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5 TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

6 OF DONALD J. TRUMP,

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14 INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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

24 O'Neill House Office Building, commencing at 10:07 a.m.

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3 [REDACTED]: We can go on the record.

4 Today is Thursday, October 17th, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

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

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

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

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED]

15 My name is [REDACTED], and I am the deputy staff director of the task force. I
16 want to thank you for coming in today voluntarily.

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

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

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

20 [REDACTED] Will counsel please identify themselves for the record?

21 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], representing in a personal capacity.

22 [REDACTED]: And we have a representative from Secret Service?

23 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] from the Office of Chief Counsel at the Secret
24 Service.

25 [REDACTED]: And then finally the DHS representative? Can you please identify

1 yourself for the record?

2 [REDACTED] My apologies. [REDACTED] for DHS.

3 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

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

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

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

9 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] staff director, task force majority.

10 [REDACTED]. Then we have two majority online. Can you please identify
11 yourselves for the record?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 [REDACTED]. Thank you all.

20 The way this interview will proceed is as follows.

21 The majority and minority staff will alternate asking you questions, 45 minutes per
22 side per round, until each side is finished with their questioning. The majority staff will
23 begin and proceed for 45 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask
24 questions. We will alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no
25 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 follow-ups.

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

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

10 Further, to ensure the court reporter can properly record this interview, please
11 speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal
12 answers, such as nodding or shaking your head, so it's important that you answer each
13 question with an audible verbal answer. 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 will take our time. If you have any questions or do not
17 fully understand the question, please let us know. We will attempt to clarify, add
18 context to, or rephrase our question. Do you understand?

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

1 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

6 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

9 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

12 [REDACTED] No.

13 [REDACTED]: Please note that if you wish to assert a privilege over any
14 statement today, that assertion must apply to the rules of the House of Representatives.
15 For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements, witnesses
16 or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the reason for the
17 assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance. Do you
18 understand?

19 [REDACTED] Yes.

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

23 For these same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the
24 court reporter so they may go in the official transcript, and any copies of those exhibits
25 will be returned to us when we wrap up.

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

6 ██████████ Yes.

7 ██████████: Do you have any other questions before we begin?

8 ██████████ No.

9 ██████████: Secret Service, would you like to give your statement?

10 ██████████ Yes. Thank you.

11 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have made available
12 to the committee, consistent with requests from the chairman, information and records
13 that would not be publicly released. This includes information and records covered
14 under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal privacy information, for official use
15 only, law enforcement-sensitive records, and raw intelligence information.

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

19 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving any protection and, for
20 the purpose of administrative efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during the
21 transcribed interview, are making this assertion at the outset of the transcribed interview
22 to preserve all assertions of protection from public release or disclosure over information
23 or records used or discussed during the transcribed interview.

24 The transcript and any attachments are protected from dissemination to the same
25 extent as the documents and information they are based on. Please consult with the

1 Secret Service and the Department prior to public release or disclosure.

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

6 [REDACTED]. Thank you. Yes, I can confirm there's no visual recording and the
7 only audio recording will be from the transcribers.

8 The time is now 10:14, and the majority will begin their questions.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q So, [REDACTED] you've been with the Secret Service for about 17 years,
12 right?

13 A Correct.

14 Q What's your current title and how long have you been in that role?

15 A Senior special agent. About 2 years maybe.

16 Q Has that all been in the Pittsburgh office?

17 A Yeah, but I've been a special agent for my entire career.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I think you need 15 years to become a senior special agent.

20 Q Okay. I did not know that.

21 How long have you been based out of the Pittsburgh Field Office?

22 A It'll be about 3 years.

23 Q Okay. Where were you before that?

24 A I was on the President's detail.

25 Q Okay. How long were you on the detail?

1 A Six years.

2 Q I'm trying to do math backwards. Okay.

3 And before that what did you do?

4 A Before that I was on the dignitary protection detail for about 6 months, and
5 before that I was in San Francisco for 8 years in the San Francisco Field Office.

6 Q What is the name and title of your current direct supervisor?

7 A [Inaudible] my ATSAIC is [REDACTED].

8 Q Okay. And then they report to --

9 A The SAIC. We had an ASAIC who is retired, so that's waiting to be filled,
10 and then we have a SAIC, [REDACTED]

11 Q Do you have anyone who directly reports to you?

12 A From the field office?

13 Q Uh-huh.

14 A No.

15 Q Or from anywhere else?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. What are your daily responsibilities?

18 A So we do -- we have dual mission, right? We do protection and
19 investigations. So, daily, I'm part of a NITRO lab. So I do a lot of cyber investigations.
20 We do a lot of crypto investigations.

21 And we don't have squads because we're a small field office. So, basically,
22 anything that kind of comes through, anybody that's available can take on that
23 assignment. So we do a lot of BEC cases. We do a lot -- we do protective intelligence
24 cases.

25 Q What's a BEC case?

1 A Business email compromise. A lot of like romance scams.

2 Q Entertaining.

3 What, if any, training have you received specifically to your role for site
4 counterpart, which was your role on the 13th, right?

