipers would be provided?

19 A No.

20 Q [REDACTED] Is that right?

21 A They work in pairs, but that's part of their advance is to figure out how many
22 teams they're going to need.

23 Q Okay.

24 And with the counter-sniper advance, who came that you just had a brief
25 interaction with, was that one person or two people?

1 A Just one person.

2 Q Just one person.

3 Now, there were subsequent visits to the site by members of your office on
4 July 11th and July 12th. Did you attend either of those?

5 A No.

6 Q Do you know who went to those?

7 A I wasn't present for it.

8 Q Okay.

9 Do you have a recollection that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or anyone went to
10 those?

11 A The site agents I believe and the lead, [REDACTED] went on July 9th or July 11th, I
12 apologize. Then on July 12th, it was the advance team with the supervisors from the
13 Trump detail to do the final walk-throughs and approvals.

14 Q And that was the lead agent, [REDACTED]

15 A Yes.

16 Q And you know this because you asked her to do this, or you just know
17 because she told you that she did this?

18 A No, that's her function.

19 Q That's her function.

20 A One of her functions.

21 Q Got it.

22 And did you learn, because I think you said that on July 10th, when you were
23 doing your survey, that the next day the perimeter would be established?

24 A I knew the next day that the police resources and the police walk-throughs
25 were going to take place to establish those.

1 Q Okay. And as far as you know, that occurred on July 11th?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did Special Agent [REDACTED] report back to you, you know, orally or in email or
4 any way how that site visit had gone?

5 A No.

6 Q Did you ask her if she had any concerns or how it had gone?

7 A I had been in contact with the advance team throughout the week, just
8 asking them how's everything going, but nothing specific about that. Nothing was
9 brought to my attention that there was anything wrong.

10 Q All right.

11 And so as far as you know, as far as you knew, there was no concerns that were
12 raised to you about the planning for the event or the advance for the event?

13 A Yeah, there was no concerns from the Secret Service or from our partners.

14 Q Okay.

15 And as of the date of the event itself, July 13th, were you aware of any manpower
16 concerns that you had or members of the field office had at that point?

17 A No.

18 Q Were you aware of any manpower concerns that D.C. had, Washington,
19 D.C.?

20 A Manpower concerns? What do you mean?

21 Q Relating to how the event was being staffed.

22 A No.

23 Q What about local law enforcement? Had anyone raised anything to you
24 about it?

25 A No.

1 Q So as far as you were concerned at that point, you believed that you had the
2 assets you needed to -- when I say "you," I'm talking about your office, to do the job you
3 guys were meant to do?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So now, you've done a number of -- you've been the special agent in charge
6 for 6 years, correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And you've done other protective service events, obviously, many, correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And have you done events, or, I should say, has your office done events that
11 were outdoor events?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Have you done outdoor events for former President Trump?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Would you say that you've done many outdoor events? And when I say,
16 "you," I'm talking about your office.

17 A No.

18 Q Have you done at least some for former President Trump?

19 A In his capacity as a former President?

20 Q Former President or President.

21 A Yes, both.

22 Q Okay.

23 What about other candidates or Presidents, President Biden or anyone else?

24 Have you done other outdoor events for them?

25 A Yes.

1 Q In the same period of time?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Was there anything about this particular event that gave you particular
4 concern before the event actually occurred?

5 A There were several things. There was the line-of-sight concerns. There
6 was the heat and the medical issues that we were anticipating. But otherwise, no,
7 nothing was ever brought to my attention in terms of concerns from our partners or from
8 anybody in the Secret Service.

9 Q Okay.

10 So, and I guess for other outdoor events, there would also be line of sight
11 concerns that would have to be addressed?

12 A Yes.

13 Q So nothing unusual about that?

14 A No.

15 Q And I assume some of the events would have been in the summer?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So heat would also be an issue for those?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So nothing about this particular event, it sounds like, before the event,
20 obviously, occurred stood out to you as being particularly problematic?

21 A No.

1 [2:30 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]

3 Q Now, before we get to the actual day on July 13th, I want to talk to you
4 about some of the -- I've asked you about Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED]
5 I want to talk about a couple other people who, as we understand it, were involved in the
6 advance and also the protective services.

7 Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] have you worked with him for some
8 period of time?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How long have you worked with him?

11 A I've worked with him for over 24 years.

12 Q Over 24 years. He's someone you consider a friend as well, it sounds like?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And is he -- from your view, is he somebody who is competent to do his job?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Have you ever had any concerns about his competency?

17 A No.

18 Q Was he someone that you believed would do -- take the right steps that
19 were needed to perform the functions that day?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And what about Special Agent [REDACTED] do you have experience with him?

22 A Yes.

23 Q How long have you worked with him?

24 A I believe he reported to Pittsburgh in 2018 or '19.

25 Q Okay. And so he had been working there almost the same entire time that

1 you had been the special agent in charge?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And was he principally responsible -- let me ask you this way.

4 He did the same job as everyone else, he was part investigation, part protective
5 services?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Did you have any particular views of his competency?

8 A He was a very competent agent.

9 Q And do you know if he had done -- to this day he was assigned to be a
10 Protective Intelligence coordinator, right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know if he had done that before?

13 A I can't recall.

14 Q Was he somebody -- when you -- you mentioned earlier that you had
15 assigned him for that particular function based on availability?

16 A If it was -- I believe I said if it was -- I don't know if it was myself or [REDACTED]
17 who assigned.

18 Q Whoever it was. But it's your understanding that he was assigned based on
19 availability?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And you were not sure if he had [REDACTED]?

22 A I'm not sure if he does.

23 Q Okay. So for the Protective Intelligence role, I assume that's something
24 that is assigned for every single event?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Is it important to have an agent who you know has [REDACTED] to have
2 that role?

3 A It's -- no.

4 Q And why is that? Why is it not important?

5 A Because there's other ways to pass information if they need to or if -- if there
6 was intelligence that came in that needed to be passed, if it couldn't be passed to that
7 person, it could be always passed to a supervisor like myself.

8 Q Okay. Had you ever heard any concerns from any of the other agents in
9 the field office about Special Agent [REDACTED] competence?

10 A No.

11 Q So no -- Special Agent [REDACTED] or special agent [REDACTED] no one had ever raised
12 questions about his competence?

13 A No.

14 Q So as far as you knew, as of the July 13th event, [REDACTED] was also quite
15 competent to play the role he was going to play?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And what is the role of the Protective Intelligence coordinator, as far as you
18 understand it, for events like this?

19 A The role of the Protective Intelligence coordinator is they have multiple
20 things that they have to do. They do name checks on people that are going to be
21 around our protectees to make sure that we know who is going to be around them.
22 They take care of the people that are volunteers also or that are going to be in [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] protectee in terms of staff or in terms of drivers and things that are
24 volunteers for the motorcade.

25 Any threats that come up during the week, they run out and investigate if it's

1 specific to our area or specific to the protectee. And then if intelligence needs to be
2 passed back or forth from headquarters, they would use them as a point of contact.

3 Q Okay. This is a hypothetical just based on the answers you've given.
4 The -- you've said that it's not important that the PI coordinator has [REDACTED] because there
5 are other ways to get intelligence communicated to anyone who needs to get it if it's at
6 the [REDACTED].

7 A Right.

8 Q The coordinator, if he or she doesn't have [REDACTED]/[REDACTED] they can't, obviously, get
9 [REDACTED] information, right?

10 A I'm not sure, actually. I don't know if they are allowed to be read in on it or
11 not.

12 Q Okay. Well, you've been trained on [REDACTED], right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And have you been trained that the only people that can receive [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] are people who have [REDACTED]?

16 A I can't recall.

17 Q [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]?

21 A [REDACTED]

22 Q [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 A Correct.

25 Q [REDACTED]?

1 A Correct.

2 Q [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 Q I'm going to ask you a few questions about that.

8 [REDACTED] And I believe he lists the assets, and there's testimony if you want to
9 put it in front of him.

10 [REDACTED] No. I mean, I'm not going to go through -- I'm not going to waste
11 time going through what he said.

12 [REDACTED]?

13 [REDACTED] I don't.

14 [REDACTED] Objection.

