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██████████ Today is Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of ██████████ House Resolution 1367, expanded by House Resolution 1470, directed this task force to investigate the facts and circumstances of the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13th, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and on September 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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

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

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██████████ Thank you.

My name is ██████████, and I am the deputy staff director with the task force.

I want to thank you for coming in today, and we recognize and appreciate that you are here voluntarily.

██████████ Thank you.

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

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

██████████ Yes, I do.

██████████ Will the counsel please identify themselves.

██████████ Sure. ██████████ ██████████.

██████████ Thank you.

Is there also an attorney present representing Secret Service?

██████████ Yes. ██████████ ██████████, from Secret Service. I'm the deputy chief counsel.

1 [REDACTED] Then DHS.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED] Thank you.

4 Next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can the additional staff
5 members please introduce themselves with their name, title, and affiliation.

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

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

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

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

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

13 [REDACTED] And then online, starting with [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], senior adviser, task force majority.

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

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], counsel, task force majority.

18 [REDACTED] Thank you all.

19 [REDACTED] before we begin, I'm going to go over the ground rules for this
20 interview. The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority
21 staff will alternate asking you questions, 45 minutes per side per round, until each side is
22 finished with their questioning.

23 The majority staff will begin and proceed for 45 minutes, then the minority staff
24 will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back and forth in this
25 manner until both sides have no more questions.

1 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to
2 end a few minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of
3 questioning, including any pertinent followups. In this interview, while one member of
4 each staff may lead the questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

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

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

11 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers such as nodding or
12 shaking your head, so it's important that you answer each question with a verbal answer.

13 Do you understand?

14 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

19 Do you understand?

20 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

24 If you recall only a part of a conversation or event, you should give us your best
25 recollection of those events or parts of conversations that you do recall.

1 Do you understand?

2 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

6 Do you understand?

7 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

10 Do you understand?

11 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

14 [REDACTED] No.

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

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

21 Do you understand?

22 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

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

4 We plan to take a 5-minute break at the end of each 45 minutes of questioning,
5 but if you need a longer break or a break before that, please let us know and we'll be
6 happy to accommodate.

7 However, to the extent that there is a pending question, we would ask that you
8 finish answering the question before we take a break.

9 Do you understand?

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

11 [REDACTED] Do you have any other questions before we begin.

12 [REDACTED] No, ma'am, I don't.

13 [REDACTED] Secret Service?

14 [REDACTED] So, pursuant to a request from the chairman, the Secret Service
15 and Department of Homeland Security made information and records available that
16 would not ordinarily be publicly released.

17 We believe this information and records are covered under the Privacy Act,
18 personnel, and other personal privacy information, for official use only, and other
19 relevant statutes.

20 While we've made these records available and information available, we will
21 continue to assert that this information is not intended for public disclosure and falls
22 under the provisions of the statutes. We're not waiving any of those provisions. The
23 transcript and the attachments are protected as well from dissemination, as we have
24 made known previously.

25 And finally, we're under the understanding that this proceeding is not being

1 recorded by audio or video recordings except for the information, of course, for the court
2 reporter.

3 Thank you.

4 [REDACTED] Thank you. I can confirm there's no audio or visual recording
5 other than that for the transcription.

6 And as to the points about confidentiality and redactions, the chair will consult
7 with the minority and will take into consideration any requests that are made regarding
8 that. And any agreements that currently exist are still valid.

9 All right. So the time is now 10:06, and we'll begin our first 45 minutes.

10 EXAMINATION

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q You've been with Secret Service a little over 5 years, correct?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q And your current title and role is?

15 A Special agent in the Donald Trump detail, protective detail.

16 Q How long have you been with the protective detail for?

17 A A little over a year.

18 Q And prior to that, you were in the Miami Field Office, right?

19 A Correct, a little over 3 years.

20 Q Currently, who is your direct supervisor?

21 A [REDACTED]

22 Q Can you spell the last name?

23 A [REDACTED]

24 Q And what's their title?

25 A Assistant special agent to the DSIAC.

1 Q Who do they report to, as far as you know?

2 A DSIAC [REDACTED]

3 Q Do you have any people that directly report to you?

4 A No, I don't.

5 Q What are your daily responsibilities in your current role?

6 A As a chief agent, it's basically to protect -- provide protection to the
7 protectees for their movements. Then I served in the Donald Trump detail for a little
8 over 8 months, meaning any movements, travel to the golf courses, to other specific
9 movements for the protectee.

10 Then I was assigned to the residence security branch, which is assigned to secure
11 the main residence perimeter at the moment.

12 Q That's what you're doing right now?

13 A Right now, correct.

14 Q Is that -- were you -- did you know that you were going to be put on
15 residential?

16 A No, after July 13.

17 Q It was after July 13?

18 A After July 13, correct.

19 Q Who communicated that to you? Who changed your --

20 A [REDACTED] DSAIC [REDACTED] He's the deputy special agent in
21 charge.

22 Q Okay. Did he tell you why?

23 A Because some -- I was going to be on restricted duty until the investigation
24 proceeded, you know, moved forward.

25 Q Okay.

1 A Was completed.

2 Q So did he tell you when you would be expected to be back on full duty?

3 A No. I was not provided with that timeline.

4 [REDACTED] When did they put you on that residential --

5 [REDACTED] I believe it was beginning of September, the end of August maybe.

6 [REDACTED] Is that considered a protective assignment?

7 [REDACTED] No, it's not. It's more -- more like a residential, residence security
8 branch, more like the one coordinating events with in this case Mar-a-Lago staff.

9 [REDACTED] Administrative?

10 [REDACTED] Administrative, yes.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q What type of training over your 5 years with the Secret Service did you
13 receive for protective details?

14 A Well, other than the special agent training back in 2020, when you moved
15 from phase one to phase two, you receive what they call protective detail training, which
16 I did back in December of last year, 2023, which normally goes from 2 weeks, 3 weeks, to
17 a month.

18 It depends on if you're with a former detail or with a Presidential protective detail
19 or Vice Presidential protective detail.

20 Q Okay. And so did you know that you were going to be with a former
21 President detail?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Okay. So how long --

24 A So I did that for 2 weeks --

25 Q Two weeks.

1 A -- in the Rowley Training Center.

2 Q Okay. And if you were Presidential protective detail, you would have 4
3 weeks of training?

4 A It depends, because sometimes it will be 4 weeks or it depends on whether
5 they're doing an extension or whether they require more training, but it usually goes
6 from 4 to 5 weeks, yes.

7 Q And in your 2 weeks, what sort of training did you do?

8 A It was more focused on I'd say type of attacks, like if you're in a motorcade
9 or if you're at an event and the protectee is being attacked, or if you have to evacuate a
10 location, specific location. It was more like in regards to ambush attacks and stuff like
11 that. Nothing more like -- nothing else specifically.

12 Q Was there any planning training?

13 A No, again, other than what you receive during special training, but no.

14 Q Do you remember, back to special training, special agent training, what --

15 A Yeah. We did a little -- I'd say maybe a little over 2 months of focusing on
16 protection, where you have to actually do practical exercises, to include planning and
17 coordination with, you know, events, team members, and also with local counterparts.

18 Q Okay. Do you know how frequently you've received protective training?
19 Is it just the once, when you go to a detail you get training before you go to the detail?
20 Is there any like regular training that goes on?

21 A Not training specifically, but it depends I guess on the type of office, the field
22 office that you come from, because, again, I came -- I come from Miami Field Office,
23 which is not the same from Savannah residence office, where you have maybe a few
24 agents.

25 [REDACTED]. So in Miami

1 Field Office, protection basically is more like you do it on a weekly basis, because we
2 receive foreign dignitaries from foreign countries. When I was there, I was a site agent,
3 a lead agent for multiple assignments.

4 I was a lead agent assigned to the President of Paraguay for the United Nations
5 General Assembly in New York in 2022. I was also the lead agent assigned to the
6 President of Panama during the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, California, in
7 2022.

8 [REDACTED] Before we get too far into the weeds, I'm going to introduce
9 majority exhibit 1, which is just the publicly available copy of your Senate interview.

10 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1
11 was marked for identification.]

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Have you looked at this document since your interview?

14 A I went through, but not in detail.

15 Q Okay. As far as you can recall at this present moment, is there anything in
16 this transcript that you would like to correct or add context to or anything you remember
17 you wanted to say but didn't?

18 A No.

19 Q Okay. Oh, sorry, one last question on your changing to the residential role.
20 Did they send you an email or was it a phone call?

21 A It was a phone call.

22 Q Okay. So you don't have anything in writing saying you're on restricted
23 duty?

24 A No, no.

25 Q Okay. All right. So then we're going to go into the advance planning for

1 the 13th.

2 How were you informed of your role as site agent for the Butler rally?

3 A Actually for the Butler rally, again, you get selected in the detail randomly.
4 Like, sometimes you can volunteer. Sometimes you get the assignment.

5 So for this particular assignment, I saw on my EPS -- that's what we use for
6 scheduling -- I saw that I was being assigned to conduct an advance, but at that time it
7 was just a TBD location.

8 We knew at that point it was in Pennsylvania. So that was around July 2nd or the
9 3rd, I believe. But there was nothing specific for that. Basically, that's when I engaged
10 with DTD. We call the Donald Trump protective detail DTD for -- you know, for
11 reference.

12 So I talked to DTD ops, operations, to inquire more about these specific
13 assignments. So ops would say, we haven't got a lot -- a whole lot of information from
14 staff, from the campaign, but I know -- we know it's in Pennsylvania. But that's -- maybe
15 that took maybe a couple hours to find out it was going to be in Butler, Pennsylvania, and
16 with a 15 -- expected 15,000 people in attendance.

17 Q So you just looked into the system and saw it? Nobody told you, hey, you
18 have an assignment?

19 A Nobody told me, no. Because, again, sometimes it depends on the timing.
20 Like, if the protectee is traveling, it depends on the traveling tempo. At this point,
21 obviously, for the campaign, there was a lot of traveling, people in and out of town,
22 people maybe on leave.

23 So for this particular assignment, it was just on scheduling. Like, again,
24 sometimes you can volunteer. They may ask you if they have enough time who wants
25 to do -- conduct this event or this assignment. So that's -- that's normally how it goes.

1 [REDACTED] I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 2. This was produced to us
2 by the Secret Service. It's Bates number 1033.

3 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 2
4 was marked for identification.]

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q And I will note for the record that we put the red text in there based off of
7 our in camera reviews. It's not put there by Secret Service.

8 But do you remember receiving this email?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q Okay. At the time that you received this email, if you go right before
11 "Overview," the sentence right above that, it says, "Please review the attached [REDACTED] Site
12 Advance Operational Guidelines 2024 PDF."

13 Did you look at that --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- PDF? Okay.

16 And then, "as an additional resource please refer to DTD Advance Resource Page."
17 Did you look at that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. So, to the best of your recollection, had you seen that site advance
20 operational guidelines document prior to this email?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. When did you first see it?

23 A When I was in Miami Field Office, beginning of -- when I first started back in
24 Miami.

25 Q Okay. So it was given to you as like a --

1 A Yes. Initially, it's more like a common thing to have it attached to emails
2 when you get assigned to protect events.

3 Q Okay. How often, to the best of your knowledge, is that document
4 updated and recirculated to you?

5 A I'm not sure.

6 Q Okay.

7 A It depends if there's any changes or if they have -- they want to update, they
8 would send me updates or something, but I can't recall when specifically was the last
9 update.

10 Q Okay. And you get -- any time there's an event, you get a new copy of it?

11 A Yes, yes. They're supposed to be the -- what we think is the most
12 up-to-date, most current updated version.

13 Q To the best of your recollection, what kind of information is in that
14 document?

15 A Specific roles and responsibilities as a site agent during events and
16 coordination as far as logistics and some of the other specifics.

17 Q So it sort of explains generally your role, what you're supposed to do --

18 A Right.

19 Q -- for events generally?

20 A Right.

21 Q Not for a specific event?

22 A Right.

23 Q Okay. To the best of your knowledge, does it list types of assets you're able
24 to request?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Do you remember what they are or were at the time for the DTD?

2 A Before DTD?

3 Q For DTD. Like leading up to July 13th, do you remember what types of
4 assets you could request, according to that document?

5 A I know in the document you can request multiple assets, to include CSU,
6 countersurveillance or counter snipers and other assets. Uniformed division for
7 magnetometers, among others.

8 But there's always been more like -- I'm actually going to say maybe it's just a
9 cultural thing, but for Secret Service the specific assets start -- assigned or maybe
10 approved for a specific protectee, in this case whether it's a former President or the
11 sitting President, in this case President -- President of the United States or the Vice
12 President.

13 Q So when you're reading this document for DTD specifically and you're
14 looking at the assets that are listed, was that something you're like, oh, we could get
15 some of those but not all of them, or is everything listed in there something --

16 A I mean, we always request what we think is best for an event, but it's up to
17 OPO, at that level to finally make the approval if it's approved or not, whether it's
18 approved or not.

19 Q Okay. To the best of your recollection, what are the site advance
20 objectives given? Because you were assigned site advance, right?

21 A For DTD, yes.

22 Q Yes. So when you're going through this document, do you remember what
23 it said that your role was that day, to be site advance?

24 A As a site advance, you coordinate for the logistics, assets, resources available
25 to conduct for -- leading to the visit. So you have to coordinate -- in this case, to

1 coordinate with the field office team members to conduct the events, whether it's a lead
2 agent, a site counterpart, and other -- to include supervisors for -- throughout the events
3 process.

4 Q Is there any sort of checklist or things to do as a site --

5 A Yes.

6 [REDACTED] We're going to enter majority exhibits 3 and 4, which were
7 documents provided to the task force by a whistleblower. Exhibit 3 is the DTD site
8 advance checklist, which I assume you've seen; and then exhibit 4 is the DTD advance
9 procedures.

10 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit Nos. 3 and 4
11 was marked for identification.]

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Is this a document that you recognize?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Can you tell me how you recognize it?

16 A This is the site instructions for when you're assigned to a specific event,
17 advance from DTD.

18 Q Okay. So when you got this email, you said you went back through these
19 documents again. Is that right?

20 A Correct, yes.

21 Q Okay. Did you feel like you had a good understanding of what your role
22 was supposed to be that day?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So if I can find the right page -- sorry.

25 Okay. So if you go Exhibit 3, the second page. It says "Site Advance Objective."

1 We talked a little bit --

2 A I'm sorry, page?

3 Q Exhibit 3, page 2.

4 [REDACTED] The second page. It says, "Site Advance Objective."

5 [REDACTED] Okay.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Do you see it?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. So is this kind of what you summarized for us just now for what a
10 site advance does? You can take a minute to read it.

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. So that's what you understood your role to be that day?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Exhibit 4, page -- which page number? All right. We'll come back to that
15 in a second when I find it.

16 All right. So you saw these documents. You went through them. You
17 understood your role to be site agent. Had you ever been site agent for other events?

18 A Yes, in the Miami Field Office.

19 Q Okay. Had you ever been assigned to -- as a site agent for an outside rally
20 like this?

21 A No. I mean, not for this size.

22 Q Not this size?

23 A For other -- for like in foreign countries, but not for this size.

24 Q Okay. So not domestically, not --

25 A No. I think the highest attendance or the larger number, the large number

1 that I got was 7,000 people, approximately 7,000 people in Conway, South Carolina, back
2 in February.

3 Q Okay. So for the 13th, you knew you were site agent. Did you know who
4 else was going to be with you that day, what other agents?

5 A From the Pittsburgh Field Office, yes, I did.

6 Q Was your counterpart [REDACTED]

7 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Okay. Had you worked with her before?

9 A No. That was the very first time.

10 Q Okay. And then lead agent was --

11 A [REDACTED]

12 Q And had you worked with her before?

13 A Not specifically. I've seen her before and we have interacted. It was
14 more like the logistical side, but not for advance work.

15 Q Okay. In your view, what is the difference between the lead agent's role,
16 your role, and the site counterpart's role?

17 A In general, the lead agent is pretty much in charge of the entire visit, you
18 know, to make sure that everything goes smooth from point A to point B, including the
19 arrival at the airport, departure.

20 So it's in general like pretty much making sure that everything, it is -- you know,
21 the resources, the amount of resources that we need, the assets that we need. She
22 could probably be a liaison to a specific counterpart since she's going to be in
23 coordination with the police.

24 She's going to be planning for the police meeting, for walkthroughs. She's pretty
25 much the one in charge of the timeline or, you know, coordinating for meetings and

1 walkthroughs and all that.

2 The site agent, you're more in charge of planning and the coordination and
3 logistics aspects of the visit, in coordination with the campaign staff in this case, and also
4 with local counterparts and with your site counterpart.

5 From the site counterpart, since they are the local, you know, local representation
6 from the agency, that particular location, in this case in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, they
7 were in -- pretty much in charge of coordinating with local PD for assets, resources, and
8 all the coordination for this particular event.

9 My role for the site agent, it was more like a representative from the detail, from
10 the Donald Trump detail, to make sure that I have eyes on the site and provide that
11 information, pass that on to DTD supervisors, which are the ones that I directly report to.

12 Also, to make sure that the field office have a good understanding of DTD
13 expectation as far as supervisors for in and out aspects, like getting the protectee into the
14 event and also until departure.

15 So I'm more concerned about the inner perimeter in this case, which I consulted
16 with DTD supervisors, because sometimes it gets -- it might get a little confusing as far as
17 your role since you have a DTD person, which is not common for a former President
18 unless, you know, it's needed to have a site or lead agent sent on events. Usually, it's
19 the local field office planning for this, but -- and, again, it's different from a former
20 President to PPD or VPD.

21 For -- in this particular case, it's more like sending in this case myself to the site to
22 have eyes on the site and provide supervisors with information from the site specifically
23 firsthand, sending pictures and providing them with information that we have at the
24 moment.

25 Q So who do you think is like in charge of the site itself?

1 A The site agent.

2 Q The site agent?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And all of the things you just walked through about the different roles, was
5 that something that's written down or is that something you've just come to understand
6 after doing a number of these?

7 A Usually it's -- sometimes I will not say it's confusing, but as far as
8 when -- obviously, coming from a former detail where you have a Presidential candidate
9 to be, you know, for President again, it's different from for the former President, which is
10 just having a different lifestyle you might say.

11 In this case, because he's a high-profile protectee, they do things a little different
12 in DTD, like having a lead or site agent assigned to have eyes on specific sites, since we
13 have a larger attendance or for complex events.

14 In this case, normally you like to have -- engage with supervisors, whether there's
15 something that you cannot understand or maybe something that you need more
16 assistance with. So that's when they have supervisors involved.

17 Q Supervisors from DTD?

18 A DTD. Yes, DTD.

19 So for this particular event, I was sent up there to look at the site and provide
20 them with like in case of an emergency situation where the chief agents, you know,
21 agents primary -- have primary/secondary access to evacuate the protectee, if needed.

22 So those are the type of things that they're looking for when conducting events.
23 It's more focused on the inner perimeter I might say, meaning the protectee walking
24 path. So in this case, the field office will probably focus more on the outer perimeter.

25 Q Okay. So when you're talking about outer perimeter, that's everything

1 outside the secure area?

2 A Correct. I mean, anything adjacent to the site. I mean, again, because
3 every site is different. Sometimes it could be an indoor event or indoor venue or
4 outdoor venue. In this case, it was an outdoor venue.

5 Q So for this outdoor venue in this case, the inner perimeter, was that where
6 the magnetometers were and everybody inside the secure area was in the inner
7 perimeter?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And so then you were in charge of that part, and [REDACTED] --

10 A [REDACTED] yes, the counterpart, she was focusing more on logistics, the
11 logistical part of coordinating with the local PD and assignments maybe from the outer
12 perimeter.

13 Q Was that a conversation you and [REDACTED] had, like, hey, I'm going to focus on
14 this, you focus on that?

15 A Yeah. I mean, at the beginning of the events, because as far as I can recall,
16 like when you are sent out as a DTD, they pretty much say that just to make sure that
17 there's not a conflict with the local field office.

18 Like, as a DTD representative, in this case a site agent advance, you will focus
19 more on the diagram for the actual event. Like, when I say site diagram, I don't know, it
20 might be maybe in some of the exhibits later, but the site diagram for the venue, which is
21 just a representation of the sign, whether -- that includes the protectee movements from
22 arrival to departure and all the movements during the event.

23 And the local field office will focus more on the manpower justification and all
24 their paperwork in regards to -- I can assist with the event's work, event's documents.

25 In this case, that's what -- what's -- my name was on it. And that could be from the field

1 office or from the detail, but in this case it was my name on as the site agent on the
2 events documents.

3 But, again, I can assist the field office in my role with that, but I'm more focused
4 on the site diagram, which is more like a directed responsibility from DTD.

5 Q Okay. So you said in your Senate interview that, "Obviously, we," talking
6 about yourself and [REDACTED] "cannot make decisions or final decisions until we consult
7 with in this case a GS-14, which is the field office supervisor."

8 A Correct. I mean we conduct our events, but I cannot say that we have a
9 final say. We can provide recommendations and suggestions of what we think that we
10 can do or maybe we can do it in a different way, but the final say and approval comes
11 from a supervisor, normally above -- GS-14 and above.

12 Q What level are you?

13 A GS-13.

14 Q Thirteen, okay.

15 So in this case, was it SAIC [REDACTED]

16 A Well, SAIC [REDACTED] -- I report directly to DTD. So in this case, the second
17 supervisor I was reporting to was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 Q So you report to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] --

19 A And [REDACTED] reports to [REDACTED]

20 Q Okay. So do both of those supervisors then have the ability to change the
21 survey or the site plan?

22 A I mean, I don't know what -- to what level of communication they had, I
23 mean, talking about supervisors among themselves. But I can talk really to
24 conversations I had with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in this case, because, again, as coming from the
25 detail, my direct contact is particularly with supervisors in the detail unless they have a

1 question or they have issues/concerns that might have to be referred to in this case SAIC
2 [REDACTED] or the field office, the special agent in charge.

3 Q Did you ever talk to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

4 A We interacted a few times, but not directly. He was more engaged with
5 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in this case, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 Q So if you noticed an issue or something that needed to be addressed about
7 either site build or manpower or --

8 A It would be [REDACTED] in this case.

9 Q You would talk to [REDACTED] about that?

10 A I would talk to [REDACTED] directly. And, obviously, since we are conducting
11 these events as a team, I mean, we were there pretty much every day. Me, [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] we were pretty much working throughout that week.

13 And any specifics, obviously, we have different -- I'm not going to say -- we were
14 pretty busy talking and coordinating, calling people, but we -- at the end of the day, we
15 kind of like exchanged information to make sure that at least the three of us were on the
16 same page. So I can pass information to my direct supervisor, and they can pass and
17 provide information to direct supervisors.

18 Q So you'd pass it to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sort of equally?

19 A Yeah. I mean, any concerns/issues that we may have, we would probably
20 share among each other and just come up with a plan or a better suggestion and then
21 pass it on to the supervisors for agreement or disagreement or come up with --

22 Q Did that happen for the 13th at all, disagreements that had to go up to the
23 supervisors?

24 A Yes. To my best of my knowledge, yes.

25 Q Okay. Can you tell me what those were?

1 A Obviously, line of sight is always a concern when you're at an outdoor event.
2 Not so much when you're at an indoor event where the focus or the concerns are more
3 like the crowd, how to contain the crowd in an indoor event. And for this particular
4 event, we have major challenges, to include being an outdoor event and we have 15,000
5 people.

6 So those are the type of things that I focus, and that really concern -- I'm going to
7 say maybe brought me a little concern when I first got to the -- like, we have a
8 high-profile protectee with a certain amount of threats on a daily basis.

9 And we have the campaign trying to -- obviously, our job in the Secret Service to
10 provide the protection and secure the site, but ultimately you're working -- you have
11 some relationship with the campaign staff. You will try to accommodate those
12 intentions or suggestions from the campaign staff in conducting an outdoor event in this
13 case.

14 So the main thing I did when boots on the ground was provide the supervisors
15 with the video. So I tried to record, take pictures of the site so they can have a better
16 understanding of what we're going to be dealing with.

17 Q That's [REDACTED]

18 A Right, right. And that -- so and then proceed to the moving -- to the
19 planning process and the logistical aspects and assets and resources needed to provide
20 security for a specific site.

21 Q So you said line of site was one of the issues that was escalated up to the
22 supervisor level?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. How was that --

25 A Always -- line of sight is always -- is always a main concern, specifically on an

1 outdoor event.

2 Q So when did you communicate that to [REDACTED] that you had those
3 concerns?

4 A I think it was at the beginning. Say, just so you know, you know,
5 we're -- I'm going to send you a couple pictures, a video, so you have at least a good
6 understanding of what type of -- you know, the environment and surroundings around
7 the site. This is where we're basically going to have the stage, the arrival/departure,
8 those type of things.

9 [REDACTED] When you say the beginning, can you give a date, approximately?

10 [REDACTED] Right. Monday, Monday the 8th. Actually, that's the day that we
11 conducted the initial walkthroughs with staff.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q So was there a disagreement between you and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about line
14 of sight concerns? Was there any --

15 A Not really. Like, any -- any concerns I might say will probably come up, you
16 know, discuss, and then provide like a suggestion as to how to better protect/secure that
17 specific area and how we can probably manage to coordinate that with the local PD.

18 Q Who has the final sort of say about -- you have these discussions about line
19 of sight. Who gets to say, okay, this is how we're going to mitigate it?

20 A I'm going to say in this case myself and [REDACTED] and then pass it on to higher
21 level of authority, in this case SAIC [REDACTED] since he was there.

22 Q Okay. So you and [REDACTED] have a conversation. Do you talk to [REDACTED] about
23 it and then it goes up to [REDACTED] or --

24 A Yeah, yeah.

25 Q Okay.

1 A That's pretty much how -- how it worked throughout the events as far as like
2 the secure aspect, more logistical aspect of the event.

3 [REDACTED] Okay. My colleague is going to walk through the checklist with
4 you real quick.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So we're going to go back to Exhibit 3, if you will. And I just want to walk
7 through a couple things on here. So, again, you've already said that you're familiar with
8 this document and you went through it, correct --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- before your advance planning. I know it's a little difficult to read, but on
11 this document you should still be able to see the page numbers down in the lower
12 right-hand corner.

13 A Right. I do.

14 Q So if you can turn it page 3, please.

15 A Page 3?

16 Q Yes. At the very top it's, going to say "CAT/LNO/Local TAC."

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. We're going to look at the bottom, where it says "day of visit."

19 A Yes.

20 Q So I know that we have not gotten that far yet, and so some of this will be
21 things that we probably go back to at some point.

22 But we have been told by others that we have talked to that you arrived about 5
23 minutes before the briefing at 10 o'clock on --

24 A I arrived at around 9:30, between 9:30, 9:45.

25 Q Okay. So when you arrived -- the briefing was at 10 o'clock, correct?

1 A The briefing was at 10 o'clock, correct.

2 Q And when you arrived, what did you do from the time you arrived until you
3 went to the briefing?

4 A I believe I walked into the secure room for a few minutes just to check in and
5 see that they have radios and check with [REDACTED] that they have some of the equipment
6 that we needed for that day, and then proceeded to the actual location for the briefing to
7 brief post standers.

8 Q So did you do any sort of walkthroughs just to see if there was any game day
9 issues, item number one?

10 A Yeah. After the briefing -- I remember that we had three golf carts. After
11 the briefing, that was pretty much what I did throughout the day, because I didn't spend a
12 whole lot of time inside the secure room. It was jumping -- I remember jumping in a golf
13 cart just to walk around and see that as far as arrival, departure, and everything around
14 the site was the way it's supposed to be.

15 Q Okay. So do you feel that arriving like 15 minutes beforehand would
16 constitute as arriving early to mitigate game day issues?

17 A Yes, because, I mean, from the time -- normally the timing, like we set up.
18 It depends on whether we have to deal with any issues. But at that point, since we did a
19 final walkthroughs the night prior, which included pretty much everything -- was
20 supposed to be farming equipment for that day, to include a line of -- mitigate line of
21 sight issues. Everything was pretty much in place the night prior.

22 So it was just a matter -- it depends on if you have the amount of issues or
23 challenges that you may have during a game day. In this case, we did pretty much
24 everything that we could on Friday night, and I remember leaving that site around 8:30
25 p.m. that night.

1 And then the next day, obviously, we focused more like on the briefings, make
2 sure everything is in place, meaning bike racks, magnetometers, tents, farming
3 equipment in this case for line of sight issues. Everything was pretty much in place
4 where they needed to be.

5 So it was just a matter I jump in the golf cart to walk around, check with every
6 personnel that they have a good understanding and if there was any issues/concerns at
7 that point, and making sure that arrival/departure to the stage and everything was
8 secured the way it's supposed to be.

9 ██████████ Perfect.

10 BY ██████████

11 Q So I'm going to actually jump in real quick.

12 So do you go through this checklist? Like, as you're sitting at the site, do you
13 print it out and have it with you or --

14 A I normally check -- because sometimes we don't have a printer available, so
15 we normally have it on hand by phone.

16 Q Okay. So is it fair to say that, you know, you're going through the days of
17 prep. Are you referring back to this document often to make sure you're doing all the
18 things?

19 A Yes, things that -- yes.

20 Q Okay. And we'll go through them sort of in pieces as we go through the
21 timeline of days. We are getting close to time, so I'm going to do a couple just more
22 general questions.

23 You have sort of painted I guess this picture that the site agent is kind of a liaison
24 between like campaign staff, DTD --

25 A DTD and the field office.

1 Q -- and the field office, okay.

2 So when we're doing all these other interviews, people seem to really think that a
3 site agent is more than that. You know, I think they're saying you're in charge of all
4 the --

5 A Right. The entire sight, correct.

6 Q -- site and the communication, security room and all of that. So is that part
7 of your role, as you understood it?

8 A That's -- that's what I'm saying about the difference when I was in the Miami
9 Field Office, because when you're in charge of the site for an event, you're just overall
10 person in charge of that site, because you're being assigned directly from the field office
11 that you're going to be the site agent. You may or may not have a site counterpart, so
12 you're kind of like sometimes working on your own.

13 In this case, since you are being sent by a former detail and you're working with a
14 field office, which is a whole -- a little more different from when I was in Miami Field
15 Office the way you do things.

16 In this case, since you have a field office, normally they say that the field office
17 have overall responsibility for securing the event, in this case the site, movement from
18 arrival/departure at the airport and from the site.

19 So it is my understanding from talking, having conversations with DTD supervisors
20 that we are -- I mean "we," I'm saying like DTD, you know, the former protectee detail is
21 more like having a representation from their detail to provide the field office with the
22 expectations from supervisors, like what to expect on game day, pretty much.

23 You're assisting them with the planning and coordination, but not in charge
24 overall of the event. That was my understanding, whether they have these documents
25 and having conversations with supervisors.

1 Q So did you understand [REDACTED] to be that person that day?

2 A As my site counterpart, yes, that we're working among ourselves like how to
3 obviously provide the best security around the perimeter, working inner, outside, like at
4 least that's why I say my focus will be the site diagram.

5 You can probably focus more on the manpower justification and all the
6 paperwork, which is normally the instructions that we get from DTD operations. Like,
7 your main focus is the site diagram, making sure that arrival/departure, we have, you
8 know, what we need for the arrival/departure, for the move -- for the walking path,
9 movements for the protectee from the time he's in and the time he's out.

10 [REDACTED] Okay. So we can introduce majority exhibit 5, which is the
11 preliminary survey, which you've seen before. And I think it has the site survey and the
12 site diagram in there, so we can sort of go through those more specifically.

13 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 5
14 was marked for identification.]

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q And you contributed to the site -- you were in charge of the site diagram?

17 A I drew the site diagram, correct, in its entirety.

18 Q In its entirety.

19 Were there any other parts of the preliminary survey that you --

20 A I did completed most of the preliminary survey, yes.

21 Q You did?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And by completed, do you mean you sent that information to [REDACTED]
24 to put it in a document or --

25 A Yes, because she have access. As the lead agent, you have access. You

1 can make changes if you need to. You can make adjustments or updates, yes. She
2 is -- her as a lead agent, she can have access to that document.

3 Q Okay. So did [REDACTED] or somebody send you this survey and say, hey, can
4 you get all this information, or how did that work?

5 A No, no. Each member of the events team have access to the events
6 document. So they can go in and look at it and make changes or adjustments, if needed.

7 [REDACTED] So a docs program, you mean?

8 [REDACTED] Events program. Yeah, it's an actual -- it's a program from the
9 Service that you can actually go in and you can see everything about visit. You can see
10 all the sites, all the event members, each role and responsibility. That's where you have
11 a primary contact, phone numbers, and everything.

12 [REDACTED] So it's like a login and collaborate?

13 [REDACTED] Correct. Right, yes.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q So did you put information into this document itself?

16 A Yes, I did. As I receive information, I start to put it in. Sometimes you
17 may get just -- let's say Monday, at the very beginning, you can just start filling in with the
18 information that you have at the moment and then make corrections or adjustments as
19 they go.

20 Q So if we flip to page 12, it looks like, is this the site diagram?

21 A What page? I'm sorry. At the end?

22 Q Yes, towards the end. It's page 12.

23 A Yes, I see it.

24 Q Okay. Is this the site diagram?

25 A Yes, ma'am.

1 Q Okay. Were you in charge of putting all these notations on there?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Where did you get all the information to complete this?

4 A Usually, again, like I said, as we go throughout the events week, as I start
5 receiving information, we start filling it in. So we get this from multiple like information
6 that you collect from the local PD, conversations with the lead agent, the site
7 counterpart.

8 Sometimes I may get some information ahead of time while they -- you know,
9 throughout the week. They may get phone calls or other interactions that you may not
10 be aware of. So that's -- we sit down. We talk about it. We talk about recent
11 updates, where we get the numbers, if anything has changed since, you know, last
12 conversation.

13 So pretty much assets and sequence of events. Obviously, the sequence doesn't
14 change much, because I get that from in this case DTD operations. That's -- and the
15 campaign, whether, you know, movement from the airport, movement, arrival, to hold,
16 to interview, pictures.

17 That's -- that's the kind of information that I received from campaign staff or DTD
18 operations in this case, or even the field office may have some information that I may not
19 know at that point. It depends on interactions and phone conversations or interactions
20 with other campaign staff or other local PD in this case.

21 Q Where do you get the overhead map from?

22 A Normally, we do that from Google Maps.

23 Q Google Maps? Okay.

24 A Yes. And there are specific instructions also from DTD provided, like how
25 to conduct -- because it has changed recently, I believe, maybe a year ago. They made

1 some changes as far as like they want like a full picture of the diagram. And then you
2 can attach to events doc so they can upload it and make adjustments or changes, if
3 needed. So normally the map, the overview map, we get it from Google Maps.

4 Q Okay. After you finish this diagram, do you send it to [REDACTED]

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay.

7 A She have access to it. And if there's any changes or updates, I send it to
8 DTD ops for review.

9 Q Okay.

10 A And if they have any questions, if there's any changes or if they see
11 something that we may add or delete or adjust, they will send back. But in this case, I
12 remember I sent it to Anthony [REDACTED] He was my primary contact from DTD at that
13 point, at that time.