5 A Yes. Site counterpart.

6 So that's just protective -- it's just one of the protective advance roles that you do.
7 I don't know that there's specific training on that particular role, whereas the training is
8 more of an overall advance training that you receive from your initial special agent
9 training when you go through the academy.

10 And then when you go to your field office, you spend -- I spent 8 years in San
11 Francisco. So you just get kind of hands-on training with visits. You're just put into
12 different roles.

13 So everybody is going to have different type of training depending on what field
14 office they came from, depending on how many visits you get, how large the field office.

15 And then you go to your detail and you do like a protective detail training, which I
16 think there's about 3 weeks of that, and then you're kind of racin' off.

17 Q Do you have any like regular protective detail trainings you're required to do
18 each year or 5 years or --

19 A No.

20 Q Okay. And you mentioned that depending on what field office you went to
21 would sort of depend on how you were trained. Can you describe that a little bit more
22 for me?

23 A So if you come from somewhere in the Midwest and you don't get any visits
24 and there's like three people in the field office, you're probably not going to do a whole
25 lot of protection.

1 But if you come from New York City, if you come from Miami, if you come from
2 Chicago and you're getting visits constantly, especially with foreign dignitaries coming in
3 and visiting, then you're going to do a lot more protection than an office that's strictly
4 doing investigations somewhere.

5 Q So is there any base curriculum that you have to go through for protection
6 detail, or is it sort of you do the academy and then just learn in real time?

7 A Curriculum like with an online curriculum or like a written curriculum or
8 anything?

9 Q Either or both.

10 A No. There's some -- the courses that you have to keep up with, like law
11 courses that you have to do and other courses online, on an online platform, regularly,
12 each year, you have to do so many credits in those courses.

13 Q Okay.

14 A And I do believe that they have like a CNOS training. So if you're a shift
15 agent, I don't know how long it is, if it's 2 weeks of training to be that shift, just like
16 refresher training.

17 I know on the detail -- when I was on the detail, they did have like a week of
18 training, like a training week for the shifts. So that could be anything from -- a lot of it
19 was like EMT training, anything from scenarios, you can go on and do scenarios, or
20 shooting. So it just varies based on who's available, I guess, to instruct.

21 Q Okay. You said there is a specific CNOS training?

22 A Yeah. So they have like, depending on your assignment, like they have shift
23 training. If your assignment is a shift, to do shifts, then they do have shift training. I
24 think it's like 2 weeks that you go to RTC. And I don't know -- I didn't do the shift
25 training, so I'm not sure --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- what all it involves.

3 Q Okay. Before we get too far into the substance today, I want to introduce
4 majority exhibit 1, and this is the publicly available copy of your Senate interview, which
5 it's going to be a lot harder to hand it to you.

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

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q So, like I said, this is the publicly available one. So there's a ton of
10 redactions in here and it doesn't actually have your name on it, but we're able to use
11 deduction to figure it out.

12 Is there anything sitting here today that you can remember from this interview
13 that you would like to either correct the record on or add context to or anything you feel
14 like you missed in that one?

15 A I know there was just a lot of like errors in grammar and stuff like that. So I
16 don't know if it ever got corrected or not.

17 Q Okay.

18 A So it didn't quite read very well, and I don't know that it would have made
19 sense to somebody that didn't understand what I was trying to say. So that might be a
20 problem.

21 Q Yeah. That's fair. And I think we're going to ask a couple of clarifying
22 questions about it as we go through, which is why I wanted to introduce it, but I didn't
23 know if you remembered anything specific, that you said one thing and meant something
24 else or think it got taken out of context or any like corrections you had off the top of your
25 head.

1 A Yeah, not off the top of my head.

2 Q Okay. And also for one of these things that didn't make sense to me
3 outside of the room, you reference the second supervisor of the detail multiple times.
4 Who is that? On July 13th, who was that?

5 A It was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

6 Q Okay. Who was the first supervisor?

7 A So I guess that would be the SAIC, [REDACTED] (ph).

8 Q Okay.

9 A He was the primary supervisor of the detail.

10 Q Okay.

11 A I think they say primary.

12 Q Primary, first.

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Six of one, half dozen of the other.

15 Okay. So you mentioned in your Senate interview that you were placed on
16 situational telework restricted status after the 13th. Is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Is that still in effect?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How have your responsibilities changed in accordance with that sort of
21 restricted status?

22 A Well, I'm not able to help out the field office in their protective mission.

23 Q Okay. So what do you get to do, if anything?

24 A I get to -- like I'm there for phone calls if they have questions. I see emails.
25 I try to answer, help assist in any way that I can.

1 And then I still do trainings, online trainings, and I still try to follow up with some
2 investigations and cases that I'm working on.

3 Q Okay. And this was told to you verbally, right? There was no written --

4 A Correct. My SAIC.

5 Q Sorry?

6 A The SAIC.

7 Q And that's [REDACTED]

8 A [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. Is there any indication as to when you would be allowed to go back?