15 [REDACTED] This is not an objection situation. You have to raise a privilege or
16 something else.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. Well, if you can ask him a question about what he would
18 know, that would be helpful.

19 [REDACTED] Well -- go ahead.

20 [REDACTED] No. I'm asking him does he have any reason why --

21 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. I couldn't get both of you.

22 [REDACTED] I'm not even sure why that's objectionable, even if we're in a court or
23 not.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q Do you have any information why you were not provided that?

1 A No.

2 Q No? You have to say it --

3 A No. I'm sorry. No.

4 Q Do you have any prior experience with learning about information, [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] after an event occurred that you were not told about before?

6 [REDACTED] Sorry. Can you clarify that or rephrase it?

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q Do you have any other information -- do you have any other experiences

9 where you learned about a [REDACTED] only after the event occurred?

10 A Not that I recall.

11 Q So as far as sitting here today, the only time you can think of that you're
12 aware of where you learned of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] being made against a protectee but only
13 after the event occurred is this one?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you know if there's any requirement in the Secret Service rules or
16 regulations that the special agent in charge who is involved in an event is supposed to be
17 made aware of [REDACTED] by whoever has that information?

18 A I don't know the policy on that, so --

19 Q After you identified the 3:00 issue on the date of the site walk-through, you
20 were told there would be other farm equipment and local law enforcement, did you
21 follow up with anyone to find out if that, in fact, had happened?

22 A No. I knew that the -- they were doing the walk-through the next day with
23 the local and state partners, and then I also knew that on the 12th that the second
24 supervisors would do their walk-through where they did the final assessments of
25 everything.

1 Q Got it. So your understanding based on what you were told on the July
2 10th that the things that you were told would actually happen, right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q But there was -- you had -- you said you did not believe you had any reason
5 to follow up and ask, hey, did this actually happen?

6 A No.

7 Q Did anyone tell you, even if you had understood they would do this, that, in
8 fact, some of this did not happen?

9 A Did anyone tell me?

10 Q That the farm equipment was not placed there or that there wouldn't be the
11 same level of law enforcement lockdown as suggested?

12 A Before the event?

13 Q Before the event.

14 A No.

15 Q So as of the day of the event, as far as you knew, the -- the area had been
16 locked down?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you expected, based on what you had been told on July 10th, that there
19 would be farm equipment used to block some parts of the line of sight and there would
20 be a lockdown using local law enforcement, right?

21 [REDACTED] He said some other things, too.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Let me have him answer that question, and then we can ask him what else
24 he --

25 A So the day at the visit I was not there for the site build. I arrived in the

1 motorcade afterwards with former President Trump.

2 But, yes, my expectation is that the things that I'm briefed that were going to
3 happen happened.

4 Q Okay. And what other -- your counsel mentioned there were other things
5 you expected to happen. What were those other things?

6 A Counter sniper assets that were part of the event also to help with the
7 advance and secure that area -- or not secure that area, but monitor that area over there
8 as well. And then, obviously, the positioning of the bleachers, the positioning of
9 jumbo -- the jumbotrons. I think that's -- I can't --

10 [REDACTED] The testimony speaks for itself.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q And who told you those things?

13 A Those were all done during our walk-through on the 10th.

14 Q Okay. And that was told to you by either -- by Special Agent [REDACTED] in all
15 likelihood?

16 A No. It would have -- well, it would have been [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

17 Q Okay. So any of those three would have told you that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So just so I'm clear, you understood the counter snipers would be focused on
20 what?

21 A That area would have been part of the counter snipers, just from my
22 experience, their general vulnerability assessment. That's one of the things that they
23 do.

24 Q Okay. And is that based on only your experience, or were you told that as
25 well?

1 A I was never briefed by the counter sniper. They briefed the detail. They
2 didn't brief me.

3 Q Okay. I think you said that when you were doing the walk-through that you
4 also understood there would be counter sniper assets available that would be focused on
5 including the area that we're talking about, the 3:00 area?

6 A I -- so I saw the counter sniper there. He had not completed his advance
7 yet. But on Friday afternoon I saw -- or Friday night I saw his survey that he had done
8 and provided to the detail. I wasn't briefed on it or a part of the briefing process or
9 approval process for it, but it was provided to me as a courtesy.

10 Q Got it. And so you reviewed that on Friday night, July 12th?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And in that document, did it set out what the counter snipers -- I don't know
13 what you call it -- field of vision would be or their area of responsibility would be?

14 A I believe that in one of the slides there's a picture of the counter snipers,
15 the -- one of the things that they do as part of their advance is they [REDACTED]
16 and [REDACTED], and
17 then they also go and figure out [REDACTED]. So I recall seeing a slide
18 showing that area over there for the AGR.

19 Q When -- I'm shooting ahead a little bit just because I want to try to keep with
20 your testimony.

21 You told us what your expectation was based on what people had told you and
22 also what your experience was in prior events before the July 13th event.

23 When you arrived in the motorcade on July 13th, did you have occasion to look
24 over at the 3:00 area?

25 A No.

1 Q So you don't know -- before the shooting, you have no idea whether or not,
2 in fact, the area had been locked down or there was farm equipment there to block off
3 lines of sight?

4 A No.

5 Q Let's turn to the actual day of the event.

6 A So when we arrive -- when we arrive at the site in the motorcade and
7 everything, the second supervisor is the one that's from the detail -- from the Trump
8 detail would also arrive at the site. I don't know that they -- that they walked around to
9 see if -- that's one of the -- one of the functions of the protective detail. When you
10 arrive at the site, you -- you look to make sure everything is good before you go up on the
11 stage.

12 Q Right. Understood. What I'm curious about is what you knew and what
13 you saw.

14 A What I knew, yeah. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

15 Q No. That's fine. So -- but your -- just taking that line, your
16 understanding -- your understanding when you arrived was that the detail, the DTJ detail
17 would actually -- or DTD detail would actually do the -- any kind of walk-through at that
18 point once you arrived in the motorcade?

19 A I can't speak for them. I'm just telling you from my experience --

20 Q In your experience --

21 A -- that's what I would have done, yes.

22 Q Okay.

23 A If I was part of that -- if I was part of that detail or when I was on the
24 President's detail, that's what would happen.

25 Q Okay. So now let's get to July 13th itself.

1 A Okay.

2 Q So that -- as of that point that we've established that, as far as you
3 understood, the assets were available to perform the duty -- the function that you were
4 supposed to -- that you, the Secret Service, was supposed to handle, correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q You didn't have any concerns that there was a gap in manpower?

7 A Nothing was brought to my attention.

8 Q Got it. And you did not -- no one brought to your attention or you
9 hadn't -- didn't have concerns that there were lines of sight that might not be secured?

10 A No.

11 Q And would you characterize your -- your understanding -- or let me put it this
12 way.

13 Was there anything unusual for you that morning when you were heading out for
14 work about the -- that event from the perspective of providing protective services?

15 A No.

16 Q So from your perspective, at that point it would be a normal protective
17 service event, and you would be able to -- when I say you, again, I'm talking about the
18 Secret Service -- be able to do the job properly, correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, you -- as you mentioned, you came over in the motorcade, right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And you had certain agents or I should say -- I don't know if you had
23 them -- but there were agents from your office who went to the site itself, right?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And do you remember who those agents were who went to the site itself

1 from the beginning?

2 A At the beginning, it would have been the -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

3 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

4 And do you know why they went to the site itself rather than go the motorcade?

5 A Because they were the site agents. It was their responsibility to make sure
6 the site -- the site agents, it's their responsibility to make sure the site is built and
7 everything is set the way it's supposed to be.

8 Q Got it. Do you recall any concerns that they raised that morning of July
9 13th to you about any issues that they were observing with the site or the protective
10 services?

11 A I believe the only issues that were brought to my attention were about
12 medical issues, about people -- they were having a lot of people drop because of heat,
13 heat problems.

14 And then I believe I received a call from [REDACTED] about -- about [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED], helping him get into the site because he was going to be one of the VIPs and
16 needed to be facilitated. I don't know if the staff -- that's normally something the staff
17 would do. I don't know if they did it or not, so --

18 Q But the [REDACTED], that was an issue about getting him
19 into the site; it wasn't a protective -- it wasn't a security issue?