14 Made paperwork for the review. I did not receive anything back, like just a
15 thanks like that they're actually acknowledging that they received the document.

16 Q So they did send back a thanks acknowledging it?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay, but nothing else?

19 A That they have received it, but nothing else.

20 And then, obviously, as I'm working on this particular document, I will send it up
21 to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for suggestions or if it looks right to them or if we
22 need to make adjustments at any point.

23 Q Okay. So you didn't hear -- how long do you wait for I guess feedback from
24 [REDACTED]

25 A I think I started working on the diagram. Usually that is one of the main

1 things that I focus on at the beginning, you know, trying to collect as much information as
2 I can so I can provide that to supervisors and also to the events team, whether it's
3 information received by the campaign or DTD ops or any other updates, to make sure
4 that everyone is on the same page, including the lead agent, the site counterpart and the
5 supervisor as well.

6 So I believe I started working on the site diagram around Tuesday or Wednesday,
7 with the information that I had at that point.

8 Q Okay. And then do you remember when you sent it to the detail?

9 A I believe -- because we have a timeline. I can't recall if it was -- OPO has a
10 timeline, and then we have to send it -- we have to send it to DTD at a specific time
11 so -- to provide them with enough time to review.

12 So I know the lead agent has their own timeline. So I remember I think she said
13 to have everything by maybe Wednesday morning.

14 [REDACTED] When you say "she," who are you referring to?

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the lead agent.

16 BY [REDACTED]

17 Q And did you send it to [REDACTED] first?

18 A I sent it to [REDACTED] first for just --

19 Q Okay.

20 A -- just for a quick review for any -- for any, you know -- just to have a quick
21 overview of the site.

22 Q Fair. So it goes to [REDACTED] then to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

23 A I sent it to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because she has -- again, the lead agent normally
24 has their own timeline since, you know, it's due to OPO, it's due to DTD ops. So
25 normally, the lead agent would like to have that in advance so they can go over it and

1 take a look and make suggestions.

2 [REDACTED] Can you just back up for a second. Did you send it to [REDACTED] first
3 or [REDACTED] first?

4 [REDACTED] I think I did [REDACTED] first. I don't have a specific --

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So then it goes to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sends it to OPO and DTD ops?

7 A Once the lead agent review documents and we send it up to in this case the
8 lead, to her, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for review. And then she will -- she will be the one send it
9 up to OPO for final approval.

10 Q Okay. Does anything come back to you from that?

11 A No. Nothing that I work on came back as negative or that needed to be
12 changed or make adjustments or anything, any edits at all.

13 Q Okay. And then before we close out this hour, you said you contributed to
14 a number of other pages. Do you remember what information you contributed to this
15 document?

16 A Pretty much the entire document.

17 Q The entire document?

18 A At least for Butler, for site two.

19 Q For site two?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. The hospital advance or anything like that?

22 A Yes, the primary hospital. We identified the safe house. Let's see, what
23 else? Assets, command post, secure room. Yes.

24 Q Transportation?

25 A Transportation, that's [REDACTED] The only thing --

1 Q [REDACTED] did that?

2 A Yes. For events, as far as the preliminary survey, my focus pretty much was
3 site two, whether you're assigned to that particular site.

4 Q Okay.

5 A Everything else is filled out by the lead agent.

6 Q Okay. Did you do the very last page, the diagram 2 of 2?

7 A You're talking about this one?

8 Q Yes.

9 A Yes. Yes, I did. Officially from DTD, they would like to have like the
10 overview map and the actual site diagram for movements itself from from
11 arrival/departure. Yes.

12 [REDACTED] My time is up up, so --

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q You said in one of your previous interviews -- forgive me, I forget if it was
15 your MAR -- that Agent [REDACTED] had sent you a draft copy of the site diagram.

16 Do you recall that?

17 A About -- I'm sorry.

18 Q You said that Agent [REDACTED] had sent you a draft copy of the site diagram.
19 It was kind of like, hey, you can work from this one. Do you know what I'm talking
20 about?

21 A I think she sent me some document, but normally we have -- since I
22 learned -- I think my best training was in Miami Field Office, because they will -- they
23 always -- Miami Field Office will always model PPD type of visits, like Presidential, Vice
24 Presidential, protective details.

25 So Miami will have the most up-to-date information at that point on how to do

1 diagrams and the most current information as far as paperwork.

2 So for this particular one, they always have like what they call the history, history
3 file from previous visits and stuff, but they always want you to -- require you to start from
4 scratch to work on your own, which normally that's the norm for me.

5 Q So she sent you stuff, but you just didn't use or you sent it back?

6 A I think she sent something, but I don't recall. Like, again, it is, from my
7 training and experience, to do everything from scratch. You can go by historic files if
8 there's anything that you may use to assist you during the events, but normally you're
9 required to do your own work.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED] We can go off record.

12 [Recess.]

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2 [11:05 a.m.]

3 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record. It's 5 minutes after 11:00. My
4 colleague, [REDACTED], will start off.

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EXAMINATION

6

BY [REDACTED]

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Q Good morning.

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A Good morning.

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Q I just had one question about the previous round and then --

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A Sure.

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Q -- I'll turn it back over, this conversation about what the site agent is

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ultimately responsible for. When we talk about the outer part of the site, I think we

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understand that the site counterpart would naturally be the interface to local law

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enforcement. They know --

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A Right.

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Q -- who is who and who to call.

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A Right.

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Q That makes sense. In terms of designing the actual security plan out there,

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our understanding would be that that would be the site agent's role. Maybe it's divided

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with the site counterpart --

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A Correct.

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Q -- but the site agent is coming up with the plan --

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A Yes.

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Q -- regardless of where on the site it is.

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A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Is that right?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. Great. That's all.

4 A That's what the role and responsibility solely, pretty much, responsibility for
5 the site agent.

6 Q Yeah. And once the plan is set, particularly on the outside, the site
7 counterpart will --

8 A Will probably engage and have suggestions or have discussions with regards
9 to that.

10 Q And just for the sake of the court reporters, let me sort of finish the
11 question and then --

12 A No, sure.

13 Q -- that will -- so once that security plan is set on the outside, the site
14 counterpart will then take the job of working directly with the locals?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. I understand. That was really my only question. Thank you.

17 A And one thing I have --

18 [REDACTED] We want to clarify one point.

19 [REDACTED] I discussed with my attorney here that, just for the record, that I
20 know we talk about differences with supervisors and roles and responsibilities. I just
21 want to make sure that I did not -- I was not reporting directly to SAIC [REDACTED] in this -- for
22 this particular assignment. My direct interaction and contact was with ATSAIC [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] as DTD supervisor, just to make sure and clarify that.

24 [REDACTED] I appreciate that. Thank you.

25 [REDACTED] Thank you.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q We're going to cover some of the same ground that my colleagues in
3 majority did, but it'll be truncated, because they copy -- they did a lot of questions
4 already.

5 Did you have prior law enforcement experience before becoming a Secret Service
6 agent?

7 A No. Military. I was in the Army. I was a logistics officer for over
8 10 years in the military, and also worked with TSA. I was a transportation security
9 officer with TSA a little over 3 years in Tampa International Airport, working the logistics
10 aspects and training operations, airport security.

11 Q When you were in the military, what was your rank?

12 A First lieutenant when I left.

13 Q And you mentioned having about 5 years of Secret Service experience. Is
14 that right?

15 A Yes.

16 Q When did you graduate?

17 A Starting at Miami Field Office.

18 Q When did you graduate from the academy?

19 A February 2020.

20 Q So that's around the time that the country is dealing with COVID.

21 A COVID, correct.

22 Q Did that impact your experience?

23 A Correct. The first year -- Miami Field Office is pretty busy, I would say busy
24 office in regards to investigations and protection. I know we did not did a whole lot
25 during the first year because of COVID, of course. We may do some arrests, search

1 warrants, serve some search warrants and stuff. But as far as protection, it was very
2 restricted because they were not doing a lot -- a whole lot of visits, like physical
3 interactions, you know. But then after a year it was -- we got back; like, it was
4 pretty -- again, pretty busy with the United Nat -- U.N., the UNGA event in New York
5 every year, September, and then the Summit of the Americas, so different NSSE events in
6 this case.

7 I participated in the first Presidential debate for -- back in 2016 -- not '16, I'm
8 sorry, the past election. That was one of the first experiences as far as -- as an agent
9 and, you know, working protection. We did a lot of events and assignments back in
10 Mar-a-Lago because he was a sitting President, former President Trump was sitting
11 President back then, so we did a lot of protective assignments back in Mar-a-Lago, Miami
12 area, traveling with multiple -- different protectees, foreign dignitaries. We also travel
13 to different countries. I went to -- I remember work as site advance for Vice President
14 Harris in Honduras. I was the site agent for that -- I mean, site counterpart
15 with -- working with VPD back then.

16 I was also the site agent, site counterpart for DHS, Homeland Security Secretary
17 Mayorkas in Panama, and some other -- obviously Miami. Again, it's more like a
18 deliberate protection, you do a lot of protection as a lead, transportation agent, site
19 agent, RON, which is more like remaining overnight, hotel, for protectees, among other
20 post standers assignments and stuff.

21 Q Okay. So you -- I think you mentioned earlier that you were the site agent
22 for an outdoor event that had about 7,000 people. Is that right?

23 A Yes, in -- back in February, I believe, for the same, for the DTD detail in
24 Conway, South Carolina.

25 Q And --

1 A It was kind of like a mix. You did -- you have an overcrowd, but he wanted
2 to interact back then with a 2,000 crowd out in the outdoors for about 10, 15 minutes,
3 and then move inside for indoor events at university of -- yeah, Conway, South Carolina.

4 Q So for that outdoor event, what was the arrangement for the outer
5 perimeter in particular with law enforcement?

6 A It was more like, I'm going to say, restricted, because it was a college
7 campus. Obviously, we work with local police to provide assets. We have -- I know we
8 have local counter snipers for that, one two-man team counter sniper, only focused on
9 the arrival/departure, because it was -- again, it was like dorms right across the street, so
10 we utilize some like fire trucks for line of sight at least for the arrival/departure.

11 I know we have an 18-wheeler truck covering the site. We have bike racks,
12 obviously, to contain the crowd, and that's -- those aspects were pretty much, I'm not
13 going to say intense, but those other ones that we focus more with -- in this case with
14 DTD supervisor back then when he's out on the ground like planning and coordinating
15 that with locals and also with staff from college staff.

16 Q Did you work on any large outdoor events in which you were not the site
17 agent?

18 A No, not that I recall. I mean, again, like back in 2023, I was traveling a lot
19 but more like in the shift agent role, like traveling with the protectee and just for
20 movement, day movement.

21 Q Have you received any training or have any thoughts on how working an
22 outdoor event would be different from working an indoor event?

23 A Training specifically, no. You go by, you know, sometimes -- at the
24 beginning of your career you're shadowing all the people, like, you do -- they put you in
25 specific roles, assignments so you can learn from other agents but not specifically training

1 on how -- I mean, they give you the basics when -- before you graduate, of course.
2 Throughout those 2 months, I believe, 2, 2 and a half months that they do the protection,
3 they provide you with practical exercises, how to conduct your paperwork, how you
4 interact with others as far as like coordinations, meaning advance team members, and
5 also with the local counterparts.

6 Q Okay. I want to talk to you a bit about how the DTD is organized, and I'll
7 focus on the Secret Service side. So there is a SAIC, there's an ASAC. Who else is a
8 part of the team?

9 A Starting with the SAIC, the special agent in charge, we have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we
10 have the deputy special agent in charge [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and it goes down to about five or
11 six GS-14s working as assistant agent, special agent in charge, which is supervisors,
12 normally six to seven supervisors.

13 Q How many special agents that are not in that leadership role?

14 A I'd say, just a rough number, maybe 60 agents. I know the numbers have
15 changed maybe because we have people leaving or retiring and going to phase three
16 or -- I know there's been a lot of -- some movement lately, but I'm going to say roughly
17 60, 65 agents.

18 Q So total, how many Secret Service -- approximately how many on the DTD?

19 A Including supervisors?

20 Q Yes.

21 A I'd say maybe 70, 75.

22 Q And so --

23 A Because I know we have some admin, but DTD operations that do, you
24 know, both the logistical side, and we have now residential security branch, which focus
25 on residence aspects of security, perimeter security.

1 Q And when you have an event such as the one on July 13th, about how many
2 of those agents are made available to help?

3 A It actually depends on the traveling tempo, since obviously the tempo went
4 up with -- for the campaign. I'm not saying it's the same operational tempo back in 2023
5 as it is now in 2024, so it all depends on availability, who's on the role, who's traveling,
6 who just got back home, or who's on leave, and it depends.

7 Q And who do you have to report to in that chain?

8 A As far as the supervisor --

9 Q Yeah.

10 A -- or for assignments?

11 Q Whoever. Who do you report to? And you can give me different
12 scenarios of your reports.

13 A Well, back then, before July 13, it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because I was in the
14 family section back then. I was family section, meaning spouse -- protectee spouse and
15 children.

16 Q And what was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] role?

17 A He was a supervisor, ASAIC, assistant special agent in charge. He was one
18 of the supervisors in the family section.

19 Q Did you have prior experience working with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 A No. This was actually the -- I think the very first time working with him in
21 this, you know, in this aspect, in this role as advance, site advance.

22 Q And how do shift leaders play into like the chain of command?

23 A I'm sorry?

24 Q Shift leaders?

25 A Oh, shift leaders, normally they're in charge of movements. When

1 we -- whether it's the golf course or movements of travel, they're pretty much in charge
2 of the shift by providing them with guidance, like who's [REDACTED],
3 have -- you know, providing assignments, having assignments, and providing information,
4 passing that information from the supervisors to the shift agents in this case. They get
5 pretty much a whole lot of information as far as like DTD operations, updates, most
6 up-to-date information. So they are the ones pretty much -- the direct line of
7 communication with supervisors, pretty much.

8 Q And outside of July 13th in which you were the site agent and any other
9 experiences being a site agent, so in your normal capacity in the family role, are you
10 interacting with campaign staff?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What are your interactions with the campaign staff like?

13 A I mean, during movements, again, if you travel in the protectee aircraft, in
14 this case, you interact with some of the campaign staff. When you are on a specific
15 event behind -- you know, behind the scenes, you may interact with some of the senior
16 campaign staff or junior, senior. So you kind of like interact on a -- I'm going to say on a
17 daily basis if you're working on that role as shift agent.

18 Q And do you discuss plan and routes, security for the protectees?

19 A Back then?

20 Q With the campaign staff.

21 A Before July 13th?

22 Q Yeah. In your interactions with campaign staff, potentially what are you
23 discussing?

24 A No, not specifically, no.

25 Q So in your interactions with campaign staff whether on the plane or

1 otherwise, what are you discussing with them in substance?

2 A Nothing in regards to movement or nothing like protectionwise. It was just
3 more like normal conversations, nothing in regards to the protectee or movements or
4 anything.

5 Q And does that change when you're the site agent for an event?

6 A Yes, because in that case when you're assigned as site agent you have to
7 interact and engage with campaign staff. That's your -- normally when you receive the
8 assignment from DTD ops, they give you the primary point of contact from staff, like, this
9 is the person you're going to be working with and talking to and asking questions and
10 getting information from.

11 Q And we heard before that campaign staff is thinking about sort of like press
12 and things related to publicity, and the Secret Service agents are thinking about security?

13 A Right.

14 Q And sometimes there can be a conflict or a tension with those two things?

15 A There may be some conflicts, maybe some disagreements.

16 Q And are you given guide -- and we'll talk about July 13th in particular, but in
17 general, are you given guidance with how to navigate those tensions?

18 A Well, other than guidance, obviously you try to resolve, like nothing never
19 escalate but just trying to have conversation and come back with a solution. If anything
20 needs to be escalated, obviously you -- that's when you have a supervisor and you engage
21 with the supervisor, Hey, I'm going through these issues, these concerns. I have these
22 concerns. This person's not probably working with me or not -- we're not getting to an
23 agreement with this particular topic or subject, and that's when, you know, supervisor
24 comes into play.

25 Q And within the DTD, who ultimately will pick a site, for example?

1 A Select the site?

2 Q Yeah.

3 A That normally that comes from the staff, campaign staff. They are the ones
4 that say we're going to this event, and this particular site is going to be an indoor event,
5 outdoor event. And anything as far as like selecting a site, any major concern will be
6 addressed with, in this case, DSAIC [REDACTED] the deputy assistant special agent in charge.

7 Q And I want to talk more about that, but beforehand, you mentioned that this
8 detail is different from other former Presidents because former President Donald Trump
9 was more high profile?

10 A High profile and also running for President.

11 Q And what are some of the resource differences between other former
12 President details versus this one?

13 A I don't know about specifically other former Presidents like threat level or
14 intelligence provided, but I can relate to the -- being in DTD, the amount of protective
15 intelligence information that we receive is massive, I'm going to say on a daily basis
16 talking about PIs, what we call PI subjects, which is subjects of interest, unusual interest,
17 and sometimes subjects making threats online, posting threats, or phone calls, different
18 acts of threats.

19 So that's the reason why I say it's more pro -- I'm going to say high-profile
20 protectee, which is because you have people on his side, people that are against, or
21 people that are not -- you know, you have different type of, I'm going to say, individuals
22 that may have a different interest on this protectee.

23 Q And did you say that in Miami you were accustomed to the site agent
24 coming from the field office?

25 A Yes.

1 Q How so?

2 A As far as like in Miami Field Office, I'm working with as a site agent and lead
3 agent.

4 Q So when thinking about the advance team, putting DTD aside for a moment,
5 in your Miami experience, who in the advance team would come from the field office?

6 A Normally we have, from Miami Field -- Miami ops, operations, we get
7 notification that there was a -- whether it's a PPD visit or VPD, meaning Presidential, Vice
8 Presidential protective detail visit, or a foreign country, a foreign dignitary. So we get
9 that information, and normally they have -- they assign a lead agent, a site agent. The
10 lead agent will also work in the role of transportation because they are the ones in charge
11 of conducting routes and interacting with local PD and overall in charge of the visit.

12 So you have the lead agent, site agent, if it's -- they're staying for a couple days,
13 the RON agent, which is in charge of logistics as far as hotel, logistics side of -- for the
14 hotel. You also get a PI, protective intelligence agent. And there's also field office
15 supervisors who will be in charge for any issues, concerns, and approvals for that
16 particular visit. So that's mainly the main, you know, individuals with roles.

17 Q And all of that would be from the field office?

18 A From the field office, correct.

19 Q Would the campaign -- well, would the detail send a site agent counterpart?

20 So if the --

21 A For -- I mean, Miami Field Office or -- we're talking about the Miami Field
22 Office?

23 Q So sticking with your experience in Miami, the lead agent and the site agent
24 are both from the field office.

25 A Correct.

1 Q Would the detail then send a site agent counterpart?

2 A They normally get -- they assign a site counterpart. That's what they would
3 call a site counterpart. A VPD or PPD, they are the ones providing with the site, yes.

4 Q And for the Trump detail, do you typically send a site agent or do you also
5 send a lead advance agent?

6 A Normally they started doing it with the site agent. It wasn't like that at the
7 beginning when he got out of office and at least for the first year, because, again, I was in
8 Miami so we were working a lot with DTD, since day one. Like, we were doing a lot
9 of -- every 14 days they will send you to Mar-a-Lago for sweep security for post standings,
10 post standers assignments. So we worked a lot with DTD. Well, I worked a lot with
11 them when I was in Miami.

12 So it wasn't like that at least for the first year. Then when they found out that he
13 was possibly running for a second term in office, that's when they -- we start seeing like
14 DTD -- it came out from the DTD supervisors and high-level authority to say, hey, we
15 might have to start sending people out there so they can have first impression, first look
16 at, you know, events, sites, and have that type of interaction with campaign staff and the
17 local field office staff.

18 Q And when you -- when my colleagues discussed with you earlier about what
19 your role was and you explained that your supervisors essentially told you you were a
20 liaison between the field office and the Trump detail --

21 A DTD, correct.

22 Q -- which supervisors told you that?

23 A I talked to DSAIC [REDACTED] deputy assistant agent in charge, and also with [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]

25 Q And was that explained in particular for the Butler rally?

1 A For the Butler rally, yes, when I talked to DTD ops and also with DSAIC [REDACTED]
2 correct.

3 Q And is that consistent with what the DTD typically did with the site agents?

4 A Yes. I mean, from other interactions and conversations with other
5 coworkers, that's pretty much the way it does. Like, they always focus on the diagram.
6 They pretty much say, the diagram is your baby, pretty much that's your focus on,
7 because that's the way -- that's our initial impression, you know, overview of the site, the
8 overview map about movement, assets, and also for the walking path of the protectee,
9 which is what they, I'm not going to say care the most or they're concerned about, like
10 having a [REDACTED],
11 that's the primary role of DTD site agent, [REDACTED].

12 From the [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]. So I'm
14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] I just want to note for the record that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has joined for the
16 majority. He's special counsel.

17 [REDACTED] Thank you.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q Based on your understanding, did the DTD inform the field office about their
20 expectations with regards to site agent, lead advance, and counterpart?

21 A I cannot say about specific phone calls or interactions between them, but I
22 think they normally provide with specific guidance or clarification of what to expect from
23 each side of the advance team.

24 Q And did you have a conversation with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to say sort of like, hey,
25 this is what I've been told to focus on, and this is what I think you focus on?

1 A Yeah. I think from the beginning, like I told them, when we started talking
2 about -- I mean, we would work as a team, of course, as far as like securing the site,
3 networking with the local PD. Even I interacted a lot with the local PD even for the first
4 time being there, and since they have maybe interacted before with those individuals.
5 But I as the, you know -- when I first got there, my first thing was to provide a local PD
6 also with my inform -- my contact information for any issues, concerns, which we did
7 pretty much throughout the week.

8 But particularly for the site, that's why I told [REDACTED] hey, it is an expectation from
9 DTD that I'm focused on the site diagram and you guys focus on the manpower
10 justification or any of the site -- even the prelim, if you need me to assist with any site
11 aspect, the paperwork, I can do that. Like at that point, like, it doesn't matter the type
12 of role; if they need assistance with something else, I can -- you know, I can come in and
13 take part on that too, if needed.

14 Q I'm going to show you what will be marked as minority exhibit A.

15 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit A
16 was marked for identification.]

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q Can you go through the document briefly and let me know if you are -- if
19 you've seen this before.

20 A Yes, I've seen this before.

21 Q I want to direct you to what would be page 6. And if you're looking at the
22 Bates stamp, it is --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- ends in 102.

25 A Yes, I'm here.

1 Q All right. So at the bottom it has "Briefings." Is this consistent with your
2 understanding about what your role would be as the site agent?

3 A Yes.

4 Q So during the briefing on July 13th at 10 a.m., you would have covered these
5 contents?

6 A For the 10 a.m. briefing to post standers?

7 Q Yes.

8 A Yes, we went through specifics about the site and other specifics about the
9 venue and then for the visit, yes.

10 Q And would this content be covered -- would it be included in paperwork or
11 presentation prepared or would it just be oral?

12 A We normally send to post standers the night prior. And I'm saying post
13 standers, I include any other individuals that may need to know. Obviously, the
14 information is always the need-to-know person. Obviously, the supervisor is included.
15 DTD ops sometimes is included. I try to include everyone who has a need to know for
16 that particular email. It's more like -- I might say it's more like a briefing. And I don't
17 know if there's another exhibit on that, but I have -- normally I send an email the night
18 prior to post standers and other individuals, protective intelligence supervisor, maybe
19 some of the local PD, the high authority of that local PD, with attachments of the
20 protective intelligence bulletin that we may have at that point, the prelim, the site
21 diagram, and any other attachments or any other information that may assist them with
22 their roles and responsibilities, to include the post site instructions and also the post site
23 log, which has everyone's name, individual's name with the post assignments, the post
24 instructions. And then for the briefing we can just go over it, the same aspects, and
25 provide any updated information, and then address any questions, concerns in case they

1 don't have a good understanding on whether it's instructions, assignment, or anything in
2 general about the visit.

3 Q Is the briefing described here expected to be in person or could it be --

4 A Yes. Like, obviously, before -- during COVID, it was different. Normally
5 everything was virtual. But for this particular assignment it was in person. Like, you do
6 send -- again, you send that email the night prior to everyone involved doing the visit, and
7 then the next day you go over the briefing [REDACTED]. You
8 do the briefing and then have some time for open questions in case someone has any
9 issues, concerns, or any other questions about the visit itself.

10 Q And is there one briefing that covers all of this content?

11 A For post standers, yes. That's why we have different visits, like -- I mean,
12 briefings. Like, for walk-throughs and briefings, the lead agent is in charge pretty much
13 of coordinating for that. That's, you know, police meeting, police walk-through. For
14 this particular site, for site two, we have conducted briefings for post standers, pretty
15 much. And that's pretty much Secret Service-wide. Like, normally, that's the norm to
16 conduct the briefing prior to posting them to each specific post.

17 Q So the sentence in notes that "all personnel associated with the security," so
18 would local law enforcement also get these bullets?

19 A That's one thing that's different. Like, you normally don't -- you have the
20 police meeting at the beginning, you do the walk-throughs. And then normally we don't
21 have -- unless they have it, and that's when I say if it comes to the campaign staff
22 coordinating that with the lead agent or in this case the field office supervisors to have a
23 countdown meeting with local PD included.

24 But for this particular visit -- and it is not the norm to meet with local PD other
25 than having that police meeting before, unless they need to or if they see the need to do

1 another meeting or briefing.

2 Q Yeah. Just one thing I just want to make sure I'm clear about. So the
3 bullet here, this protocol says that at a minimum it should be contained in a briefing, and
4 it says "all personnel." So I understand that to be Secret Service and local law
5 enforcement. Is that right?

6 A Right, right. Any -- even if it's not a formal -- like, let's say, like the local PD
7 is not present during that briefing, we make sure that local PD is also informed and
8 they're tracking the same information. And, again, that's why I say it's a combined
9 effort from site agent to site counterpart and the lead agent to make sure that they are
10 aware of any situation, any information pertaining to the visit.

11 Q And who's -- so this says site agent, but you mentioned a site agent
12 counterpart. So who made sure that the local law enforcement got these briefings as
13 well?

14 A I mean, at least from my aspect, I have interactions with the local PD,
15 lieutenants, officers. I don't know aside from that like what interactions or
16 conversations, in this case Agent [REDACTED] or Agent [REDACTED] did -- you know, if they have
17 something separate or did something, you know, briefed them separately, I'm not aware
18 of that. I cannot speak to that.

19 Q So looking at the next page, page 7, which ends with Bates No. 103, this
20 notes, under "Police Briefing," that police personnel should be briefed by the site agent.
21 Did this happen for the July 13th rally?

22 A I know that -- I mean, for the briefing itself they pretty much talk about
23 aspects of the visit during the police walk-through that happened on Thursday, July 11th,
24 I believe. That's when we did the police walk-through to make sure that we have higher
25 authority there, from primary contacts, and also have engaged with special teams,

1 meaning tactical elements and all the elements that we have from Secret Service, in this
2 case technical support division, [REDACTED] and also counter snipers to make sure that we
3 have everyone in the same place to conduct the walk-through and also to talk about
4 aspects of the visit, how to secure the site and post assignments and all that, yes.

5 Q So between the police meeting on July 8th and the walk-through on July
6 11th --

7 A July 11th.

8 Q -- were the contents required per this manual covered with local law
9 enforcement?

10 A To my understanding, yes.

11 Q And, I mean, did you cover it?

12 A I mean, again, we -- there was separate, I'm not going to say split
13 responsibilities. They will have interactions and conversations with local PD; I will have
14 my own, and, again, anything pertaining to the site or anything that I knew at that point
15 will be passed along and discussed with local law enforcement.

16 Q And I mean -- and when it says "in conjunction with the police site
17 counterpart," would that be the site agent counterpart or is there a different person?

18 A I'm not sure if it refers to Secret Service counterpart or the police. But,
19 again, like, at least I have to be engaged with the site counterpart and make sure we both
20 are on the same page and also make sure that the local police in this case, the officers
21 that we talked to, were also up to speed and tracking the same information that we had
22 at that point.

23 Q All right. Is it fair to say that in your role as a site agent, at a minimum, if
24 there were any issues about the site, any concerns you had, you would push that up to --

25 A Of course.

1 Q -- either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

2 A Yes, absolutely.

3 Q Is there anyone else that you would be expected to raise issues with?

4 A Not specifically. Again, they will report any issues, concerns, or
5 suggestions -- I mean, ask for maybe recommendations, suggestions from their own team
6 maybe, meaning Pittsburgh Field Office, SAIC [REDACTED] or ATSAIC [REDACTED] as a supervisor. I
7 will address any issues, concerns that I may have, and obviously after discussion with the
8 advance team, talk to the DTD supervisor and make sure that he's also aware so he has
9 his, you know, time for his input in case that he wants to have different conversation or if
10 he wants to address -- provide suggestions or recommendations, yes.

11 Q And when thinking about the lead advance agent, is their role to essentially
12 pass along what you and the site agent counterpart decides, so in this case [REDACTED] or
13 would [REDACTED] be expected to also weigh in on the decisions?

14 A Yes, absolutely. As the lead site -- I mean, I can refer to that in my own
15 experience when I was the lead agent. Again, I participated in multiple assignments, to
16 include the United Nations General Assembly and the Summit of the Americas. So I will
17 probably definitely have -- if I see something that I don't like or I may disagree, I will
18 definitely let the site agent know or the supervisor know or have -- you know, try and
19 come up with a solution or if there is suggestion or recommendation. So they do have
20 some -- definitely a way in. Like, if they see something unusual, see something out of
21 place, they do have, absolutely, the authority to say something.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Can I ask just a quick question? When we talk about escalating to
24 supervisors, I mean, normally a decision is yours to make, right?

25 A Right.

1 Q So what would need to be escalated, a disagreement between whom?

2 A I say maybe campaign staff in this case.

3 Q Got it.

4 A If there's something, a conflict or a disagreement, that's something that I
5 definitely would seek for a supervisor to resolve or come up with a solution.

6 Q I got it. Disagreement between yourself and staff, then --

7 A The staff or any other advance member of the advance team, anyone. I
8 say, like, again, we try to interact and engage them to that issue or concern. If there's
9 something that I see that I need to escalate or see that I don't -- we can't find a good
10 solution, a best solution, definitely escalate it to the high level.

11 Q But normally, if there's something you see that you're not comfortable with,
12 it's yours to solve as site agent?

13 A Right, correct.

14 Q Okay. Thank you.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q So it sounds like the lead advance agent would not just pass along the
17 information that -- is she expected to review it?

18 A No, I mean, they're in charge of overall for the entire visit, so they got to
19 make sure that every single aspect, meaning the movement from the -- from and to the
20 airport it's, you know, it's good to go; that the sites, whether it's site one, site two,
21 multiple sites, they engage pretty much in every single aspect of the visit. And they
22 need to know and they need to be aware of any issues, concerns, and they provide
23 suggestions, they could make changes, so they may say yes or no. And then if they need
24 to escalate it, they will also address that with the direct supervisor from the field office.

25 Q So I want to make a distinction between someone needing to know and

1 being able to make suggestions versus being expected to look at something and give
2 feedback if anything's wrong.

3 A Right.

4 Q So which one is it? Is it just sort of an optional thing, or is part of her role
5 to --

6 A It's part of the role.

7 Q So part of her role is to analyze what you and [REDACTED] have decided?

8 A Of course, yes. Because, ultimately, it will fall under -- on the lead agent.
9 That's something I learned from training. Like, ultimately, the lead agent is the one
10 responsible for the entire aspect of the visit, from wheels down to wheels up.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q I'm sorry, if you make a decision and it's made, do you also have to go tell
13 the lead advance agent about it? I would think not. I would think the decision has
14 been made.

15 A Not necessarily, because if it's something that requires a little more, I'm
16 going to say maybe, let's say, a threat -- something that relates to PI, like protective
17 intelligence or something major, maybe like a threat concern or line-of-sight concern or
18 anything like that, that's something that definitely will be -- we'll talk about -- we talk
19 about it with the lead agent counterpart and maybe a supervisor.

20 Q If there's a line-of-sight concern and you decide it's going to be fixed by
21 putting --

22 A No, I don't have the final say for that.

23 Q Let me just ask the question. -- and you decide it's going to be fixed by
24 putting -- I'm making this up -- a large piece of equipment to block a line of sight, it's been
25 fixed. Do you also have to go tell somebody, I fixed it?

1 A Yes, you have to let them know.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Of course, yes. If you make a decision, whether it's something that is more
4 like a concern, a security concern or safety concern, anything that is not -- I'm going to say
5 maybe fixing a table at a post or fixing a bike rack, something like that may
6 call -- something minor. But if it's something major related to a threat or a security
7 concern, anything, definitely I will discuss with; Hey, I made this change. What do you
8 think about it? I will talk to, in this case [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Hey, we had to do this, so
9 what do you think? Do you think we can do it better, or do you have any better
10 suggestions, stuff like that.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q And for the Butler rally, I understand that you would have raised issues with
13 [REDACTED] Did you also expect [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to raise issues with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

14 A Absolutely, yes. Which they did, to my understanding.

15 Q Did the shift leader play a role in the chain of command for the rally?

16 A Again, that's what I'm saying, for this particular protectee everything is a
17 little different, because we have a former now running for President. So now the shift
18 leader comes from CNOS, what they call a CNOS for a candidate, nominees operations, so
19 we have another part of playing a role. So for this particular visit we have a shift leader,
20 I forgot his name --

21 Q Is it [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by any chance?

22 A What's the name?

23 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

24 A No. [REDACTED] -- I forgot his name.

25 [REDACTED] Is his name [REDACTED]

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q [REDACTED]

3 A Because I don't work with them. That was the first time. I know there
4 was a shift leader from CNOS and also they provide -- also CNOS provided one agent from
5 any other field office to assist with the visit.

6 Q Okay.

7 A But for this particular aspect, I did -- for this visit I did not have any
8 interaction with the shift leader until the day of the visit. Since we exchanged contact
9 information, he knew I was a DTD site agent, so we were just interacting via text
10 messages about updates, Hey, what is the situation report, about numbers, about any
11 issues, concerns, while they were traveling from West Palm Beach to Pittsburgh.

12 Q But if you are raising something up the chain or getting approval, you're
13 going to [REDACTED] are you also going --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- to the shift leader?

16 A Yeah, I would go to direct [REDACTED] in this case.

17 Q Do you also go to the shift leader or no?

18 A No.

19 Q Okay. And does [REDACTED] go to anybody else? Like, if you go to [REDACTED]
20 is there somebody else to look over his shoulder?

21 A Again, normally for this type of visit we have a second supervisor, which is, in
22 this case [REDACTED] but we also, for this visit, since we have CNOS support, we have an
23 additional secondary supervisor, which was [REDACTED] an inspector, assigned to the
24 visit. I know he's been working with us. Again, we have CNOS support from his, FAMS
25 and all the field offices. But for that -- this particular visit, we have two secondary

1 supervisors, not just one. Normally we go by one, but in this case it was [REDACTED] and
2 ATSAIC [REDACTED] from inspection.