10 A I haven't received any information.

11 Q Did they tell you why you're on restricted status?

12 A I was told that it's just a standard procedure for an investigation.

13 Q For the investigation into the 13th?

14 A Just like any of it. I was told just any investigation this is kind of standard
15 protocol while they -- until they complete their investigation.

16 Q Okay. Has this ever happened to you before?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay.

19 [REDACTED]: Are you aware of it happening to anyone else before?

20 [REDACTED] So, yeah, I know that people go -- are under investigation. But I've
21 never like dug into what particularly, whether it's like the status that I'm in or whether it's
22 admin. Like, I know people have been like lapses out of not working or coming to work,
23 but I'm not sure anything beyond them not coming to work and what took place in the
24 investigation. I'm not sure what they were told their status is like as far as teleworking
25 or what they're allowed or not allowed to do.

1 [REDACTED]. So would you consider this different than an administrative
2 leave?

3 [REDACTED] Yes. I'm told that it's different than administrative leave. I've
4 never been on administrative leave. I'm just basically told that it's like a situational
5 telework.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Okay. Which you guys have a policy for situational telework, right?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay. Let's go ahead and get into sort of the advanced planning for the
10 13th.

11 What did you understand your responsibilities to be for that rally on the 13th?

12 A So I had -- I was double-tasked. So I was dual responsibility. I was the
13 airport advance agent as well as the site counterpart for the Butler Farm Show.

14 Q Okay. So since there were two roles, maybe we could split that out.

15 For the airport, you said you were the lead agent. So who did you report to on
16 that?

17 A So I was just like the airport advance agent. So that would be like site one,
18 and you'd still report to the lead agent of the entire visit.

19 Q And who was that?

20 A And that's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 Q So you reported to her for all the airport stuff, and then you were the site
22 counterpart for Butler, so you ultimately reported to [REDACTED] for that as well?

23 A Yeah. I would ultimately report to the site agent, all right? I'm the site
24 counterpart, so I would report to the site agent who then would kind of report to the
25 lead.

1 Q And the site agent was?

2 A It was Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 Q We can call her [REDACTED]

4 A Yeah. [REDACTED]

5 Q Can you tell me the difference between the lead advance agent, the site
6 agent, and the site counterpart, the roles and responsibilities for each of those?

7 A So the lead agent is basically in charge of the entire visit from beginning to
8 end. The site agent is going to just be in charge of that particular site. And the site
9 counterpart is basically the liaison to the site agent -- the liaison between the site agent
10 and local entities and then any assets that they're going to need from like the local field
11 office.

12 A lot of times working out of hotels is difficult, so the site counterpart shows them
13 how to get into the office. They can use their blue lines, use their computer if they need
14 to print anything, print documents, any kind of equipment.

15 A lot of times they don't have rental vehicles, so the site counterpart then needs
16 to drive them everywhere back and forth from the hotel to the site.

17 Q Have you ever been a site counterpart for an outdoor rally like this?

18 A I'm sure I have, but I don't know.

19 Q That's okay.

20 Have you been a site counterpart for other events, any sort of protective events?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. Do you have a ballpark for how many?

23 A Ten.

24 Q Okay. And that was in San Francisco and then in Pittsburgh?

25 A [Nonverbal response.]

1 Q Okay.

2 I'm going to enter into the record majority exhibit 2, which is the preliminary
3 survey.

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

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Have you seen this document before?

8 A Yes.

9 Q You said in your Senate interview that you did not have a hand in drafting
10 this. Is that right?

11 A Correct.

12 Q But you perhaps provided information about it to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Or who
13 wrote this?

14 A So [REDACTED] does the preliminary survey, like the whole document, but it's
15 divided into a site survey. So [REDACTED] would have done site 2 of two. That would have
16 been her site survey portion to complete.

17 Q Okay. So [REDACTED] did site two of two, and did you like give her information to
18 help fill this out or --

19 A She didn't ask me any -- like she should know the information because she's
20 the site agent, but she didn't ask me to help her fill it out at all.

21 Q Okay. What, if any, pages or sections did you provide information for?

22 A I didn't provide any information for this document.

23 Q Okay. Even on the airport pages?

24 A Yeah. So the airport, the lead filled out this site survey portion.

25 [REDACTED]: I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

1 ██████████ The lead filled out the airport portion.

2 ██████████: And when you say the "lead," who are you referring to?

3 ██████████ Lead ██████████

4 BY ██████████:

5 Q Were you responsible for requesting any specific assets for this trip overall?

6 A No.

7 Q I know you talked about this in your Senate interview, so I'm trying not to
8 repeat it. But you stated on page 31 of your interview that you can make a request for
9 assets, but ultimately you kind of know what you're going to get. If you want to flip to
10 page 31, you can. I don't know if that's helpful.

11 But in this discussion you were basically saying that you get -- you ask for
12 resources but you kind of know the answer before you even ask for them. Is that right?
13 Is that your recollection?