20 A Well, it would be to help him facilitate getting through security.

21 Q Help him get through security. But it wasn't, like, some kind of threat or
22 some kind of issue with respect to [REDACTED]?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay. But there were no other concerns that you can think of right now?
25 I'm talking about, obviously, the morning of July 13th, not --

1 [REDACTED] Concerns that were raised to you.

2 [REDACTED] Raised to me, no.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q Did you have any independent concerns at that point?

5 A No.

6 Q On the morning of the event, you went to the field office first?

7 A No. I went directly to the airport.

8 Q You went directly to the airport. You went from home to the airport?

9 A Yes.

10 Q All right. And who was going to meet you at the airport?

11 A I was going to meet the motorcade, Agent [REDACTED] And so we go to the
12 airport ahead of time and we -- obviously, we line up the motorcade, we sweep it. You
13 know, using local canine assets, we sweep all the cars, make sure everything is set, make
14 sure the cars are all lined up and that we're ready to go.

15 Q Okay. And so you're going to receive the plane when it arrives and then
16 put everybody in the motorcade and head out?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And roughly what time of the morning did you get there, the
19 airport?

20 A I got there after 1:00, 1:00 or 1:30.

21 Q Do you recall what time the former President was scheduled to land?

22 A I believe he was supposed to land after 3:30 or something. But when I
23 arrived at the -- when I arrived at the airport, I believe I was told he was going to be at
24 least 45 minutes late.

25 Q Okay. So sounds like you were there for a few hours before he actually

1 arrived?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And Special Agent [REDACTED] showed up at the airport at some point?

4 A She was there -- she was there before me.

5 Q Before you?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And she was also going to go to the site itself?

8 A She was also -- as the lead agent, she was also in charge of the motorcade as
9 well.

10 Q Okay. So where was she going to be physically placed when the former
11 President actually arrived? Would she be at the site or at the airport?

12 A No. She would be at the airport.

13 Q Okay. So was it your understanding she had been at the site earlier that
14 day?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay. So she was in charge of site, but she was going to be at the airport
17 with you and others to go in the motorcade?

18 [REDACTED] She wasn't -- I don't think his testimony is that she was in charge of
19 the site.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] No. She was the lead agent. The site agent is in charge of the site.
21 She was the lead agent. So she was in charge of the -- you know, the overall
22 coordination for the visit.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. But the -- so she was meant to be at the airport, never meant to be
25 at the site from the beginning?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And what about Special Agent [REDACTED] where was she?
- 3 A She was at the site.
- 4 Q She was at the site?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And what was her role relative to Special Agent [REDACTED]
- 7 A She was the site -- she was the field office site counterpart or the site
- 8 assistant.
- 9 Q Okay. And what about Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] he was at
- 10 the site?
- 11 A He was at the site.
- 12 Q And both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present for the July 10th walk-through
- 13 that you did, right?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q They weren't?
- 16 A [REDACTED] was not.
- 17 Q Okay. What about Special Agent [REDACTED]
- 18 A She was, yes.
- 19 Q And Special Agent [REDACTED]
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And did either of them that morning say to you anything about the 3:00 area
- 22 that you had -- you have identified on July 10th?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q So no one said to you that there wasn't any farm equipment there?
- 25 A No.

1 Q And no one told you that it wasn't, in fact, locked down?

2 A No. I believe the building was locked down.

3 Q What about the area around the building, was that locked down?

4 A In terms of?

5 Q In terms of the police -- you said there would be police assets there, there
6 would be a patrol car, there would be other police forces there.

7 A Nobody told me that was not locked down.

8 Q Okay. So when you arrive -- was Special Agent [REDACTED] at the airport as
9 well?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And what was -- what was his function at the airport?

12 A The Protective Intelligence advance rides in the motorcade and goes to
13 every part of the visit. So he was in the motorcade and then would be at the site as
14 well.

15 Q Did he convey to you anything about any concerns about any threats of any
16 sort at that time?

17 A No.

18 Q Did he tell you anything about a Facebook page or a Facebook issue that had
19 arisen that morning?

20 A I don't recall.

21 Q And we understand that he -- when former President arrived that he drove
22 you or you were in the car with him --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- in the motorcade, right?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Was there anybody else in the car with you guys?

2 A Yeah. We had an Assistant U.S. Attorney with us as well.

3 Q And why was he or she there?

4 A We normally invite somebody from the U.S. Attorney's Office to come with
5 us in case there's some kind of a threat or something happens at the -- at a site or during
6 the visit so that they can be there to help us decide if we should bring charges against the
7 person or if it's just -- if it's something that should be handled on the local level or
8 something that should not be handled at all.

9 Q Got it. So an AUSA's presence is pretty standard for an event like this?

10 A Yes.

11 Q So -- and then -- so this -- I'm sorry. It was a he, right, the special AUSA?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Now, in terms of your communication devices that day, you had a
14 work cell phone?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you have -- did you have a personal cell phone?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And did you have radios?

19 A I had a Secret Service issued radio.

20 Q Secret Service, okay. And that radio -- was there a channel that you were
21 supposed to be dialed into?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What channel was that?

24 A I don't recall which one.

25 Q What types of channels are there for -- that you would normally use for that

1 type of radio?

2 A They're Secret Service-specific. It's an [REDACTED]. So it's -- I don't
3 know the -- I can't think of the [REDACTED] what the actual title of it is off the top of my
4 head, but there's [REDACTED] channels that you could go on to.

5 So the [REDACTED], the personnel will be on [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
6 could be [REDACTED]. There's a function that you can put on to scan where you can
7 hear everything, but you'll communicate only on your own designated channel, if that
8 makes sense.

9 Q Yes. And you don't recall which one you were on that day?

10 A I was on the same one that the detail was on.

11 Q Okay. And is that standard for an event like that in your position as special
12 agent in charge?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And why would it be that particular channel that the [REDACTED] is on?

15 A Well, I would want to hear what was going on with the [REDACTED] but I would
16 also scan and find out what was going on with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] too, when we arrived at
17 the site.

18 But the [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] would all be on that channel, so I would want to
19 hear what's going on in the [REDACTED] while I'm --

20 Q Okay. And so -- and when you're talking about the detail here, you're
21 talking about the detail that was directly around former President Trump or you're talking
22 about --

23 A Yes. The Donald Trump Detail, DTD. I'm sorry.

24 Q So DTD -- so before they arrive, presumably, that [REDACTED] was not -- were
25 you on that [REDACTED]

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. And what could you hear on that [REDACTED] at that point?

3 A It would just be communications between other agents that are on the
4 ground preparing for the [REDACTED] if there was anything.

5 Q Okay. And your cell phone -- your work cell phone, was that what you
6 principally used to communicate with people if you weren't using your radio?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And your personal cell phone, would you use that at all to communicate with
9 people during that day?

10 A No.

11 Q Had you heard before you got in the motorcade, before former President
12 Trump arrived, had you heard over the radio or your cell phone or anywhere that there
13 were problems with communication on cell phones at the site?

14 A I didn't -- I don't recall hearing anything about cell phones.

15 Q Did you hear about radio?

16 A Yes.

17 Q All right. What did you hear about the radio?

18 A So when we departed the site after -- whenever former President Trump
19 arrived, we alerted the motorcade then.

20 And then as we departed the airport site -- I believe we were about ten minutes
21 into the drive, give or take -- and I received a phone call from the security room,
22 Supervisor [REDACTED] telling me that the First Lady's motorcade that had taken off earlier than
23 us had arrived ten minutes before we did.

24 They were getting all the -- they were hearing all the traffic from her motorcade at
25 the Butler site, and it was causing confusion and -- or causing -- they were just hearing it, I

1 should say. So he asked if we could switch -- have the First Lady's motorcade switch to
2 their [REDACTED]. I told him no. I said, because of the fact that her motorcade
3 was going to be arriving at their site within 15 to 20 minutes, I thought it would cause
4 more confusion for them to switch their radios.

5 We were at least 50 minutes away from the site, and there would be a greater
6 amount of time for him to switch all the [REDACTED] there at the site. So I asked him
7 to switch everybody to the [REDACTED] at the site instead.