3 Q And --

4 A And they would report to DSAIC [REDACTED] if needed. Obviously, they
5 have -- they engage a lot with SAIC [REDACTED] and DSAIC [REDACTED] for any concerns, questions, or
6 issues with the visit.

7 Q And do you recall previously saying that everyone on the advance knew that
8 [REDACTED] was ultimately in charge?

9 A No.

10 Q So who was ultimately in charge?

11 A It was the field office supervisor. I mean, in charge of the entire visit or --

12 Q Yes.

13 A For the entire visit it will be the supervisor, field office supervisor.

14 Q So [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what about for site two? So you're the site agent for site two. The
17 inner perimeter is sort of like your --

18 A So site two, the second supervisor was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and from the field
19 office, it is my understanding it was ATSAIC [REDACTED]

20 Q So between the two of them, who was ultimately in charge of site two?

21 A I'm going to say ATSAIC [REDACTED] as the local field office supervisor.

22 Q All right. In the 5 or 6 minutes we have left, I want to talk about the
23 decision to use Butler Farm for the site. When was that decision made?

24 A For -- to assign -- to have -- select Butler?

25 Q Yes.

1 A Since when I learned about the assignment -- because normally, again, it's
2 campaign staff make a selection or the decision that it is going to be the site. When I
3 first asked about the assignment, when I saw scheduling and I saw it on my schedule that
4 I was about to conduct an assignment, an event, it only had a TBD location, so they didn't
5 know at that point. I went to talk to -- the first thing I would do is talk to DTD operations
6 to get the most current information and ask questions about how many people they're
7 expecting, who's the primary contact from staff, who's the primary contact from the local
8 field office, so those kind of questions.

9 So at that point they didn't know the specific location. They were still trying to
10 get that information from staff. And I believe, again, I wasn't sure if it was that July 2nd
11 or the 3rd that I got notification, and then I asked the questions. And then maybe a
12 couple hours later, that's when they say, hey, it's going to be in Butler, Pennsylvania, it's
13 Butler Farm Show, they're expecting 15,000 people, and this is your primary point of
14 contact.

15 Q So we understand that there were different locations in the Butler vicinity
16 that was considered. Did you weigh in to the detail picking the location?

17 A Like location in Butler --

18 Q Yeah.

19 A -- or just the Butler Farm Show?

20 Q A location in Butler, so --

21 A No.

22 Q -- the airport, any other location?

23 A No. I found out -- I got the word when they said this is the site. This is
24 Butler Farm Show, it's going to be your site two. I have nothing to do with the selection,
25 or I didn't even know what other options they have. Again, if there's something about

1 maybe security concern, that's something that I would expect or what I've seen. A
2 senior-level campaign staff will talk to -- directly to the deputy special agent in charge, in
3 this case [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be that -- have that conversation about issues, concerns about
4 selecting a site. No, we don't know until we actually receive the assignment.

5 Q Do you have an understanding of what role Secret Service plays in picking a
6 site for an event like this?

7 A Not specifically for me, no.

8 Q No, not you in particular, but do you know whether Secret Service agents
9 will talk to the campaign staff to figure out the location?

10 A No. That's something that maybe the supervisors will have a say or have
11 that interaction or conversation that we don't know.

12 Q So you have not been a part of any of those discussions?

13 A No.

14 Q In your MAR you noted that there were impressions of the site that you had
15 that you had concerns?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Can you remind us of what those concerns were?

18 A Usually it is unusual thing for me to have eyes on for the very first time.
19 Like, I get an impression, like obviously I think about a lot of things. In this particular
20 aspect, I'm thinking about, again, a protectee that receives a lot of threats and a
21 protectee that we have receive information about direct threats from foreign countries
22 and other related threats.

23 The main concern, obviously, on my -- the questions that I first asked, how are
24 they going to do or try to do an outdoor event expecting 15- to 20,000 people at a site
25 that's an open field when [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] So that was my first obviously, and
3 that's not a secret in the detail. Everyone knows about this, to include obviously
4 supervisors. They are the ones with FBI working with other intelligence entities
5 receiving all this information on a daily basis maybe. I don't know how often they do get
6 updates, but that's information that we all know in the detail.

7 So that was obviously my main concern, like, how staff or how are they even
8 allowed to -- staff to pick, select a site like this. Obviously, ultimately, Secret Service is in
9 charge of securing the site, maybe providing them with suggestions or recommendations,
10 but, again, that's up to high-level supervisors to have that conversation -- those
11 conversations with staff. Not at a GS-13 level, of course.

12 Once they have assigned a site, our job is mainly to work with them, work with
13 staff, and provide a secure site for event.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q Could I --

16 A So --

17 Q -- ask you a question --

18 A Sure.

19 Q -- if I could? That threat that you just described, did you have knowledge of
20 that when the planning for the Pennsylvania trip started?

21 A I received information by the deputy special agent in charge back then when
22 I first got into the detail back in June 2023.

23 Q At the level of detail that you just previously described?

24 A Right, for with the detail, yes.

25 Q Okay. Was there a separate or additional conversation of that nature that

1 you were part of in the planning process from July 3rd to 13th?

2 A No. I believe that information was brought up to the attention of the lead,
3 maybe the SAIC, SAIC [REDACTED] from the Pittsburgh Field Office. I'm not sure to what level
4 of intelligence they got from DTD ops or the supervisors, but they knew -- I believe they
5 were also tracking with active, you know, threats towards the protectee.

6 Q And in terms of your personal knowledge, though, were you part of any
7 conversations about similar threats between July 2nd and July 13th?

8 A No. No.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I was not aware. Even when we get the protective intelligence bulletin
11 with information of the most, if there's any threats, active threats in the local or even
12 there was -- anything -- everything came back with negative results from the PI, PID.

13 [REDACTED] Can I take about 2 more minutes to close this block out?

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q So you mentioned the concerns that you had. Did you flag them to
16 anybody, [REDACTED] or anyone else on a DTD?

17 A I believe I talked to -- I'm not sure if I have discuss it just randomly with
18 [REDACTED] and obviously when I sent it to [REDACTED] obviously he's looking at the video, he's
19 looking at the picture, so he knows also aspects of the visit, and he has the same level of
20 intelligence information that we all know in the detail. But nothing that -- I mean, other
21 than that, there was nothing else; just to go with the plan of having the event, an outdoor
22 event with the attendance, the amount of people expected to be in attendance, and just
23 to make sure that we secure the site to the best of our ability.

24 Q Do you know if anyone on DTD visited the site before the decision was
25 made?

1 A ██████████ was there and also ██████████ was there for -- from the
2 DTD side it was ██████████ and ██████████ who arrived I believe Thursday night to
3 conduct the final walk-through on Friday, the 12th.

4 Q Now, before the decision to use this site was made, did anyone from Secret
5 Service visit it?

6 A No, not that I'm aware of. Not to my knowledge.

7 Q And once -- so once you're assigned and you show up and you have
8 concerns, is there a process for giving feedback, or is it futile at this point because the
9 decision's been made?

10 A I mean, no, once they select the site, you -- again, you can have that
11 interaction with the supervisors about -- you know, you take pictures, you take -- again,
12 line of sight is going to be the main -- one of the main challenges out there because
13 there's a lot to cover. Obviously, you have, for this particular case -- venue you have a
14 residential area, you have an airport, I believe it's a private airport, small airport next to it,
15 you have empty buildings, you have -- obviously, it's an open field, so drones will be
16 another, let's say, major challenge or major concern as far as security.

17 Q And I guess, could you say, hey, guys, we really should not use this site, or is
18 this --

19 A No. No, because -- I mean, I can -- obviously, they're looking at the same
20 thing that I'm seeing and they know about active threats. And, again, ultimately, it will
21 be maybe supervisors at a high level who say, hey -- I don't know, maybe from the field
22 office or from the DTD say, hey, I think this is not a good site. It's not up to me or maybe
23 ██████████ or ██████████ At that point, it's just we just have to go with plan of securing the
24 site.

25 ██████████ I think we can stop there. We'll go off the record. Thank you.

1 [Recess.]

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

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q I'm going to ask a couple of clarifying questions from the end of the last
5 round. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]. Is that right?

7 A Correct. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q Was that given to you in a classified setting?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay.

11 A It was as part of the orientation. When you first got to the detail you get
12 one or a couple of days to adjust to the new, you know, setup, security, and you could
13 just, I'm going to say, maybe not informal briefing from the deputy special agent in charge
14 just to welcome you to the detail and provide you with the basics, what to expect. And
15 also, obviously, as -- maybe for situational awareness just so you have a better
16 understanding about the threat level and the types of protectee that we are dealing with
17 or working with.

18 Q So understanding the threat level for your protectee is kind of a key element
19 of protecting?

20 A Of course, yes.

21 Q Okay. So then you are -- fast-forward to prep for July 13th of this year,
22 were discussions held about a [REDACTED]

23 A Not from myself, but I believe it was discussed at a higher level between --

24 Q In your -- yeah, who do you --

25 [REDACTED] Only if you know. Don't speculate.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q Yeah, in your belief.

3 A Not from me.

4 Q Not from you.

5 A I don't know if maybe I talked to -- about -- to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] just as a
6 random conversation, hey, you know, that maybe this is -- I can't recall specifically word
7 by word, but I may have -- I probably say something about, hey, [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED], so that's why -- maybe I presented it
9 more like a concern to have an outdoor event.

10 Q Okay. So you think that you said that to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] --

11 A Right --

12 Q -- but you can't quite remember?

13 A -- because I have that feeling -- I was not feeling okay about the setting of
14 the event, maybe an outdoor event with this amount of people, with this protectee have
15 multiple threat -- you know, threats not only from domestic but also from foreign
16 countries. So we might have a discussion, maybe just a random conversation about
17 that, but nothing specifically about -- we didn't go on specifics.

18 Q Okay. And when we talked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she did not recall any
19 conversation to that effect. So is it possible that didn't happen or she --

20 A No, maybe not. Maybe she did not have like a good maybe background
21 or -- background or investigate -- in regards to that, no.

22 Q So you're saying you could've had this conversation, but you can't remember
23 if it occurred specifically?

24 A I cannot recall if I said something.

25 [REDACTED] Could I just distinguish between the nature of the threat you're

1 talking about? [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] I'm just talking any drone threat.

4 [REDACTED] You're talking about a generalized -- any -- a generalized threat

5 based on very generalized information that you casually heard --

6 [REDACTED] No.

7 [REDACTED] -- in the past? Did you have any -- she wanted to know whether

8 you recall any conversation about that type of casual information that you heard,

9 incidental to your introduction to the --

10 [REDACTED] Detail, no.

11 [REDACTED] -- detail.

12 [REDACTED] No. Other than that, no. Nothing formal, nothing -- a secure

13 setting, no.

14 BY [REDACTED]

15 Q So then you're talking about line-of-sight concerns, you're going -- you're

16 walking around with campaign staff [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I believe that was Tues- --

17 A Since day one, yeah, Monday.

18 Q Or Monday.

19 A That was actually the first thing, because I remembered that I arrived into

20 Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon. And the very first -- at the very beginning [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 sent an email about logistics, about the hotel, everything went good, and just talking

22 about, hey, tomorrow we have the police meeting and initial walk-through with staff,

23 with dates.

24 Q You said -- so that was the email that went out?

25 A It was only for me, like --

1 Q Just to you?

2 A Yeah, just to me, like, just, you know, as a welcoming to Pittsburgh, like how
3 everything went with the hotel and trip and everything, travel arrangements. And then
4 just to notify -- then she sent an email to notify us, [REDACTED] and I don't know if it was some
5 other members of the advance for the police meeting and a walk-through on the next
6 day, which occurred Monday, the 8th.

7 Q Okay. So when you get to the site with that group of people
8 that Monday --

9 A It was Monday, the 8th, at 10 a.m., I believe.

10 Q Okay. So when you're talking about the line-of-sight concerns, did you
11 bring up a specific concern about a drone threat?

12 A Not that I recall.

13 Q Okay.

14 A I mean --

15 [REDACTED] You just answered the question.

16 [REDACTED] Yes.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q So -- and then just to backtrack a little bit to something else they were
19 talking about, and I think we've talked about this in a lot of ways, but I'm going to try to
20 get us on the same page here.

21 So your Miami training says the special agent has X number of responsibilities,
22 right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Then that's your expectation when you're going to Pittsburgh that
25 you're going to fulfill that same role that you were trained to fulfill as a site agent?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And that means that you are in charge of the entire site?

3 A Not for Pittsburgh. I mean, that's what --

4 Q Okay. So, yeah, that's -- this is my confusion, because --

5 A Not from Miami, and DTD we didn't -- and the detail now is different. So
6 that's why from information that I've -- you know, from the training I received at the
7 academy and from Miami experience to being in the detail now, it's kind of like different
8 the way they did it in Miami and the way they do it in DTD.

9 Q So the difference is Miami trained you one way, and now as part of the
10 detail you feel like your site agent role is slightly different than if you're in the field office?

11 A Because normally the former details don't send a site agent or they don't
12 send a lead agent, but when they do it's more like a representation from the detail to
13 provide the field office with expectations from DTD supervisors what to expect, what do
14 they -- what they should expect as far as movement, protecting the site, and moving the
15 protectee [REDACTED] or that
16 kind of stuff.

17 Q Okay. And I think that perhaps is where some of the confusion maybe
18 came that day.

19 A Right.

20 Q You might've had a different understanding of what your role was than
21 [REDACTED] thought you were doing?

22 A Right.

23 Q Okay. Yeah. When [REDACTED] was talking to us, she's like the site agent has
24 full responsibility of the site --

25 A Right, they have full responsibility, of course, yes.

1 Q So even as a detail site agent, do you think that that's still true that you had
2 full responsibility?

3 [REDACTED] When you use the phrase, quote, "full responsibility," end quote,
4 what do you mean by that, or do you have, quote, "full responsibility," end quote, as the
5 question is asked?

6 [REDACTED] As the site agent you have a full responsibility of the site. Again,
7 that's what I was instructed in training and in the Miami Field Office. But when you go
8 as representation from the detail in this case, you work with your counterparts, you work
9 with the field office, and specific roles are not discussed at that point.

10 It's more like, what are you doing? I'm going to be doing this; you're going to be
11 doing that. I'm going to be doing this part of the paperwork; you're going to be doing
12 this -- it's more like -- not going to say share responsibility, but if you're working as a team
13 with other team members. But they're -- we're not talking about, oh, you're going to be
14 in charge of this, you're going to be in charge of that.

15 I mean, I know what a site agent -- obviously the responsibility is to secure the
16 site, but you also have to make decisions and you have to do the planning and logistics
17 based on other -- you know, other's suggestions, recommendations as working, in this
18 case, as a team from details and the field office.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q Do you think that maybe there was a misunderstanding between what you
21 believed you were there doing and what [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] thought your responsibilities
22 were?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay.

25 A Yes. I'm going to say so, yes.

1 Q Can you elaborate on that? Do you think that they were relying on you too
2 heavily, that like -- can you tell us --

3 A I believe at some point they probably thought, because -- that the detail
4 has -- that maybe the detail isn't overall in charge, but I've got -- maybe I've seen or I've
5 got different information from the detail that the field office is ultimately responsible
6 because we are doing the visit. We're visiting that specific location, that specific area.

7 It's like when I was in Miami, PPD or VPD will expect Miami will take over, will take
8 responsibility of the site itself. Like, obviously they're going to be there to provide any
9 input or recommendations as far as like PPD or VPD, but it feels -- I felt back then like
10 even Miami has full overall responsibility for the entire -- you know, for the visit, to
11 include sites.

12 Q So in Miami were you classified as a site agent or a site counterpart when
13 PPD would come in?

14 A Site counterpart.

15 Q Site counterpart?

16 A Correct.

17 Q So you understand that the site counterpart has more than just a liaison
18 role?

19 A Correct. Correct.

20 Q Okay. And you think that they should have --

21 A Right, because we have all the assets. We have, I mean, contacts from the
22 local PD, EMS, or other local personnel that may assist with the visit, meaning staff or
23 other local personnel.

24 Q So when you were talking with Agent [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was it clear to you at
25 the time that there was a misunderstanding, or is this sort of looking back now it seems

1 like there was a miscommunication?

2 [REDACTED] Well, do you know for a fact that there was a misunderstanding?

3 [REDACTED] No, not at the moment.

4 [REDACTED] I mean, let me just clarify something. I mean, I'm not even sure
5 that -- did you understand that there was a misunderstanding, first of all, at all?

6 [REDACTED] Not back then, no, not at all.

7 [REDACTED] Not back then. But I did ask her, I said, did you think that there --

8 [REDACTED] I understand that, but she did define -- I think you need to define
9 the role of -- her understanding the role of the lead advance agent and the --

10 [REDACTED] We did walk through that during our first hour.

11 [REDACTED] I know that --

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 [REDACTED] -- but that -- by doing that she indicated that the overall
14 responsibility from alpha to omega was the lead advance agent, and she had more
15 narrow focus. I wish -- I don't want to have her testifying, you know, in a parallel
16 fashion. I'd like her to maintain consistency with what she said previously. I just want
17 to make sure it's clear what she said.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 [REDACTED] Do you understand?

20 [REDACTED] Uh-huh, yes.

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q So for a former POTUS event versus a CNOS event, are there differences in
23 your role as a site agent?

24 A I never worked at CNOS.

25 Q Oh, you've never done a candidate one?

1 A No, never.

2 Q Okay.

3 [REDACTED] I just want to ask you, can you distinguish between the role of a lead
4 advance agent in Butler and a site agent? Is there a difference in roles?

5 [REDACTED] Yes, it is different roles.

6 [REDACTED] You had mentioned that -- I want to reiterate what you said earlier.

7 [REDACTED] Right, that the lead agent is in charge overall for the visit
8 from -- obviously from the planning process, coordinating meetings, coordinating for
9 walk-throughs, coordinating timelines, when paperwork is due, from the moment of
10 wheels down, wheels up, movement of the protectee. So the lead agent is obviously in
11 charge overall for the visit. The site agent obviously is in charge of the site, in this case
12 site one, which is the airport; site two is obviously Butler Farm Show. So it's different,
13 different roles.

14 [REDACTED] Right. So you as the site agent over the Butler Farm Show were in
15 charge of the site of Butler Farm Show?

16 [REDACTED] From the DTD aspect, yes.

17 [REDACTED] But not as a full site agent? I guess I'm trying to figure out --

18 [REDACTED] Well, there was an alternate site agent too, right?

19 [REDACTED] Right.

20 [REDACTED] Well, that's a site counterpart --

21 [REDACTED] The site counterpart.

22 [REDACTED] Right.

23 [REDACTED] -- which you had an understanding was going to be a much more
24 involved role than ended up being. Is that fair?

25 [REDACTED] Right.

1 ██████████ Okay. So you understood ██████████ role to be much larger than it
2 seems ██████████ seemed to understand it?

3 ██████████ I can't --

4 ██████████ I'm not asking her characterization of ██████████ I'm just asking --

5 ██████████ I don't know what ██████████ said.

6 ██████████ I read it. But I'm just asking for your characterization. You said,
7 when I asked you, do you think there was a misunderstanding -- looking back now, do you
8 think there was a misunderstanding of what you thought ██████████ was doing and what you
9 thought you were doing?

10 ██████████ From what I know now, yes.

11 ██████████ Do you know what ██████████ has stated she was doing?

12 ██████████ I read it on the record. I can read it again.

13 ██████████ Why don't you read it? Yeah, why don't you do that so we can
14 understand.

15 ██████████ "The site agent has full responsibility of the site. They are in
16 charge at all -- they are in charge all the time. Site agent is in charge of the site."

17 ██████████ Okay.

18 ██████████ That's what I was asking her.

19 Okay. I'm going to move on just because --

20 ██████████ So -- okay.

21 ██████████ -- we're wasting a lot of time. But --

22 ██████████ So you're in charge of the site. We know that.

23 BY ██████████

24 Q Moving on to the walk-through on the 8th, you said it was you, ██████████
25 ██████████ and then campaign staff?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 A For initial walk-through among the -- yes.

4 Q Okay. In the Senate interview, you said you were concerned about the
5 outside because of this possibility of a [REDACTED] Did you voice that
6 during that first walk-through?

7 A I was more concerned because I received that general information when I
8 first got into the detail, and obviously that's something that supervisors in the detail
9 know, that I know, that coworkers working the detail know. And, again, when we did
10 the walk-throughs and we're doing the outdoor events we talk about concerns,
11 line-of-sight issues, and [REDACTED] was also a topic of discussion during the
12 walk-throughs and -- as far as concern. Like, it's an outdoor event. Obviously, we
13 don't get glass door -- I mean, I'm sorry, we don't get bulletproof glass or anything. Like,
14 that wasn't even, I'm not going to say maybe part of the plan of requesting that, because
15 obviously, again, there's some specific assets and resources for former and sitting
16 Presidents back then for OPO instructions or requirements. Also, you can ask and
17 request assets or equipment, but it's ultimately on OPO for ultimate approval of assets
18 and resources available or available for the visit.

19 Q So during this walk-through it had not yet been determined where the stage
20 was going to be, right? This was just --

21 A No. It was just initial walk-through just to have eyes on the site and just to
22 walk around and see the surroundings, the perimeter, talking to staff. Because I
23 know -- remember that day we were talking about whether doing it behind the barns, as
24 you can refer to the diagram, behind the barns or in front of the barns. So that kind of
25 type of discussions, about the terrain level, whether it was flat terrain or it was more

1 difficult to maneuver with motorcade.

2 So that's why the lead also has to be part of the conversation, because she was
3 also lead in transportation dealing with motorcade movements, vehicles, locations, and
4 stuff. So it was part of the conversation to where they come up with a decision for the
5 arrival/departure, behind or in front, which, ultimately, they decided to do it in the front
6 of the barn.

7 Q Okay. Was there a discussion about putting it in the like horse arena near
8 the lake?

9 A They -- I know we had a conversation about doing the actual event at the
10 horse arena, but because it was too small they said you can only fit -- that came from staff
11 that they were just estimating that they may only fit 7,000 people instead of a larger
12 crowd, which that's ultimately what they wanted to fit a larger crowd, from 15-, 20,000
13 people.

14 Q Okay. So after that walk-through you go to Pittsburgh for the police
15 meeting?

16 A For the police meeting, correct.

17 Q Okay. Did you help prep for that meeting in any way or was that all Agent
18 [REDACTED]

19 A No. I receive -- I know that we received DTD ops. They have a
20 PowerPoint presentation, say you may utilize this to assist with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the
21 lead agent in this case, but they already have their own set of -- I believe they have
22 PowerPoint for police meeting. And she did pretty much everything, so I didn't have
23 part on that.

24 Q Okay. So you didn't take the PowerPoint that was --

25 A No. No.

1 Q Okay. And then in that meeting -- were you in the meeting the whole
2 time?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Do you recall hearing Special Agent [REDACTED] ask local law enforcement
5 to have representatives in the security room --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- the day of?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Were there any qualifiers on that? Was it only decision-makers? Was
10 there any -- do you remember what she said specifically?

11 A I know that, obviously at the beginning, the first thing is to go over the
12 sequence of events, the PowerPoint, pretty much about protective intelligence, that
13 they're going to have a representative from Secret Service, some of the assets that Secret
14 Service could provide, and sequence of events, the timeline, whether it's wheels down,
15 the movements, moving from point -- site one to site two, and so -- and back to the
16 airport at the end. So it's more like sequence of events, the timeline, so the local law
17 enforcement have a good understanding or at least the most up-to-date information at
18 that point of what's going on, what to expect on that day.

19 So it's just a basic information. And then you can talk about all the other -- I
20 know she talked about a lot of things, maybe she went on about maybe additional 15,
21 20 minutes of just the local -- just over the PowerPoint just to, you know, maybe what to
22 expect from local law enforcement as far as assets and resources available. And that is
23 more like an exchange of contact information, this is the person who's going to be
24 working with you, and just exchanging, you know, business cards and having
25 conversations.

1 Q So was it during the PowerPoint section that she asked all local law
2 enforcement to be in the command -- or security room?

3 A I think it was probably at the end --

4 Q At the end?

5 A -- because that's probably what is expected from the local PD, have a secure
6 room for a command post where you have your representative from each entity, from
7 each local entity inside, whether it's emergency services, tactical team, police, State
8 police, the sheriff's department, whoever is going to be on the day of the event, those
9 who have a higher authority inside the security room or command post.

10 Q Did you interface with all the locals that were there that day?

11 A I interacted with a few of them. Majority, main contact was Lieutenant
12 [REDACTED] from the Pennsylvania State Police; and Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also from the
13 Pennsylvania State Police; and [REDACTED] -- I forgot his last name. [REDACTED] from the sheriff's
14 office. [REDACTED] --

15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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2 [12:34 p.m.]

3 [REDACTED] Yes, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yes. And a few of us. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] from -- I think he's from --

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q [REDACTED] maybe?

7 A [REDACTED] yes. I believe I interacted a little bit. And [REDACTED] from the Butler
8 County ESU, Emergency Services Unit.

9 Q Did you talk to any of them about the resources that you would be providing
10 that day?

11 A Yes. We asked about resources, what resources that they can provide, that
12 are available. We understand and they knew it was part of -- in the discussion that they
13 knew that First Lady was also going to visit on that day. Different location, but in the
14 Pittsburgh area. So we knew that they probably were going to be a little more restricted
15 on resources or availability, but at that point we just asked why you, you know, things
16 that we needed or things they could provide for that visit as far as personnel, equipment,
17 vehicles.

18 Q Did anything stick out to you in any of those conversations?

19 A Not that I recall, because again, we're just -- just like everybody is sitting in a
20 PowerPoint -- classroom environment. You have a PowerPoint. You talk about a few
21 things, topics that you want to discuss, and then everyone kind of, like, split off and, you
22 know, airports, personnel, they're going to be working at the airport aspect, going to be
23 in the side of the room. The tactical element will link up with Secret Service
24 representative for tactical or sweeps in this case. Generally, because it's the police
25 meeting, you don't have every representative there, physically there, so you collect

1 information so that way when they are on the, you know, on the arrival, they have that
2 contact put up front at which that's what happened with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as the CUAS
3 representative from DTD. Like, who is my contact from the local PD, too, so that's
4 pretty much -- you collect the information to pass on to other members of the events.

5 Q Okay. And you were collecting that personally, or was it someone else?

6 A I was getting phone numbers. We all were there, like, collecting numbers.
7 Just so, you know, for future references, like, when once you have other members of the
8 events present, they can have someone to talk to, like in this case, again, tactical
9 elements, sweeps for EOD, canine sweeps who are the locals that are going to be
10 assisting, so that kind of contact information.

11 Q And you didn't know at the time that there were going to be Secret Service
12 counter snipers there, right?

13 A We did have -- I remember having the conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who
14 said --

15 Q Prior to the police briefing?

16 A No. On Tuesday.

17 Q Okay. So yeah, so Monday you --

18 A Monday, no, there was nothing about counter snipers.

19 Q And then you talked with the locals, maybe [REDACTED] from Butler ESU?

20 A [REDACTED] from Butler, right.

21 Q And he was going to provide snipers? Or do you remember what that
22 conversation was?

23 A I think at that point there was something about counter snipers, but there
24 was nothing confirmed that they would have counter snipers present for the visit. They
25 said they can find tactical elements and counter snipers if available, but there was

1 nothing set in stone on that day.

2 Q Okay. In your first mission assurance review -- interview with the Secret
3 Service, you mentioned something about the police having to reschedule the
4 walk-through because they weren't available, so you didn't need to assign the post until
5 Thursday the 11th. Does that sound right?

6 A Yeah. Again, she was coordinating walk-throughs and meetings or briefings
7 in this case. I know after that police meeting, we went back -- I think we went back to
8 the site, but the police -- local PD could not make it on that day because they have other
9 things going on.

10 Q But normally they would -- you would all go together after the police
11 meeting to go to a site?

12 A Not specifically after the police meeting. I mean, we can -- it all depends
13 on schedule availability. Like, if they can do make it -- do it that day, we can just do, like,
14 initial walk-through and show them around, which that was the intent to go with them
15 after the police meeting, but again, for some other reason they couldn't make it. But
16 nobody would plan for the police walk-through at least so they have a good view and, you
17 know, understanding of the surroundings, the sites, and they have eyes on all the
18 elements of the site, which didn't happen until Thursday.

19 Q Right. Okay.

20 A But just to confirm, we were there every day, and on Tuesday when we got
21 there we saw and we interacted with Pennsylvania, some of the Pennsylvania State
22 Police, Lieutenant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] They were there on Tuesday, because they
23 wanted to go and see the actual site for the stage and all that.

24 Q Okay. So you go back to the site that night. It was you --

25 A No. Monday, I think.

1 Q Oh. No. Monday the police briefing was done, so then Tuesday.

2 A Tuesday we went back to the site.

3 Q You went back to the site. Okay. So there was -- when we were talking
4 with Agent [REDACTED] she said she asked you for some of the locals contact information.
5 Do you remember that?

6 A I believe so, yes, because some -- again, when you're interacting with other
7 policemen, you split up into groups and sometimes you interact with some people. That
8 day was a lot of them, so I got information on who was going to be working at the site
9 two or stay for the visit. So that's when I got with Pennsylvania State Police and some of
10 the locals that could provide assistance with additional assets meaning counter snipers or
11 tactical.

12 Q And did you send those along to [REDACTED]

13 A Yeah. I mean, I believe -- I don't know if I sent it via text message or screen
14 shots, because sometimes it's easier for screen shots or email, but I know there was
15 another Secret Service agent. I know maybe he was the one providing just general
16 information about the First Lady visit and the former Trump detail visit, so he was the one
17 providing. I believe at some point he provided us with a spreadsheet with all the police
18 contacts at the end. I don't know if it was Monday or Tuesday.

19 Q Who was that person that provided it?

20 A I can't remember his name. I know he was an agent from Secret Service
21 with -- maybe working out of OPO or a different level overseeing the First Lady and
22 Donald Trump, because he was providing just general information about the two visits.

23 Q It was a Pittsburgh one?

24 A No.

25 Q Secret Service?

1 A I think he was from D.C. He was part of maybe OPO or -- I never worked
2 with him. I've never seen his name before.

3 Q Which contacts were in that spreadsheet?

4 A It was all police -- local police contacts after the police meeting.

5 Q Would Agent [REDACTED] need all those contacts, or is that something that you
6 handled?

7 A Again, I don't know if she knew or if she had interacted before with any of
8 the local PD that were present that day. It seemed like maybe it was a first time
9 interacting with -- I don't know if it was -- sometimes people retire. Some people move
10 or transfer. So I don't know if, you know, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or the SAIC [REDACTED]
11 interacted with the local law enforcement before.

12 Q Okay. So the 9th there was an airport walk-through that morning. Did
13 you go to that one?

14 A No.

15 Q Because you're not responsible.

16 A Right. It would be site two.

17 Q Okay. But you did go back to the Butler Farm Show. Do you remember
18 what time that was about?

19 A The 9th or the 10th?

20 Q The 9th.

21 A Because the 9th we only went back to the site. There was no
22 walk-through, you know, formal walk-through. It was more, like, going back to the site
23 to look with staff and walk around and get with the venue staff to see -- just to continue
24 with the events. I know we did a lot of admin, maybe paperwork on that day.

25 Q Okay.

1 A It wasn't -- I think -- I don't know if that was the day that we went back to
2 the headquarters, so troops D from Pennsylvania State Police to discuss and have a better
3 view of assignments, post assignments, and with the local PD about where they're going
4 to be posted or where they're going to have vehicle marked units from PD -- from the
5 police. But it wasn't until the 10th, Wednesday, when -- that we did the manpower
6 walk-through with SAIC [REDACTED] and it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] myself, and SAIC [REDACTED] who did
7 the manpower walk-through, which is the walk-through that relates more to post
8 standers where they're going to need more or less or make decisions about numbers of
9 post standers or personnel needed for the final paperwork to submit it to OPO for
10 request.

11 Q So on the 9th you did not a formal walk-through.

12 A No formal walk-through.

13 Q You did go to the site.

14 A Right. I went to the site. There was more talking about, you know,
15 paperwork, diagram, and maybe assets or information that we may have gathered at that
16 point.

17 Q So would that have been a time that counter snipers were discussed?
18 Secret Service --

19 A Yes. On Tuesday, that was the day that I received an email. I had
20 received a phone call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that he's going to -- he was going to about the
21 standard CS or counter sniper survey, which I've never done before. So he send it to me
22 just to start working on it, but just maybe an hour after that I received confirmation from
23 the BPD ops that they were going to request counter sniper support from headquarters.
24 SOD.

25 Q Okay. So when [REDACTED] called and said here's a counter sniper survey,

1 start working on it, was that with the understanding that they were going to be
2 requesting counter snipers or they just --

3 A They didn't know at that point. I believe -- he wasn't sure. He send it just
4 in case. Just if you've never seen it, just so you have, you know, at least eyes on what it
5 looks like and maybe start working on it. Because I remember he said something about
6 a rangefinder. He was trying to find -- he was trying to find maybe the field office have a
7 rangefinder. I never used a rangefinder before because that's not part of what I've, you
8 know, what I've done as an agent. It's more like counter sniper stuff.

9 So I think at that point part of the conversation, it was trying to find the
10 rangefinder, because the Secret Service counter sniper won't be there until Wednesday
11 by noon, and this happened on Tuesday. So maybe -- I'm not going to probably say it
12 wasn't too long until I got an email from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asking -- requesting for counter
13 sniper support to a special operations division, SOD, back at headquarters.

14 Q Okay. So you didn't make that request.

15 A No.

16 Q It came down to you?

17 A It came down. Yeah. Any request of that level, like special operations
18 division, SOD, for special teams like CAT or counter sniper CSU will come from DTD ops.
19 They are the ones who make the request, yes.

20 Q Okay. So you got the email. Do you remember around what time?

21 A Maybe -- I don't know if it was, again -- I can't tell for sure if it was before or
22 after noon, but I know they submitted their request and it was an immediate -- must have
23 been an immediate response, because on that same day it got approved. We got a
24 response back from SOD saying the person was going to be there for the events. [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] that he was going to be a team leader for the counter sniper team and he was

1 going to get there the next day, which happened on Wednesday by noon he was there.

2 Q Okay. You mentioned in your Senate interview that your understanding
3 was that this was -- request for counter snipers was made maybe because of the type of
4 event with the type of audience, it's outdoors --

5 A Yeah, outdoors.

6 Q 20,000 people?

7 A Correct.

8 Q It wasn't because of a threat.

9 A No. It was because -- I mean, it was something unusual. Like I said, that
10 was the very first time that we used counter snipers --

11 [REDACTED] This was your surmise?

12 [REDACTED] What's that?

13 [REDACTED] Was this just your surmise, your guess?

14 [REDACTED] Right. Right. Because for formal details, it is my understanding
15 that they never request counter sniper or any other, like, special teams like that, and for
16 this particular event it was the very first time that we utilized Secret Service counter
17 snipers for an outdoor event. For the previous event it was just local counter sniper and
18 that was something that they offered to us.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q Okay. So this struck you as a bit unusual, but happy to have it?