14 A Yeah. Correct.

15 Q Okay. What did you mean by that?

16 A So the lead for this particular visit -- every visit is different -- but for this
17 particular visit Lead ██████████ was in what they call CNOS ops for the Trump detail. And so
18 she stayed there for 3 weeks in the ops. So she knew ahead of time and was like part of
19 the approval process of what assets that they're given. So she kind of already knew
20 what was going to be given to the detail.

21 And I think when they formulate these details, I think there's like a -- my
22 understanding is that there's a threat assessment overall and each protectee is given a
23 certain amount of assets at that time. And so I guess coming in like there was already
24 the assets that were given to former President Trump in that particular instance.

25 So, yeah, she still was filling out the paperwork for the assets, but I think she

1 already in her head knew what she was going to be given based on her experience in
2 sitting in ops for 3 weeks beforehand.

3 Q So ops is in charge of doing the threat assessment. Is that --

4 A So OPO, Office of Protective Operations, I think is the overall head of who
5 gets what, what protectee gets what assets.

6 And then I think the way that the Trump detail is, is that additional requests -- I
7 think DTD -- we say DTD for Donald Trump detail -- DT ops requests like any of the special
8 teams additional assets that they want.

9 In this case, that's what happened here, is DTD ops requested those additional
10 entities that were -- ended up given, I think, a little later in the week.

11 Q So that person is part of the detail, that ops person?

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q Are they housed within OPO, or are they just part of the detail?

14 A They're just part of the detail.

15 Q Okay.

16 A Yeah.

17 Q Do you know where the threat assessment comes from, then?

18 A So I don't know how it gets -- I think that's part of OPO.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Yeah. I think that's part of the Office of Protective Operations, which is a
21 separate entity in headquarters.

22 Q Okay.

23 A So I think it's probably communication between the two of them and some
24 sort of agreement, but --

25 Q Okay. The detail and OPO?

1 A [Nonverbal response.]

2 Q Okay. And then you said you didn't request any specific assets for this
3 event, right?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. And that all came from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as far as you know?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Okay. On page 30 of your TI with the Senate, you discussed Counter
8 Surveillance Units. Do you remember talking about that?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you mentioned your surprise at the fact that it was not requested
11 and/or was not provided for this event. Is that right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Can you walk us through that a little bit? Is it normal to have a CSU
14 for an outdoor rally, in your experience?

15 A So I guess it would be normal for like on the President's detail and the Vice
16 President's detail.

17 So when I saw -- when I asked [REDACTED] when this visit came out, I said, you
18 know -- I specifically said like: Who's your CAT element? And I specifically said:
19 What about CSU? Do we provide CSU? And she said that it wasn't a resource that was
20 allocated.

21 Q Do you remember if she expressed any frustration with that or confusion,
22 any --

23 A I think she just understood that they don't get that asset.

24 Q So even if she requested it?

25 A That was my understanding by her response, was that that's not something

1 that they're given.

2 Q You also said that when you were talking with her she said -- you mentioned
3 this briefly -- that the CAT LNO was something that she was going to fill the role of. Is
4 that your recollection?

5 A Yeah. I asked her who the CAT LNO was going to be for this visit, and she
6 said we're not getting one. And I said that's strange. You know, how can we not get a
7 CAT LNO if we have a CAT -- a two-man CAT team coming off of the aircraft? And she
8 said it was -- I don't remember the exact words, but she basically said that she was going
9 to have to take care of that portion of it because they weren't going to provide one.

10 Q Did that strike you as odd?

11 A Yes, it did.

12 Q Okay. Does that seem like something that she could have requested, or
13 does that seem like something that she was just, well, we're not going to get it?

14 A I think that she should have pushed harder, maybe, to get that, because I
15 think that's pretty important, but maybe she was comfortable doing it. I don't know.

16 Q I think you mentioned this in your Senate interview as well. She didn't, in
17 your knowledge, have the tactical experience to be the CAT LNO. Is that right?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I mean -- and, again, you can still coordinate tactical assets without being
21 tactical yourself or having the -- so it's just a matter of coordinating.

22 But it's definitely, in my opinion, better to have that tactical person doing the
23 coordination that understands it if you're advising local entities of what you would like
24 them to do.

25 Q Yeah. So can you tell me what the CAT LNO does? Like liaise between the

1 CAT team. But you said coordinate with local law enforcement. Is that a big part of it?

2 A Yeah. So the CAT LNO would be part of the advance team coming out
3 ahead of time, and then they're coordinating the tactical elements, how we operate,
4 what we wear, how we communicate, where we want to be, where we would like them
5 to be, the Secret Service role for CAT, how they're going to function, and then how they
6 would like the local element to take care of external threats or things like that.

7 Q So like the PSP officers' placement on the outer perimeter, would that be
8 something that CAT LNO -- sorry. The Pennsylvania State Police. PSP.

9 A PSP was part of the motorcade. So they were working with the CAT team.
10 They were embedded in with the CAT team. So they kind of were like the CAT element
11 because there was only two. So they were supplementing to create a full team. It
12 would have been the Butler ESU local teams on the ground that the CAT LNO would have
13 been coordinating those -- that with.