8 Q So you understood that there was a -- that there was bleed-over between
9 the FLOTUS event and the former President's event on the radio, and you said, what,
10 let's -- we'll take the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 A Yes.

12 Q And did that solve the problem as far as you knew?

13 A As far as I knew.

14 Q You didn't hear any further complaints about bleed-over at that point?

15 A No.

16 Q Had you done previously or been involved in previously events that were
17 going on simultaneously between two protectees in the same area?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Is that a -- was the bleed-over an issue that you had ever encountered
20 before?

21 A Yes.

22 Q So it wasn't unusual?

23 A No.

24 Q Didn't cause you concern?

25 A No.

1 Q Now, when Special Agent [REDACTED] was in the car with you driving in the
2 motorcade, do you recall if he had a radio as well?

3 A He did.

4 Q Do you know what -- could you tell whether or not he was on the same
5 frequency as you or a different frequency?

6 A I didn't ask him.

7 Q Okay. And during this -- when he was driving in, he didn't express to you
8 any concerns about any threats he was learning about or hearing about?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you receive any information prior to arriving at the site -- I'm going to
11 break down a time just to make it easier.

12 A Okay.

13 Q -- that there was a concern about suspicious person on the -- on the -- at the
14 site in any capacity?

15 A No.

16 Q And you did not learn of any -- you did not hear anything prior to arriving at
17 the site about any concerns about the 3:00 that you had mentioned --

18 A No.

19 Q -- on July 10th?

20 A I did not.

21 Q So as far as you knew when you arrived at the event with the motorcade,
22 there were no threats and there were no suspicious people, correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Do you remember roughly what time you arrived?

25 A I believe -- it says we arrived at 5:30, but I think the actual time was actually,

1 like, 5:33. I was positioned at the -- in the Protective Intelligence car with Agent
2 [REDACTED] so we were [REDACTED] cars back. When we arrived at the site, I made my way up
3 then --

4 [REDACTED] Just answer --

5 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. So 5:33.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q He was actually anticipating my next question, which is -- although the alarm
8 went off, I still have a minute according to my clock.

9 So let me just -- so when you arrived at the site, we understand that Special Agent
10 [REDACTED] met with a local law enforcement person. What did you do? Did
11 you -- actually, what did you do?

12 A So I did -- one of my main functions then at that point is for liaison purposes.
13 I met with the -- our local and state heads that were going to be [REDACTED]
14 former President Trump.

15 Q Okay. And what happened there? Did former President Trump come and
16 [REDACTED]?

17 A No. We lined them up and made sure they were ready to go, and then we
18 escorted them into the [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] after the VIP photos were done.

19 Q Got it. And did that happen? Did he -- former President Trump took
20 [REDACTED] that you escorted into the [REDACTED]

21 A Yes.

22 Q And any time -- then I'm going to turn it over to the minority.

23 At any time prior to the actual shots ringing out -- by the way, did you hear the
24 shots?

25 A I did.

1 Q Any time prior to the shots ringing out, had you ever heard anyone say there
2 was a suspicious person on site?

3 A No, not from Secret Service or our local or state partners.

4 Q From anyone. Did you ever hear anyone say there's an issue that local law
5 enforcement is dealing with?

6 A No.

7 Q Did you have any reason to think that there was some kind of threat on site
8 prior to the shots ringing out?

9 A No.

10 Q So you didn't hear from Special Agent [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] or Special
11 Agent [REDACTED] about anything relating to a suspicious person or any kind of threat or
12 any issue with law enforcement?

13 A I didn't hear from them or the local partners that I was all with during the
14 time when we arrived at the site.

15 Q So fair to say that when the shots rang out, that was a total shock to you?

16 A Yes.

17 [REDACTED] We'll take a five-minute break. Go off the record.

18 [Recess.]

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

20 So we started to get into July 13th. You mentioned that there was a call -- just to
21 pick up where my colleagues were for a moment. There was a call regarding some
22 confusion over the radio and Special Agent [REDACTED] or SAIC [REDACTED] -- excuse me -- gave you a
23 call to inform you of this.

24 Any understanding of why he's calling you as opposed to, say, the site agent?

25 [REDACTED] You'd have to ask him.

1 [REDACTED] I don't know.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. Going back to our earlier discussion, it was your understanding that
4 the site agent, Special Agent [REDACTED] should be in charge of that security room?

5 A The entire site, yes.

6 Q Okay. Did you have any issue personally with your radio that day?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Can you describe what those were?

9 A Not my radio.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Let me correct myself.

12 I -- when I arrived at the site that day or at the airport, our radios [REDACTED], and
13 we have an [REDACTED] system where you can receive this [REDACTED]. It's called
14 [REDACTED].

15 [REDACTED] So did your radio [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] My radio did [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] Okay.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q Was there an issue with another agent's radio that did not work that
20 perhaps you swapped radios with?

21 A Yes. I was able to [REDACTED] my radio, but before the arrival of the former
22 President Trump, Agent [REDACTED] came to me and told me that her radio was not working,
23 that she [REDACTED], like, in that [REDACTED] that I was just talking about. So I
24 swapped radios with her and gave her my radio, and I took her radio.

25 Q Okay. So that left you with -- now the radio that has come to be yours for

1 purposes of the day does not have [REDACTED]

2 And how were you communicating with the rest of the team?

3 A So I gave her my radio because of the fact that she was going to be in charge
4 of the motorcade, as well as the lead agent for the day. So it was more important for
5 her to have a functioning radio. She's in the motorcade, would be [REDACTED],
6 [REDACTED] to all the
7 other [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]

8 So -- and she's in a car that did not have a Secret Service radio. She was in the
9 Pennsylvania State Police lead car is what we call it.

10 I was going to be in the car with Agent [REDACTED] and he had his own hand-held
11 radio, and there's also -- because we were going to be in a Secret Service vehicle, there
12 was a permanent Secret Service radio in the car as well.

13 Q Understood. What about when you got to the site, were you able to
14 address the issues with that radio that you guys had?

15 A So when I arrived at the site, I knew that we had to do the police and fire
16 photos right away, the VIP photos. And then after that, my intention was to go to the
17 security room and get my radio [REDACTED] when I got there.

18 Q I'll come back to that in a few minutes. I just want to show you a text
19 message briefly. We can mark this as minority exhibit A.

20 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. A
21 was marked for identification.]

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q This is a text message that appears to come from you to [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are in MC. All others at site. PSP and MC reached out to [REDACTED]
25 to have him make contact with you?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Do you recall the context of this message?

3 A Yes. This is about the [REDACTED] and fire [REDACTED] like I was just talking about.

4 So that was it.

5 Q Okay. So is MC the motorcade?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Who is [REDACTED]

8 A He's another PSP lieutenant.

9 Q And what about [REDACTED]

10 A That's the AUSA that was in the motorcade.

11 Q And [REDACTED] I think we spoke about earlier; that's Lieutenant [REDACTED] from
12 PSP?

13 A Yes.

14 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. Just for the record, the red markings were not
15 provided by the United States Secret Service, but my understanding is the task force
16 inserted those red markings.

17 [REDACTED] Correct. Added those based on our review --

18 [REDACTED] Got it.

19 [REDACTED] -- and just makes it a little easier, at least for us and hopefully for
20 you, to see the context there.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q So you were saying that they -- excuse me. PSP and the motorcade, was
23 that [REDACTED] reached out to [REDACTED] Why did he need to make contact with

24 [REDACTED]

25 A Why did who have to make contact?

1 Q If I'm reading this correctly, that PSP in the motorcade -- meaning
2 [REDACTED] I take it -- reached out to Lieutenant [REDACTED] to have make contact with
3 [REDACTED] and you're saying that was about the VIP line?

4 A No. The VIP photos.

5 Q The VIP photos. Excuse me. And what was the issue there?

6 A Lieutenant [REDACTED] was going to be one of the photos, so [REDACTED] was just
7 making contact with him to do that.

8 Q Okay. And you said, I believe, you arrived at the Butler Farm grounds not
9 quite at 5:30 but around that time. Upon arrival, what happened?