21 A Right. Saying there was approved and everything went -- I would think it
22 was because of, you know, the threat level, the amount of people, an outdoor event,
23 buildings around it, tree lines, a lot of line of sight concerns, yes.

24 Q Okay. No one communicated down to you, [REDACTED] or DTD ops, that this
25 was because of any particular purpose. They didn't tell you why.

1 A No, no, not at all.

2 Q Okay. When did you learn that locals would also be sending sniper assets?

3 A I believe Wednesday when [REDACTED] and I had the initial conversation and he
4 was on the ground on site two. I know he asked for access to the roof of the barn and
5 just to start doing his, you know, his work about with the rangefinder about distances and
6 line of sight issues and concerns and do his own threat level assessment. Same thing
7 with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He would do his TSD stuff, like technical support division, provide
8 his own threat assessment, provide a report. But I believe it was that day that he said
9 he was going to -- he asked for a contact, police contact, so I believe it was that same day
10 that we exchanged our contact information for police so he can have counterparts or ask
11 for resources, original resources.

12 Q That was Wednesday when you were --

13 A Let me tell you -- yeah, that was Wednesday when he arrived.

14 Q Okay. So after you're done at the site on Tuesday, you go to the PSP
15 barracks to walk --

16 A I believe it was Tuesday if I'm not -- because I know it was at the end of one
17 of the walk-throughs or being there at the site that we went back to the barracks road for
18 additional -- because the PSP wanted to talk to us about his -- their own plan, like, where
19 they're going to have police assignments and the plan that they had at that point for the
20 event, how to secure the event.

21 Q Okay. So while you're at the barracks, did you discuss line of sight issues
22 that you can remember?

23 A I think we discussed that when we were doing -- when we were there
24 initially on Tuesday, because it was only Lieutenant [REDACTED] and Lieutenant [REDACTED]
25 present from PSP. Nobody else. It was just them, but they decided to go out and take

1 a look for themselves, you know, firsthand seeing the site, what -- actually where the
2 stage is going to be, the arrival, departure, and general aspects of the visit.

3 Q So you discussed line of sight with them?

4 A Right. We talked about line of sight.

5 Q At the Farm Show.

6 A Right.

7 Q What do you remember those conversations being?

8 A Just line of sight issues, maybe talking more general like having, you know,
9 concerns about residential area, about the fence line, that we have an airport nearby with
10 empty buildings, and obviously, it was very, like, dense area. Like, you have trees.
11 There was a lot of trees. You have all the buildings. You have main roads nearby, and
12 that kind of stuff, but it was nothing specific.

13 Q Nothing specific?

14 A As far as, like, this particular building or that particular building, nothing
15 about that. It was more --

16 Q The airport was a kind of specific one, right? Empty buildings near the
17 airport?

18 A Right. You have a lot of hangars, right.

19 Q Okay. So that was a concern? Was AGR discussed as a concern at that
20 time?

21 A No, not at all.

22 Q Okay. Do you recall any conversations with Lieutenant [REDACTED] or
23 Lieutenant --

24 A [REDACTED]

25 Q [REDACTED]

1 A Yes.

2 Q About AGR?

3 A No, not until I think it was on Thursday when we had the police walk-through
4 with all of them, and there was I would say maybe 30 of the local PD there, because we
5 have the sheriff -- personnel from the sheriff's department that want to have eyes on the
6 site. I think we have some of the support tactical assets present there for tactical teams
7 from the local PD. Secret Service. It was a large site attendance of local PD, right,
8 which is not normal. Normally you have one higher authority, a lieutenant or a sergeant
9 or one representation, but in that -- for that particular walk-through there was a lot of
10 them, a lot of interaction that day.

11 Q Did that feel more chaotic to you than --

12 A Yes. Than normal, yes, because I've never seen that before.

13 Q Okay. So before we get fully to Thursday, the manpower walk-through on
14 Wednesday, do you remember what time that was?

15 A Yeah. I believe it started -- I know we met with SAIC [REDACTED] inside a
16 conference room, because he wanted to go over the paperwork beforehand, before we
17 started with the walk-through, with our actual walk-through. So I remember it was
18 myself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and SAIC [REDACTED] inside the conference room just to
19 go over, but it was more discussion between them three.

20 I wasn't -- I didn't take part unless they were asking specific questions. I was
21 there, but it was more interaction between them three talking about post standers. It
22 was more about -- obviously, they were about to do the manpower walk-through,
23 which -- with regards to post standers, where we can put post standers or facilitate post
24 standers, whether the numbers were correct or asking for a specific --

25 So that's when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she started writing down, taking notes about how

1 many post standers. I believe it went up to 21, including relief agents, which normally
2 post standers would include the arrival departure post, the dais, which is the stage, post
3 stander for the road, post stander for the interview, for clicks, for the press riser,
4 magnetometers, Pls, so you get a lot -- these are the posts you have to justify, and I don't
5 know if that's one of the exhibits, the manpower justification, if you're adding additional,
6 OPO was asked for a justification, why do you need an additional person or post stander,
7 so you have to be justified.

8 Q And that's something agent --

9 A [REDACTED] discussed with -- right, with [REDACTED] and SAIC [REDACTED] of course,
10 because after that I think that meeting took maybe an hour or two. And then we
11 proceeded with the manpower walk-through around the site for whole post pretty much.
12 Like, we went through all or over -- all around the perimeter or in and out of the
13 perimeter.

14 Q So it was you, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Was TSC [REDACTED]

15 A I think [REDACTED] was there.

16 Q Was [REDACTED] there at that point?

17 A [REDACTED] he was on his way from D.C., so I think he arrived maybe a little
18 after, but I think it was after the manpower walk-through, because we have to show him
19 around and get the contact from staff.

20 Q Okay. Were you present for a conversation between Agent [REDACTED] and
21 [REDACTED] about sweeping that site?

22 A No. I know I talked to [REDACTED] in the vehicle separately, but not -- I don't
23 think [REDACTED] was there.

24 Q Okay. Do you remember your conversation with [REDACTED]

25 A I think he was asking more like the type of attendance, how many people we

1 were expecting, about the site perimeter, because they only sweep for areas that is going
2 to be secure. You never sweep for something that is not going to be -- have a post
3 stander, because obviously, it's going to be -- it's not going to be clear, like a secure area.

4 Obviously, [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 OPO, the general time of opening, like self-opening, opening, so that way they can
7 determine [REDACTED], which ended up being [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They said it can make it, which it ended up happening. We did it on
9 time. But those type of things. And then he provided me at the end -- I believe at the
10 end of the day he provided -- he sent the TSD threat assessment report survey.

11 Q Okay. Did you talk about AGR with him at all?

12 A No.

13 Q So if you're standing on the site, AGR is not that far from where the stage
14 was going to be.

15 A Right.

16 Q He wasn't at all concerned that there was a building nearby?

17 A No. Because I know we discussed about gas tanks, how many gas
18 containers, about other maybe AC, HVAC units, about any other, like, hazards, like,
19 present hazards. We talked about generators, because there were going to be a lot of
20 generators that day because of the tents, the size of the tents. It was going to be an air
21 conditioner. So there was a lot. We talked about those more like -- kind of, like,
22 threats in regards to hazards or inside, you know, the perimeter. He did not say
23 anything about AGR.

24 I know I talked to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as he was doing his own counter sniper survey,
25 so we discussed just general line of sight issues, obviously, from ground level, at an

1 elevated position, so that's when he asked for access to the barn. But he never said
2 anything about the AGR that day, I'm going to get on top of that roof and see
3 which -- again, I don't know what the counter sniper job or -- you know, based on their
4 expertise or experience, I don't know their role pretty much what is the requirement to
5 get on top of every single rooftop or just a particular rooftop or a particular building, so I
6 didn't know at that point.

7 Until Thursday evening when we received the counter sniper survey with pictures
8 and diagrams about -- that utilize the rangefinder then to estimate distances between the
9 stage, multiple -- that was the first time that I saw the AGR building labeled as part of
10 other threats -- I mean concerns, line of sight concerns, including the horseshoe and all
11 the buildings around the airports. That's the first time when I saw AGR. The
12 information that I got at that point was we're going to have local counter snipers inside
13 the AGR building.

14 Q Okay. We will definitely get to that. Last one for the 10th. Do you
15 remember talking on the counter UAS system that day?

16 A He also arrived that day, and I know he asked for a contact, so we exchanged
17 contact information for local police, because he wanted to interact with them. I don't
18 know what specific conversation he had with local, whether he requested assets or assets
19 were provided or offered. I know he only asked for the point of contact.

20 Q He asked you for the point of contact?

21 A Right.

22 Q Was that your only conversation with Agent [REDACTED]

23 A [REDACTED] correct.

24 Q Do you know anything about CUAS technology?

25 A No. I know DTD started adopting drone -- you know, [REDACTED] and

1 other asset equipment back then. I don't know, because again, if it was because of the
2 threat intelligence that they were receiving, but I knew an increase in equipment and
3 other assets that they were requesting or buying, purchasing for, you know, to increase
4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]. I have co-workers
6 or friends saying DTD is more like the mini PPD, because you guys have [REDACTED]
7 wherever you guys go that we don't have a lot of the equipment that you guys have. So
8 again, it was nothing common for other former, you know, presidents.

9 Q Okay.

10 A So as far as, like, drone equipment, they started -- I think it was at the
11 beginning of this year with training and asking people who want to get certified, so, you
12 know, I did not -- I was not trained, other than just how to operate [REDACTED]. I
13 was not -- I'm not familiar with training or certified in any of that.

14 Q I'm close to time, so I'm going to stop there before going into the 11th and
15 we can go off the record.

16 [REDACTED] Can I just ask one question?

17 [REDACTED] Yes. We are on the record.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q Just one clarifying question. From the July 8th meeting when you said
20 afterwards that someone from Secret Service, possibly the D.C. office, sent out a
21 spreadsheet with all of the local contact information, are you talking about the police
22 sign-in sheet?

23 A Police sign-in sheet.

24 Q So not like a spreadsheet?

25 A No. No. Police sign-in sheet, correct.

1 Q I just wanted to clear one question up. So Agent [REDACTED] is asserting that
2 you were given all of the contact information for Butler ESU, that she never received any
3 of the contact information for Butler ESU, Washington SWAT, Beaver ESU, so she never
4 had that contact information. Only you. Do you know that to be accurate?

5 A I received some of the contact information. I cannot recall every single one
6 of them. I know from Pennsylvania State Police, because we were all there in the police
7 meeting when we started, like, exchanging information. I know she asked the question
8 hey, do you have all the contact information. I believe I have all of the ones that I need
9 for site two, not for every single one involved in the visit, throughout the visit.

10 So I got it from Pennsylvania State Police, from the sheriff's office, the Butler ESU.
11 I did not receive -- I don't recall anyone from Beaver. I did not learn that Beaver would
12 be involved until later on that day. I got Butler County and [REDACTED] I think it was [REDACTED]
13 Township Police, which was Officer Lieutenant [REDACTED] I believe.

14 Q Okay.

15 A But other than that, I did not receive -- I cannot say that I got everyone's
16 point of -- I mean, contact information on that day.

17 Q Nor did you believe it was incumbent upon you to collect and pass on to
18 Agent [REDACTED] the contact information through BSU --

19 A It wasn't a specific instruction. It was just collecting information, whoever
20 gets the number, but it wasn't like you're going to be in charge of collecting all the phone
21 numbers. It was just at the end of the police meeting, it's part of -- you know, it's pretty
22 normal, like, we kind of split up into groups and you collect information of contacts that
23 you will need for your particular site. And from my side, the ones involved were the
24 ones that reached out to me and asked for my business card, and we kind of, like,
25 exchanged information and we're writing down information, but other than that --

1 [REDACTED] So the questioner asks do you know for a fact whether [REDACTED]
2 received any of this contact information?

3 [REDACTED] I -- yes. I provided her with information that she asked for.

4 [REDACTED] Okay.

5 [REDACTED] Because she was asking for particular --

6 [REDACTED] Okay. Go ahead. Finish the answer. Go ahead.

7 [REDACTED] If she would ask for a specific contact information, I would provide it
8 to her, so I can't recall if I -- there was an exchange of text messages, what I took screen
9 shots of the contact information, contact that I had at that point.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q All right. It's her kind of assertion that she never received the contact
12 information for any of the local sniper parties and it's her assertion that only you did.
13 Therefore, she had no coordination with them, that that was all --

14 A I did not receive any contact from local counter snipers. My only contact
15 with counter sniper was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Secret Service.

16 Q Okay. We can go off the record.

17 A I'm sorry, from Butler County, Butler County ESU, the only contact I had was

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 A Right. That was the only --

21 Q That was the other tactical assets.

22 A Right, correct.

23 Q Okay.

24 [REDACTED] We can go off the record.

25 [Recess.]

1 [REDACTED] It's now 1:14. We'll go back on the record. My colleague
2 [REDACTED] will start off.

3 [REDACTED] Again, just a quick one, hopefully, with respect to a previous
4 round. I'm going to take one more shot at understanding who is supposed to do what,
5 and I'm just going to try to summarize all the conversations about that topic and you can
6 tell me if I'm getting it right.

7 [REDACTED] Go for it.

8 [REDACTED] Okay. So the lead advance agent is responsible for the whole
9 trip.

10 [REDACTED] Correct.

11 [REDACTED] Listen carefully to his question. All right. And then you'll answer.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q So the lead advance agent is responsible for the trip as a whole. Is that
14 correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Great. The site agent is responsible for security planning at a site, and
17 that's going to be with assistance from a site counterpart, but the site agent is responsible
18 for security planning at a given site. Is that correct?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Great. And that is with respect to the site as a whole, regardless of
21 whether we're talking about the very center of it or the more outer part of it. Is that
22 correct?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q Great. And the site counterpart is there to assist in security planning at a
25 given site as well as being a liaison and an interface with local law enforcement they

1 would naturally have those connections. Is that right?

2 A That is right.

3 Q Great. I'm going to stop, leave it there, turn it over to my colleague.

4 [REDACTED] Good. Nice job.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So you've mentioned and we've heard before GS scale, and you said there
7 was a conversation, like, you know not GS 13. So you're GS13?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Do you happen to know what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were?

10 A Senior special agent, which is the more senior GS 13, which means that you
11 have to -- I think you have to do a training or go to class to get basically more like a
12 promotion.

13 Q So would senior special agent be GS 14?

14 A GS 13. I don't know what step level, but I know it's -- you consider senior
15 agent, you have 10 or 15 years of experience in the service.

16 Q So if I'm hearing you correctly, there is a -- sort of a seniority understanding
17 between GS13 and 14. Is that right?

18 A Correct, yes.

19 Q Is there also a distinction made between different GS 13 levels?

20 A Yes, you may say so at some point, because you have GS 13 step one, step
21 two, step three up to GS 13 step 10, which is the highest level considered more like a
22 seniority based -- you're more -- yes.

23 Q We'll talk about [REDACTED] later on, but you mentioned in prior testimony that
24 he was, like, GS 15, and it sounds as if you were sort of submitting to him, for lack of a
25 better word, when it came to certain decisions. Is that right?

1 A To some extent, yes.

2 Q So if you are the site agent but there are GS 14 and 15s at your site, how
3 does that impact what you feel like you're in control of?

4 A I mean, they're still filling a post, like, a post stander, but of course you're
5 relying on a more senior person, because in this case and a conversation for example, just
6 to give an example, for this particular case, we're going to have his agents working with
7 us or post standers. We'll probably make better decisions deciding who is from Secret
8 Service which have a better understanding of our policies and the way we operate, and
9 obviously, protective operations. So when we look at names of individuals that belong
10 to his and names of individuals that belong to Secret Service, so that way we can come up
11 with a better -- as the decision making process, selecting who's going to be where.

12 So in this particular case, as an example, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we saw that he was a GS 15, so
13 this person will be a better fit for the security room, which is going to be our
14 communications center with the local PD, because obviously, he's the most senior person,
15 and that's something that I've seen in other previous experiences in Miami having, like, a
16 more senior agent 13, GS 13 or 14 or 15, to have that person in a security room as an
17 example.

18 Q And as a site agent, and we're skipping ahead a bit, but I just want to close
19 out this GS discussion. As a site agent, you're also responsible for the security room,
20 right?

21 A Correct.

22 Q So if you and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is a GS 14 and 15, if you have a disagreement
23 about the security room but you were the site agent, who ultimately gets the final word?

24 A The site agent.

25 Q Okay. Was this your -- was July 13th and the preparation for it your first

1 time in Butler, Pennsylvania?

2 A In Butler Pennsylvania, yes.

3 Q Had you been to western Pennsylvania before?

4 A No.

5 Q So the Pittsburgh area, this was your first time.

6 A First time, yes. I was only on a trip, but I was a chip agent only. I think it
7 was Philadelphia, not Florida, but it was a quick stop and it was a campaign event and I
8 was there. My role was as a chief agent with the protective detail.

9 Q And we're about to go through a timeline, but before we do, do you recall
10 when the stage location was set?

11 A It was early in the event, so it wasn't Monday. Maybe around Tuesday that
12 campaign staff said hey, this is where the stage is going to be, because I have -- maybe I
13 can refer better to my photos on my phone, but I start taking pictures, because I have to
14 send it, of course, to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for just a quick preview and so he has a better
15 understanding about where the arrival departure was going to be, where the stage is
16 going to be, and then walking path of protectee doing the whole -- the interview and the
17 clicks and then remarks on the stage up until departure. So I believe it was around
18 Tuesday -- Tuesday.

19 Q Is it fair to say that before the walk-through with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on Wednesday?

20 A Yes, of course.

21 Q The stage is set?

22 A Yes.

23 Q I'm going to now introduce what will be marked as minority exhibit B. This
24 has on the top has timeline of advance. Have you seen this before?

25 A Not this particular document. I can't recall.

1 [REDACTED] You mean including the insertions?

2 [REDACTED] No. Without the insertions. I should state that any
3 documents produced by the minority that has red inserts, that was not there when Secret
4 Service produced it. We inserted that through our redacted review session.

5 [REDACTED] Not this timeline -- this time of events, no, I never -- I don't recall
6 seeing it before.

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q There are a few bullets in which you are cited as a source or I believe you
9 probably know about it, so we'll touch on a few of the bullet points, but if you're not
10 familiar with it, you know, feel free to say as much.

11 A Sure.

12 Q So I want you to look at July 8th. This is on the first page. The first bullet
13 point mentions that there is a walk-through with Trump staff at Butler Farm Show
14 contacts. Do you remember that walk-through?

15 A On Monday the 8th, yes.

16 Q Who was there on behalf of the Trump staff and Butler Farm Show contacts?

17 A Primary contact was [REDACTED], I believe [REDACTED]

18 Q [REDACTED]?

19 A Yeah. He was our primary contact. [REDACTED] I think, was another
20 member. I think there was, like, five or six of the staff members, but I pretty much
21 interacted the whole time with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] was the name of the
22 other guy. [REDACTED] I saw her a few times talking to other members of the staff, but our
23 primary contact was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 Q And do you know who was there from the Butler Farm Show?

25 A I have the names. There was a lot of names, but I think --

1 Q Someone named [REDACTED] was he there?

2 A Yes. [REDACTED] I think he was a grounds maintenance and the vice president
3 of the venue.

4 Q And why was [REDACTED] with you guys?

5 A I can't recall if it was just providing -- was there for questions about -- I don't
6 know if the campaign staff require him or ask him to be present or to be around for any
7 specific questions. Because I know for our walk-throughs, we normally have, like I said,
8 a need to know person, whether you need to be there or not. If we ask or we need
9 assistance on a venue, we may ask that person or call that person over the phone to
10 come up or be present, but other than that, we don't normally don't have, you know,
11 people from the outside involved with our walk-throughs or our conversations just
12 because of safety security concerns.

13 Q Is he walking with you guys the entire time?

14 A No, I don't recall. I know they were around, because they were doing some
15 work. Like, they wanted to know where the stage was going to be, because I think they
16 were doing some ground maintenance. Again, they were around throughout the week
17 with the farming equipment, cleaning up and just doing all that stuff, but I don't recall
18 being -- him being around during the walk-through.

19 Q Do you recall what you would have discussed with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during this
20 meeting?

21 A For that walk-through on Monday, again, it was just a general conversation
22 about what -- just deciding, the decision making process of the arrival departure, what is
23 it going to be, where the suggesting -- providing suggestions were, they expect or where
24 they would like to have the arrival departure, and then the stage, so it was just, like,
25 again, we're not having confirmation of whether it's going to be behind the barn or in

1 front of the barn. I think it wasn't until Tuesday that they came up with the decision
2 hey, we're going to do it this way. We're going to have -- it's going to be a covered
3 arrival. The [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] r -- on Tuesday we have a better
5 more like a plan as far as, like, movements.

6 [REDACTED] Did you know [REDACTED] before this?

7 [REDACTED] No. That was the very first time.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q The next bullet right below doesn't have you as a source, but it seems to
10 discuss the content of your meeting with the walk-through. Does this look familiar?

11 A The second bullet?

12 Q Yeah.

13 A I know I was there present. I'm not -- my name is not mentioned, but I was
14 there present.

15 Q Is DJT lead advance, is that [REDACTED]

16 A I would assume it's him, yes. Because he was -- again, he was the lead
17 events point of contact assigned from to be there as the primary contact for campaign
18 staff.

19 Q Do you recall what the discussion about line of sight mitigation included?

20 A I know they were talking about all the things in bringing up equipment,
21 because I think I was -- yeah, I remember asking the type of questions, like, whether they
22 have -- and I think [REDACTED] or the venue was part of that conversation having what they
23 could provide, because sometimes the venue could say hey, we're going to -- we have a
24 concert with school buses, so we -- there's a local person we can call for school buses or
25 18-wheeler trucks or, you know, different equipment that could provide -- they can

1 provide us line of sight.

2 And then based on what they could provide, then the campaign staff can say hey,
3 we can provide this or we can, you know, based on their budgeting, of course, and then
4 whatever they cannot provide Secret Service will probably take part and say hey, we're
5 going to try to utilize, you know, go down the budget and see what we can provide for as
6 far as, like, line of sight mitigation.

7 Q And did you all start to discuss where the line of sight obstructions would be
8 placed?

9 A Yes. Obviously, we started with the planning phase, of course, and all the
10 way up to the final walk-through when DTD and the final second supervisors were
11 involved, but for this particular meeting or walk-through, we discussed about having
12 farming equipment and possibly where -- location where they're going to be placed, and
13 that kind of stuff.

14 Q And I started with July 8th, but before we continue, were there any
15 substantive meetings on July 7th?

16 A I'm sorry, what's that?

17 Q Were there any substantive meetings on July 7th when you arrived?

18 A No. Everything started on July 8th, on Monday.

19 Q So let's -- if you go down to the last bullet on this page, the staff advises
20 Secret Service that bleacher and large video screens would be put in place. Do you
21 remember that discussion?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And where was that supposed to be used to mitigate?

24 A They talk about the bleachers and they talk about the large screens, I don't
25 know what they call the jumbo box or something. They talk about the large screens.

1 They talk about the huge large U.S. flag in the background, but at that point I didn't know
2 the specific location, but I know they said about the -- having the large screens where
3 they were, where they ended up being placed at the end, so that didn't change much.
4 So I know they talk about the stage.

5 They talk about the bleachers, having three set of bleachers on each side. That's
6 part of another additional line of sight coverage. The two large screens. The U.S. flag
7 as a backdrop. And they also added flags -- a set of flags near the catwalk where he
8 would start walking into the stage. Besides that, that was only as far as the staff. The
9 farming equipment that was brought up, I believe, conversations with the staff venue -- I
10 mean, venue -- staff from the venue, and stuff like that.

11 Q I'm going to ask you to just have handy with you majority exhibit 5, which is
12 in particular the site diagram towards the back of that exhibit. There is the --

13 A This one?

14 Q The image from Google maps.

15 A Okay.

16 Q So when you talk about some of the line of sight mitigations that you were
17 considering, it would be helpful if you, to the extent you remember, give we'll call it the
18 clock placement, so 12:00 where these things were.

19 A Right.

20 Q So when you're thinking about the bleachers, where is that?

21 A So you see this page? The bleacher was at the 6:00 -- I'm going to say 5, 6
22 and 7:00 behind the stage. It was kind of, like, angled to each side, kind of at an angle,
23 and then one right behind the stage.

24 Q And the large screen, where would that have been?

25 A It was, I believe, on -- right on top of the angle bleachers on each side.

1 Q Let's move on to the next page of this document. There is a bullet at the
2 top, Trump staff advise Secret Service advance of the location of the stage. So at this
3 point on July 8th, do you guys know where the stage is?

4 A Right.

5 Q Let's take a look at Tuesday, July 9th.

6 [REDACTED] For the 8th, I think I understand, but just confirming, none of
7 these line of sight conversations on the 8th would have had anything to do with the AGR
8 building at 3:00.

9 [REDACTED] No. They never -- nothing about the AGR building. It was just line
10 of sight concerns.

11 [REDACTED] Thank you.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q So looking at July 9th, four bullets from the top, it says Secret Service
14 meeting with PSP and Butler EMS counterparts, first draft of police postings. Do you
15 recall this meeting?

16 A Yes. I know they were present. It was more like a very informal meeting,
17 like they showed up to the site and there were just -- they just wanted to have, like, a
18 quick preview and have eyes on the site. I'm not sure if they said that they've been
19 there before, because obviously, they're only 10 minutes away, because I don't know if
20 they were there for the Farm Show they do every year and they just wanted to have eyes
21 on the stage or they have a better idea or understanding of the arrival departure or the
22 stage, but I believe they mentioned that they have been there before.

23 Q And it mentions that the PSP, the AGR would be closed for business and
24 secured.

25 A Yeah. They mentioned that some of the area, I don't know -- I'm not sure

1 about also the Main Street where they have a dealership and some other stores, but they
2 mentioned something about some of the local stores and businesses closed for that day
3 to include the airport.

4 Q And do you recall AGR being included?

5 A I don't -- I'm not sure if they specifically said or hearing and saying
6 specifically AGR, but they said businesses in general.

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q If I could, as to what [REDACTED] just said, the second part of this bullet says per
9 PSP, the AGR would be closed for business and secured, and the Secret Service cites three
10 people for that information: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and yourself. I think in the previous round
11 you were asked about this as well. You don't remember that at all?

12 A No.

13 Q So you have no recollection?

14 A Not even on July 9th, because it wasn't until Thursday when the police
15 walked through that we mentioned -- brought up the AGR building at some point, but
16 nothing on Tuesday.

17 Q So no recollection of the PSP -- let me just sort of do it one more time to be
18 sure. No recollection of PSP communicating to you that the AGR building would be
19 closed and secured.

20 A Not to me direct, no.

21 Q Did you hear [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] say that they had been told that by PSP?

22 A No.

23 Q Okay. So no knowledge really of any kind.

24 A I can't recall any discussion about the AGR building specifically on that day.

25 Q I guess this isn't a question that really you would be able to answer, but it is

1 confusing to us that your name is there as a source for that piece of information if you
2 have no knowledge of it.

3 A I was there in the walk-through. Again, we kind of like -- within campaign
4 staff, at some point there was a group of people talking and having interactions. I'm not
5 sure what part of the conversation with that, what they were talking about. I mean, at
6 some point I could be asking a question to staff members while [REDACTED] and maybe were
7 talking with PSP, so it was kind of, like, different interactions throughout that day. I
8 know they were there and having discussions, conversations, but I don't recall anything
9 specifically being said about -- specifically about the AGR building. We talk about
10 residential area, the airport, the buildings, businesses around, but nothing directly
11 specifically with AGR building.

12 Q Thank you.

13

BY [REDACTED]

14 Q The next bullet, and I want to streamline this a bit, there's a sentence that
15 says PSP lead spoke with DJT staff about the ability to provide large equipment which was
16 previously used at a 2020 Trump rally. Were you near that conversation or were you a
17 part of it?

18 A No. Again, I know they were there, but I was not engaged or part of the
19 conversation directly.

20 Q Would it make sense to you as the site agent from the detail that PSP would
21 be talking to the campaign staff about you being present?

22 A Again, sometimes they may have interactions while you're doing all the
23 things. I don't know if at that point I was dealing or talking to somebody else or
24 someone else, but no, it's not common. Usually it's a conversation as a group, but
25 whatever other interactions during the walk-through or during our conversations or

1 discussions were happening outside, I cannot speak to that.

2 Q I want to briefly take you back to July 8th, the meeting with local police.
3 My colleagues for majority covered most of this. I just have a couple clarifying
4 questions. Do you recall meeting with someone named [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 Q From the Butler Township Police Department.

7 A By name, I cannot recall. On that day, on Tuesday?

8 Q This would be July 8th, so I'm going back a day.

9 A On Monday.

10 Q Yeah, at the -- so at the police meeting on July 8th, did you meet with
11 someone from local law enforcement that would have talked about, like, patrol?

12 A If I can refer quick to my notes here, I may have his contact maybe. I
13 believe I do. Hold on. No, I don't recall his name.

14 Q So putting a name aside, do you recall being told by any local personnel that
15 they did not have enough manpower available for coverage?

16 A That conversation or discussion I recall happening some of it on Thursday
17 when the police walk-through if I'm not mistaken.

18 Q Was there a breakout portion of the July 8th police meeting?

19 A Because on July 8th it was only the police meeting. The conference room is
20 completely separate from the Butler Farm Show. It was, like, an hour away. Allegheny
21 Emergency Operations Center, I believe. It wasn't at the site. It was just police
22 meeting going over a few aspects, exchanging information, but it wasn't until Thursday, I
23 believe, that we had the police walk-through when they actually say that they may not
24 have enough manpower.

25 [REDACTED] Now, who is it that said that? What police? Was it a separate

1 police department that said that? I mean, you have different components. The
2 Pennsylvania State Police and Butler --

3 [REDACTED] Pennsylvania State Police and Butler ESU -- Butler County ESU.

4 [REDACTED] We'll get to Thursday later, but as it pertains to July 8th --

5 [REDACTED] Okay. July 8th.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Is there a separate -- at any point did the group sort of break into smaller
8 groups?

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q And during that smaller group discussion, did anyone raise a concern to you
11 about personnel?

12 A Not really. They just talk about general numbers. They say, like, for
13 example, from Pennsylvania State Police, they said they may have 10 or 15 people to
14 provide, but they did not specifically say we cannot or may have it. They said the
15 numbers may change, but I can provide maybe 12 to 16 people. Same thing -- same
16 information statement I got from the sheriff's office. They say I can provide without
17 additional 10 or 16 and so on, but there was no confirmation about specific numbers.
18 They were just estimating or guessing numbers among them.

19 Q Did you or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] ever tell local ESU that they needed to be covert
20 at any point?

21 A No, I don't recall that.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q If I could ask, because we spoke to local folks as well, they said at that
24 meeting either yourself or [REDACTED] said something along the lines of local tactical assets
25 should stay covert so as to avoid unnecessary media exposure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] doesn't know

1 anything about it. It sounds like you also have no recollection of that conversation?

2 A No. Actually, that's the first time I hear that, to be honest.

3 Q Thank you.

4 A Not even, like, brought up to my concern by somebody else hey, they were
5 asking or they say this and that, no.

6 Q Brand new to you. Never heard it.

7 A No.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Do you recall interacting with someone named [REDACTED] [REDACTED] head of the
10 Butler Emergency Services?

11 A [REDACTED]

12 Q [REDACTED]

13 A No. From emergency?

14 Q Yes.

15 A Response? Like medical?

16 Q Butler Emergency Services, medical staff.

17 A I believe -- there was a lot of names I have to check in my notes.

18 Q We can table that for now and we can --

19 A No. I have [REDACTED] from EMS, but not [REDACTED]. I don't recall that name.

20 Q And you mentioned earlier meeting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Adams Township.

21 We understand talking to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that he was not present at that police meeting. Are
22 you sure?

23 A Not the police meeting. Police walk-through.

24 Q So not on July 8th.

25 A Not on July 8th.

1 Q So on July 8th it would have just been [REDACTED] from Butler --

2 A [REDACTED] from Butler ESU, correct.

3 Q Going back to July 9th, and you had notes that mentioned an independent
4 walk-through. Is that the informal walk-through that you discussed with the majority?

5 A Yes. And, again, we spent the majority of that day between the security
6 room inside and outside just starting with paperwork and discussing some of the aspects
7 of the visit as we went by.

8 Q And you also had in your notes that there was a manpower justification
9 draft. Did you start drafting the manpower justification?

10 A No. That was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 Q So when you write this -- we'll go over your notes later, but just to keep
12 things simple for now, if you write something, does it mean that you did it or just that
13 you're aware of it?

14 A Aware of it, yes.

15 Q Was -- at some point, did [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] make a request for
16 counter snipers?

17 A I know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did. I don't know if it came from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or
18 it was just a decision from DTD, but I know [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on Tuesday the 9th was the
19 one who submitted the request to SOD for assistance.

20 Q Are you aware of there being a request for local snipers on July 9th as well?

21 A Not on the 9th.

22 Q All right. Let's move on to July 10th. I'll start off by framing you in the
23 timeline that we have. So the fourth bullet point under July 10th Wednesday says
24 continue communication between Secret Service and DJT staff. Do you recall anything
25 in particular about your conversations with [REDACTED] or others that day?

1 A I think it was more like finalizing decisions as far as, like, making sure that
2 the arrival departure was going to -- when we talk about the day prior, the stage, that
3 nothing has changed. So basically conversation with staff is if it's more, like, any
4 updates or any updated information as far as from the campaign, whether it's from the
5 timeline, the movements of the protectee, and also any aspects of the site or the venue,
6 whether the arrival departure area is going to be at the same location or moving the
7 stage left to right, or whatever, or any other aspect that we may have to know in order
8 for us to make adjustments to the planning process.

9 Q So if you look at the next bullet, right below, after review of equipment, DJT
10 staff denied the extra equipment because it was deemed too big for the site. We don't
11 have a source there. Do you remember that?

12 A I'm sorry, what was that bullet?

13 Q It's right after -- it's the last bullet under --

14 A Oh, after review. Okay. No. I don't recall what type of equipment they
15 were referring to. Did they say? Is there any reference about that?

16 Q So you don't remember this conversation?

17 A No.

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2 [1:44 p.m.]

3

BY [REDACTED]

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Q So you don't remember this conversation?

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A No. When they say extra equipment, I don't know what they talking about

6

or what they're referring to.

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Q Do you recall --

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A Extra equipment like bus maybe, school buses or trucks or anything? I

9

don't recall.

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q Do you recall staff denying any equipment of any kind because it was too big

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on July 10th?

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A Not to myself, no.

14

Q To somebody else?

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A Maybe they did with somebody else. I'm not sure. I don't know. But

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not to me.

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Q In other words, you don't know at all?

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

19

BY [REDACTED]

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Q You mentioned the manpower walk-through with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you recall

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that conversation?

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A We did the walk-through with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on Wednesday, yes.