14 Q Because they're a tactical element versus like post standers?

15 A Correct.

16 Q Okay. Who coordinates the post standers?

17 A So the site counterpart does a lot of the coordination for the post standers.

18 Q Okay.

19 A And then they usually typically write the post stander site post instructions,
20 and that's what I did.

21 Q Okay. Let's talk about that a little bit since we're there.

22 In this coordination, who did you coordinate with for the post standers for the
23 13th, if you can remember?

24 A You mean like placement or number?

25 Q Yes. Placement, number, and any other -- like the walk-throughs or things

1 like that. Who were you working with in the local --

2 A The lead agent and the site agent.

3 Q Did you coordinate directly with anyone from Butler ESU, Pennsylvania State
4 Police?

5 A Not for our post.

6 Q Okay. So you just do your posts. And then if the sheriff's office says, "I
7 have 10 guys," is that something that you say, "Okay, I'll take those 10 guys and put them
8 somewhere"?

9 A Yeah, and then that's when you'll do your walk-through with the local police
10 and decide the best placement for those assets.

11 Q Okay. And we'll get into the walk-throughs in a little bit. But the last
12 thing on the CSU.

13 You said the CSU would have done a vulnerability assessment. Can you tell me
14 what that would entail?

15 A So CSU -- yeah, they do vulnerability assessments. So they basically -- it's
16 similar to the Counter Snipers' grids. So they'll take the walking path of the protectee,
17 and they'll look around 360 degrees, and they'll take pictures of buildings. And then
18 they'll do the -- they'll have a rangefinder and take the distances. And then they put a
19 plan together of concerns, where a threat could be, and how they're going to potentially
20 mitigate it.

21 Q And to the best of your knowledge, that did not occur for the 13th?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And to the best of your knowledge, they are usually only assigned to POTUS
24 and VPOTUS?

25 A I'm trying to think if there's anyone. And the First Lady. That's it.

1 Q Oh, and the -- okay.

2 Did you have any involvement in the First Lady's prep for the visit?

3 A Yeah. So a little bit because she arrived at the airport, the same airport,
4 and was scattered like an hour difference in the arrival times and departure times.

5 Q Okay.

6 A So I was also coordinating with the lead of the First Lady's detail on making
7 sure we're kind of out of each other's way and just making sure that it goes smoothly on
8 that end.

9 Q Okay. To the best of your knowledge, did she have a CSU team that day?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. And you said that's sometimes or all the time for FLOTUS?

12 A To my knowledge, it's all the time.

13 Q Okay. Standard package?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay.

16 We are going to now do majority exhibit 3.

17 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 3

18 was marked for identification.]

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q These are your handwritten notes and then typed-up notes about -- I think
21 you did them after the fact. I think we're going to reference them quite often, so it
22 might be best to introduce it now.

23 All right. So the first pages are your, I think, first two pages front and back, as I
24 understand it, are your handwritten notes. Does that look right to you?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. And these were done after the events of the 13th?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Do you remember when you wrote them?

4 A I wrote them after the first inspection interview.

5 Q Which was?

6 A Sometime in August.

7 Q Okay. That's okay.

8 And then the final three pages of this are your typed-up notes. Is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you remember when you wrote these?

11 A This was like maybe a week after.

12 Q Okay. Were you asked to write them?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. It was just for your recollection --

15 A Yeah.

16 Q -- knowing this was going to be a big deal?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Okay. Let's start on page 3 of this exhibit. It's titled "Advance Week" at
19 the beginning of your typed-up notes.

20 According to this, your first walk-through of the site was around 10 a.m. on
21 Monday, July 8th. Is that right?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Okay. And there you met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and six or seven
24 campaign staff? Is that right?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Was anyone else there that you remember?

2 A I think there might have been a host committee representative. Like so the
3 Butler Farm -- somebody from Butler Farm Show.

4 Q Okay. So like the private company that owns the --

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Okay. Was this your first time meeting [REDACTED]

7 A Yes.

8 Q What about [REDACTED]

9 A No. We worked together in the Pittsburgh Field Office.

10 Q During this walk-through -- I guess can you just give us a very high level what
11 was discussed and what was, I guess, established at that point. Was the stage location
12 established? Was anything known, or was this like the first walk-through and we're
13 seeing what we're dealing with?

14 A Yeah. So it was the first walk-through. We didn't know anything. We
15 didn't know where the stage was going to be, and that's what they were there to
16 determine.

17 They looked at two different locations for the stage. So they looked at where the
18 stage actually was. That was the first location, where it ended up being. And then
19 they looked at putting the stage in between like those grandstands where the bleachers
20 were.

21 Q So the bleachers were already there when you guys were there?

22 A Yeah. Off near -- like behind the pond.

23 Q Oh, where like they do like the rodeo?

24 A Yes. So that was the other option.

25 Q Okay. Putting it in there?

1 A Yes. Putting -- like the bleachers people would be sitting on the bleachers
2 and then behind, the open area behind, and the stage would be on the one end.