10 A We arrived at the site. I got out of the vehicle I was in and had to make my
11 way to the front towards the arrival/departure tent where the -- where Agent [REDACTED] was
12 getting the police and fire photos lined up and ready to go.

13 Q And I believe our colleagues covered this, but at no point did Agent [REDACTED]
14 suggest that there were any issues with a suspicious person, anybody with a rangefinder,
15 anything like that?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. And you went, then, to this VIP tent on arrival?

18 A The VIP photo tent, yes.

19 Q The VIP photo tent. Do you recall who else was in there at the time?

20 A Former President Trump, members of his detail, and then I don't know
21 the -- the VIP photo people that were in there.

22 Q Do you recall any of your particular contacts from [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] being in there?

24 A They were with me. I escorted them in.

25 Q And who specifically was that?

1 A Lieutenant [REDACTED] Lieutenant [REDACTED] Sheriff [REDACTED] Sheriff [REDACTED] deputy,
2 Lieutenant [REDACTED] from Butler Township PD, AUSA [REDACTED] And then I can't recall the
3 rest of -- oh, I'm sorry. Director [REDACTED] from Butler County, and I believe his deputy
4 as well.

5 Q And during your time in the VIP tent, did you see those local and state
6 partners on their radios or otherwise communicating with folks on their team?

7 A No. I was with them the whole time.

8 Q How would you describe their demeanor? Did anybody stand out as
9 worried or anything like that?

10 A No. They were excited to get their picture.

11 Q I imagine. And then from there, from the VIP tent, where did you go?

12 A From the VIP photo tent, I went, introduced them -- I introduced them to the
13 President when they get their photos, and then I escorted them out of the tent
14 afterwards to thank them for all of their help.

15 When I arrived at the site, I also say, hey, how is everything going, is everything
16 good; was not told anything concerning at all. And then from there, I made my way to
17 the security room to try to get my [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 Q And about how long would you say that you were in that VIP photo tent
19 area?

20 A It was before 6:00, but I don't know how long.

21 Q So --

22 A 15, 20 minutes.

23 Q -- 15, 20 minutes. Okay.

24 And then just before 6:00 p.m., you went to the security room. And why were
25 you headed that way?

- 1 A That's where the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was.
- 2 Q Did you find the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] there?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Okay. In your experience, is it standard to have a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in a security
5 room?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Any understanding of why there was not one there that day?
- 8 A I was told it was taken back to the motorcade to [REDACTED] Somebody had a
9 problem with their [REDACTED] as well.
- 10 Q And who told you that?
- 11 A I don't recall.
- 12 Q When you arrived in the security room, do you recall who you saw in there?
- 13 A Yeah. I saw Agent [REDACTED]
- 14 Q Anybody else?
- 15 A I don't recall.
- 16 Q Do you recall Special Agent [REDACTED] being in the security room?
- 17 A I believe he was walking that way when I was going. He could have been.
- 18 Q Okay. What about, anybody from Pennsylvania State Police in the security
19 room?
- 20 A I don't recall the individual that was there, but there was somebody.
- 21 Q There was somebody in addition to SAIC [REDACTED]
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Were there two people?
- 24 A I don't recall.
- 25 Q Did you have any interaction with SAIC [REDACTED] once you were in the security

1 room?

2 A No. I used the restroom, I said hello, and then asked where the [REDACTED] was.
3 I was told it was back at the motorcade.

4 And when I was in there, I heard right -- I was only in there shortly, and then I
5 heard the music for "[REDACTED]," the song that President Trump comes out
6 to normally when he [REDACTED]. So I made my way out because I knew I had to go
7 back and get [REDACTED] quickly.

8 Q And, again, while you're in that room, sounds like just for a few minutes,
9 how would you describe SAIC [REDACTED] demeanor?

10 A Fine.

11 Q At no point did he raise any concerns to you about what he was hearing over
12 the radio?

13 A No.

14 Q You said you were there for just a few minutes. Where exactly were you
15 when you heard the shots fired?

16 A So when I left the security room, I started walking back towards the front of
17 the -- towards where the dais or the stage was. I was -- I had mistakenly walked inside
18 of the bike rack towards the back of where the general public was. It was less sparse.

19 So when I left the security room, I came out, and I was walking inside the bike rack
20 instead of on the outside, like the road that I had come up. I got about halfway up into
21 the crowd, and as I was walking through, I knew I was inside the fenced-in -- where the
22 general public was at that point. I was looking for if there was a break in the fence or a
23 break in the bike rack at that point for me to just slip out. And at that point, the -- I
24 heard the first gunshot.

25 Q How did you respond after hearing that gunshot?

1 A The first gunshot, I looked, it sounded like a firecracker. It reminded me of
2 something that had happened in March where former President Trump -- or President
3 Trump -- or Biden -- I'm sorry -- went to East Palestine, Ohio, and in the distance there
4 somebody had set off some fireworks. So the first shot sounded like a firework. And
5 nobody around me in the general public had reacted at all to the shot.

6 The second shot, when that went off, people started to duck. I immediately
7 started running, and I jumped over the bike rack --

8 Q Okay.

9 A -- towards the stage.

10 Q Towards the stage. You ran towards the stage. At any point were you on
11 the stage?

12 A So after I jumped -- I had to basically flip over the bike rack. My shoes were
13 muddy from the ground there, and I couldn't get a grip when I was trying to jump over.
14 So I just ended up diving over the bike rack.

15 I got up immediately, started running towards the front. And when I got to
16 the -- I was coming up from the -- it would have been the 9:00 part of the stage if the dais
17 is looking out at the 12:00.

18 When I got up to that point, it was -- I don't know how long it was. It wasn't very
19 long. I heard somebody yell, shooter down. And I went up on the stage at the same
20 time, and I went up on the opposite side of the stage -- I went up on the 3:00 stairs of the
21 stage.

22 Q Okay. When you went up on the stairs, was the former President covered
23 by other agents? What do you recall seeing while you were on the stage?

24 A Yeah. He was -- they were in the [REDACTED] with him.

25 Q And did you join that [REDACTED]?

1 A No. They said the shooter was down, and they were lifting him up as I was
2 getting up there.

3 Q Did you assist getting the former President off the stage?

4 A Not at that point. At that point I was still looking up at the 3:00. I was
5 looking at the bleachers as well because there was commotion there from what had
6 taken place, and I didn't know if people in the stands were tackling somebody with the
7 gun in the bleachers or where the shots had come from.

8 I then went down the steps where I came up, and then the detail walked or moved
9 President Trump in the [REDACTED] down the other steps, and I joined the [REDACTED] on the
10 back end of it when we put him in the limo.

11 Q Got it. In that what I'm sure was a very rapid exchange, did you -- were you
12 able to see where the shots were coming from, ultimately?

13 A Not where I was from, no.

14 Q Okay. We've seen some photos, as I'm sure you have, of the former
15 President being covered.

16 Is that something that [REDACTED] and -- for the record?

17 A I know. I'm just waiting for you to finish.

18 Q Is that something [REDACTED]?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 Q And to the best of what you witnessed that day, was the way that the former
21 President was covered done [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]?

22 A From what I witnessed.

23 Q Do you have any other reflection -- I know we just went through that, and
24 I'm trying to ask the questions. But anything we just missed in that sequence of what
25 you recall between the security room and helping the President -- the former President

1 off the stage and into the motorcade?

2 A I can't think of anything.

3 Q Not suggesting anything. Just asking if we've missed anything.

4 I would like to also show you a couple other text messages we can mark as exhibit

5 B.

6 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. B

7 was marked for identification.]

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q This comes in to you around 6:27 p.m. Do you recall who sent this first
10 message?

11 A I don't.

12 Q And -- "Can either of you confirm if Trump was hit? My bosses are blowing
13 me up."

14 No recollection of who sent that?

15 A No.

16 Q And the response on the following page, you reply, "Not hit."

17 A Correct.

18 Q Do you recall sending that message?

19 A I don't recall sending it, but --

20 Q What was your impression after shots were fired of whether former
21 President Trump had been hit?

22 A So from my position where I was on the stage, I couldn't see. I was at the
23 back end of where the agents were that were covering him.