23

Q Do you recall discussing AGR line of sight issues with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24

A No, not to me. Again, I rarely interacted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because I don't

25

report to him directly. It was more being there present as a member of the DTD for any

1 decision-making or any changes or any recommendations that I can pass on to my direct
2 supervisor. But mostly the interaction happened between him, [REDACTED] and
3 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I was there just, you know, to -- DTD representative for any issues.

4 Q So when [REDACTED] is walking around, are you with him?

5 A I was with him during the walk-through, yes.

6 Q I mean, is it fair to say that you're within earshot of him, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

7 A Yes, yes.

8 Q Were you listening to the conversation the entire time?

9 A Well, I can't recall if I was listening the whole time, because I may have -- I
10 remember being on the phone some of this -- throughout this -- the whole event process
11 with, whether it was local PD or SOD, like [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or -- I may probably be on
12 the phone at the time that we're talking a specific topic, but I was there with them.

13 Q Okay. And just as a general matter as we're talking, if you remember being
14 on the phone during that time, I think it's helpful for you to say that, but don't guess. So
15 I'm asking you what you actually remember.

16 A Yeah, because you're asking me if I was actually there listening.

17 Q Yes.

18 A So I may, may not. I don't -- I can't recall a specific topic, yeah.

19 Q Okay. So we spoke to [REDACTED] and he remembers a pretty substantive
20 conversation about AGR line of sight, but you're saying you don't remember that
21 conversation?

22 A I can't -- no, I can't recall the conversation.

23 Q Do you recall --

24 [REDACTED] He remembers the conversation with who? With whom?

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at least.

1 ██████████ Okay. But we still don't know whether ██████████ was within earshot or
2 was even -- was otherwise distracted on the phone.

3 ██████████ Well, she said she was within earshot, but she may have been
4 distracted.

5 ██████████ That's correct.

6 ██████████ I was there.

7 ██████████ You answered the question.

8 ██████████ I was there.

9 ██████████ You answered the question. Stop already. Let him ask the next
10 question.

11 BY ██████████

12 Q So do you recall telling him anything about the AGR coverage?

13 A No.

14 Q Do you recall AGR coverage coming up outside of your conversation with

15 ██████████ ██████████

16 A No.

17 Q You mentioned also doing a walk-through with ██████████ ██████████ that day,
18 right?

19 A We did talk about site, but not -- not a thorough walk-through going point A,
20 point B, no.

21 Q And so what did you do with him?

22 A We had a conversation. He requested access to the roof on top of the
23 barn. He asked for who was in charge of the point of contact for the venue so he can
24 have access to the roof. And he said, I'm going to go out. I say, if you need me -- do
25 you need me to go out with you? He say, no, I'm good to go. I'm just going to need to

1 walk around with a range find, my equipment, and do my thing, and then I'll give you -- if
2 there's any issues, concerns, I'll give you the counter sniper survey and then we can
3 discuss further. But that was it.

4 Q Did the two of you discuss any line of sight concerns?

5 A We talk about -- just in general about the buildings around the site, the tree
6 line, about the airport, about the residential area, everything in general for the site.

7 Q What about, for example, the car dealerships across the street, did that
8 come up?

9 A What's that?

10 Q Like any car dealerships, did that come up as a line of sight of concern?

11 A No. I think it was more like a TSD site.

12 Q What about trees, was that discussed?

13 A I believe that was discussed, yes.

14 Q Did you and [REDACTED] discuss any possible, like, solutions to these line of
15 sight concerns?

16 A Yes. About bringing equipment, whether it was provided from the
17 campaign staff or the venue or farming equipment, we discussed some of that, yes.

18 Q And what were some -- were there any solutions made that day?

19 A No. It wasn't until Thursday or Friday maybe that we discussed and had a
20 finalized plan for mitigation.

21 Q Is this the day that you guys would have also asked for the CUAS support?

22 A Actually, [REDACTED] I believe that that was the day he arrived, because he was
23 already -- we already knew that -- I mean, I already knew that [REDACTED] was going to be the
24 CUAS representative from the --

25 Q Okay. Let's -- at what point -- is the diagram finalized by this point?

1 A It has to be by Wednesday, Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon,
2 because it was due to OPO I believe it was Thursday morning.

3 [REDACTED] Could I ask a question?

4 So the diagram that lays out all sorts of different postings and locations of
5 different assets, Wednesday that diagram has been created.

6 What is your understanding of the security situation for the AGR building? Like,
7 what is its status as a building? Who do you understand to be securing it? How does it
8 fit?

9 [REDACTED] There was nothing about the AGR building on Wednesday.

10 [REDACTED] Nothing about it on Wednesday?

11 [REDACTED] No.

12 [REDACTED] Okay. Okay. Great.

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q And taking a look at the diagram, so this is, once again, majority exhibit 5,
15 the page we were just looking at, there are it appears to be stars with PD.

16 A Correct.

17 Q What was that supposed to represent?

18 A Local PD throughout the area. Of course, you're not going to put
19 specifically every single one of them, because if you have 50 police officers, it's only going
20 to be all yellow stars, but it's pretty much an estimated location where local police said
21 they will be at or that we were suggesting to -- for them to be at specific location on that
22 day.

23 Q So I think I just heard that you're not going to put every one of them. So is
24 this not exhaustive of the --

25 A Every single one of them? No. It's just basically where local PD is going to

1 be located at at the site. And that's based on information that we got at that point on
2 Wednesday, Tuesday-Wednesday, when we had to submit the paperwork as part of
3 paperwork due, the timeline, the deadline for paperwork that was due.

4 Q Let's transition to July 11th, and we'll start briefly with the second bullet
5 under the timeline. You are not cited as a source.

6 This mentions line of sight issues discussed with the staff and that trucks were
7 discussed to block line of sight and denied by DJT staff.

8 Do you remember this conversation?

9 A No, because we -- the only thing that we talk about was having like maybe
10 some of the rental trucks that were going to be utilized on that day to have some of the
11 line of sight covered.

12 But no, I don't -- having a conversation that something was denied directly, I
13 wasn't part -- I was not -- I was not aware of that.

14 Q So this, similar to a bullet point above, it has [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] being the
15 source for a DJT staff conversation.

16 Was it your understanding that they were interacting with the staff without you
17 being present?

18 A That could be a possibility because, again, there was a lot of moving pieces.
19 And [REDACTED] we were together at some point, but that doesn't mean that every single day
20 we were together the whole -- the entire time.

21 So she might be dealing with someone. I mean, because, again, if it's an official
22 walk-through that we're walking together and talking, we may be all together, but at
23 some point we kind of split up and we may have interactions and conversations with
24 other members of the advance team.

25 Q So I understand that it's possible. I'm asking you if you -- did you have an

1 understanding that there was an expectation that they would, or do you know that they
2 interacted with staff without you present?

3 A Yes, they interacted at some point without me being present.

4 Q You know that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. So the walk-through on July 11th with local law enforcement, who
7 led that walk-through?

8 A On Thursday?

9 Q Yes.

10 A It was me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was there as the lead agent,
11 because she -- obviously, she was the one who planned and coordinated for that -- for
12 that walk-through.

13 Q So did [REDACTED] [REDACTED] decide who would be present and what you all would
14 be doing?

15 A Right. I mean, as site agent and site counterpart, we knew that -- who
16 needed to be there, pretty much anyone involved in the site two advance other than
17 local -- local police. Yes.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q Could I ask, if you recall on the 11th here, where did the line of sight topic
20 exist in your mind? In other words, it clearly was a topic. It clearly had been discussed
21 several times for at least a few days now. Sounds like it had not been agreed upon to
22 mitigate it in any one particular way.

23 If you remember, what -- how did you consider those issues by the 11th?

24 A It was brought up since day one, when I first got on the ground. And it was
25 discussed with the advance team, that mitigation, there was a plan in place to have

1 trucks, to have school buses. There was nothing at that point available or confirmed
2 that they could utilize school buses. I think it was until Tuesday or Wednesday when the
3 staff said they did not have any contact or any availability for school buses, and it was
4 upon Secret Service and the campaign staff to come up with a plan for mitigation.

5 So we talk about farming equipment, bringing on farming equipment. That was
6 almost a confirmation. They just needed to confirm when and where they're going to
7 be located at or placed at.

8 So for Thursday for the police walk-through, we were walking around the entire
9 perimeter, talking about topics of the line of sight, about the crowd, where the
10 emergency services are going to be located, where the fence is going to be located, so
11 everyone has a good -- I'll say a good aspect of where -- who was going to be there, where
12 they're going to be.

13 So it was just a walk-through around the entire perimeter. We walk around the
14 fence line. And it wasn't till we were pretty much at the 3 o'clock that they talk
15 about -- referred to the AGR building as being in close proximity and saying that they will
16 probably won't have enough manpower to cover that area.

17 They only talk specifically about providing two marked units -- Pennsylvania State
18 Police stating have a marked unit outside of the fence line and one inside; one inside of
19 the fence line to deal with any issues with the crowd and one outside for any ground-level
20 situation or any situations at all, I mean, outside of the fence line. So they were going to
21 be located at different locations outside of the fence line. That was part of the
22 conversation that we had on Thursday.

23 Q I know we want to talk about that specific conversation, but just for line of
24 sight generally, it was this conversation first about school buses, but then the school
25 buses didn't work out. By the time you got to Thursday, it was equipment of some kind?

1 A Farming equipment, large farming equipment.

2 Q Large farming equipment was going to be used to mitigate various lines of
3 sight concerns, from your understanding?

4 A Yes.

5 Q As of Thursday?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Got it. And when we see here that on Thursday, at the bottom bullet,
8 trucks were discussed to block line of sight and denied by DJT staff, you have no
9 knowledge of that?

10 A I have no clue what type of equipment they were referring to, no.

11 Q So if you remember, when the sun set on Thursday, your belief was there is a
12 plan in place involving using equipment to block lines of sight?

13 A Farming equipment, yes.

14 Q That everybody has agreed to?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Including campaign staff?

17 A Yes.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 [REDACTED] And is this at the 3 o'clock, so near the AGR building?

20 [REDACTED] The AGR building and any other -- on the opposite side by the pond,
21 the water pond that was on the opposite side of the stage, yes.

22 [REDACTED] So during your walk-through, you mentioned that Pennsylvania
23 State Police planned to have a cruiser inside the fence line and on the outside. Were
24 there any other manpower resources that they mentioned providing for AGR?

25 [REDACTED] Not for AGR specifically, no.

1 [REDACTED] You're talking about the Pennsylvania State Police?

2 [REDACTED] That's right.

3 [REDACTED] Only, not any other police component.

4 [REDACTED] Right. Not the police department, not from the Pennsylvania State
5 Police.

6 [REDACTED] And now we transition to the Butler Township Police. Do you
7 recall any conversations with Butler police officers about the AGR complex?

8 [REDACTED] Okay, stop there. I just want to talk to her outside.

9 [REDACTED] Sure. We can go off the record.

10 [Recess.]

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

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Before we took a break, my question was, do you recall any conversations
14 with local law enforcement, in particular Butler Township Police Department, about their
15 concerns with regards to the AGR complex?

16 A For the AGR building, not specifically. But for Butler, with [REDACTED] His last
17 name --

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yes. Back in the police meeting and also for Thursday,
20 they said that they will have 20 or 30 personnel that they could have available, meaning
21 not specifically for the AGR, but they will have 20 or 30 people to assist in the event that,
22 if needed, in case for the particular visit on Saturday.

23 So it wasn't till Thursday evening that I got the email from counter sniper [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] that they will utilize the ESU Butler County counter -- local counter sniper
25 inside the AGR building.

1 Nothing further was discussed as far like us securing the building. Because by
2 that conversation I can say for maybe what happened versus what's, you know, at the
3 end, you know, the aftermath of the interviews and investigation, that they will provide
4 local police, local counter snipers to be inside the AGR building, but did not specify
5 specific how they're going to secure it, whether they're going to be conducting sweeps,
6 whether they're going to have -- for officer safety. Because I would think if you -- if I am
7 inside the building and I know I'm going to be in -- I'm not going to say in danger, but
8 maybe accessible to any type of threat, for officer safety I will make sure that that place
9 has been swept and that there's going to be someone outside or at least someone around
10 that building to be secure.

11 But for the particular building, they only said -- the only thing that's been said
12 about AGR building was there's going to be local counter snipers inside the AGR building.
13 And, obviously, by having other police around, it was my understanding that it's going to
14 be secure somehow.

15 [REDACTED] So there is a local law enforcement officer who is pretty adamant
16 that he recalls speaking to you, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about his concerns with the
17 AGR complex.

18 Are you saying that conversation did not happen, as far as you're concerned?

19 [REDACTED] I've heard that before, and I don't recall any specific concern about
20 the AGR building. Obviously, we all know that it was in close proximity, but no one
21 brought it up.

22 Just because the event or, unfortunately, [inaudible] of that building, and that
23 building's been I believe the center of everything because, obviously, that's where it
24 happened. But nothing was brought up to me like, oh, this -- we have a major concern
25 about this building.

1 Obviously, it's in close proximity, because we all walk around the perimeter. We
2 all knew. But because of the police -- the amount of police presence that was going to
3 be on that day, we didn't think that was going to be a problem because, of course, you
4 have local counter snipers on that building. You have Secret Service counter snipers on
5 the opposite side of that building. So -- and you're going to have police presence at
6 ground level.

7 So that tells me or tells maybe -- I cannot speak for the rest of the team, but to my
8 understanding, if you have local police on the ground and you have counter snipers at an
9 elevated position, that's telling me that it's covered.

10 [REDACTED] Could I ask --

11 [REDACTED] It wasn't part of the Secret Service to cover the building.

12 [REDACTED] The police presence on the ground -- I think you said it, but can
13 you remind me -- you understood it to be what, a couple of postings at the fence that
14 faces AGR?

15 [REDACTED] Right. And they have one -- I don't know if that was brought up.
16 There was a water -- a water tower nearby. So that was like -- kind of like flanked
17 maybe like on the left side. There was police marked units on that side, because I talked
18 to them after -- in the aftermath of the shooting, I talked to them. They saw the shooter
19 after -- in the conversations.

20 So there was police marked units, two of them by the water tower. There was
21 police along the fence line, and there was also the tactical element inside of one of the
22 barns, that they were in and out of the barn around the fence line making sure that no
23 one was jumping off, you know, trying to I want to say like divert security, try to jump
24 over the fence.

25 So we have, I would say, a good -- because I was the one walking around that day

1 making sure that there was no access, you know, a breach that -- an access for someone
2 from the outside to access the event. So I saw and noticed a lot of local PD in and out
3 that -- of that area.

4

BY [REDACTED]

5

Q So the AGR complex obviously has four sides. Was there any discussion
6 about the other sides?

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A No.

8

Q Okay. When [REDACTED] asked, you know, whether anybody ever talked to you
9 about AGR specifically, not just the building, the space around the building, did anybody
10 talk to you about, hey, people might get together outside of this fence and have a tailgate
11 party, try to see --

12

A No.

13

Q Nothing?

14

A Not even from campaign staff. Because sometimes we get the information,
15 hey, we're planning to have an overflow, like happened in Conway, South Carolina.
16 We're planning to have an overflow of 2,000 people on the outside. Not for this event.

17

Like -- and that's some of the topics that we will definitely discuss, and that's
18 information that we'll probably get from staff from the get-go, from the beginning, like,
19 hey, we're planning to have 15-, 20,000 people inside contained, mag and contained
20 inside the secure site, but we're also planning on having 15 additional or 10 additional on
21 the outside of the overflow. So no, that was never --

22

Q And not just deliberate overflow. Nobody ever said, people will just show
23 up here?

24

A Right. No. No. The reason we have Pennsylvania State Police alongside
25 the fence line was pretty much like to have better, you know, security as far as the

1 ground level, make sure that no one is running out, you know, in close proximity with a
2 gun or trying to jump the fence or try to access the event without being -- going through
3 security. Just for general security -- security aspect.

4 [REDACTED] So one follow-up question. We're at time, so we need to wrap
5 it up.

6 So if I understand correctly, AGR was not explicitly discussed with you until
7 Thursday. So you're present onsite from July 8th through July 10th in some capacity.

8 Even though no one mentioned it to you, did you ever look at this large facility and
9 say, wow, that is right next to the stage? Like, did you think of line of sight concerns?

10 [REDACTED] I knew about the proximity of the building, obviously, because I was
11 there. And, again, everything was -- there was houses with tree line covering that was a
12 big like challenge because it was right in the motorcade route. Everything around that
13 site was a concern and an issue, to my understanding.

14 We have the motorcade coming through in a residential area where we have
15 people gathered. Whether they were barbecuing or doing whatever, we don't know,
16 because we don't even know if they have -- if they have a sniper there. We don't even
17 know if they have someone with a gun there.

18 We know that -- we knew that we had police also placed in that location because,
19 obviously, it's the motorcade route. But no one can say if one of those, you know,
20 people gathering at the residential area has a bomb or has a gun or something.

21 But it was another concern, because it was covered by the tree line. It was very
22 dense vegetation. So we had the motorcade going through that route.

23 So everything around the site was pretty much a concern. So obviously, the AGR
24 building was also a concern, but by having local PD presence and having counter snipers,
25 no one -- at least to my attention, no one brought up and said, hey, the AGR building, it is

1 like -- we consider like a vulnerability or we need to have someone there, like, period.
2 That conversation did not happen. Like, the need to have someone on top of the roof or
3 secure each side of the building, that never happened. I know it was brought up but not
4 like that.

5 [REDACTED] Did you bring up the AGR building to anyone before July 11th?

6 [REDACTED] No. No.

7 [REDACTED] Okay. We can go off the record.

8 [Recess.]

9 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 6
10 was marked for identification.]

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

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q So I have a couple of clarifying -- I know you talked about this with our
14 colleagues a little bit on -- for July 11th, you have this big walk-through.

15 I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 6. This is the Pennsylvania State Police
16 operations plan for that day.

17 Do you recall receiving the Pennsylvania State Police operations plan?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q Who did you get it from?

20 A Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 Q Was that on the 11th, or what day did you get it?

22 A I believe it was the 11th.

23 Q Okay. Do you typically get operations plans from locals when doing a site --

24 A Yes, when I was in Miami Field Office. I mean, it's not that it's required, but
25 it's expected. So you normally receive that from the local police that you will be

1 working with the most. Like, whatever operations plans that could assist in our planning
2 is always welcome.

3 Q Is this the only local operation plan you received?

4 A For the Butler Farm Show, yes, ma'am.

5 Q Did you ask any of the other entities for their plans?

6 A I did not specifically ask. I'm not sure if [REDACTED] -- we never had the
7 conversation, whether she received additional operations plan. But no, not that I'm
8 aware of.

9 Q So if we go to page 4 in this exhibit, it's a map.
10 Do you recognize this map?

11 A Yes. I think it's the same one they discussed at the headquarters,
12 barracks --

13 Q Okay. So PSP brought a map when you were discussing the barracks --

14 A Yeah.

15 Q -- earlier in the week?

16 A It wasn't very clear, but they brought up like a map with possible locations
17 for their assignments for the Butler early in the advance, yes. It was like a projector that
18 they have a PowerPoint there.

19 Q Okay. So when you were walking around, were you going through these
20 postings on this map, on the 11th?

21 A Not particular to this post. I know I did my own -- we did our own work.
22 Like, we went around. We got in the car with [REDACTED] and we walked around like just
23 whether -- like what is best to have a post stander link up with police.

24 So we drove around the site, to include the airport, the airstrip where you're going
25 to have the crowd, the public to park. And we went around the residential area where

1 we thought we would have -- it's better to have a special agent or Secret Service agent
2 link up with police, local police, to prevent access from the general public. Because we
3 noticed throughout the week that there was a lot of residents walking, jogging, and cars
4 going across just to use it as a shortcut. So that we knew that that was definitely going
5 to be a challenge for us to have the place secure with gates locked up and having local
6 police there. So we were just going over, around to where it's best to have the local PD.
7 But not specifically their own post, like, not for this particular -- on this particular map.

8 Q Okay. So you said you and Agent [REDACTED] were going around?

9 A [REDACTED]

10 Q You and Agent [REDACTED] Okay.

11 Do you remember having a conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about the
12 positioning of the CAT teams that day?

13 A On Thursday, yes.

14 Q Yes.

15 A Yes. We wanted that as part of the walk-through, yes. I think we were
16 near the magnetometer when that discussion was brought up, yes.

17 Q Okay. Do you remember where the CAT teams were going to be located?
18 Can you --

19 A Yeah. We were going to have a [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED],
21 [REDACTED]
22 by the -- [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asserts that he expressed concerns to you during this
24 conversation about the two fence lines, AGR, and the water tower. Do you remember
25 him bringing that up?

1 A The fence line? Not specifically concern, like -- concern about the fence
2 line or the AGR building?

3 Q He was concerned about the fence lines, the AGR building, and the water
4 tower, like that area just generally.

5 A Yes. And that's -- I think -- I can't recall if it was brought up in conversation,
6 but I knew -- I can't recall if it was specifically to him that I knew that we're going to have
7 Pennsylvania State Police alongside that fence line, at least every -- at a certain distance,
8 to include the water tower.

9 Q Okay. So at that -- on Thursday, you understood --

10 A On Thursday, yes.

11 Q Okay.

12 A That we -- I knew at that point that we're going to have -- there was going to
13 be some coverage from police presence during that day around that fence line and also
14 the area of the water tower.

15 Q And you knew that based off of this map from PSP?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. So if you're looking at this map, and I think positions 4 and 5, if you
18 can see. I know it's --

19 A I forgot my glasses. I'm sorry. I'm trying to do my best, but --

20 Q Okay. If you can't see it, it's okay, but --

21 [REDACTED] It's 4 and 5. Do you know where 4 and 5 are? Here.

22 [REDACTED] Oh, right here?

23 [REDACTED] Yeah, 4 and 5. I think they have a little description here.

24 [REDACTED] So right in front of it.

25 [REDACTED] So that's right there by the fence line, yes.

1 [REDACTED] Yes, by the fence line.

2 [REDACTED] They have a little description here, 4 and 5. Okay.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q And you told my colleagues that there was going to be a officer inside the
5 fence, in between the two fences, and then one outside, right?

6 A It was discussed, yes, throughout the police walk-through, yeah.

7 Q But it's not on this -- there's no car by the water tower on this map, as far as
8 you can see, right?

9 A No, but it was my understanding that there was going to be a police marked
10 unit there, which I saw on game day. I saw there was police presence by the water
11 tower.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Because I wanted to talk to them direct. Yes.

14 Q Okay. Before game day, why did you think that there would be or who told
15 you that there would be a police presence at the water tower?

16 A It was from the Pennsylvania State Police. So they said -- because
17 obviously they have concerns that we're more like an open space. There was -- you
18 know, there was nothing right there other than the parking lot, which that parking lot of
19 the AGR building, that's the one they utilized to park their vehicles. It was -- that was
20 like a block-in barrier. I don't know if it was a concrete or bike rack, but it was
21 something blocking the AGR parking lot for police vehicles only.

22 But for the water tower, because it was like an empty -- I can't recall. It was like
23 an empty field like with tree lines. That's when I knew that they said, we're going to
24 have police all throughout the fence line making sure that they're outside, they're visible,
25 and they can see any ground-level issues or situations that may arise from people maybe

1 coming or hiding behind the tree lines or in the proximity of the water tower.

2 Q So those are the officers in between the fences?

3 A Yes. There was one inside the fence line and one on the outside, but there
4 was going to be a police marked unit at a certain distance to make sure that, you know,
5 they have that area covered. Because that fence line will go around all the way outside
6 the motorcade route, which obviously that's another concern, make sure that the
7 motorcade route is secure.

8 Q So the person outside the fence line is not the same person that was by the
9 water tower?

10 A No. No.

11 Q Two people?

12 A Two people, yes.

13 Q Okay.

14 A Actually, it was my understanding, after -- in the aftermath of the shooting,
15 obviously, because I was the one -- the only one, I believe, who stay there after everyone
16 left, obviously, other than [REDACTED]

17 I was the one walking around in the aftermath. That was my first interaction
18 with FBI agents, ATF and all that. And I was able to talk to one of those two
19 Pennsylvania State Police officers. And that's when I was notified that they were there.

20 There was two marked units by the water tower, in between the fence line and
21 the water tower, and they were able to see the shooter running on the rooftop. And I
22 tried to interact and trying to gather some information, but just -- just referencing that.
23 That was some of the interaction that I had with them, and that's why I knew that there
24 was police units around the fence line.

25 Q Okay. So your entire conversation that day was about the police on the

1 ground were going to mitigate any issues that came up to that area?

2 A Right. Correct.

3 Q Because at that time you didn't know that counter snipers were going to
4 have line of sight there?

5 A Until Thursday evening.

6 Q Till Thursday?

7 A Right.

8 Q Okay. And my colleagues asked you about this, this conversation with

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] So you never recall him saying -- you never recall talking to him?

10 A His name came up with the mission assurance, as part of the mission
11 assurance investigation. They called me for follow-up questions.

12 And the time that we have that video conference, it was in regards to that name.
13 And she showed me a picture. I said, I don't recall seeing this person. Maybe he was
14 part of the police walk-through, again, because there was a lot of moving pieces. There
15 was a lot of personnel from multiple agencies.

16 So there may/may not be a time that we interacted or had a conversation, but
17 when she brought up his name and she showed me a picture, I said, I don't recall talking
18 to him directly. Maybe we had a conversation, but I don't recall seeing this person or his
19 face is not even familiarized. I'm not familiar with --

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q So he would have been there on behalf of Butler ESU during the
22 walk-through. He asserts that he had conversations with [REDACTED] and then a separate
23 conversation with yourself and Agent [REDACTED] specifically talking about that he couldn't
24 see AGR from where the local snipers were stationed inside the building. He's asserting
25 that he had that conversation with you on July 11th during the walk-through.

1 A I'm sorry, but I don't -- I wish that I had -- I mean, that I could say I had a
2 conversation, but, again, nothing was -- other than having -- saying that Pennsylvania
3 State Police didn't have enough manpower available to assist with the AGR building, there
4 was nothing that I can recall saying specifically AGR building being secure or having
5 personnel inside until Thursday evening when I got that email from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] saying
6 that local counter snipers will be inside the AGR building.

7 Q Right. Because if that conversation took place, then you would have
8 known that --

9 A Right.

10 Q -- local snipers were inside earlier that day?

11 A Right, of course.

12 Q Right.

13 A I would have at least -- that was something that I definitely would brief to
14 my supervisors as well as part of the briefing that I gave them on Friday night.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q So you said you and [REDACTED] were driving around --

17 A The site.

18 Q -- the site. Was anyone else with you?

19 A No. It was the two of us. We just -- at the end of the day before we go
20 back, headed back to the hotel, we just wanted to go around.

21 She actually was the one who told me, hey, let's jump in the car together so we
22 can drive around and see where do we think we need -- going to need more post standers
23 or where we need to put like a post stander link up with a police officer or make any
24 other changes or suggestions for that.

25 Q Did you come up with additional postings you needed that day?

1 A No, because she was the one -- she was the one taking notes, just writing
2 down post standers needed. And we even discussed having -- putting three additional,
3 because sometimes obviously that number will get, I'm not going to say rejected, but
4 they're probably going to make some changes in OPO, because, again, for every single
5 post stander you have to have a justification.

6 So I think we came up with 21, and all of them were approved. And that's
7 including response agents, because we normally -- outside of the regular posts, we will
8 have any other that we think for intersections, to cover intersections, to cover a gate, or
9 to have them link up with police for a particular reason, and then have at least two or
10 three additional for response, if needed, including the PI response.

11 Q Did you walk the perimeter with -- before you drove around with her, did
12 you walk the perimeter with the locals that day?

13 A Yeah, with police for the police walk-through, yes. That happened on the
14 11 a.m.

15 Q Eleven a.m. So in the police walk-through, you're saying, okay, PSP, you're
16 going to be here, you're going to be here, or how does that work?

17 A I was just asking like as far as like suggestions, like, where they think they're
18 going to be at. And that's when -- when they brought it up, say, I think we're going to
19 probably have a cruiser inside, a cruiser outside. And we all agreed to that. Because I
20 think for crowd situation, again, you have 15-, 20,000 people, so you need some local
21 assistance, like a uniformed presence for any crowd situation, like hecklers, protesters, or
22 anything that may arise, any incident with a crowd.

23 So that's the reason why I said -- and I remember saying to him, like, yes, that was
24 a great idea having local PD inside the inner perimeter and then outside the fence line for
25 any issues at ground level, any outside.

1 Q So did you think those cars would be stationary or like roving patrols?

2 A They said they were going to have at least minimum of two or three fixed
3 positions and at least one or two roving around.

4 Q Do you remember which ones were the fixed and which ones were roving?

5 A You mean as far as the map?

6 Q Uh-huh.

7 A No, not necessarily. It's because I cannot see clearly the numbers, but --

8 Q Okay. I was going to say it's easier to look at the fifth one with the site
9 diagram.

10 A Yeah. No, but there was nothing specifically said that this particular person
11 or unit is going to be roving or -- they only just brought it up as a general topic for security
12 purposes.

13 Q Okay. And you said that there was no specific discussion about the AGR
14 building that you can recall?

15 A Not with Pennsylvania State Police.

16 Q Not with PSP?

17 A Right. Other than what [REDACTED] brought up Thursday evening,
18 having Butler ESU County covering that, which I learned later on a different meeting that
19 they do -- they did have an operational plan with the AGR building labeled as part of the
20 operations plan.

21 And it's also my understanding that they have a -- based on text messages that I've
22 seen as exhibits that a -- local counter sniper going out at the end of his shift, that he
23 noticed the shooter or the suspicious person at that point circumventing the block. If it
24 was like a -- I don't know if it was a concrete or a bike rack covering that entrance for the
25 AGR parking lot, because that was --

1 Q Like the parking lot entrance?

2 A Right. Because according to the text message, it seems like they were
3 utilizing that AGR building parking lot to park their own vehicles. So I noticed that -- I
4 mean, I saw the text when they said, I'm at the end of a shift, I'm going home, just be on
5 the lookout of this person, that he just went around the concrete or the barrier blocking
6 the entrance to the parking lot. He just parked next to our cars.

7 But, again, to me, seeing that, like, it tells me that maybe that's another thing that
8 that building was secured. Police have their own cars there. There was something
9 blocking the entrance to the parking lot. So I don't know.

10 Q And that was game day, right, he saw that?

11 A Right, game day, correct.

12 Q So when did it come to your attention that PSP didn't have the manpower to
13 lock down that?

14 A I know they brought something about not having enough -- I mean, the right
15 numbers to lock down the entire -- that entire area during the walk-through, but that was
16 it.

17 Q During the walk-through on the 11th?

18 A Right. And, I mean at that point I know [REDACTED] was there and I think
19 [REDACTED] I don't know if they were in close proximity to hear, were part of the
20 conversation that we said, well, that should be enough for the amount of police presence
21 that we have outside of the fence line and covering from the water tower and having
22 other aspects of, you know, police around. We should be -- that should be good
23 enough.

24 Q You said that?

25 A I -- yeah.

1 Q And do you remember who you said that to?

2 A No. I believe maybe it was part of the conversation with PSP at that point
3 during the walk-through.

4 Q Okay.

5 A But, again, there was nothing specific about the AGR, just in that area.

6 Q Like the parking lot, the trees, the --

7 A Correct, yes.

8 Q Okay. Did you understand that that area would be closed to the public, or
9 did you think people would be walking around?

10 A People would probably be walking around, yes.

11 Q Were there any instructions --

12 A Even -- even when -- I'm sorry. When campaign staff said that there was
13 not going to be like an official overflow crowd, yeah, we were expecting like having a
14 crowd that maybe did not make it through the magnetometers or maybe just from the
15 outside.

16 Q Sorry. It's a little bit different than what others have told us.

17 So you understood at the time that people would probably come up to that fence
18 line?

19 A Not all the way up to the fence line, but maybe from a distance to -- just to
20 look around. Because we have -- again, there was a lot of like residents asking questions
21 as to how to access the event, or people that, you know, that maybe just passing by or
22 walking by.

23 Again, we have a secure perimeter, but there were some people walking around,
24 because we couldn't, I'm going to say, prevent access to people walking around the street
25 or walking around -- I mean, outside of the fence line.

1 Q Okay. Did you give PSP or the officers that were going to be stationed
2 around that area any instructions on how to handle crowds that came up?

3 A Obviously, if they see anything unusual, that's pretty much part of the -- you
4 know, the general topics that were talked -- if you see something unusual, something
5 suspicious, please let one of us know, especially me or [REDACTED] because, obviously, we were
6 the site agents.

7 So the personnel inside, in charge of -- for the event at the site, to let any of us
8 know if there was an issue, concerns, or any situation that may arise a response, like a
9 Secret Service response or a PI response or -- so we can address the situation accordingly.

10 [REDACTED] We're going to introduce majority exhibit 7.

11 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 7
12 was marked for identification.]

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BY [REDACTED]

14 Q This was produced to us by Secret Service. It's Bates No. 998. This is the
15 email that we have discussed between [REDACTED] and you and a couple of others.

16 Is this the email that you received which you recall being the first time you knew
17 about the local snipers being inside?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q When you saw this, did you have any concerns about them being inside the
20 building?

21 A Not at the moment, because, again, when they do the threat assessment
22 and they do the survey, they normally -- I mean, again, I'm not a subject matter expert on
23 counter sniper, you know, operations and how they do things. But it was my
24 understanding -- I don't know if it was just a conversation with one of -- if it was [REDACTED] or
25 one of the other guys that I have like having a counter sniper inside the AGR building.

1 I believe we had a conversation maybe because they have a clear view of the
2 rooftop and the crowd of, you know -- I don't know what part of the rooftop of the AGR
3 building, but because they were behind the window at the second -- I think it's a second
4 floor, that they will have a direct line of sight of a rooftop and the crowd.

5 I'm not sure, I cannot say, because obviously I was not up there, if it was
6 specifically the rooftop where Crooks got onto and, you know, in a firing position or if it
7 was a different angle of the rooftop.

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BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Just one clarifying question. So you had said earlier that you were not
10 made aware that they were inside the building till you got the email that night?

11 A Correct.

12 Q So this came at 2:45 p.m. in the afternoon. Were you just not looking at
13 your emails at that point because you were doing other things?

14 A I think that was on Thursday, so that's when we were doing the police
15 walk-through. So the police walk-through I believe started at 11:00 or 12:00 that day.
16 We were probably at the site working on paperwork if that's the day when we have to
17 submit -- the lead agent has to submit the final paperwork to OPO for approval.

18 So we were probably just -- between the police walk-through and the paperwork,
19 working on finalizing the paperwork. I'm on some -- yeah.

20 Q Okay. But it's your general understanding -- I understand you don't have
21 specific knowledge to CS mechanisms, but it was your understanding that they were
22 inside because they could see the rooftop. And you had brought up during your Senate
23 and your MAR testimonies that someone within Secret Service told you that and that it
24 may have been a male, but it wasn't [REDACTED]

25 A Right. I can't recall specifically who, but we probably had that

1 conversation, reason why they were inside the building.