3 Q Okay. So in the middle, grandstands on either side, facing toward a
4 grandstand or up the middle of the stage?

5 A So the stage would be here. These are the bleachers. [Gesturing.]

6 Q Okay.

7 A And then more people would be gathered here. [Gesturing.]

8 Q Okay. That makes sense.

9 We can turn to the back of this page. It talks about how you guys left to go to
10 the police meeting. Is that your recollection?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Okay. Did you assist Special Agent [REDACTED] in any way for this briefing?

13 A No.

14 Q You didn't help draft anything or organize the meeting?

15 A No.

16 Q And then you broke out into smaller groups, and it says here that you took
17 everyone who was responsible at the airport. Is that your recollection?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And then it says [REDACTED] took the main site.

20 A Correct.

21 Q [REDACTED] met with the tactical assets, meaning Butler ESU teams. Is that
22 correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And then [REDACTED] met with the TS counterparts.

25 A Correct.

1 Q And what did you mean by "TS"?

2 A Transportation section.

3 Q And then [REDACTED] met with intelligence.

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q Was there anything notable that happened at that meeting that you can
6 recall?

7 A It was standard.

8 Q Standard?

9 A Yeah.

10 Q Okay. I'm marking exhibit 4. This is the sign-in sheet from that police
11 meeting.

12 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 4
13 was marked for identification.]

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Have you seen this before?

16 A No, because this would have been the First Lady looking at it, I believe.

17 Q This would have been the First Lady's sign-in sheet?

18 A That's what it looks like.

19 Q Okay. Was that meeting, the police meeting at 1 o'clock, was that only for
20 FLOTUS or was it for FLOTUS and the former President Trump, as far as you remember?

21 A So the FLOTUS one was at 12 and ours was at 1.

22 Q Okay. Did you go to the FLOTUS one?

23 A No.

24 Q Okay.

25 A But people may have -- I don't know if -- the police probably, that were

1 involved in both, probably stayed.

2 Q Yeah. I think in the sign-in sheet it's our understanding that not all the
3 parties are on this document but there seems to be some overlap between the two. So
4 it would make sense that people came for the noon one and stayed for the 1 o'clock one.

5 Do you normally handle the sign-in sheets, or who would normally handle that for
6 a police meeting?

7 A The lead.

8 Q The lead? So she'd be responsible for getting everyone's names, making
9 sure the right people are there?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Okay. And in your Senate interview you mentioned that you were kind of
12 in and out of this police meeting. Is that right?

13 A No, not this particular meeting.

14 Q Okay. Not this one? Okay. So you were there the whole time?

15 A I was there, yeah.

16 Q Do you remember Special Agent [REDACTED] saying anything about the security
17 room at this briefing?

18 A Yes. She said the -- yes, she said that we'd have the security room at the
19 Butler Farm Show and like all representatives typically -- or I don't know what the
20 wording was. But she invited everybody who was going to be part of the Butler Farm
21 Show to be in our security room for communications.

22 Q Okay. When we did our interviews with local law enforcement, a number
23 of them said that they were explicitly not invited to come to the security room, but you
24 didn't hear anything like that communicated to them?

25 A Explicitly not invited?

1 Q Told not to come.

2 A We would never -- no. From Secret Service perspective, I can't imagine
3 that anyone would ever not want law enforcement in the security room. I mean,
4 normally it's like a command presence. Like normally you don't -- it's not like a party in
5 there. Normally, it's like a senior official.

6 Q At that time, did you hear any talk about a second security room or second
7 command post?

8 A At this time?

9 Q Uh-huh.

10 A During the police meeting?

11 Q Uh-huh.

12 A No.

13 Q Okay.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q I just have a couple questions.

16 So you said that because you were leading the airport breakout group you were
17 not at the site meeting with [REDACTED] and the local, like Beaver, Butler, or Washington SWAT.
18 So who was leading that one?

19 A So, yes, [REDACTED] met with the entities for the Butler Farm Show at the
20 police meeting.

21 Q Okay. And that's why you never got the contact information for them and
22 she basically led all communications henceforth for them?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay.

25 [REDACTED]. And then [REDACTED] met with the tactical assets? That was the ESU

1 teams?

2 [REDACTED] That was my understanding.

3 [REDACTED]. And then he -- it's your understanding he gave their contact
4 information to [REDACTED] but not to you?

5 [REDACTED] That's what I'm not sure. I don't know how -- all I know is that
6 [REDACTED] said that she was in contact with Butler ESU.

7 Now, I don't know if it's because that's how [REDACTED] provided her that contact or
8 not sure.

9 She just told me that she was in contact with them, and I don't know who
10 provided her that contact or if it was somebody that she met with during the police
11 meeting or if it was he met with them and then provided it to her. But I was not
12 provided it.

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. So either way, no matter how it happened, you never
14 got in contact with Butler ESU, Beaver ESU, or Washington SWAT?