24 When he got put in the limo and we went to the hospital then, when we arrived at
25 the hospital and he got out, I saw blood -- I was right near him. I saw blood down his

1 ear. And I asked the shift agent that was on the detail, I said, did he get hit? And he
2 said, no. I thought he got roughed up. He said, no, I think he got roughed up when he
3 got put in the limo.

4 Q And do you recall who that agent was that told you that?

5 A I don't.

6 Q Okay. Based on your own assessment, did you have any reaction to
7 whether or not the former President had been hit?

8 A I wasn't on the stage when it happened.

9 Q Okay. Thank you. One other text message, and then we're -- I promise
10 we're done with that. We'll mark this as exhibit C.

11 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. C
12 was marked for identification.]

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q This is a bit later in the evening, 8:14 p.m. It looks like this comes from

15 [REDACTED] This is the shooter and attaches a photo.

16 Was this the first time you had seen this individual in the photo?

17 A I don't know if I got it from anybody else earlier, but I believe it was.

18 Q Okay. So this photo or any other similar photos of who we now know to be
19 Mr. Crooks, you had not seen him prior to the shooting?

20 A No.

21 [REDACTED]. I think I might have a couple more questions, but I'll turn it over to
22 my colleagues just to see if they have some follow-ups as well.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q A few questions for you, sir. I think you mentioned earlier that typically
25 the -- would the lead advance agent and the site agent come from the detail?

1 A Depends on the detail and depends on the protectee.

2 Q So have you had an experience which the site agent was from the detail, but
3 the lead advance and the counterpart were both from the field office?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So in that scenario, what is each person expected to do? Like, how are the
6 roles separated between the three?

7 A In terms of for the lead, site, and site counterpart, is that what you're
8 asking?

9 Q Yes.

10 A The lead agent coordinates the overall visit, so motor- -- the sites,
11 motorcade, airport. The site agents are responsible for -- the site agent is responsible
12 for developing and implementing the plan at the -- whatever site is. The site
13 counterpart would assist them.

14 Q And how would the site agent counterpart assist?

15 A Working together, just following the direction of the site agent, doing tasks
16 that they're asked to do.

17 Q Are the roles outlined anywhere? Like, is there a policy manual or
18 guidebook to explain who should be doing what?

19 A Yes. There's -- I mean -- well, the site agent itself, it's part of a manual
20 where it says your responsibilities as the site agent.

21 I can't -- in terms of the site assistant, I don't know if that's specifically spelled out
22 what they're supposed to do.

23 Q Coming out of the field office -- and I'll focus more on July 13th -- would
24 [REDACTED] have been expected to sort of be a liaison with the local law enforcement
25 considering she's from the field office, or was [REDACTED] expected to do that?

1 A I think they would do it together.

2 Q In your experience -- so we've understood that site agents and team leads,
3 they can be special agents and actually have someone senior to them on site.

4 So, for example, you've had a team lead for the counter snipers, but his supervisor
5 was a part of his team, his supervisor outside of those circumstances.

6 A Yes.

7 Q In your experience, do agents who are expected to lead in some capacity
8 defer to their supervisors in real-time situations?

9 A Could you repeat the question?

10 Q Yeah. And I'll try to clarify it a bit. If you have an agent -- so let's take the
11 site agents. They are expected to fulfill certain duties.

12 But if someone like [REDACTED] or yourself or [REDACTED] are present, is there ever a
13 situation, in your experience, in which those site agents will ultimately defer to their
14 supervisors from their field office or from the detail?

15 [REDACTED] Just to clarify, SAIC [REDACTED] wasn't a supervisor to the site agent.

16 [REDACTED] That's right. He was a supervisor to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] But in this purpose -- for this purpose, they're still responsible for
18 reporting to the -- in this case it would be the Trump detail supervisors.

19 So if they had already briefed something to the Trump detail supervisors that was
20 going to take place, and another supervisor at the site said, hey, I don't like the way this is
21 set up here or something like that, they would still go to the Trump detail supervisors to
22 say, hey, you know, the supervisor here is trying to -- on the site is trying to change what
23 we've already briefed or done, and she -- that agent would still report to their chain of
24 command.

25 They wouldn't just automatically defer to a supervisor at the site. They wouldn't

1 just change something because a supervisor who wasn't part of their planning process
2 made a request to do that, if that makes sense.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Yes. Were you made aware after the fact that the security room
5 dispatched a counter sniper response to the AGR on --

6 A Could you repeat that?

7 Q Were you made aware that someone in the security room had dispatched
8 the counter sniper response to the AGR complex?

9 A No.

10 Q Is your understanding that counter sniper response should be dispatched
11 from the security room or should someone else be doing that?

12 A I mean, it would depend how it was communicated into the security room.
13 But if the counter snipers called in to the security room and said, we have a concern at a
14 certain area, they're calling the security room to have them dispatch it.

15 Q And would -- if the counter sniper response is dispatched, should the site
16 agent be made aware of that?

17 A In terms of the security room -- I'm not sure what you're --

18 Q Just regardless of who dispatches the counter sniper response, should the
19 site agent then be made aware that the counter sniper response was dispatched?

20 A Yes.

21 Q If you were -- I understand at the time you were not aware of a suspicious
22 person with a rangefinder. Is that correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q If the security room was made aware of that, is that the sort of information
25 that, in your experience, should have been pushed out to the team or to the site agents?

1 A Could you repeat that?

2 Q If the security room had been made aware of a suspicious person with a
3 rangefinder, should that information have been disseminated to other agents, including
4 site agents?

5 A I believe so.

6 Q You mentioned being a part of CAT for three years, right?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q Were you ever the CAT liaison and team lead?

9 A I was an assistant team leader.

10 Q And in your experience with CAT, had you had the opportunity to work on a
11 presidential rally or some sort of event similar to this?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Would it -- is it typical for site agents to defer to CAT with regards to CAT
14 strategy regarding coverage or placement?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Would that also be typical for counter snipers?

17 A As a site agent, you would rely on their expertise.

18 [REDACTED] That's all I have. That's all I have, sir. Thank you. And thank
19 you for your service.

20 [REDACTED] Thank you very much. We can go off the record.

21 [Recess.]

22 [REDACTED] Back on the record.

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Special Agent [REDACTED] can we go back to July 12th?

25 A Sure.

1 Q So as I understand it from your prior testimony, there was another site
2 walk-through that day that members of the Pittsburgh field office attended?

3 A Yes.

4 Q You did not attend that, correct?

5 A I did not.

6 Q Can you just tell us why you did not attend that?

7 A So that walk-through is the second supervisor walk-through. So that's for
8 the Trump supervisors, the detail supervisors who are going to approve the overall plant.
9 So I'm not required to attend that.

10 But I also was at a conflicting police meeting earlier that morning where I was
11 meeting with entities that were involved with both the First Lady's visit and the former
12 President's visit.

13 Q Okay. So you had another commitment that day, and also you weren't
14 even supposed to be at that walk-through?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And that's normal course in your experience as special agent in charge?

17 A Correct. If I'm available, I could go. But if not, like in this case, it's not a
18 requirement.

19 Q Understood. And I think it's become clear through your testimony -- it was
20 very helpful -- that you were the special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh field office, and
21 that's a high-level position, supervisor position, but you were not in charge of this event,
22 as such, in terms of providing protective services, right?

23 A Correct.

24 Q The people in charge were Special Agent [REDACTED] who was the site agent, if I
25 got that correct?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And then their lead agent from the Pittsburgh field office, she was actually
3 reporting to both you and [REDACTED] correct?

4 A Could you repeat that, sir?

5 Q I'm sorry. The lead agent from the field -- the Pittsburgh field office who
6 was assigned by somebody in your office to be the lead agent, Special Agent [REDACTED] she
7 was reporting to actually Special Agent [REDACTED] as part of her function, correct?

8 A Did you say Special Agent [REDACTED] was reporting to Special Agent [REDACTED]

9 Q Yes.

10 A No, it wouldn't be that way.

11 Q All right. Explain how it worked.

12 A Special Agent [REDACTED], as the site agent, would be reporting to Special Agent
13 [REDACTED] in terms of, like, requests or different needs that they have at the site, but Special
14 Agent [REDACTED] is still in charge of the site itself.