2 [REDACTED] After you received the email?

3 [REDACTED] After I received the email, yes.

4 [REDACTED] Did you call? Were you in person?

5 [REDACTED] Unless it was on that Thursday or if it was Friday, the next day,

6 because, again, we were Friday for the final walk-through, and we had the second

7 supervisors there. So I cannot recall if it was between Thursday or Friday. Obviously, it

8 has to be after I received the email, because that's when we first knew about it.

9 [REDACTED] But do you know now that the local snipers understood them
10 being inside the building so they could overwatch the crowd, not the roof, and so there's
11 a disconnect there?

12 [REDACTED] Yes.

13 [REDACTED] Okay.

14 [REDACTED] Is your question, do you understand that that's what they're saying?

15 [REDACTED] Right. Are you acknowledging now that there's a disconnect
16 between Secret Service personnel --

17 [REDACTED] No, that's a different question now. You're saying -- I don't
18 know -- hold it.

19 [REDACTED] So how about we just let her speak for herself.

20 [REDACTED] Hold it, hold it, hold it. Just what I'm trying to say --

21 [REDACTED] Unless you have an objection, we got to get through this. So if
22 you have an objection --

23 [REDACTED] No, I understand that, I understand that, but the way the question is
24 worded, it's a bit awkward. I just want to make sure I understand it.

25 Is this what the --

1 [REDACTED] Let me rephrase.

2 [REDACTED] -- somebody is saying --

3 [REDACTED] Let me rephrase.

4 [REDACTED] -- they understood it?

5 [REDACTED] Let me rephrase.

6 Locals are asserting that they were inside the building because their responsibility
7 was overwatch of the venue --

8 [REDACTED] Okay.

9 [REDACTED] -- not the roof. But your understanding was that they were
10 inside because they could see the roof?

11 [REDACTED] Right, according to what I -- yeah, what I heard.

12 [REDACTED] Okay.

13 [REDACTED] What you were told by a male?

14 [REDACTED] Right.

15 [REDACTED] By an anonymous male, right?

16 [REDACTED] Unidentified person, because I wish I can recall exactly who it was.

17 [REDACTED] All right. That's fine.

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q So did you understand -- when you're looking at this, the Secret Service
20 snipers, did you have an understanding of what their role was going to be that day, what
21 their overwatch was going to be?

22 A Yes. I mean, because, again, every, I mean, counter sniper, based on the
23 way they conduct operations, they will have a line of sight, obviously an area of operation
24 where they call -- which they call like -- you're going to have maybe north side, you will
25 have a west side. Obviously, in the schedule we use the tactical tools of what we call

1 like a 3 o'clock position, a 4 o'clock position.

2 For our Secret Service counter sniper being behind the barn was pretty much to
3 have coverage, obviously, at some point from the 3 o'clock, maybe 3-4 o'clock, and then
4 the other team facing opposite to the tree line by the residential area and maybe the area
5 of the bleachers by the horseshoe for the horse show. And then you also have -- they
6 also have additional counter snipers inside the bleachers and the horseshoe area for
7 additional coverage.

8 Q Did you talk specific coverage lines of sight with the counter snipers?

9 A No. It was my understanding, based on the pictures that I saw with -- that
10 they took with the range finder that that's the reason why they have specific teams lined
11 up that way, like having some at the 3 o'clock, some facing the 9 o'clock. And,
12 obviously, in those pictures, the AGR building and all the buildings behind it was part
13 of -- part of the survey.

14 Q The counter sniper survey?

15 A Right, correct. Any -- I mean, he was the one got on top of the roof. I
16 wish I could have maybe get on top of it with him. But he was the one on top of the
17 roof.

18 [REDACTED] Which roof?

19 [REDACTED] The barn behind the stage. So that was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 So after that, he didn't even say anything. Oh, I'm concerned because there's a
21 blockage. There's a tree or there's something that I cannot see well for that, I mean to
22 the specific direction.

23 Again, I don't know if that's something internal that they will discuss with -- within
24 themselves or with the local counter snipers, but that was never brought up like a
25 concern, like, hey, I'm on top of this roof behind the stage, but I cannot see clearly

1 beyond this point because of the tree or because of the building. So that was never
2 brought up.

3 To my understanding, by the time we received this document, the counter sniper
4 survey, everything was clear, good to go. There was no issues, concerns, or anything to
5 address or to change.

6 BY [REDACTED]

7 Q Okay. So your understanding of the line of sight came from the counter
8 sniper survey photos?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. Last thing on the 11th, did anyone ever talk about putting up
11 opaque fencing along that fence near AGR?

12 A No. I wish we -- I mean that was part of the solution, but no.

13 Q So moving on to the 12th, you said you had the second supervisor
14 walk-through. That was with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 A [REDACTED] I believe that's how they pronounce it.

16 Q Those are the parties, right?

17 A Yes, correct.

18 Q Okay. What time was that at?

19 A So I know they were supposed to do the airport walk-through, but they
20 couldn't make it. I think [REDACTED] was sick or something. So they said that we'll do
21 it -- that we'll go straight to the site two. So I think that we were there by -- I was there
22 early, but they got there about around noon.

23 Q What time did you get there?

24 A Maybe 10:30, 11 a.m.

25 Q What were you doing 10:30 to noon?

1 A I was probably making -- I know I was making phone calls. I don't know if it
2 was to the locals or [REDACTED] because I know he was asking some questions about CUAS
3 location for Friday. So I know he arrived there. I was probably there between 10:30,
4 11:00, just to -- so he have a good space or spot for CUAS equipment for game day.

5 But yeah, maybe sometimes when we -- before a walk-through or a briefing, we
6 normally have like maybe general conversations or trying to get someone on the phone
7 to clarify or to get updates before the walk-through or the briefing.

8 Q Was the site build starting at that point?

9 A Actually, the site build I think started Thursday evening.

10 Q Thursday evening?

11 A Because they already have -- like, I saw a lot of moving pieces, you know, like
12 contractors bringing in equipment, trucks, vendors. Because I think by Friday they will
13 have all the vendor trucks, vending trucks inside to get them ready for sweeps the next
14 day. So there was a lot of, you know, some of the equipment between Thursday, Friday.
15 And, of course, Friday was, you know, finalizing stage and everything else.

16 Q So when you were there around noon for the second supervisor
17 walk-through, do you feel like the site was nearly built?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Almost done?

20 A Almost done, yes.

21 Q Were there any deficiencies that you noticed on that walk-through?

22 A Obviously, at that point, that was my initial interaction in person with the
23 second supervisor, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] That's the one I pretty much talked to.

24 I know he brought up some concerns about the stage. They focused a lot about
25 the stage, because obviously they want to make sure that they have enough space to deal

1 with any problem, any issue that the shift can handle, you know, at that point, because
2 you have the buffer. They have a -- you always have, I'm not going to say disagreement,
3 but there's always this thing going on between staff that they want specific distance from
4 the buffer. Secret Service needs at least 10 feet away from the stage to handle any
5 situation.

6 So he brought up a lot of things about the stage, like we need to move this bike
7 rack a little further or we need to, you know, expand the area site covering this. And,
8 obviously, line of sight was the next topic, of course, which we spent a few hours talking
9 about stage, getting staff involved. Hey, we need to change this or we need to move
10 these, you know, bike racks a little further or, you know, changes around the stage pretty
11 much.

12 But then the next topic was line of sight, of course. And that's when [REDACTED] said,
13 oh, well, staff wants a truck here, but then he said that, no, we're not -- I mean, that's on
14 the water side, the 9 o'clock position by the water pond, because they want to have like a
15 perfect shot for the picture at -- for the remarks.

16 So that was when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when he got involved, he said, well, we can make
17 some exception because, you know, having a truck but maybe not so close so you have a
18 good shot. We talk about --

19 Q That's at the 9 o'clock position?

20 A At the 9 o'clock position.

21 Q Okay.

22 A At the 3 o'clock position, we briefed that it was going to be -- I don't -- I
23 cannot recall if the farming equipment was already in place during the Friday
24 walk-through. I wish I had a picture of that site, because I know we took a lot of
25 pictures.

1 But I remember [REDACTED] -- I mean, we split up a little bit, because he said,
2 well, at the end we're just going to jump in a golf cart with [REDACTED] and we're going to
3 drive around. We're going to see what the suspicious enemy could see from behind the
4 tree or far from the stage.

5 So that's when he called me. I got on top of the stage. He said, I want you to
6 walk around from the catwalk to the stage. We would like to see what the enemy could
7 see from a distance.

8 Q Do you know where he was at that point?

9 A He was behind a tree by the water tower.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Because I know they were -- again, they were driving around. But at any
12 given point they brought up anything about the AGR building being in close proximity,
13 about what's going to happen about -- I mean, what's happening, what's going on with
14 that building. He never said anything. I don't even know if they got up on top of the
15 rooftop at any point, but he didn't said anything about getting on top of the rooftop.

16 But we were just going over specific about line of sight, the farming equipment.

17 That's when they actually came up with the idea of moving -- [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] Because

19 normally the [REDACTED] -- you know, [REDACTED].

20 But just for that particular site, because -- and the type of event being an outdoor event,
21 we decided to have an [REDACTED].

22 And even if we have to push, make them push one of the farming equipment
23 or -- I can't see if it was a tractor, one of -- heavy lifting equipment, like push aside so we
24 make sure that we have enough space [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED].

1 So I know we talked a lot of aspects about line of sight. We talked -- at that
2 point, I believe they had the two large screens already set up. Again --

3 Q What positions were those at, if you can remember?

4 A I think between the 5 and 7, maybe 5 and 7 o'clock. I mean right -- I'm
5 going to say on the side of the stage, but kind of angle like.

6 Q So 5 and 7?

7 A Right, that would be the 5 and 7.

8 So then after the conversations, we did the final walk-through. Again, we
9 touched base on the line of sight issues. We talk about the equipment for mitigation,
10 the equipment that was already in place.

11 And after that, I mean --

12 Q As part of that conversation, were you talking about the counter snipers
13 being mitigating, or was it just equipment?

14 A Right. Over the roof, yes. We were talking about assets. I mean,
15 because when you do the final walk-through, you're pretty much briefing the supervisor
16 what's going on, what you expect, everything that's being done during the advance
17 throughout the week and conversations. So you're pretty much briefing the second
18 supervisor on what's going on and anything that may need to be addressed or escalated
19 at a heightened level or anything. But until Friday, there was no other issues or
20 concerns.

21 Q Did he have the counter sniper survey prior to that walk-through?

22 A I believe -- yeah, I believe he did. Because we -- I don't know if he was cc'd
23 on the email. But most of the information, like sending emails, I mean, I try to -- my
24 best to cc, always have them included on the email for situational awareness, whether it
25 was an email to DTD ops or post standers. So I try to always cc the supervisors so they

1 are aware and they are part of the conversation as well.

2 Q What time was the site build complete?

3 A We went back to the hotel late at night, because that's the whole reason
4 why, we want to make sure that it was all finalized. So I'm going to say by Friday, it was
5 pretty much all done. We left that site around maybe 8:30 p.m.

6 So by then, it was pretty much completed. If there was anything to be done, it
7 was just minor things, like moving something, like bike racks, or make sure that -- it was
8 more like around the stage make sure that they have flags and everything in place pretty
9 much.

10 Q So when you left at 8:30, your understanding was that this build was
11 complete to the specifications that everyone had discussed?

12 A Right. That we discussed, yes.

13 Q Agent [REDACTED] told us that when she got there the next morning, the 3
14 o'clock and 2 o'clock position were missing some line of sight mitigation measures.

15 Do you remember seeing that?

16 A Like the farming -- because I know there was a farming equipment. There
17 was a big -- I don't know if it was red, like a big red farming equipment in between. It
18 was at the 3 o'clock, but it was covering a gate, because that side has like multiple gates, I
19 think if we counted correctly five or six. There was like five or six gates throughout the
20 fence line.

21 So I remember that -- using that blocking vehicle for that line of sight. I'm not
22 saying specifically for the AGR building, but blocking that line of sight on the 3 o'clock
23 where there was a gate, to make sure that no one have access to the gate.

24 And that's -- I think it was in close proximity to that police marked unit vehicle
25 from the Pennsylvania State Police. Because I remember walking around and I

1 remember being called up upon medical issues, like we needed to have like a -- like a
2 chute for the ATV units for medical assistance. We had a lot of medical incidents that
3 day.

4 So I did walk around the site multiple -- I mean, pretty much throughout the day,
5 dealing issues, handling issues at the magnetometers, incidents with medical -- you know,
6 medical incidents with the crowd, like making sure that the stage, everything for the
7 arrival and departure was set and good to go. So I kept walking around pretty much the
8 site throughout the day.

9 Q Did you know that Agent [REDACTED] was at the site later than you that night?

10 A No, I don't -- I can't recall what time specifically she left.

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2 [2:51 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q She told us that she was dealing with issues, quote, late into the night. But

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you were not made aware of any of those issues?

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A No, because, again, like if there was anything and even before leaving the

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place I will like say, hey, are we good to go, or if you need help with anything, or we'll just,

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you know, lock it down for the night.

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Q Did you check in with her at all after leaving the site at 8:30?

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A I don't know if there was any text message or phone call after that, but

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normally -- I mean, it's pretty much like common thing, like say, hey, you know, if you're

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good, I'm good. If you're -- you know, if there is any issues that we need -- or if you

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need help with anything, I mean that was something -- kind of closure for the day to make

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sure that everything was -- you know, that needed to.

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Q Were there any -- to the best of your knowledge, were there any advance

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planning meetings or walk-throughs that you were not a part of?

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A No. We were all pretty much engaged and involved in any -- every briefing

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and walk-through.

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Q Okay. All right. So the 13th.

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A The 13th.

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Q You wake up. Did you do anything the night before? Sorry, before we get

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there. Did you go back to the hotel, work on paperwork?

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A At that point, all the paperwork should be submitted --

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Q Okay.

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A -- unless we have to make final changes, but by then the prelim, the site

1 prelim diagrams are already done. The manpower justification was pretty much done.
2 It was maybe just phone calls to address maybe any -- to give up -- any updates or deal
3 with any issues. Sometimes some of these phone calls late at night is between myself,
4 in this case site agent, or site counterpart with campaign staff to meet with me.

5 It was handling phone calls with campaign staff about family members for former
6 President Trump showing up, whether they were showing up or not. Because, at that
7 point, I think one of the phone calls was with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I said, well, whether he's a
8 friend or a family member, there is specific protocol. If it's just a friend, they need to go
9 through security. We have to do name checks. So it was more like trying to find out,
10 get confirmation whether a family member was showing up or a friend member -- I mean,
11 a friend or relative for the photo line or pictures, which that's pretty much -- some of
12 these more like the admin side of the -- for the --

13 Q And that was all after you left the site?

14 A Yeah, that night.

15 Q So was that at your hotel, or where were you?

16 A Yeah, back at the hotel.

17 Q So the morning of the rally, what time did you get to the site?

18 A I remember I was at the hotel in the lobby, that was where the post standers
19 were meeting up to -- not all of them I believe had a car, like a rental car to get there, and
20 there was a lot of them. So I just talked to them, introduced myself, because at that
21 point they didn't know me in person, so I kind of like interacted with them maybe, say,
22 maybe 8:30, 9:00. I just want to make sure that everyone has a ride to make it to the
23 site, because it was like a 20, 25-minute drive from the hotel to the site.

24 So I talked to them for a little bit, and then I proceeded to the site. I think I
25 talked to [REDACTED] by text telling -- asking him if they needed anything and that we can meet

1 up at the site. And that's when I arrive maybe shortly -- maybe before -- maybe 9:30,
2 9:45 maybe to the site.

3 Q Okay.

4 A And then --

5 Q Did you bring any of the post standers with you or --

6 A No. No.

7 Q -- did you just make sure they had rides?

8 A I just made sure that they had a ride. So that -- then when I got to the site,
9 I think I went briefly to put -- because I didn't have a suit on. I knew I was going to
10 sweat because it was pretty hot that day, so I just went in neat casual, just polo and
11 pants. And I put -- I remember I went to the site security room, made sure they have
12 the equipment, and just to drop my backpack and my stuff before the briefings.

13 And then the briefing started around 10:00 a.m. with the post standers at a
14 different location. It was -- we thought of doing it inside the security room, but we
15 just -- because we talked to the USDA, Department of Agriculture to use -- utilize the
16 conference room, because it was a better fit for the briefing, that's when we decided to
17 do it there. And that post stander briefing started at 10:00, probably lasted for
18 45 minutes, because we want to make sure that everyone was posted and where they're
19 supposed to be.

20 Q Was it just Secret Service and post standers from his?

21 A Yes. Yes.

22 Q Okay. Is it normal to not have local law enforcement at that briefing?

23 A Yes. Unless they decide show up, but that's -- it's very -- I mean, at least my
24 own -- my experience, it's very rare that you have police for the post stander briefing,
25 because that's pretty much post standers, they haven't been there for -- during the event,

1 so it's kind of like new for them. I mean, because you send the email the night prior
2 with post site instructions, so we just want to make sure they have a good understanding
3 where the primary hospital is, where the safehouse is, in case of an emergency where to
4 go, or relocation like -- for them like for accountability, about the weather, about food
5 options, make sure that they take care of each other, that they have a good
6 understanding about the post instructions, about the post, and have at least a few
7 minutes for open questions in case they have -- you know, they need to address
8 something.

9 Q Okay. We were told that a PSP sergeant was trying to attend that briefing
10 and was asked to leave. Do you remember that?

11 A Oh, no.

12 Q Okay.

13 A No, not at all.

14 Q So you were not the one that told --

15 A No, no.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Again, before I say no to someone I will definitely try to get confirmation on
18 the reason why, but, I mean, if it's -- if that person has a need to know and needs to be
19 there for a particular reason, I will definitely try to find out. And I will -- I probably won't
20 be the person to say, no, you can't be here, just, you know, without a reason.

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q This would've been the sergeant that was in the security room, the PSP
23 sergeant that was in the security room that day.

24 A Okay. No, yeah, I was not -- I was not aware of that.

25 Q Okay.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q Agent [REDACTED] then took everybody into the security room to get their
3 radios, right?

4 A Right.

5 Q Did you go with them?

6 A After the briefing, I believe I was trying to find a golf cart and -- or try to find
7 a car, someone with a van, because, again, there was a lot of posts, and we try to make it
8 there like as quick as possible after the briefing before sweeps, because sweeps started
9 around 11:00 a.m. So we want to make sure that everyone was posted before sweeps
10 started, begin, so that way they knew, you know, the area of responsibility and they will
11 get familiarized with the post and also with local PD if that was -- if it was one of the posts
12 link up with local PD.

13 So it took a little bit, because there were -- I think there was only one or two vans
14 available, so at that point that's when [REDACTED] say, well, I will take care of the outer
15 perimeter post and you can take care of the inner perimeter to include the
16 arrival/departures, security room, the hole, the clicks, the stage, the press riser, so
17 everything and pretty much all the posts inside in the inner perimeter.

18 Q You and [REDACTED] had that conversation about who was doing what?

19 A Right, before -- yeah, right.

20 Q When was that conversation?

21 A Oh, that was right after the briefing.

22 Q Oh, okay. All right.

23 A So we're trying to facilitate and make it easier or try to make it quicker, but it
24 took a little while to get everyone where they needed to be and posted.

25 Q So Agent [REDACTED] told us that she was the one that set up the security room

1 that morning. She was trying to do the comms scanning but couldn't get the scanner to
2 work. Did she talk to you about that?

3 A Yeah. At the very beginning I noticed there was some issues with
4 communications. I was getting everything because I could hear from this -- from -- and I
5 could tell it was from inside the security room because I wouldn't change or scan, I mean,
6 on [REDACTED] which is the detail radio frequency. It was all in [REDACTED] at the beginning, that
7 was what was on paper. But we realized, I don't know if it was right after or a little after
8 the briefing that SAIC [REDACTED] once inside the security room, we started hearing -- and I was
9 there hearing conversations from the First Lady visit, so that's when we knew there was
10 an issue with like getting communications from other event -- I mean other visit.

11 Q Had you accounted for that potential in the preliminary survey? Was there
12 an alternate channel to switch to if something was happening?

13 A I mean, because normally from [REDACTED] we would go to [REDACTED] but because
14 there was some changes with different visits going on at the same time, that's the only
15 reason why we were using [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED] so you can scan or, you know, hear both.
16 But for that, that's when SAIC [REDACTED] took the initiative and say, hey, I'm just going to call,
17 reach out to the lead agent and -- from the First Lady visit and try to, you know, clear this
18 up, like to make sure that we are on the same page, that you're going to be on this radio
19 frequency.

20 So that's when he put it out on the radio for every post stander to switch from
21 [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and I think that they did radio checks right afterwards to make sure
22 everybody was on the same radio frequency. And, I mean, at the beginning it was
23 working fine. I didn't count any issues with communication because I could hear clearly
24 from the secure room, hey, we need medical assistance at the magnetometers, or we
25 need medical assistance at the crowd because a lot of people are passing out and, you

1 know. So we clarified that situation with the First Lady visit changing radio frequency.

2 Q Do you remember what time around that was, like in the morning,
3 afternoon?

4 A Maybe around noon.

5 Q Okay.

6 A I would say maybe around noon. Yeah, I would probably say around that
7 time.

8 Q So back to the morning with the security room setup, as the site agent, are
9 you responsible for the security room or is the counterpart?

10 A The counterpart normally is the one like in charge of the security room, like
11 as far as bringing in equipment, making sure it's functional, because obviously this
12 equipment will come from the local field office. So at that point, you've got to make
13 sure that equipment is operational, that it's good to go, that, you know, it doesn't have to
14 be brand new, but at least that is in a working condition. So all the equipment will come
15 out from the field office, like radios, what they call the lunch boxes and all the radios, like
16 additional radios if needed for -- to scan other radio frequencies as well.

17 Q Did you and [REDACTED] have a conversation about like, hey, you're going to set
18 this up for me, or did she just --

19 A No, because by the time I went to the security room it was pretty much
20 everything set. It's just SAIC [REDACTED] --

21 Q She just did it?

22 A Yeah. I even talked -- had a conversation briefly with SAIC [REDACTED] to make
23 sure that he has the security room book with diagrams and post instructions or if he
24 needed anything additional, so at that point it wasn't negative, like he was all good to go
25 conduct the radio checks with the post standers.

1 Q Did you understand the Secret Service security room to be set up to have
2 enough space for all the local law enforcement partners?

3 A Yes. Actually, it was a larger room, larger than this, and it has pretty much
4 a similar table but larger, like that you can set up your computers. That's the reason
5 why, because we were trying to find a different location, but I thought from day one that
6 that will be the best because it was right at the main entrance from the Butler Farm
7 Show. They will have a kitchen so people can utilize, you know, microwave to -- or, you
8 know, have the meals. But it was pretty a much large room with -- they had a
9 bathroom, they have access to the bathroom. It was -- you know, we even have the
10 CUAS working at a different desk with the -- to load up the equipment for the counter
11 UAS equipment.

12 Q Were you aware that local law enforcement was going to have a separate
13 command trailer?

14 A No, not for running as a command post. They did mention and I think they
15 brought it up after -- on Tuesday when they did the first initial walk-through, and the only
16 reason why they said they will bring up that trailer because I just want to make sure that
17 they were clear on that, I say we have a security room where this is normally, that we
18 have one running command operation center and where everybody from each party or
19 each agency should have a representative present, physically present there for any
20 situation.

21 The only reason that he said -- brought up additional command posts, and in this
22 case a trailer, was for line-of-sight coverage on the opposite side of the -- on the pond, on
23 the water, on the water by the pond side. Initially they said, well, we can bring a truck
24 just to use as a downtime room, like a down room for our officers to come up and, you
25 know, have -- cool down for a little bit or to use EAC, or if they had to make a phone call

1 or anything.

2 So it was more like -- it was never brought up to my attention that they were
3 going to operate, like I say, as a command post. It was just an additional asset for line of
4 sight and maybe utilize that as a down room, because otherwise, I will probably say
5 something and say, no, you have -- every single person would need to be inside the
6 security room.

7 Q When you were in the security room throughout the day, did you notice that
8 there weren't very many people in there?

9 A Actually, by the times that I went there, there was quite a lot, like --

10 Q What's the like max that you saw in there?

11 A Because, again, I would never stood them up for more than 15, 20 minutes,
12 because, again, there was something, well, we needed radio transmissions, we need a
13 site agent for here or there, like working different situations or issues at that point. So I
14 said maybe, at some point, any given time, it was 10, between 10, 15 people.

15 Q Okay. And you said in your Senate interview that it would be [REDACTED]
16 responsibility to make sure everyone is in the security room that needs to be there?

17 A Right, that's what -- when I first got there, like I asked him like if he have
18 questions or issues or anything that it doesn't look like correct or right to let me know so
19 we can arrange anything, but it's normally especially for, like, we'll say, no, I'm good to go,
20 I don't have any questions, I got this. So it's pretty much the normal, maybe safe to say
21 that as a GS-14, GS-15 he already know what security room will look like.

22 [REDACTED] Would SAIC [REDACTED] be aware of the State and local agencies that were
23 participating that day?

24 [REDACTED] I don't know if it was mentioned on the briefing during the post
25 stander briefing that we're going to have multiple local PD, to include Pennsylvania State

1 Police, the Sheriff's Office, and other entities from the -- from each county working that
2 day.

3 [REDACTED] I know we're at time. I'm just going to finish this line of questions
4 real quick.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q So he arrived day of, right, so he wouldn't have interacted with any of the
7 locals prior to that?

8 A No, no. That was that day, yes. I think he arrived the night prior, but
9 that's normal for post standers, you know, to travel the night prior or the day prior to the
10 visit.

11 Q Okay. So there's no like list or something that you would give to him
12 saying, here's who we're working with today?

13 A No. Normally -- and I -- I didn't prepare -- normally there's a site -- there's a
14 security room book which includes like point of contacts, includes diagrams, post
15 instructions, I did not work with that. Normally -- when I was -- my own experience,
16 when I was in the Miami Field Office, the site agent from the local field office will, you
17 know, take care of -- get that. They use one of those files of folders or even a binder
18 which you include that you have to print out all the routes, motorcade routes, post
19 instructions, maybe police contact, anything needed that you may need for -- during the
20 visit to make available for the security room agent.

21 Q But you did not do that for this one?

22 A No.

23 Q You thought [REDACTED] was going to do that?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Did you ever communicate that to her?

1 A No.

2 Q Okay. Did you ever talk to her about --

3 A I don't think it was --

4 Q -- the security room book?

5 A -- it was brought up to her, no.

6 Q Not at all, okay.

7 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 8
8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY [REDACTED]

10 Q We're going to quickly do Majority Exhibit 8. This is just an excerpt from
11 the 2024 campaign operational guide produced to us by Secret Service. This is the
12 portion of that guide which discusses the security room. Have you seen -- I know this is
13 just a page out of a large document, but have you seen the 2024 campaign operational
14 guide?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Do you remember reading this security room section?

17 A I went through it quickly, briefly, yes.

18 Q Okay. So on here it says that -- it's in that bottom part -- when a security
19 room has been designated the site agent is responsible for coordinating its physical setup
20 and staffing. Were you aware that day that this was going to be your responsibility?

21 A No. That's why -- it was my understanding that would fall under the local
22 field office. And maybe it wasn't -- not a discussion or maybe a topic of discussion, but
23 that's something that, again, based on my experience in the Miami Field Office that the
24 local field office will take care of bringing in equipment and setting up the security room
25 to make sure that everything is the way it is supposed to be.

1 BY [REDACTED]

2 Q So it kind of seems like because now Donald Trump is a candidate and DTD is
3 doing a lot of -- and is inserting people into events, things that -- like the site agent used
4 to come from the Miami Field Office or used to come from the Pittsburgh Field Office that
5 the campaign -- that the guide is written for that person to be in charge of it --

6 A Right.

7 Q -- not taking into account that now someone from DTD is being assigned as
8 site agent, but the locals would still usually be the one organizing them because they have
9 the resources, they're bringing the things. So I'm kind of gathering that a lot of the --

10 [REDACTED] Confusion.

11 BY [REDACTED]

12 Q -- confusion in who was responsible for what is because of this now change
13 in protocol. But it was just -- putting a bow on it, it was your understanding that even
14 though your title was site agent, it was not your responsibility to set up the security
15 room?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Okay.

18 [REDACTED] We can go off the record.

19 [REDACTED] And that's the reason why I inquire like more, like when I'm not clear
20 about something, before I step out, I travel -- for travel, like I talk to supervisors or DTD
21 operations, hey, any guidance on this, or you're specifically in charge to make sure that
22 things run smooth around this stage when we get there before the arrival, departure, and
23 any emergency situation, and that's pretty much your thing and you're the site diagram.
24 You are only there to assist the field office if needed with everything obviously for the
25 visit aspect of the visit and security aspect, but your focus is pretty much that stage, the

1 arrival/departure, the site diagram, and anything else like pertaining to the detail.

2 [REDACTED] And even though [REDACTED] title was site counterpart, it was your
3 understanding that she would still be doing some of the roles of site agent?

4 [REDACTED] Correct.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q And that description you just went through of what your role would be, did
7 that come from [REDACTED] or was that from --

8 A DTD ops.

9 Q DTD ops.

10 A Right, correct.

11 Q Okay. Do you remember who?

12 A Normally from previous advances, because, again, I work with the Conway, I
13 pretty much did Atlantic, Iowa, in January --

14 Q Got it.

15 A -- which never -- was canceled at the very last minute, but the advance was
16 done pretty much. We just had to cancel because of weather. Back then it was like a
17 winter storm pretty bad that you couldn't even access the roads. We did complete the
18 advance. We did the whole setup, the advance work and everything.

19 So it's normally -- the norm is, what I've heard from coworkers, that DTD focus or
20 send someone as the site agent specifically to work in site diagram, to give the field office
21 expectations from the DTD supervisors, and to make sure that we [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] how are we going to get there, how are we going to do that.

25 [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you. We can go off the record.

1 [Recess.]

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

3 I have two questions about the last round. I'm sorry to go back to it one more
4 time, but with respect to the role of the site agent I think I'm going to just update the
5 understanding I tried to lay out --

6 [REDACTED] Okay.

7 [REDACTED] -- two rounds ago based on some content from the previous
8 round.

9 [REDACTED] All right.

10 BY [REDACTED]

11 Q If I'm hearing it right, we all agree that the role of a site agent is to be
12 responsible for the security plan of the entire site, and we agree that your title that day
13 was site agent, but you had an understanding that day that in practice your role was
14 something slightly less than that, that you were sort of there to assist the field office
15 because that is an understanding that you and your team have inside the DTD detail. Is
16 that right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And where -- you may have said it and I'm sorry if I'm asking you to
19 repeat yourself, where did that understanding come from inside DTD? Who said to you,
20 hey, around here site agent doesn't mean what it usually means? Who was that?

21 A Not specifically using that wording, but normally we'd get instructions from
22 DTD operations.

23 Q Was there a supervisor or a particular manual somewhere that that
24 understanding comes from?

25 A No, just general interactions with the person that works in that section up

1 there.

2 Q Okay. A question about line of sight. In the discussion about the 12th,
3 Friday, and once the site was fully built I think that evening, is that right?

4 A Uh-huh, correct.

5 Q Was there at that point, when that build was finally finished, was there
6 equipment of any kind blocking the line of sight from the AGR roof to the stage as far as
7 you know?

8 A I cannot talk specifically from the AGR building, but there was a blocking
9 farming equipment at the 3:00, between the 2:00 or 3:00 position on that day, yes.

10 Q Yes. I heard that part, but do you know whether or not that piece of
11 equipment blocked the line of sight from the AGR roof?

12 A Not specifically. From the shooter line of sight, no, not -- I cannot tell.

13 Q Okay.

14 A Yeah.

15 Q Well, it was blocking, I guess, people who would've been standing on the
16 ground?

17 A Right, yes.

18 Q Okay. Was there supposed to be, if you recall, any equipment of any kind
19 blocking the line of sight from the AGR roof to the stage?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay.

22 BY [REDACTED]

23 Q Was there any equipment considered that would have been large enough to
24 block that line of sight?

25 A No, that was never discussed.

1 Q I'm going to take you back to July 11th, but we're going to try to do it quickly.
2 You mentioned in your notes at some point that there was a daily countdown meeting.
3 Can you tell us what that is?

4 A Well, countdown meetings they will come from more for like -- normally
5 from what I've seen from the campaign staff, like I know we only had one, and I think it
6 was right before the police walk-through. Before or after, I'm not sure, because we
7 started the police walk-through and I believe it was right afterwards. So I think we did
8 that walk-through around 12:00 or noon that day, but that was from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Like,
9 normally, I think it will come from campaign staff from what I've seen, my other
10 experiences. Like the campaign staff will coordinate to have at least lead agent, site
11 agent, and maybe supervisor, whoever wants to attend that police -- that staff
12 countdown meeting, and that's more like to get all the aspects of the visit from the very
13 beginning to the most up-to-date information, meaning any changes, any adjustments or
14 any add-ons, meaning information that is new to the campaign, like family member
15 attending the event or friend or clicks or any changes, whatever they have at that point.
16 So that's normally our countdown meeting. They can do it different forms, like they can
17 do it a couple days before the event, they can do it every day, and in this case,
18 particularly, they use did it on one day on Thursday afternoon.

19 Q So I have in my notes that this happened on -- at noon on July 11th and that
20 Hancock, yourself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present. Is that right?

21 A Correct, inside the security room, correct.

22 Q Anyone else present?

23 A Not that I recall.

24 Q And in that -- you said that your duties typically for POTUS and VPOTUS
25 events, and that you think it should be incorporated --

1 A Which is --

2 Q -- in all the details?

3 A It's a lot. For PPD and VPD, basically staff being there before, it's really
4 large. Like, for countdown meetings you have military aides, you have a lot of staff
5 members, a lot of people from Secret Service from different aspects, like counter snipers,
6 CAT representative, every single person pretty much having a role for that visit. So it
7 could be a room filled of -- from 40 people, 50 people to 100 people.

8 Q And your thought is that this should happen pretty routinely for these
9 events?

10 A Again, each visit is different. So I've been through all the visits where they
11 do countdown meetings every day pretty much through the advance, so maybe 3 days
12 prior to -- like, the first 3 days prior to the visit. Like, it all depends, like, what the
13 campaign staff plan for that or coordinate for that.

14 Q Okay. So I want to direct you to Majority Exhibit 7, which is an email from
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Do you have that in front of you?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So in this email, he says that, the Butler ESU team is inside the AGR building.
18 Do you remember -- I understand that another male told you why they were inside, but
19 do you remember talking to him --

20 A Not to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

21 Q -- at all?

22 A Not to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about this, and he did not specify the reason why they
23 decided to do it inside the AGR building. I know I think I have, like I said, this random
24 conversation, I ask about why should --

25 Q Yeah.

1 A -- the snipers be inside a building instead of the rooftop, which is normally
2 what I have seen from Secret Service and, you know, what you see on -- when you have
3 these type of events, like counter snipers normally covering specific area at an elevated
4 position outside, right.