15 [REDACTED] Correct.

16 [REDACTED]. Okay.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q Okay. We can go -- because we only have a few minutes left -- but we can
19 go to Tuesday, July 9th.

20 So on this same page that we were on, it says you sent [REDACTED] an email at 07:50
21 letting her know that you'll be at the airport and you'll come to the site afterwards.

22 Later down in this email -- I mean, in this recollection of an email -- you say you
23 want to lock down the USSS posts and police posts today because of the manpower
24 walk-through tomorrow.

25 Can you tell me what you meant by that?

1 A So I met with the SAIC of the field office on Wednesday, and that's when the
2 manpower is due. So basically you have to come up with the number of post standers
3 that you want -- that you're going to request for your visit.

4 Q Request from Secret Service?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Okay. Did Agent [REDACTED] ever respond to your email?

7 A I think most of the responses that I recall were just like: Great. Sounds
8 good.

9 Q Okay. How would you go about locking down what posts you need and
10 how many people?

11 A Just experience. I think a lot of the posts are just standard posts that
12 you're going to use at every site if possible. So I just went through all the posts that are
13 the normal posts. And then for posts specific to that site I just -- that's when like we
14 went to the police barracks and we pulled up an overview diagram and I was trying to get
15 a full picture of what else I would need to secure the perimeter.

16 Q What are the normal posts?

17 A Can I look at my --

18 Q Yeah, absolutely.

19 A -- site post log? Do we have that?

20 Q We can pull it up.

21 A It would be -- I mean, I can go through it.

22 It would be like the security room. It would be in arrival/departure. It would
23 be a hold agent. It would be an off-stage announce agent. It would be a photo agent.
24 It would be press. I had two press agents. It would be the dais. I had two dais
25 agents. Magnetometers.

1 Q So those are for like the every event type?

2 A Pretty much. Basically every room that he's going to be entering we pretty
3 much have a post. So it's every -- yeah, anything along his walking path and then your
4 arrival/departures, your magnetometers. Yeah.

5 Q Okay. And then --

6 A Your CS. We had CS. So you always need a CS response. And then you
7 have a protective intelligence that is considered one of the post standers.

8 Q Okay.

9 [REDACTED]. This will be exhibit No. 4.

10 [REDACTED]. Four. Yeah.

11 [REDACTED] Majority exhibit 4. Five? I can't count.

12 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 5

13 was marked for identification.]

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Okay. So I'll give you a second to refresh your recollection on this if you
16 need to.

17 Okay. So you went through some of this verbally, but if you just flip to the first
18 page, you have security room. That's a normal one, right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. The Brady Paul Lane/Meridian vehicle -- or Meridian Road. Sorry.

21 A So that's -- I mean, that's specific to this site, but the motorcade was
22 coming -- that's where the motorcade was coming onto our property.

23 Q So that would be a normal --

24 A So that would be, yeah, a normal request.

25 Q Okay.

1 A And then there's another -- and then they were going through a gate. So
2 that's typically a normal request. When you have your protectee's motorcade going
3 through like a gate, you want a Secret Service agent there because you need to make sure
4 that it's going to be open and everything is good.

5 The arrival/departure is normal.

6 Q Okay.

7 A Hold. Your interview. Yeah, you're going to have someone there.

8 Off-stage announce. The dais is just the stage. It was a really long catwalk, so we
9 had -- and there was a lot of people, so I requested stage right and stage left.

10 The press riser and press cut. Those are pretty standard. Any time you have
11 press, you're going to want a press agent.

12 And then that main mags is a standard post.

13 And the hangar access roads is unique to this site.

14 Q Because there was an airport nearby, right?

15 A Yeah. And it was like you were able to drive in onto our site from the
16 airport.

17 Q So that was something specific to the site that you were like: We need a
18 body.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Main entrance. I think you could say that's kind of probably a standard
22 post, but I still, I think, gave a justification.

23 So anything that's not like standard you have to justify with a justification.

24 Q Okay. So you gave a justification for the airport hangar one --

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q -- and then for the main entrance one?

2 A I believe so.

3 Q Okay.

4 A Arena.

5 Probably all the other ones except for CS response is standard and PI is standard.

6 And then relief depending on the -- I don't remember what the -- it changes all the time.

7 But like if you have like a certain number of posts then you can have a relief body.

8 Q Okay. So there was like four maybe that were additional to what you
9 would normally have for an event or unique, I guess, to the Butler site?

10 A Yeah, maybe. Yeah.

11 Q Okay. Did anything about this site strike you as unworkable?

12 A I wouldn't say unworkable. Very challenging.

13 Q Challenging. Can you elaborate a little bit?

14 A Just the ground that you're having to cover and the limited resources and
15 limited manpower.

16 Q Were there any posts that you felt like you wanted to request but couldn't?

17 A I requested -- I asked to talk to the lead about a flex post. That's something
18 that I've seen in the past that I wanted.

19 [REDACTED]. Can you explain what that is?