15 Q Right.

16 A And then they all report -- even the agents that are assigned to Pittsburgh,
17 are really reporting to the detail, to the Trump supervisors.

18 So the entire week as it was going by, after July 10th where I did my manpower
19 walk-through or staffing walk-through for the Secret Service, post standers and
20 everything like that, after that I pretty much -- it's pretty much handed over to the detail
21 at that point.

22 If they're making asset requests or any other things that they need, those are all
23 going through the detail. Briefings, even though they're -- they were Pittsburgh agents,
24 they're actually briefing and calling back to the detail to talk to them.

25 And in this case, the detail that they were calling -- the supervisors that they were

- 1 calling back doing the operation sections was actually the same supervisor who was going
- 2 to be the second supervisor for the day of the visit. But their briefing --

1 [3:49 P.M.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q And who was that, I'm sorry?

4 A [REDACTED]

5 So, but during that entire -- during that time, I'm available the entire time if they
6 need anything or if issues come up, if there's basically a fire for me to put out. Nothing
7 was brought to my attention the entire week in terms of that.

8 Then also, on the day of the 12th, after they did their walk-through where they
9 finalize the plans for everything and approve everything, they then go through the
10 process of doing another briefing for the special agent in charge of the detail, and I think
11 they did that on Teams or everything like that.

12 I'm not even invited to that. That's done through the advance team, the counter
13 sniper team that does that, and then they brief the detail leader so that they know
14 everything that's going to be in place and the entire plan and what's supposed to
15 be -- they go from the arrival at the airport, motorcade, all the way through the site.

16 Q Got it. Okay.

17 And so just to summarize, it sounds like your specific role, as you, as an individual,
18 was to provide support as requested by the detail. It would be supplemented
19 sometimes by people from the field office, but you're providing support. You weren't
20 leading this. You're protective services, correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And even the people who were working on that day and prior for the
23 advance from the field office in their various functions, either lead agent, or [REDACTED]
24 role, or [REDACTED] role, or anyone's role, they're actually really reporting out for purposes
25 of that event to the detail?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And that is normal, from your experience, with prior events for similar types
3 of candidates?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So again, nothing struck you as unusual about the arrangement?

6 A No.

7 Q All right. Let's talk a little bit about -- I want to ask you a couple of
8 questions about -- these are hypotheticals. You answered one, and I just want to make
9 sure that we understand. And this is really based on your own experience, all right?
10 This is not asking what you would have done or whatever like that. It's really just your
11 experience.

12 I think you were asked by my colleague, in your experience, if you had heard -- if
13 you were in the security room and you had heard there was a suspicious person on the
14 ground with a range finder, is that something you would have thought rose to the level
15 that should be disseminated more broadly to the team?

16 A I think I said yes.

17 Q Yes, right. Okay.

18 And if you had heard that the person who was -- the suspicious person who had
19 the range finder was moving behind the AGR building and people have lost sight of him,
20 would that be information that you also thought should be -- if you had been in that
21 position, you would have believed should be disseminated to the team?

22 A I mean, I wasn't in the position, and I don't know what information --

23 Q I'm making a representation to you just like a suspicious person. You didn't
24 even hear that. You never heard the suspicious person with a range finder.

25 A I never heard any of it.

1 Q Right.

2 So I'm saying, so take my representation that if there was information that the
3 same suspicious person with a range finder had moved behind the building, and the
4 agents who were watching him or local law enforcement that was watching him had lost
5 sight of him, is that information you think you would have thought rose to the level of it
6 should be disseminated?

7 A I would have communicated it more.

8 Q Okay.

9 And is there -- can you articulate a reason why you think that those types of
10 statements are something that you would have believed should be articulated more?
11 Why, is basically the question.

12 A Why to disseminate it more broadly?

13 Q Yes.

14 A There's reasons, I mean, in terms of doing it just, obviously, to make sure
15 that everybody who needs to know knows.

16 Q And I guess the question is does the fact that a suspicious person, those
17 exact words, with a range finder, is that something you would find unusual enough that
18 it's something that should be disseminated?

19 A I think it would depend on where the person was as well, like where the
20 location of the person was. Were there already police looking for him? Like were
21 they -- I don't know the exact context of how the information came in, but if it's a
22 suspicious person, that person should be stopped, interviewed, and, you know, find out
23 what's going on with them, as opposed to letting them continue to move around that
24 they or that he was.

25 Q Okay.

1 All right. Let's talk a little bit about after the event, July 13th. Did you have any
2 role in preparing former [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with her testimony?

3 A With her testimony?

4 Q Before Congress.

5 A Not her testimony.

6 Q Okay.

7 Did you have any role with preparing her for any kind of public statement or
8 anything post the shooting?

9 [REDACTED] Meaning did he meet with her?

10 [REDACTED] Meet with her.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q Did you have any -- did you meet with her?

13 A I never met with her.

14 Q Okay. Did you ever speak to her?

15 A We spoke on the phone. I think it was the Tuesday afterwards.

16 Q Okay. And can you just tell us the general substance of that conversation?

17 A It was myself and the team, and she was just calling to check on us and lend
18 her support, from what I remember.

19 Q Okay.

20 So it's fair to say that you had nothing to do with whatever her testimony was at
21 Congress subsequent to the shooting?

22 A Not that I know of.

23 Q Okay. You were not told that you were part of a briefing or that your
24 information you're providing is going to go to her to assist her with her testimony?

25 A No. We were asked to put a timeline together of the events that took

1 place the week before, and up through the events of July 13th for -- I believe I was told
2 that it was to help her prepare for not testimony, but I believe she was getting ready to
3 brief Congress.

4 Q Understood.

5 A So I was part of -- we were tasked with doing that. I don't know if that was
6 used, anything beyond that.

7 Q Understood.

8 And did you provide, specifically yourself, information for that timeline or that
9 after-action?

10 A I believe I provided some information. I'm not sure what.

11 Q Would that have been information that was directly known to you?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay.

14 Did you ever have occasion to review that document in its entirety?

15 A I don't think I reviewed it.

16 Q Do you know who [REDACTED] is? [REDACTED] excuse me.

17 A [REDACTED] She's the deputy assistant director for protective operations.

18 Q Okay. Did you have occasion to speak with her after July 13th?

19 A No.

20 Q You have not spoken to her at all or communicated with her at all since
21 July 13th?

22 A No, not that I can recall.

23 Q I'm sure you've seen, and, I mean, you have your own views on, there have
24 been a lot of press reports in the media since the July 13th shooting commenting on what
25 is alleged to be a strained culture at the Secret Service. Based on your opinion only, and

1 I'm not talking about since July 13th, I'm talking about before that. Did you have any
2 concerns about the culture at the Secret Service?

3 A In terms of culture, could you be more specific?

4 Q Well, do you have concerns about the way that the Secret Service treated its
5 employees, its agents, the kind of things that, you know, an employee might have
6 concerns about the job environment? Were there concerns you had with your job
7 environment?

8 A I think the Secret Service has talked about it as well, but the culture of doing
9 less with more and pushing our people to do more with, you know -- we do less with
10 more. like say that, you know, we, in terms of being tasked with doing more and more
11 things without the resources necessary to do it.

12 Q Right. And this goes back to your original testimony, your earlier
13 testimony -- sorry.

14 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat that, sir?

15 Q You meant more with less?

16 A To do more with less.

17 Q To correct the record, I understood what you were saying, but it's better for
18 the record to understand what you were saying.

19 A Thank you.

20 Q Doing more with less.

21 A I appreciate y'all not laughing.

22 Q No.

23 But this goes back to your testimony from earlier today that the demands on the
24 Service have increased at a rate higher than the number of people who are available to
25 perform those services?

1 A Right.

2 Q And that means that people have to do a lot more than they were originally
3 supposed to do, correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Okay.

6 Obviously, you're in a supervisory position. Do you have any recommendations
7 that you would make from the time you were there, not since July 13th -- I'm not asking
8 you about what you would have been differently July 13th. I'm asking you as of that
9 time, did you have things that you wanted the Service to do that you asked them to do
10 that they did not do for purposes of manpower, training, anything that you thought was
11 important?