5 Q But you didn't ask him?

6 A Not him, no, the reason why he made that decision, no.

7 Q And it says, if you look, beginning with, "I will be posted as part of --"

8 A Hercules.

9 Q Do you see that portion?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And then it says, "and have direct communication with all local sniper teams
12 for site two." What did you understand that to mean?

13 A Like he will be in direct contact whether it was by radio, or with the cell
14 phone, or maybe a primary, secondary form of communication with him at all times.

15 Q Now, with -- I've -- we've asked prior witnesses about the dynamics between
16 the site agents and the team leaders for CAT and counter snipers. Do you -- what is your
17 view on site agents deferring to counter snipers with regards to their plan?

18 A Like make sure that they have the equipment that they need or --

19 Q No, so if -- in this example, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is telling you where people are
20 going to be placed. Do you typically sort of analyze this and see if you can push back, or
21 do you just defer to his judgment on this?

22 A Normally the judgment, unless, again, we discuss it with the supervisor and
23 the supervisor may have -- may see something different or, no, maybe we have a better
24 suggestion. But it's, you know, normally deferred to the counter snipers' judgment to
25 what's the best election for them to be at and decisions that they make, unless they see

1 something, you know, that may rise to concern or an issue or something that they need
2 to maybe brought it up to the site agent level or the supervisor level.

3 Q I want to ask you about a quote from your Senate transcript and just to see
4 what your thoughts on it are. So on page 37, and I believe this is Exhibit 1 if you want to
5 read along, it says, "Since it was on the outer perimeter, we did not discuss or plan for
6 having a post stander or having any other asset other than the local counter sniper, once
7 they decided to have a local counter sniper inside the building for that day." Is your
8 view that because it's the outer perimeter you're not as involved in the coverage for it?

9 A To be honest, throughout the advance, we didn't see the need to have a post
10 stander out there since they're going to have -- it's going to be considered outside of the
11 outer perimeter and it's going to be covered somehow for the local PD, local police, which
12 is normally what I've seen from other visits. Again, every visit is very unique, every
13 venue is very unique, whether it's an indoor or outdoor event, this was definitely a very
14 unique site where they have double fence line, where you have local PD on the outside,
15 so -- which for us, to my understanding, considered our perimeter for that visit.

16 Q And on page 45, you say, "But in the visit, I was -- my role was primarily to
17 remain in the inner perimeter for the arrival and departure of the protectee that day."
18 When you say "primarily," why that word? What else did you understand your role to
19 be as it pertains to the rest?

20 A Like, pretty much, before the arrival of the protectee, you're pretty much
21 like, again, handling situations and dealing with other incidents. Like, in this case, we're
22 dealing with a lot of medical incidents that day, phone calls or radio transmissions about
23 requesting site agent assist. So whether it was [REDACTED] available or I was available, we
24 were now in the middle of something. We probably have, oh, I got this -- I will put on
25 the radio, I'm on my way, that type of things.

1 So, again, dealing with magnetometers, whether they have special guests and
2 they have to be handled differently, so at that point you have to call the site agent or call
3 the campaign staff to assist with access to the event. But after that, right before the
4 arrival I have to get, you know, get ready, back in my suit, and make sure that everything
5 is running smoothly around the stage, around the arrival/departure.

6 They want to make sure that me, as the site agent for the detail, that we have a
7 clear arrival/departure, that by the time they get there -- I think, at that point, [REDACTED]
8 was asking for a [REDACTED] for
9 [REDACTED] pretty much, and also ask for a spare battery because his radio
10 was having some issues. So I made sure I got that, the equipment.

11 I was there -- normally -- it depends whether you're in the middle of something,
12 but it's up to, at that point, the site agent to see whether you have to be 30 minutes prior
13 to the arrival or 15 minutes prior, but because of everything going on, I probably got
14 there around 15 minutes, maybe 10, 15 minutes prior to the arrival since he was running
15 late that day. And then from there, that's where I told [REDACTED] -- because of the radio
16 issues and communication issues, I told [REDACTED] I'm probably going to be on [REDACTED] radio
17 frequency, that's going to be the detail so I can hear when they're -- you know, when
18 they -- as they approach the site.

19 Q And I will have you -- I don't want to -- we're going to get to that.

20 A Okay.

21 Q I want to keep us on track. We will talk about July 13th.

22 You mentioned that you understood that the snipers inside the AGR had a view of
23 the lower roof. What about the roof above them? What was the plan for that?

24 A Nothing was discussed about the roof above.

25 Q Did you wonder what was being done to account for that roof?

1 A No.

2 Q All right. Let's move along to July 12th now. You mentioned that you did
3 the walk-through. Was it with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

4 A [REDACTED] yes.

5 Q And you said that neither one of them got on the AGR roof, right?

6 A Not that I'm aware of. Again, we conducted the first portion of the
7 walk-through, like talking about the walking path, about the stage concerns to contain the
8 crowd. We talk about line of sight. Then we kind of split off for a few hours. They
9 say they will get on a golf cart, both of them, and drive around the site to see line-of-sight
10 issues from the enemy aspect perspective or their own line of sight. But they never said
11 anything about access to rooftop or whether they're going to get on the rooftop on the
12 outer perimeter. Nothing was brought up to my concern.

13 Q And then I had from your prior statements that you felt the walk-through
14 with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went well, and that they felt confident that everything would
15 go well. Is that right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And that you were happy that they were both present to help and that you
18 believe that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would have the final word on an issue. Is that right?

19 A Final word, I'm trying to think. Final word on an issue?

20 Q I don't know what you're referring to here --

21 A Yeah, I can't --

22 Q -- but if you don't remember it, that's fine.

23 A I can't recall, because -- the only issues that we were having that day was
24 pretty much with the bike racks about the distance between the stage and the bike racks,
25 like more pushing them a little further with -- and having campaign staff engage to

1 address those issues and concerns. But other than that, I can't recall any other issues.

2 Q I mean, so what I interpreted this to mean -- and you tell me if --

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q If you guys are walking around, you, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and you guys
5 see something, he has the final word on what to do about that?

6 A Pretty much, yes, at that point, yes.

7 Q When did [REDACTED] first arrive to the Butler site?

8 A They -- normally the second supervisors arrive the night prior, so he arrived
9 into Pittsburgh around Thursday, I think Thursday afternoon, and -- but they won't -- I
10 don't know if he said that he will be out there that same day on his own just to look at it,
11 and -- but the official date, like when we do the final walk-through, was on Friday, the
12 12th.

13 Q Were any of the line-of-sight issues resolved before he arrived?

14 A Again, there was still a lot -- some moving pieces like bringing in equipment,
15 like kind of setting up the stage, the chairs and everything around the site. So there was
16 still some moving pieces prior to the walk-through.

17 Q Was anything resolved before he arrived?

18 A Resolved --

19 [REDACTED] What do you mean by resolved? When you say resolved --

20 [REDACTED] There are line-of-sight issues identified. Were any of those
21 issues resolved? I just mean --

22 [REDACTED] Meaning --

23 [REDACTED] The dictionary word, just was it fixed? Was it addressed?

24 [REDACTED] I don't know what it means.

25 [REDACTED] They were just -- again, they were still bringing equipment. But by

1 the end of the night, when we left, everything was what it needed to be, what we
2 planned it to be, yes.

3 [REDACTED] Okay.

4 [REDACTED] So it was resolved at the end --

5 [REDACTED] If you have certain operational objectives, the question is, do you
6 feel that those were substantially met at some point in time? What's the answer to
7 that?

8 [REDACTED] Yes.

9 [REDACTED] All right.

10 [REDACTED] I would like to show you -- I have lost track of what exhibit this is.

11 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. C

12 was marked for identification.]

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q I believe we are on Minority Exhibit C. Do you recognize these -- well, take
15 your time to look through it, and let me know if you recognize these notes.

16 A Yes, this is my writing notes.

17 Q When did you write this?

18 A On the first page, I did that, I think it was prior to the mission assurance
19 interview. That was one of the very first ones back in August. It was after the July 13
20 event. So on the first page, it was just writing notes about timeline, so I could refer to
21 that day by day, what I did or what was done or what was communicated. Some of the
22 notes that I took for -- to have -- use as a reference for that mission assurance interview.

23 On the next couple of pages is writing notes that we normally have -- carry a book,
24 a little booklet around to take notes just as we go through the advance on each day.
25 Like it may include just every -- pretty much any aspect of the visit, like how many people,

1 any changes, point of contact, information that we may have for them, we may collect as
2 we go through all the advance. And then we have obviously police point of contacts at
3 the end, which is what some of the business cards that I was handed on during the police
4 meeting.

5 Q All right. So I'm going to ask you a few questions, not too many from here,
6 but beginning with the first page. This is under Thursday, 7/11, about three stars down.
7 It says, "OM with post assignments." What does that mean? What does OM mean?

8 A Official message.

9 Q And what does that mean?

10 A I think that's the day when we started receiving emails from, I believe it's
11 OPO or IMV with the official message to let the post standers know about their
12 assignments.

13 Q And then on the right side under 7/2, about three stars down, it looks like
14 maybe, DTD, DLS -- I mean, D/L/Shift. Do you see what I'm referring to?

15 A Right, yes.

16 Q What is that?

17 A Oh, that's the briefing, like on the 12th, Friday the 12th, that's that night of
18 around 6:00 p.m. We normally do a detail leader -- a briefing to the detail leader, in this
19 case SAIC [REDACTED] from the DTD, and that's also from DTD. I don't know if they do it on
20 all the formers, all their visits, but normally DTD supervisors require that before a visit
21 they do like a briefing for shift agents, and also including the detail leaders from the SAIC
22 [REDACTED]

23 For this particular one, we did it over a Teams phone call, I believe, from that
24 security room. I think [REDACTED] was also present. It's normally myself just briefing the
25 detail about aspects of the visit, any information, any issues, concerns that we may have

1 at that point. But it's just going over -- I have to prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

2 In this case, [REDACTED] took this step and she did it on her own. She did prepare the
3 PowerPoint containing the site one as the airport, site two Butler Farm Show, and every
4 other aspect of the visit.

5 But normally the way it goes is just briefing of the site two, in this case your main
6 site, providing them with any aspects about assets, resources, tactical elements,
7 relocation, [REDACTED] may arise, how are
8 we going to address those issues, a primary hospital. [REDACTED] t

9 [REDACTED] and the
10 [REDACTED] so
11 they know -- for the -- [REDACTED],

12 [REDACTED] So, yes, that was conducted on Friday, the
13 12th, as well.

14 Q Okay. And I may have some followup questions on that --

15 A Okay.

16 Q -- but, for now, let's move along. I'm going to direct you to -- if you count
17 the first page as page one, I want you to go to page four. And you'll know what it is,
18 because on the left side it says "Butler Township Police."

19 [REDACTED] Is there a Bates number on this one?

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q It's really difficult to see, but it is 2437.

22 A Yeah, 4, yes.

23 Q All right. So on the right side it says, "Second Sup [REDACTED] concerns."

24 A Right.

25 Q And it has, "Outdoor event, line of sight, trees, houses, roads, et cetera,

1 counter sniper support/justification, trucks/equipment, line of sight blocking vehicles,
2 buses." What does that pertain to?

3 A That's just based on, like, normally, obviously, before the second supervisor
4 gets there, that's normally, pretty much, the basic stuff they will cover for that day. Like
5 for the final walk-through, this is what they will expect, and this is some of the issues or
6 concerns that they will probably address, and that we should normally provide answers or
7 solutions for that.

8 Q So are you --

9 A So just taking notes. That was at the very beginning, maybe around -- I say
10 maybe Monday, the 8th, when I first got there and just started taking notes about -- it's
11 just more like a reminder of things that will need to be taken care of prior to the final
12 walk-through.

13 Q So this is you anticipating what --

14 A Right, correct, what to expect, correct.

15 Q All right. Let's move two pages down. This one on the top left you'll see
16 "TSD sweeps." Bates number ends in 2439.

17 A Yes.

18 Q On the right, bottom right, there is what appears to be, "civil disturbance."
19 What is that?

20 A On that same page? Is it the one that says the weather? No,
21 maybe -- hold on. I know there's one about civil disturbance, because I remember that.

22 Q So it is about page six if you're counting from the beginning.

23 A I can see "TSD sweeps," so I'm just trying to find --

24 Q Yeah.

25 A -- where the civil disturbance is.

1 Q So the bottom right of the same page.

2 A Yeah. I see "clicks."

3 Q Do you mind if I just point where it is to you?

4 A Sure.

5 [REDACTED] It says 2439 in the upper right-hand corner, and then "civil
6 disturbance" is on the bottom.

7 [REDACTED] Yeah. This says 4335. Okay. There we go. Sorry about that.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q All right. So "civil disturbance," and I think it says, "dedicated to site."

10 A Right.

11 Q What is this?

12 A This was taking -- notes taken after the police meeting on Monday, the 8th.
13 Like we will have conversations with police presence there. I believe this conversation
14 was with the Butler County ESU [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 Q That works for me.

16 A [REDACTED] In regards to, they said that they could provide those 20 or 30
17 additional personnel who will also serve as civil disturbance if needed in case of,
18 obviously, a situation that may arise and any additional personnel.

19 Q Okay.

20 A So that was just taking notes about possible additional personnel that we
21 could utilize in case of a civil disturbance.

22 Q So this is not Secret Service civil disturbance.

23 A No, no, no, no.

24 Q This is from local?

25 A That's local, yes.

1 Q And then, finally, I want to point out, this ends in Bates No. 2442, and on the
2 top left you would see, "Media 2:00 p.m." It's about two pages from the back.

3 A What was the number again? 442?

4 Q 2442. All right. So on the right side it says, "Second sup walk-through
5 concerns." Was this from the actual walk-through?

6 A Yes. Yes. That was when we kind of split up to -- we did the first portion
7 and then the second portion in the afternoon.

8 Q Is this with [REDACTED]

9 A [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] yes.

10 Q And then at the bottom it says, "line of sight." And it actually says, "LOS."

11 A LOS.

12 Q I'm translating it, so let me know if I'm wrong. "Line of sight, trucks
13 placement." I can't read the rest.

14 A "[REDACTED]. Like to bring the emergency
15 motorcade, it is like two, three additional cars that they can utilize in case the main
16 motorcade -- it is compromised.

17 Q And what is the truck's placement referring to?

18 A Line of sight, it was more like to have like maybe trucks available for
19 placement throughout the stage, around the stage for line-of-sight issues, concerns.

20 Q Do you know what -- when using the clock as a reference, do you know
21 what --

22 A It's more on the 9:00, I'd say, next -- right next -- not obviously by the pond,
23 because there's going to be a route for the motorcade, and that was kind of supposed to
24 be clear only for obviously emergency and also for emergency situation for law
25 enforcement to utilize as well.

1 Q Do you recall whether you and [REDACTED] talked about the AGR building when
2 discussing line of sight on July 12th?

3 A On July 12th, like having a conversation with him?

4 Q Yes.

5 A No.

6 Q And then were there two meetings on July -- the evening of July 12th or just
7 one?

8 A I think we have that police walk-through, and we have that staff meeting,
9 countdown meeting, and then that was it. I don't recall any other meetings that day.

10 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. D
11 was marked for identification.]

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q I am going to introduce Minority Exhibit D. And this appears to be an
14 invitation from [REDACTED] to a group of you, and apparently the start time is at 9:23 p.m.
15 Do you see that?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you recall this meeting? So in case it's -- our understanding is that you
18 have [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and that you would've joined as well with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
20 Does that ring a bell?

21 A So that's -- the only meeting that we have like that, it sounds like a Teams
22 call, phone call that we had, but that wasn't at 9:23 p.m. It happened -- I don't know if
23 it's Eastern Time. It was around 6:00 -- I remember they asked for 5:30, so I don't know
24 if -- we were running a little late, so it happened between 5:30 or 6:00 that evening. But
25 it was Friday, the -- that Friday, the 13th. I'm not -- I don't recall any other meeting at

1 that time on the 12th. So I don't know if there's an issue between the -- I don't know
2 the time.

3 Q It was on Friday, the 12th?

4 A Friday, the 12th, yes.

5 [REDACTED] But it does seem to be UTC.

6 [REDACTED] Right, right.

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q Do you know why [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not invited?

9 A I'm not sure, because, usually -- again, this meeting --

10 [REDACTED] Do you know why? Do you know why? Do you know what the
11 answer is? Do you know why? Without speculating, do you know why he wasn't
12 invited?

13 [REDACTED] No, because it's not the norm.

14 [REDACTED] All right. So that's the answer.

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q And --

17 A It's not the norm --

18 [REDACTED] You answered the question. Stop. If he wants to ask a question,
19 he'll ask another one.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Do you recall during the briefing that you covered the counter sniper plan?

22 A Yes. During that briefing, yes.

23 Q Is that typical that you would cover what the counter snipers are doing, or
24 would the counter snipers typically be present?

25 A We normally brief about assets and resources and their location but nothing

1 specific, unless there's an issue or concern that was brought up to our attention during
2 the advance.

3 Q Would the campaign staff have been a part of this meeting or just Secret
4 Service?

5 A Just Secret Service. Again, this meeting was --

6 [REDACTED] You already -- you answered the question. Okay? Okay. Go
7 ahead. Next.

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q All right. I'm going to ask you a few questions about some of the
10 documents that were submitted. The manpower request, that was done by the field
11 office, right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did you have a role in filling that out?

14 A No.

15 Q You mentioned earlier that you guys [REDACTED] Did
16 you -- you didn't request that, right?

17 A No.

18 Q Is that an example of something that would be good, but you didn't request
19 because you didn't think you would get approved for it?

20 A Exactly, yes.

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2 [3:53 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q I think earlier today you mentioned that you just -- you always request what

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you feel is needed, so why not request it and just let them decide?

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A We talk about requests with the second supervisor for any approval. Is the

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DTD norm to ask and request for assets? Normally not usual to ask for any [inaudible].

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In this case we normally ask for CAT elements or we got counter snipers, but in this case,

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that was not part of it. I mean, for this outdoor event, the main thing is to have three or

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four sheets of steel for any outdoor events and any three or [REDACTED] when

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it's an indoor event. Outside of that, there was nothing requested by DTD supervisors or

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any concerns that were brought up to for this particular situation, even with the

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information that we have intel for threats or anything else.

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Q So would it be -- just to be clear, is it your role to advocate for a particular

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request or would it be the supervisors doing this?

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A It's a conversation between myself and the supervisors who have to request.

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They are the ones asking, I need you to request this specific piece of equipment. I need

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you to make sure that TSD or you bring this piece of equipment. So they always ask for

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a specific piece of equipment for each particular event.

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Q And it sounds like you described the DTD as having more resources than

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other former President details because of the fame and the fact that he was running for

22

office. Why not see if you can get [inaudible]?

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A That was not discussed as part of the plan.

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Q Did you hear anything about DTD's putting resources with the FLOTUS

25

event?

1 A No, I was not aware of that.

2 Q Are you aware of any resource requests being denied to DTD since you
3 joined the detail?

4 A Not that I'm aware of.

5 Q Did the resources that you discussed, which is higher than other former
6 Presidents, did those -- did the increase in resources begin before former President
7 Trump was the official nominee?

8 A What type -- like?

9 Q So, for example, for the Butler event, we have counter snipers, which is not
10 typical for a former President, but this is before the official nominee happens -- that the
11 official nomination happens. Is that right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Was that -- were there other examples? You don't have to list them.
14 Were there other examples of increased resources before Trump became the nominee?

15 A Yes.

16 Q The post standers, whose primary responsibility was it to draft that
17 document?

18 A It was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 Q The instructions at various posts, did that come from a template? Like,
20 were the roles generally defined, or did you create the descriptions?

21 A No. It's just post instructions and whoever is working on it, they may
22 change or address or edit or change as needed based on the post for that particular site.

23 Q Was the paperwork that you submitted approved by [REDACTED]

24 A It was DTD operations, so I cannot say it was specifically if it was DTD
25 operations and then OPO.

1 Q Why didn't anyone from Secret Service request the ops plans from Butler
2 ESU or Butler Township Police?

3 [REDACTED] If you know. You know the answer?

4 [REDACTED] No, I don't know. I don't know the answer.

5 BY [REDACTED]

6 Q Why didn't you request them?

7 A Because police officers, sometimes they may do have an operations plan.
8 Sometimes they make sure, they may not. I don't recall any police sharing their
9 operations plan when I was in Miami Field Office for 3 years.

10 Q I think you mentioned earlier that it was sort of expected to ask for
11 operations plans. No?

12 A They can -- we may expect it but, again, it's not a requirement that they have
13 to send it to us for any planning purposes.

14 Q So from your experience, it was not typical to receive it?

15 A No, not that I recall from Miami Field Office. In my experience, I did not
16 receive police operations plan.

17 Q Going to -- we're going to switch gears to briefly talk about intelligence that
18 would have been received from [REDACTED]

19 Showing you minority exhibit E. As a reminder, the red is what we inserted
20 during in camera review. You'll see that this is from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the Pittsburgh listserv. Were you ever made aware of this email?

22 A No.

23 Q Were you ever made aware of a Facebook post?

24 A Not at all. None of this information was shared to me.

25 Q To the extent that you had intelligence about any threats, did you share that

1 with anyone else at the site?

2 [REDACTED] Well, hold on. You have to establish what, quote, "intelligence,"
3 end quote, she had of any threats.

4 [REDACTED] I'm not -- I'm trying to tread lightly and not actually get into any
5 content. To the extent that she knew of anything.

6 [REDACTED] So what is your question? You want to know --

7 [REDACTED] To the extent she had any intelligence, did she share it with other
8 agents?

9 [REDACTED] First, I think you should establish whether she had any intelligence.
10 And you're meaning a credible threat to the life of the candidate? I mean, what do you
11 mean by that?

12 [REDACTED] Did you have any intelligence about threats to the protectee?

13 [REDACTED] For this particular event?

14 [REDACTED] Yeah.

15 [REDACTED] Yes.

16 [REDACTED] That's what he's asking.

17 [REDACTED] No.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q I want to touch on communications for the day of July 13th. You were on
21 [REDACTED] at least that day, right?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Were you also scanning the other channel?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Were you aware that there were some post standers that were -- that had

1 spotty signal?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What was done to fix that issue?

4 A We have spare radios, additional spare radios to utilize in case that someone
5 had an issue with their radio and make sure that it had it fixed, get it fixed or swap with a
6 good radio.

7 Q Do you recall using a golf cart to go out to at least one agent to see if his
8 radio was working?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were you aware that there were -- well, you were having issues with your
11 radio, right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And did you say -- did you tell [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I'm not getting good comms
14 either on my phone or radio, I'll probably stay on [REDACTED]

15 A Right.

16 Q This was around 5:13 p.m. I can show you the exhibit, but I'm trying to
17 move things along.

18 Did you tell anyone else about your communication issues?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Who else did you tell?

21 A Supervisors. I believe [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the shift leader [REDACTED]

22 Q What about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the security room?

23 A I'm not sure if I did to him on the other radio.

24 Q And did [REDACTED] also tell you that she was not able to scan on her radio?

25 A Yes.

1 Q At some point -- and you talked about this with the majority -- there is a
2 switch of frequencies?

3 A Correct.

4 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] sends the email. Did you direct her to send that email?

5 A Email about what?

6 Q About switching radio signals.

7 A No. The only communication I believe was made via radio when SAIC [REDACTED]
8 transitioned, he put it out on the radio. I'm not sure if there was another meeting of
9 communication that I was not aware of.

10 Q But before [REDACTED] sends the email around 4:28, you're made aware of
11 the need to switch?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did the radio functionality improve after the switch of radio signals?

14 A I think -- no, I don't think it did.

15 Q Were you able to resolve the issues that you were having with your radio or
16 cell phone?

17 A No.

18 Q You mentioned receiving a lot of medical calls and texts. Do you recall
19 that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So how did you know that you were having issues with your radio?

22 A That was at the very beginning when I first got there between the hours 10
23 a.m. when I started the briefing. Everything, communications went well, cell phone and
24 radios, until -- I don't know if it was -- it had to do something with the cell tower usage
25 because of the crowd. But as we started getting in and people getting -- and getting into

1 the venue, I started noticing the issues around in the hours of the afternoon, maybe after
2 3, after 4 o'clock.

3 Q Is this something that you've experienced at prior Secret Service events
4 having radio and/or phone issues?

5 A Sometimes we may have some issues, but not at every single one of them.

6 Q Was this the worst experience that you've had with this?

7 A Yes, definitely.

8 Q Were there any efforts around 5:15, 5:30 to fix these issues? Was there
9 anything you could do?

10 A No.

11 Q Were you aware of radios being exchanged with local law enforcement?

12 A No.

13 Q Was it your understanding that Secret Service and local law enforcement
14 would trade radios at some point?

15 A No, not for that basic.

16 Q Did you have an understanding about Secret Service pairing up with local law
17 enforcement; in other words, sharing a post with a local law enforcement officer?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What was the intention behind that?

20 A To have communications -- meaning like posting a Secret Service agent with
21 local police?

22 Q That's right.

23 A Yes. Certain post, like, covering the arrival/departure for the motorcade,
24 that would be one of the posts. PI intelligence, like, a specific post will have a role to
25 have -- be with a Secret Service agent. Of course, they can exchange information

1 because they're hearing communications from their own radio transmissions, so yes.

2 Q And who made those arrangements? Like, who planned which agents
3 would be with which local law enforcement?

4 A It was part of, obviously, the events. In this case [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be
5 the one doing -- working on the post log instructions and post log -- site post log with
6 names and how to -- I was not part of that.

7 Q Directing your attention to the counter drones, were you made aware by
8 [REDACTED] around 11:30 that he was having issues?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And I think you said in your notes that you were not contacted again until it
11 was up and operational. Is that right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you recall around what time it was operational?

14 A It was probably late in the afternoon.

15 Q Around 4:30?

16 A After 4:00 maybe, 4:30, yeah.

17 BY [REDACTED]

18 Q Is Agent [REDACTED] and his CUAS responsibilities, is that something separate
19 from your responsibilities, as far as you understood it?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Or does that fall under the site agent?

22 A No. CUAS is something completely -- it's a different asset, completely
23 different. Again, in DTD that's something new that now they're implementing into their
24 assets.

25 Q Is [REDACTED] more as a colleague saying, hey, I'm having trouble over here?

1 A Right. It's just more like a notification, just so you are aware, have
2 situational awareness of what's going on.

3 [REDACTED] Okay. Thanks.

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q Did you check in with him between 11:30 and 4:30?

6 A Yes. We could -- I mean, you know, pretty good communication
7 throughout the day. Again, from the times I was in and out, I saw him troubleshooting
8 outside and trying to, you know, bring it up to -- I think at some point I saw him a few
9 times on the phone, which he explained later it was with one of the representatives from
10 the manufacturer to see if we can get it fixed. And until the very end that he ended up
11 saying like it was more like a software issue that they could not fix at the time, but it got
12 resolved later on.

13 Q You said earlier today and also in your MAR that drones were, like, one of
14 the main concerns. So what -- was there anything being done to try to make up for the
15 fact that the counter drone wasn't working?

16 A No. The only thing -- is that the only piece of equipment that we have?
17 We cannot -- I wish we could have more, but that's it. That's pretty much it, what you
18 have on hand. Other than that, it was briefed to all post standers to be on the lookout
19 for any drones, because that's something very usual on any outdoor events, [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] Drones is a thing, so it's a very area of concern from
21 DTD. So we were briefed and told by the post standers to make sure that look out, if
22 you see something to say something, whether on the radio, on the phone, or email, any
23 means of communication to make sure that, you know, they can provide at least an

24 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED].

1 But it was put out to all post standers to be on the lookout for drones.

2 Q So speaking of you wished they had more, you mentioned earlier that there
3 was like a residence that had an alarm system and cameras around it. And I wonder
4 why there aren't cameras at these sites, maybe motion sensors. Has there been a
5 discussion about using more advanced technology at these sort of events?

6 A No, not to my level. There might be a discussion at a different higher
7 authority level, but not to my level.

8 Q Is there a particular cell service that you use for your work phone?

9 A No. Other than Verizon. That's the one that we use.

10 Q Are you familiar with Secret Service using, like, jet packs or some other
11 booster at events?

12 A Jet packs, I've seen it before, but that's pretty much it. Not that I have to
13 utilize before my own, no.

14 Q Was there ever a discussion about using it for this event?

15 A No.

16 Q Are you familiar with FirstNet?

17 A I first learned about that a few months ago after Butler but, no, I was not
18 aware of that.

19 Q Were you aware of there being what some people have called the
20 communications blanket during the event?

21 A No.

22 [REDACTED] We can go off the record. Thank you.

23 [Recess.]

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

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q I'm going to do a couple of just quick hit ones at the top here. The
2 Democrats were talking about the Butler Farm Show location being an unreasonable site
3 selection just from the get-go. Was that your impression, it was completely
4 unreasonable to have a site there?

5 A Yes. Somehow, because, again, the campaign stuff, sometimes they pick
6 weird places. I'm making up my own words.

7 Q Sure. Did you tell them that it was unworkable or that you couldn't protect
8 the site?

9 A No.

10 Q Did anyone ever have --

11 A I don't know how they will take that as a negative from Secret Service.
12 They see us as we are the ones, no matter where we're at on Earth, to protect the
13 President or the former President, whatever they had or -- but no.

14 Q Did you tell the campaign staff that the site created unnecessary risks?

15 A No, I don't recall having a direct conversation with them, no.

16 Q Okay. And we now know that there was an October 5th rally that went off
17 successfully, so the site ended --

18 A Right.

19 Q To the best of your knowledge, on the 5th, there were no incidents --

20 A Right.

21 Q -- at the same site.

22 Were there any issues between campaign staff and you or the Pittsburgh agents
23 throughout the advance planning process?

24 A No, no conflicts or disagreements.

25 Q Okay. Going to get into a quick couple of communications things. Did

1 you use your personal phone the day of the event for work stuff?

2 A No, not for work stuff.

3 Q Did you use the department issued one for work stuff?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. Do you communicate with encrypted messaging services like Signal,
6 WhatsApp?

7 A No. Text message and phone calls.

8 Q Text message, phone calls. Do you get your emails on your phone?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. Is it common to use cell phones, texting, calling on a day of event to
11 sort of mitigate issues, deal with issues, communicate?

12 A A lot.

13 Q A lot.

14 A We're on the phone a lot.

15 Q More so than your radio?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is that common?

18 A It depends on the crowd that you want to address. If it's just an individual
19 conversation, mostly like supervisors on specific topic or specific issue concerns, I
20 normally address that person for that particular aspect. If it's something that is more
21 like general, like post standers need to know, I will definitely use the radio as a primary.

22 Q Okay. And what time were you aware that your radio was not working
23 properly, if you can recall?

24 A I think around that time when I send that text message to [REDACTED] and

25 [REDACTED] because obviously, [REDACTED] was not on the site. She was at the -- she was

1 getting with the motorcade route. I believe it was around that time that I start noticing
2 that an increase -- because even in my personal phone I tried to make phone calls and
3 sometimes they didn't go through or they have good reception or messages not going
4 through.

5 Q Were you in the security room when that was happening?

6 A No. I was mostly outside, again, dealing with different issues.

7 Q Okay. And then you got the message via radio to switch frequencies.

8 A No. For that one, I was inside security room, because I heard -- I noticed
9 the same thing that SAIC [REDACTED] and other members maybe inside the room, like, that's
10 not part of our communications. So that's what we noticed, because they were -- I think
11 they were maybe making some movements in the motorcade, like, going left, going right,
12 and I said that's not part of our communications, of course. So that's when we
13 addressed it right at that point.

14 Q And that was before or after you realized you couldn't get communications?

15 A Before. Way before.

16 Q Way before.

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q Moving on to the CUAS system and Agent [REDACTED] you said you were in
19 constant communication with him, and about 11:30 was the time that he communicated
20 that it was not working?

21 A Around that time, yes.

22 Q Okay. And then you told our counterparts that around 4:30 was when you
23 were notified it was fixed?

24 A Right.

25 Q Okay. In your MAR interview, which we were given the opportunity to

1 review, it said, "I never received notification that the system was actually up or
2 operational for any drone detection."

3 A Yeah. It was probably not maybe at the end of the day or around that time
4 that it was not fully operational, but they were trying to make it work.

5 Q So at 4:30 you didn't get a notification that it was fixed. You learned that
6 later?

7 A Right. Not completely fixed. Maybe they were still trying to
8 get -- because I think it was up for a moment or at some point it was up and then it was
9 down, so it wasn't like -- to my understanding, it wasn't like fully operational, 100 percent
10 operational through our visit.

11 Q For the whole day.

12 A Right. Like 100 percent operational.

13 Q Okay. It did become operational enough to be utilized that day at some
14 point, though, right, as far as you remember?

15 A I can't say because, again, I'm not certified or I don't know what they -- what
16 they mean when they say it was 50 percent or it's 100 percent operational. I cannot
17 relate to that, because obviously, I have not received the training on that piece of
18 equipment.

19 Q Okay. And then did you relay the information that you received that it was
20 not working to anyone?

21 A I believe I had a conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is the one I was talking
22 to the most about medical, because he was asking about numbers, how many people had
23 been through the magnetometers. He wanted like updates every other hour, like how
24 many incidents, medical incidents, how many people being screened already, so
25 asking -- just ask about the basic to include any issues, concerns.

1 Q Okay.

2 [REDACTED] Just a clarifying question. When you said that [REDACTED] related
3 to you that it was partly working, did he give you like a percentage or did he say this
4 capability is not working?

5 [REDACTED] No, he didn't go into specifics, because I think, again, it was up at
6 some point throughout the -- maybe after 11:00, between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock,
7 and then I don't know if he actually made -- if it was operational at some point between
8 those hours or if it -- when it's actually fully operational. So I did not -- we didn't have
9 like a conversation specifically for aspects about the piece of equipment itself.

10 [REDACTED] Okay.

11 [REDACTED] Because it was something he would direct -- have a conversation with
12 the direct supervisor. I don't know if it was [REDACTED] or somebody else.

13 [REDACTED] We're going to introduce majority exhibit 11. The Secret Service
14 produced Bates No. 838 through 843.

15 [REDACTED] We do not have the redactions filled in on this one.

16 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 11
17 was marked for identification.]

18 BY [REDACTED]

19 Q So my first question, after you take a second to read the message, do you
20 recall sending or receiving this message?

21 And I'm sorry, it says, "Some pictures from that tree you were standing yesterday
22 covering LOS concerns," line of sight concerns. It was produced to us from Secret
23 Service in a batch of documents that were from you, so I just don't know if it was to you
24 or from you.

25 A Oh, yes. Yes, I recall this.

1 Q Did you send it or did you receive it?

2 A I sent it.

3 Q You sent it?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you remember who you sent it --

6 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I don't know if I don't have a name, but it would probably be

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He was the one there for the final walk-through handling line of sight
8 issues and concerns.

9 Q Okay. And there was a couple of pictures attached here, and then there's a
10 second text message with no content but another picture. Do you remember taking
11 these pictures?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. And what line of sight are you speaking of here?

14 A If you refer to the last page -- I don't know if it's marked here. It would be
15 this picture.

16 Q Okay. Yep.

17 A Probably that was one of the ones that he was -- he was actually further
18 down in that tree line behind one of those trees when he asked me to get on top of the
19 catwalk and start walking back and forth so he can see what, you know, an enemy actor
20 would see from that tree line specifically. Right behind the flags and that piece of
21 machinery, the lifting equipment back there.

22 Q Okay. So this was the fix to that line of sight, those flags?

23 A Yes. And that was something that was part of the conversation between
24 me and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the final walk-through.

25 Q Okay. So he said, hey, we have an issue the day before.

1 A Yeah.

2 Q And then the day of the rally, you sent these pictures to him saying, hey, we
3 fixed this line of sight issue?

4 A Actually, I think this was -- I don't know if it was in the morning hours on
5 that -- on game day or if it was actually on Friday.

6 Q It says Saturday the 13th at 10:55 a.m.

7 A Yes. Yes.

8 Q Okay.

9 A The following morning.

10 Q And then he responds, "Looks much better."

11 A Right.

12 Q So did you take that to mean that you were good to go from that line of
13 sight?

14 A Yes. Because otherwise he would say something, hey, we need -- that's not
15 enough or that's not sufficient so we need to add something more. So, again, when we
16 send -- have those conversations, we send pictures and have an interaction back and
17 forth, what do you think, what do you recommend, do you think we can try to do
18 something better or we can find something better. So it's more like having that
19 interaction conversation back-to-back and see -- and say, hey, supervisors would approve
20 or disapprove what's being done.

21 Q Was this the only line of sight conversation and/or picture exchange you had
22 with [REDACTED] that day, as far as you can recall?

23 A No. We talk about the 9 o'clock position, the 3 o'clock position,
24 meaning -- after that, I don't know. I probably have maybe a picture in my phone about
25 that red large piece of equipment. I think it was like farming equipment between the 2

1 or 3 o'clock -- yeah, from the stage covering that gate and also the line of sight beyond
2 the fence line for that particular.

3 Q Day of you guys were --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- exchanging texts --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- and calls about that?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Did he and you feel that that red combine or whatever was adequate in that
10 space?

11 A For that particular line, yes. Over that line of sight, I'm not sure if they will
12 probably say something about an elevated position, but from the ground level, yes.

13 Q Okay. So all of the 3 o'clock, 9 o'clock, whatever o'clock this one is --

14 A Right.

15 Q -- those were the three line of sight mitigations you guys walked through?

16 A Yes. Because usually for line of sight we say -- although they have counter
17 snipers to deal with elevated positions, there's so much you can do at the line of sight at
18 the ground level. You can have a large truck, a large piece of equipment, but there is so
19 much coverage that those piece of equipment is going to provide. Like, you can have a
20 truck that is, I don't know, 100 to -- I wish, again, that we have, but there's so much you
21 can do at the ground level with piece of equipment.

22 You can have that -- a large truck, a large fire truck, or like we have the farm piece
23 of equipment that I've never seen before, like an extended height, but that doesn't mean
24 that's going to cover every single threat. I would say, like, that's the reason why utilizing
25 in this case counter snipers to deal with any issues or concerns at an elevated position

1 that obviously we're not able to see or handle at, you know, ground level.

2 Q So the morning of, as you're walking through and talking with [REDACTED] you
3 felt like you set up the site as you had discussed. Line of sight was addressed as you had
4 discussed?

5 A Yes, ma'am.

6 Q And there were no other areas where you felt that either he needed to add
7 something, you wanted to add something?

8 A If it was me, that we have all the resources, I will definitely try to make it
9 have like the bulletproof glass, counter sniper on every single rooftop, if I could.

10 Q Yeah.

11 A Cover it. Like, having maybe -- having something cover a stage with a roof,
12 I don't know, something. Definitely will have a plan. But because obviously we're
13 dealing with what we have at that point and the type of incident.

14 Q Okay. All right. So throughout July 13th you were in and out of the
15 security room.

16 A Correct.

17 Q And you said in your Senate interview that you saw someone from PSP and
18 the sheriff's office. Is that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do you remember who you saw from the sheriff's office?

21 A Not specifically. Again, I was in and out. And again, I think I went there a
22 couple times only to have -- eat something or change when I would have --

23 [REDACTED] If you remember.

24 [REDACTED] Do I remember by name? No, I cannot recall by name.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q How do you know it was from the sheriff's office?

2 A With the uniform.

3 Q The uniform. And same with PSP?

4 A Yes.

5 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 12

6 was marked for identification.]

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q Okay. I want to introduce majority exhibit 12. This is Bates No. 918,
9 produced to us by Secret Service in that same batch we talked about earlier. The to and
10 from is not filled in, so I'm going to ask you about that once you've had a chance to look
11 at it.

12 This was a text message sent on July 13th at 5:25 p.m. And it reads, "A/D it's
13 clear. Just for situational awareness there's a group of people on the other side of the
14 fence in the residential area."

15 Do you recall sending or receiving this message?

16 A Yes, I sent it.

17 Q You sent it. Who did you send it to?

18 A I believe it was [REDACTED] -- either [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because they
19 were in the motorcade. And A/D means arrival/departure area, which means it's clear
20 for their arrival.

21 Q Because this was minutes before the motorcade?

22 A Correct. And that's normally to let them know situational report about
23 including the arrival/departure.

24 Q And what fence in the residential area are you talking about?

25 A It was a residential area alongside the motorcade which we -- I don't know

1 if -- in the site diagram if you can look at it, if you see the blue arrows coming from
2 Meridian Road.

3 Q So can you give me a clock position?

4 A Yeah. On the 6 o'clock, it's right behind the stage. So they're coming
5 from Meridian, make a right turn. So it's that right turn where there's a tree line and
6 there's a lot of houses or residential area.

7 Q Uh-huh.

8 A And I can see from early hours that's the reason we have local PD
9 throughout that route, because it was the main motorcade route and for the
10 arrival/departure. And I could see from early hours, like, people gathering in the
11 backyards. So I don't know, like, a lot of people because they knew what was going on.
12 They heard -- you know, they knew about it.

13 Q So was that concerning to have a group of people?

14 A Yes, of course, because, again, those people are not screened, and they
15 are -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]t, other than police, you know, the police presence there.

18 Q Okay. My colleague just told me that this was sent from you to Agents
19 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

20 A Yes. Yeah.

21 Q Okay. So you point this out. Do you expect them to respond to it, or how
22 do you expect this to be handled?

23 A No. Just to be aware, because there's not much we can do at that point. I
24 mean, they're in the part of their residence, so we're not -- I mean, the Secret Service
25 does not intervene with residential areas unless they pose a threat. So at that point it

1 was just for situational awareness; hey, just so you know, when you come into the site,
2 you're going to notice maybe that there's some people in the backyards and there's a tree
3 line and there's nothing there to cover it.

4 Q Okay. Did they respond to you?

5 A No, I don't think I received a response from that.

6 Q Okay. So separate from this issue, were you ever made aware of a crowd
7 of people near the AGR fence line?

8 A No.

9 Q Okay. If you had been made aware -- understanding this is a
10 hypothetical -- if you had been made aware of people on the fence line, would it have
11 been a similar situation, you just notify others like this?

12 A Right. Crowd awareness. It was considered outside of the
13 magnetometers and screen personnel.

14 Q You wouldn't have, like, said, hey, we need to clear them out.

15 A Right.

16 Q Okay. After the motorcade arrived at the site, the former President was
17 taking pictures prior to going on the stage. Where were you at this point?

18 A I was leading them. I was there with -- as soon as they arrived, I'm the one
19 posted by the door, next to the door until the detail leader gets out of the car. I give
20 him the good to go that everything is clear and for him to step out of the car. At that
21 point I'm leading them where they need to be, because even when they've been briefed,
22 it's part of the DTD site agent to be there for arrival -- in the arrival, the walking path, or
23 the movements of the protectee until they depart. So I was there the entire time with
24 them.

25 Q So you -- other than the agent who stepped out of the car, did you interact

1 with any of the other agents at that time?

2 A From the shift agent or --

3 Q Yes.

4 A Yes.

5 Q Just to --

6 A Right. Mostly then it was coworkers from the detail that I knew, and I think
7 there was one or two from CNOS that I've never -- like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he was the acting
8 shift leader from CNOS, which I've never seen before, interact with him before until that
9 day.

10 Q Okay. Did you talk with Agent [REDACTED]

11 A We talked a few times but not often. He was more engaged with [REDACTED]
12 and [REDACTED]

13 Q Okay. You were under the impression that he was paired with a PSP.

14 A He was paired with one of the local detectives, one of the local PD, yes.

15 Q Okay. To the best of your understanding, why was he paired with the
16 local?

17 A Usually that's pretty common on the visit. Like to have our PI agent in
18 Secret Service link up with local PD, preferably a detective or an inspector, to deal with
19 any possible suspicious activity or suspicious individual that they may need to interact to
20 conduct an interview. That is more like PI response.

21 Q In any of your conversations with him, was it brought up that there was a
22 suspicious person, anything --

23 A Not at all.

24 Q Anything that they were addressing?

25 A Nothing at all that -- like I said, we have a lot of medical incidents, but

1 nothing about anything suspicious, about individuals suspicious, nothing. Not even on
2 the radio. I did not receive anything on that day.

3 Q Okay. And then you escorted the former President and his detail leader to
4 the stage after photographs?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Okay. And then about 12 minutes into the President's remarks you heard
7 on the radio that locals were working something at the 3 o'clock.

8 A Correct. Which I'm not sure if it was the [REDACTED] radio frequency or [REDACTED]
9 radio frequency, because at that point I was on [REDACTED] but scanning [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay.

11 A So all I heard on the radio -- because, again, the music was pretty loud.
12 Obviously, he's talking and so we have the speakers right next to you, so it was pretty
13 loud at that point.

14 What I heard on the radio, local police dealing with an issue at the 3 o'clock. I
15 didn't know who was on the radio, who said that, who it came from, or if it was a shift
16 agent or if it was someone from the security room. I have no idea who -- how -- all I can
17 recall is that was the only thing transmitted on the radio.

18 Q So when you hear that, what do you do?

19 A At that point, I look at the detail leader and the shift agent and I notice that
20 they start looking around and see what's going on, because I think there was confusion.
21 I think at the beginning they said at the 9 o'clock, but they fix it and said, no, it's not at 9
22 o'clock, it's at 3 o'clock. So at that point, immediately SAIC [REDACTED] I was normally
23 assigned to be next to the SAIC or the DSAIC in this case as a detail leader. He instructed
24 me to step outside, because usually we don't use phones in the stage, around the stage
25 where you can be seen by the press, obviously. So at that point he instructed me to

1 step outside and make a phone call trying to find out what's going on at 3 o'clock
2 position.

3 Q Okay. So who did you call?

4 A At that point I stepped to the side. I was pretty close to the [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] So my first thought was to call [REDACTED] since she
6 was going to be -- I was going to deal with [inaudible] in between me and the stage and
7 the protectee movements and she will be dealing probably with the outer, like, dealing
8 with the crowd and other incidents. So the first thing was to call [REDACTED] over the phone,
9 because I noticed there was something on the radio -- I couldn't hear much on the radio
10 at that point.

11 So my first thought was to call her, which that phone call last about 31 seconds
12 asking her about, hey, what's going on on the 3 o'clock position, the detail leader would
13 like to know, and we only got some radio transmission saying that there was a local police
14 dealing with an issue at the 3 o'clock position. At that point she responded that she
15 didn't know, that she had no clue what was going on.

16 Q And then shots were fired while you were on the phone with her?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And I know that this is tough because it's an intense situation to
19 relive, so I'm going to try to make it as quick as possible.

20 Once shots were fired, you go back to the stage area?

21 A Yes. I -- for the first rounds, I think I hang up. I cannot recall. I see the
22 speakers. Something falls. There was a lot of like, I would say hydraulic fluid all over
23 the place. I saw smoke, like, smoke coming out of the speakers in that area. So I move
24 to the stage area, and at that point I saw they were on -- at that point a lot of movement.
25 Like, I saw some of the CAT elements maybe running towards the stage. I saw that he

1 was -- agents on top of him. They got him covered.

2 So at that point it was like a half split second to make a decision where to go, if
3 going on top of the stage. So at that point I see one of my coworkers from the detail
4 running towards to grab the number one door. So it's always the norm to have one
5 person -- one agent at the number one and number two. So I noticed that no one was
6 covering the number two door, so I run towards the door with my gun out, because at
7 that point I didn't know where the threat was coming from.

8 My first thought was, like, someone from the crowd managed to have a gun
9 inside. Like, they all went through the magnetometer. My first thought is someone
10 from the crowd. And I heard from other coworkers, one of the shift agents saying that
11 he thought it was someone from the front, like standing in the front. That's the reason
12 why he put his gun out when he was on the stage.

13 So, again, at that point I didn't even know where the threat was coming from. I
14 started looking left and right, and all I see was local police with long guns running towards
15 the 3 o'clock. But at that point -- so to that point I didn't have no clue who was -- what
16 kind of threat we were dealing with.

17 Q Right. And then did you hear over the radio that the threat was
18 neutralized?

19 A After the second round of shots being fired, maybe -- I don't know how long.
20 That time looked pretty long to me.

21 Q Yeah.

22 A Maybe 1 or 2 minutes later I heard on the radio that -- I don't know if it was
23 on the radio or if it was from local PD, because I was -- you know, with the adrenaline and
24 trying to think, I think it was one of the police officers saying that they heard the shooter
25 had -- is down, or I heard shooter is down, so they start spreading the voice that the

1 shooter was down.

2 Q Okay. Shooter's down. Protectee is back in the vehicle?

3 A That's when they started moving him back to the vehicle, yes.

4 Q Okay. You get him in -- you help get him in the vehicle or he gets in the
5 vehicle?

6 A I try to see but, again, my first task at that point was to make sure that
7 nobody was running to the vehicle, because, again, it wasn't until later I found out it was
8 the shooter somewhere on the rooftop. It took a while to find that out.

9 Q Right.

10 A It was me holding that door making sure that no one was running towards
11 the door because, again, I didn't know what the threat was. We're dealing with multiple
12 threats, one or two. I don't know at that point. So it was just standing there by the
13 door until I saw that he was inside the car and heard that he was inside and started
14 moving slowly until they left.

15 Q Okay. And then you stayed at the site, right? You said you and [REDACTED]
16 stayed behind?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q Okay. I know there was probably a number of things that you've gone
19 through in your other interviews that we've talked through in these. Was there any
20 particular task that you took on to -- from the time the motorcade leaves to like having
21 the -- I think there was a debrief around 8:00 or 9:00 that night.

22 A Yeah. The first instinct was to address the situation, how many wounded,
23 how many -- because, again, I have no clue. So that's when I noticed paramedics on top
24 of one of the civilians on the ground, that he got shot in the abdominal area. Then I got
25 information that there was another one with a chest wound. And then a few minutes

1 later I went inside that hole -- the tent just to try and think about everything that
2 happened. And that's when I was informed by one of the post standers that there was a
3 person that was shot in the head, which took me a few seconds to realize it was a civilian.
4 I wasn't sure, because I said, are you talking about the shooter? He said, no, it's a
5 civilian was actually shot in the head. So he directed me back to the tents, and I saw the
6 person laying down, and then there was police. There was other individuals from the
7 crowd crying. I don't know if it was another injured person. And then --

8 Q Because you've already been through this multiple times, I don't want to
9 make you repeat things unnecessarily, because I can tell that it is very hard for you and
10 understandably so. I'm not -- definitely don't want to make you relive it.

11 A That's okay.

12 Q I'm sorry. So for -- the aftermath we can get to in a minute, but I think in
13 your conversations in those moments when you're, you know, talking with [REDACTED] or
14 other agents, did anyone say, oh, by the way, I knew there was a person on the roof? Or
15 how did you come to learn that it ended up being someone on the roof?

16 A Well, after -- I assessed -- my first assessment of the situation was trying to
17 find out how many wounded, how many deceased. I think the next question was trying
18 to find out who was the shooter, where the shooter came from. So I moved, I went
19 back to -- I think I had an interaction with the tactical elements. They were inside of the
20 barn next door, I think was the last of the 3 o'clock. They were the very last barn stage
21 there, some of the SWAT tactical element inside. And then I saw the family members of
22 the deceased, which I interacted a little bit with them, with the paramedics, trying to
23 gather information, collect information, phone numbers if needed, possible relocation,
24 like, primarily hospitals and where they will be taking care of.

25 And then I saw [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I believe it -- yeah, it was him in the -- behind the

1 barns and behind the stage. That's when I asked, hey, how many -- the shooter is down,
2 and he reconfirmed that the shooter was down. I said, how many shooters were out
3 there, because I heard it was possible two shooters. He said, no, it was only one, he's
4 been neutralized. He's down. There was only one. And that was it. There was no
5 other conversation about -- it was someone on the rooftop of the 3 o'clock, but there was
6 no specific about where specifically for the 3 o'clock.

7 Q Okay. Did you talk to [REDACTED] afterwards?

8 A I don't know if we interacted a little bit back inside the security room after a
9 few hours later because, again, I spent like 2 hours just walking around trying to realize
10 what was going on. And my first interaction with FBI, they were securing with the crime
11 scene yellow tape. That was my first interaction with FBI. I think I went -- I was trying
12 to make an approach to the AGR building where the shooter was, but I never made it.

13 Q Okay.

14 A I mean, again, I was talking to a lot of people. That's when I saw some of
15 the PSP asking questions, what did they see, what happened. That's when I was
16 informed that they were near the water tower, two of them, and that they saw the
17 shooter with long hair running in the rooftop, and by the time they made it there, they
18 lost him. They couldn't see -- they had the guns out, trying to neutralize him, but they
19 lost him, obviously, because they were at the ground level. And then I talked to ATF also
20 for a little bit, and it seems like --

21 Q Sorry. For the officers that were near the water tower, did you ask them
22 why they didn't relay that over the radio? If you didn't, it's okay. I just --

23 A I think they said that they put it out. I don't know if it was talking maybe
24 on -- he put it out on the radio through his -- to his partner nearby, but I know he said
25 that he communicated to someone that there was someone running on the rooftop and

1 with a black duffle bag.

2 Q And that never made it to you.

3 A No.

4 Q Would it have been something -- I think we've learned since that [REDACTED] did
5 know that there was a suspicious person at the 3 o'clock prior to shots being fired. So
6 you have conversations with him. Is it kind of surprising to you to learn that he knew
7 and didn't say anything?

8 A After all the investigations and interviews that I've been through so far, I'm
9 shocked by the amount of people that I knew and that they knew that I was a site agent,
10 that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the counterpart, and that no one reached out to say a single thing
11 about this. Not even when he was a suspicious person, and this was going on for over
12 an hour, 30, almost 90 minutes. Very frustrating.

13 [REDACTED] Just a quick thing about [REDACTED] So it's our understanding he
14 was partnered with an AUSA that day. He did not have a PSP counterpart with him, but
15 it's your understanding that he was supposed to have --

16 [REDACTED] A counterpart, yes, from the local.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. So he did not have someone from PSP with him. I just
18 wanted to clarify that.

19 BY [REDACTED]

20 Q So there's a debrief at 9ish -- 8:00 or 9:00?

21 A Yeah. I would say the first phone calls -- I think even when I saw the
22 injured people on the ground, I tried communicate on the radio, we need medical, we
23 need medical, and I didn't hear anything back. So I don't know if they could hear me
24 back in the security room, because I put it on the radio we need medical assistance back
25 here and about the shooting situation, but I did not receive it. I don't recall receiving

1 any response on the radio. So I don't know if at that point it was, again, same issue with
2 the radios and communications or they couldn't hear me or they couldn't respond on the
3 time. But it was like -- obviously, like a lot going on in the aftermath of a few minutes
4 later, but I tried communicate on the radio, could not hear anything.

5 So it wasn't until a few minutes later that [REDACTED] called me to find out, hey, where
6 you at. And I told her that I was trying to find out, talk to people and see, trying to
7 gather information, collect some information about the whole situation. And that's
8 when they say, well, just trying to do like a -- you know, meet up at the relocation site to
9 make sure that we have everyone accountable for -- like for accountability, because I
10 believe some post standers are still holding their posts at that point.

11 Q Right.

12 A And then that's when, yeah, we had a debriefing to make sure that -- it was
13 more for accountability, make sure everyone was safe and, you know --

14 Q So it wasn't really like a discussion of what happened. It was a head count.

15 A No. It was more like a head count, making sure that everyone was okay,
16 you know, and even with the situation at least that they were alive.

17 Q Right. Did you -- from that debrief, do you go back to the hotel?

18 A No. After that, that accountability, I call [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because obviously
19 he was dealing with the motorcade, and I was just trying to find some guidance, like
20 who's in charge or what's going to happen now. He said, well, from now on we're
21 dealing with -- you know, we're heading to the hospital, then we're probably going to
22 head off to the airport. So from now on SAIC [REDACTED] will be the one in charge since there's
23 no other higher authority, like a GS level. He's a GS-15, so he will be the one taking over
24 as the person in charge.

25 Q Okay.

1 A So after the debrief, we went back to the security room. We waited there
2 for a few -- I'd say maybe 2 hours, because I receive a phone call from the PIOC, that's the
3 Protective Intelligence Operation Center, asking me what happened, if I see something, if
4 I heard something. And they say something about a director at the time
5 going -- heading that way. I don't know what they meant by that, whether it was by
6 plane, by car or -- then that's when we went back to the security room, and nothing else
7 was explained or what -- the reason why we were waiting. We thought it was maybe
8 the FBI wanted to interview people at that point. But it wasn't until 10:30, 11 p.m. that
9 we got the release information with -- confirmation from SAIC [REDACTED] saying that we're
10 going to be released back to the hotel.

11 Q Okay. Did you go with anyone back to the -- like, did you drive --

12 A I drove myself.

13 Q You drove yourself. Okay. And then you didn't talk with the FBI until
14 about 3 o'clock the next day?

15 A The next day, correct.

16 Q In the 302 of your interview with the FBI, it says, "SA [REDACTED] confirmed that
17 there were three sniper teams positioned on the rooftops during the event. The Secret
18 Service snipers were positioned at 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock from the position of the
19 speaker, Butler County SWAT had been positioned on another roof."

20 Do you remember that?

21 A Yes.

22 Q We know that -- were you talking about -- when you said another roof, was
23 that inside AGR?

24 A So behind the barns, from Secret Service and the local PD would be one
25 inside the bleachers in the horseshoe, the horse show location, and then the AGR

1 building.

2 Q So the Butler County SWAT positioned on another roof, that was --

3 A I don't know how they transcribed the information, but I will probably go by
4 the tactical 12 -- talking about 9 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and specific locations. So I know
5 when having the conversation, talk about Secret Service being behind the stage at the 8
6 o'clock, 4 o'clock, and then local counter snipers being at the 10 o'clock and 3 o'clock.

7 Q Okay. And then you did two MAR interviews with Secret Service?

8 A Yes. Mission assurance, yes.

9 Q And the second one you had said it was just to clarify some things?

10 A Yeah. The first one happened in Bedminster, New Jersey, because I was
11 still operational working in protective manner. It was back in Bedminster, New Jersey in
12 person. That was the first interaction with mission assurance interview with inspectors
13 from the Secret Service. And then the second one was a followup, so I had to travel for
14 that one to the headquarters, to the actual inspection office. I saw [REDACTED] that day. She
15 was also there.

16 And then there was a third, but it was more like a Teams phone call. It was
17 pretty quick, about 15, 20 minutes, in regards to Officer [REDACTED] That's when they
18 presented me with his picture and did I have any interaction with him in regards to the
19 AGR building.

20 Q Okay. So you were interviewed -- Secret Service, FBI, HSGAC -- the Senate,
21 sorry. Were there any other interviews?

22 A We have -- probably maybe I have like two more pending. The GAO, the
23 Government Accountability Office, and I think DHS OIG.

24 Q Okay. For our final sort of thing, is there anything that we have not
25 covered today that you need to get on record or want to get on record?

1 A Not really. I think we covered everything pretty much.

2 [REDACTED] So thank you again for speaking with us today, and I know some of
3 this is difficult. And I also just thank you for your military service. I just want to --

4 [REDACTED] Thank you, sir. I appreciate everyone's time today.

5 [REDACTED] So --

6 [REDACTED] You have more questions?

7 [REDACTED] We're doing a cleanup.

8 [REDACTED] All right. Please. Okay. Because we have a hard stop here.

9 [REDACTED] Can we go off the record?

10 [Discussion off the record.]

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

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q This'll be quick for me. Two things here. [REDACTED] you mentioned. Is
14 that just [REDACTED]

15 A Spectra is a form of what we utilize. [REDACTED] is more like a -- not so much
16 type of material, [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED], which is a [REDACTED]

18 Q Okay. So it's not a [REDACTED]

19 A No, it's not [REDACTED]

20 Q Okay. So then I can skip that.

21 Did -- and some of this is just for my recollection here and to clarify a couple
22 things for myself.

23 Did DTD provide any training about being a site agent? I know you talked about
24 some of the protective training, but was there specific training on being a site agent?

25 A No, sir. Other than the protective detail training that we receive in the

1 training center.

2 Q And nothing that the agency as a whole provided you with?

3 A No.

4 Q And then there's obviously some procedures that we've talked about, but
5 aside from the procedures, that's really the extent of what you get when it comes to
6 being a site agent. Is that correct?

7 A Correct, yes.

8 Q Do you feel that you were well prepared by the agency to perform your
9 advance duties?

10 A Yes, I'm pretty confident, yes.

11 Q Why do you say that?

12 A I never encountered any issues in other conflict situations in foreign
13 countries where I have to act on behalf of the agency as a site agent, as a lead agent.
14 The United Nations is pretty busy in New York and especially when you're dealing with a
15 hundred-some foreign dignitaries that the Secret Service have to provide protection for
16 them as well. So based on my experience through other events, I feel pretty confident
17 that the experience I have gained from the Miami Field Office and even now with the
18 detail, I feel pretty confident with my knowledge.

19 Q Is there anything that you think the agency could do to better prepare
20 people to be site agents?

21 A Absolutely, there's always things to improve. So maybe more training
22 focused on specifics that they think that you could do better or need to improve. Of
23 course there's always room for improvement.

24 [REDACTED] That's all I have. Thank you again.

25 [REDACTED] Thank you so much for your time.

- 1 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. Can we go off the record for one second?
- 2 [Discussion off the record.]

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2 [4:53 p.m.]

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q We'll go back on the record.

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I'll start with a quick one. We have not talked about countersurveillance today.

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Our understanding is that was not requested as an asset.

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Is that also your understanding?

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A Yes.

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Q Would that have been you who would have been the one requesting it, or

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would it have been someone else in DTD?

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A It would probably be the lead agent or someone from DTD requesting if

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there was a concern, a major concern. That definitely would be something that they

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would request if needed.

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Q Do you have any knowledge about why it was not requested?

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A No.

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[REDACTED] Thank you.

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BY [REDACTED]

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Q I want to briefly touch on the meeting at 10 a.m. on July 13th. Did you

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have a role in presenting the briefing?

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A Yes. I was there talking to the post standers.

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Q Did [REDACTED] also present on counter-drone?

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A Yes, he did.

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Q As part of that presentation, did you guys clear up any confusion that his

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agents had?

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A Yes. That's why at the end we said, we have an open question session

1 pretty much like a few minutes before everyone gets posted, to clarify any -- even for
2 post instructions something, because, of course, someone -- his have worked with us
3 before in the past, but some of them are pretty much new, like they never worked in
4 protection.

5 So we wanted to make sure that they have, you know, a few minutes even
6 afterwards like while I mean the visit like to ask questions, if needed, or to clarify when in
7 doubt to make sure that they put it out and talk to someone if they didn't understand
8 something.

9 Q And you said that they -- so now post meeting that you and [REDACTED] sort of
10 split the duties and that you handled arrival/departure, hold, the inner perimeter,
11 whereas [REDACTED] handled like the outer perimeter stuff.

12 A More like the posts and the intersections, the ones linked up with police
13 and -- yes.

14 Q When you arrived on July 13th, did you note that the line of sight remedies
15 around the 3 o'clock were not there?

16 A The ones that we discussed, yes. We only -- that red large farming
17 equipment covering some of the 2 or 3 o'clock posted in front of that case, yes.

18 Q So are you saying that what you discussed was there?

19 A Yes. Well, it was my understanding that that final walkthrough that we
20 discussed with the supervisors, yes.

21 Q Directing you to the security room, who was expected? What agencies did
22 you expect to be in the security room?

23 A It was pretty much everyone involved, I guess from the police meeting all the
24 way to the ones present at the event, the site of the event. Meaning Pennsylvania State
25 Police at least have a higher authority there, whether it's a sergeant, lieutenant, officer.

1 Usually, we're required to have at least a higher authority from each agency, in
2 this case from Butler County ESU or Adam Township if they were there, again, the
3 Sheriff's Office.

4 I know that we have some other higher authority dealing with other things maybe
5 on -- I'm going to say outside of the secure room, which is not common, but, again, I'm
6 not the one to say, hey, you need to be here, you need to be there.

7 But it's more like common sense, that you have someone from a higher authority
8 to be in a command operations in a command center to make sure that operations run
9 smoothly, because I'm pretty sure that wasn't the very first time that they were dealing
10 with a protective assignment, especially when, again, coming from Miami, each police
11 department have their own protection unit to deal only with protective operations,
12 nothing on the streets or dealing with search warrants.

13 So I'm not expecting that to be the case for every single local police department,
14 but at least I know that it wasn't the first time that they were dealing with protective
15 operations.

16 Q So outside of the Secret Service, you at least expected Pennsylvania State
17 Police, Butler ESU, and the Sheriff's Department?

18 A Correct, yes.

19 Q What about Butler Township?

20 A Yes. Anyone that was there present, again, like to have at least a higher
21 authority there to address any situations.

22 Q So when you go inside, I think you mentioned that there were about 10 to 15
23 people when you went in. Is that right?

24 A Yes.

25 Q About how many of those people would have been Secret Service?

1 A ██████ dealing with the CUAS, at a separate -- he was a different desk. I
2 remember having -- sitting around just like this. I saw ██████ maybe a couple times.
3 SAIC ██████ of course, he was handling all the communications, and some of the other local
4 PD.

5 I cannot identify by name who was there because, again, I don't know -- like on
6 game day they would have personnel that was not present --

7 Q Sure.

8 A -- maybe for the walkthrough. So I knew I could see like police presence
9 inside the secure room like by wearing their uniforms, different --

10 Q But, as far as you're concerned, when you walked in your impression is that
11 those four local entities all were represented?

12 A Correct, yes.

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BY ██████████

14 Q Was it your impression that the four entities were each represented or that
15 it might not be that all four of them are there, but there's somebody there who
16 represents the others, if that makes sense?

17 A Correct. At least one representative from each agency was there present.

18 Q Got it.

19 A The communications.

20 Q At least four people, from your point of view, in that Secret Service security
21 room, each of whom represent one of those entities?

22 A Correct, yes. Because, again, we don't have -- we don't share radios. We
23 don't have the same radio frequency. So for communications in each incident, it is
24 always common sense to have at least one representative who would have good comms
25 with their own, you know, department or agency. So we have that, I mean, interaction

1 to --

2 Q So we've previously heard that there was some expectation that there was
3 interoperability between the Pennsylvania State Police radios and local, but it sounds like
4 you weren't relying on that, you expected each entity to have their own oversight?

5 A Correct, correct. Actually, I found out that there was -- it wasn't until later
6 on in the investigation or the interviews that I learned that they were running out of the
7 command post at the trailer, which that was not part of the plan. That was not
8 discussed at any point.

9 Q And when you learned that there is -- there's a trailer, and your
10 understanding is that there's line of sight coverage, and possibly downtime is what it's
11 being used for, is [REDACTED] aware that there's --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- this other thing being used?

14 A That was briefed as well, yes, on Friday.

15 Q If locals needed to contact you, would it go through the security room?

16 A They will go to the secure room. And some of them have, like I said, my
17 direct number, because I provided them with some of my business cards. And they
18 knew that I was -- you know, going to be helping. I was there.

19 Q Did you ever learn -- I think you've already said this, but did you ever learn
20 that there was a suspicious person with a rangefinder before the shooting?

21 A No, nothing about a person, because even from --

22 [REDACTED] You heard -- the question is, did you hear? Do you understand
23 what the question is?

24 [REDACTED] Yes.

25 [REDACTED] What's your answer?

1 [REDACTED] No.

2 [REDACTED] Okay.

3 BY [REDACTED]

4 Q If this was -- if anyone at Secret Service was made aware of this, should they
5 have shared it with you?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Would it have mattered to you if the person was outside of the secured
8 area?

9 A No.

10 Q If they are 150 yards away?

11 A No.

12 Q At some point, counter sniper response is dispatched to the AGR vicinity.
13 Were you made aware of that?

14 A No.

15 Q Should someone have told you that counter sniper response was
16 dispatched?

17 A Definitely.

18 Q And I understand -- I know what your answers will be, but we have to go
19 through this.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q One on that: Who has the power to dispatch counter sniper response? Is
22 it the counter snipers only or is it also site agents or security room agent? Who's on that
23 list?

24 A It has to be someone -- whoever has the first notification of the situation
25 going on, they have to pass it on to the secure room and, therefore, to the site agent.

1 Q Sorry. And who has the power to dispatch a counter sniper response
2 team?

3 A It has to be secure -- either the site agent or the secure room, whoever's
4 working in the secure room capacity, because they receive the information first.

5 Q Do the counter snipers also have that authority?

6 A For CS response, yes.

7 Q So three: Counter snipers, site agent, and security room agent.

8 A They can make the call, yes.

9 Q Can all make that decision?

10 A Yes.

11 [REDACTED] Thank you.

12 BY [REDACTED]

13 Q Around four or five minutes after 6 o'clock, were you made aware that local
14 law enforcement still had not found the suspicious person?

15 A No.

16 Q Who within the detail would make the decision to either delay the former
17 President or pull the former President off the stage?

18 A I would be the one talking directly to the detail leader to -- for him to make
19 that decision.

20 Q And who would that be?

21 A SAIC [REDACTED]

22 Q Did anybody from Secret Service who was near the protectee know about
23 the search for the suspicious person?

24 A No.

25 Q Did anyone tell you around 9 minutes after 6 that there was a suspicious

1 person on a roof?

2 A No.

3 Q What would you have done if you knew that there was someone on the roof
4 with a rangefinder about 150 yards away?

5 A I would get say maybe anything about a suspicious person, suspicious
6 activity, I would definitely bring that up to at least [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and SAIC [REDACTED] to make
7 any decision, whether to evacuate, whether to put him in a car, or not to get him on
8 stage, for sure.

9 Q You mentioned door number two. What's door two?

10 A The passenger side behind, yeah, driver's side.

11 [REDACTED] That is my expedited questioning. I think we're good to go.

12 Thank you for your service.

13 [REDACTED] Thank you all for your time.

14 [Whereupon, at 5:02 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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