12 A We could always use more manpower and more training. So it's just what's
13 available and what the resources we have. So the process to hire and train a Secret
14 Service agent takes a long time, so --

15 Q Right. Right.

16 A -- there's always pressure to try to deal with those things.

17 Q And you mentioned that you had built up the office from around 10 agents
18 when you were -- I think when you were assistant?

19 A Yes.

20 Q To 24 at its peak when you were special agent in charge. Just tell us how
21 did you manage to do that? Like what was the process that you used to get more
22 people to be in the field office?

23 A I just kept requesting more people.

24 Q Okay. And did you explain why you needed them?

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And you explained the demands on your time -- and when I say your, I'm
2 talking your office's time -- were such that it was justified, right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And did you -- it sounds like to some extent they were responsive, D.C. was
5 responsive?

6 A Yes.

7 Q But then you lost four people net from when it was at its peak to prior to
8 July 13th, right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you try to get additional agents during that period as well?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And were you successful or unsuccessful in doing that?

13 A So we have agents that are in the pipeline right now that are in training to
14 come to Pittsburgh. It's just that it takes about a year to get that agent. So, and then
15 when we get those younger agents, we'll end up losing our more senior agents that it's
16 time for them to go to the detail. So it's a constant cycle of trying to build up the office.

17 Q Okay.

18 [REDACTED] I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues to let them ask you some
19 questions as well.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Agent [REDACTED] thank you for talking with us today.

22 Two kind of different things that I just want to ask about to clear up some things
23 either for the record or for my understanding.

24 First off, this may go a little bit to the culture. So NSSE, national special security
25 event, you touched on those a little bit at the beginning of your time with us. You talked

1 about how those could include NATO, U.N., RNC, DNC. What other types of events get
2 classified as NSSEs?

3 A I believe that's done at the Secretary level. So I think it's classified as a tier
4 one. So it could be whatever the Secretary of the Homeland Security deems necessary.
5 So the inauguration would be one. The inauguration would be the next one. The
6 Super Bowl could be one or a tier down, depending. The Olympics, FIFA, the World Cup,
7 is coming.

8 Q And for those who might not be familiar, NSSE is really -- that's your top
9 level, and that's the Secret Service in charge of coordinating the security for that event,
10 correct?

11 A Right. It's a whole-of-government approach, but yes.

12 Q So this is your opinion then. Does it make sense for the Secret Service to
13 be leading these NSSE events if you're stretched thin?

14 A I think it still makes sense for the Secret Service to have a leadership role in
15 the event due to our experience with site security and all of the different functions that
16 we do to as part of our protective mission. I think we just need to increase our staffing
17 in order to keep on accomplishing these missions.

18 Q And I assume these NSSE events are pretty manpower-heavy. Is that
19 correct?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay.

22 And you can have an NSSE without there being a protectee that's going to be
23 there. Is that correct?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Okay.

1 Second thing: Can you just explain to me one more time what ATSAIC [REDACTED]
2 role was for July 13th?

3 A His role as the site supervisor?

4 Q Yeah, just kind of what that entails.

5 [REDACTED] On the 13th itself?

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q The 13th and if that role also involves anything with advance planning.

8 A So his role did not involve anything with advance planning or approval. So
9 when he arrived at the site, he's there basically to help put out fires as well in terms of
10 medical issues that came up, if other issues are brought to his attention. But he was not
11 part of the walk-through process or the actual planning or security process. That still all
12 went through the detail. That doesn't go to him just because he shows up that day.

13 Q And is it normal for that site supervisor position to not necessarily be
14 involved in the advance planning?

15 A It would just depend on the circumstances.

16 Q Okay.

17 And you mentioned that he wasn't at the July 10th walk-through. That didn't
18 raise any concerns, so that wasn't a concern then?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay.

21 [REDACTED] That's all. Thank you.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Prior to July 13th, you participated in monthly calls with other field office
24 SAICs. Is that right?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Have you joined those calls since July 13th?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did they discuss the Butler rally?

4 A Which?

5 Q July 13th. On July 13th, on those calls, have those been discussed?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What have they said about that?

8 A I believe they said that, you know, just in terms of in general, I don't
9 remember specifically, but just that, you know, we would -- the investigations were taking
10 place, and we, obviously, have very difficult jobs to do but to stay focused and make sure
11 that everybody is trying to do their jobs to the best of their ability.

12 Q And I'm going to turn to the question that SAIC [REDACTED] had raised to you about
13 switching the post stander channels due to bleed over, and I'm just going to -- I'm just
14 going to ask you to take this representation. We understand that the FLOTUS channel
15 utilized [REDACTED]. We also understand that the Butler rally utilized [REDACTED] and
16 [REDACTED]

17 My question is: Assuming these things are true, is it possible to have bleed-over,
18 even if there are different channels between the two events?

19 A I don't know. I'm assuming so.

20 Q And then, we understand that Director -- Butler County EMS Director [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] was in a Secret Service command post, and we understand that he had been
22 told by Secret Service that there could only be one representative from the county. Did
23 you tell him that?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you know if anyone did?

1 A No.

2 Q And then the last question I have is, earlier, you had characterized New York
3 and your time and your experience in the New York field office as having more specialized
4 units, for the lack of a better word. Is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you attribute that ability as specialized to the number of agents
7 available?

8 A Yes.

9 ██████████ Thank you, Special Agent ██████████ That concludes our questioning.
10 I think the minority is done as well.

11 ██████████ Yes.

12 ██████████ Great.

13 That concludes the questioning. We can go off the record.

14 [Whereupon, at 4:07 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

1 Certificate of Deponent/Interviewee

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4 I have read the foregoing ____ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the
5 answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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Page	Line	Change
38	4	CHANGE "Special Agent" TO "Senior Special Agent"
38	17	ADD "is" AFTER "event, "
40	7	CHANGE "Special Agent Bank" TO "Senior Special Agent Bank"
42	4	ADD " " AFTER "say, "
42	4	ADD " " AFTER "seats?"
42	14	CHANGE "Agent" TO "Senior Special Agent"
43	1	ADD "protected" TO "protectee"
44	12	CHANGE " " TO " "
44	18	CHANGE "Special Agent █████" TO "Senior Special Agent █████"
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48	1	ADD "did" AFTER "But"
48	11	CHANGE "nod" TO "note"
50	7	ADD " " AFTER "say, "
50	7	ADD " " AFTER "ability?"
51	17	CHANGE "sheriff" TO "Sheriff"
51	17	CHANGE "township" TO "Township"
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55	24	CHANGE "off" TO "office"
60	18	CHANGE "Special Agent █████" TO "Senior Special Agent █████"
60	18	CHANGE "Special Agent █████" TO "Senior Special Agent █████"
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64	12	CHANGE "city" TO "City"
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103	24	ADD “ “ ” BEFORE “ [REDACTED] ”
103	24	CHANGE “ [REDACTED] ” TO “ [REDACTED] ”
103	25	CHANGE “?” TO “.”
103	25	ADD “ ” ” AFTER “contact with you”
110	20	CHANGE “to the best of” TO “based on”
112	15	ADD “ “ ” AFTER “ [REDACTED] .”
112	15	ADD “ ” ” AFTER “shooter”

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3	14	STRIKE “assistant”
14	4	CHANGE “Enyu7iujforcement” TO “Enforcement”
14	8	CHANGE “a-s” TO “as”
15	20	CHANGE “evolution” TO “evaluation”
24	13	CHANGE “Candidate Nomination Operations Section” TO “Candidate Nominee Operations Section”
59	23-25	CHANGE “So Director ██████ said to me that it's going to be hot. There's going to be a lot of people dropping out there. I might bring out the mobile command post.” TO “So Director ██████ said to me that it’s going to be hot, there’s going to be a lot of people dropping out there, I might bring out the mobile command post.”
63	20-21	CHANGE “rabbit room” TO “rabbit run”
65	8	CHANGE “It was” TO “He said he was”
77	17	CHANGE “No.” TO “Yes.”

¹ Errata sheet submitted by personal counsel to ██████.