20 [REDACTED] It's basically somebody that kind of watches the crowd before they
21 approach -- before they get to the magnetometers. So you're trying to seek out
22 problems in advance of them, before it becomes an issue right at your mags.

23 [REDACTED]. Okay. So you --

24 [REDACTED] We call it a flex post.

25 So I asked for that, and she said she has never -- hadn't heard that in 4 years or

1 something like that.

2 [REDACTED]: And when you say "she" --

3 [REDACTED] The lead.

4 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] Yeah.

6 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

7 [REDACTED]: So she said --

8 [REDACTED] And there was some other -- some of my posts she said that I had

9 to change the way I title them and had to bring them in closer in order to get approved.

10 So I sent this to the lead and the site agent, and they're the experts on the detail
11 because the site agent is part of the detail, so she should know what gets approved and
12 the language to approve more posts.

13 And then the lead, like I said, was part of the approval process for the paperwork.
14 So I sent it to them for their expertise on whether we can get more posts or whether they
15 think that more posts would be necessary.

16 But, yeah, the more posts the better, but I knew that there was a very tight
17 manpower restraint at the time because, obviously, we didn't even have enough people
18 to fulfill an advance.

19 And then I was wondering where actually the bodies were coming from, and that's
20 when Lead [REDACTED] told me, oh, they're the -- the majority are HSI. And so then I was like,
21 okay, that makes sense. Now these are jump teams that we are receiving.

22 And so I said, well, let's try to get a couple more bodies then, because I want some
23 Secret Service, because it's -- I'm not saying -- it's just a little more challenging now
24 because now you're having to explain the posts a lot more and you don't know whether
25 they even have worked with us before. So it's another challenge on top of a challenge.

- 1 ██████████. Okay. I know we're over time, so we'll go off the record and take
2 a break.
- 3 [Recess.]

1 [11:11 p.m.]

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Good morning. I have a few quick questions about things that you talked
5 about in the previous round. Then I'll turn it over to my colleague. So mine will be
6 brief.

7 The first is on the question of a CAT LNO. We have heard elsewhere that a CAT
8 LNO is reserved for situations where there's [REDACTED] and only [REDACTED]; but
9 that when there's a [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] would not typically be assigned.

10 Is that -- do you have a different understanding of what that role is, it sounds like?

11 A So I agree with that. Yeah, a CAT LNO would be coming as [REDACTED]
12 and coordinating themselves in with the local tactical team.

13 But, in this instance, there was a two-man element coming from the plane. So
14 this might be a unique situation, which I think probably is a unique situation that they've
15 come up with for former President Trump.

16 So somebody needs to be coordinating how they're going to be operating because
17 there has to be a plan in place for when these people come off of the plane. So
18 whatever they want to call it, fine. CAT advance.

19 But, yeah, that's just -- I don't know -- I don't know how it -- how it's worked in
20 other districts, but I would agree that, yeah, there's a CAT LNO when there is [REDACTED]
21 team coming off of the plane. They're still there to coordinate local tactical elements
22 with just maybe them and the locals.

23 Q That's helpful. Thank you. I don't know if -- we have a lot of documents
24 here at the task force. I have not seen them all. Is there a document somewhere that
25 you're aware of that folks are able to point to and say, "This is the definition of CAT LNO"?

1 Because, in this example, it feels like sometimes people are giving their opinions
2 based on their experience. Is there a single definition somewhere?

3 A I've never seen one.

4 Q Okay, thank you.

5 With respect to counter-surveillance, am I right to understand that, as far as you
6 know, ████████ did not actually request counter-surveillance?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Correct. There was an understanding, it sounds like from as far as you can
9 tell, that, even if she had requested it, it probably wouldn't have been granted; but, from
10 a factual point of view, it was not actually requested?

11 A To my knowledge.

12 Q Got it. So I suppose it is not possible to say with certainty what would have
13 happened had it been requested?

14 A Correct. Yeah.

15 Q Great. And my last clarification was just on the question of the security
16 room. It's probably not the last time that we will be talking about that topic today.

17 On the local side, we heard something to the effect of, "Hey, we locals were told
18 by Secret Service that there should only be one county representative here in the security
19 room."

20 So, you know, you can debate the meaning of not invited or not, but the way that
21 they understood it was, you can have one person from the county but only one, and
22 that's it.

23 Do you have any recollection of anything like that or hearing anything like that
24 from any of your colleagues?

25 A No.

1 Q Secondhand and thirdhand, I know that's tough. But you never heard
2 anything?

3 A I don't think -- that doesn't sound right, from a Secret Service perspective.

4 Q To the extent you recall, were the -- because the local side, there's, of
5 course, Pennsylvania State Police, but then, when we start talking about more local than
6 that, we're getting into a lot of different entities, sheriff, township, CSU.

7 Do you have any recollection of the totality of local entities being affirmatively
8 asked to send representatives to the security room?

9 A So --

10 Q In other words, you may not recall them being uninvited or the rule about
11 only one person for the whole county. You don't recall that.

12 But do you recall all those different local entities actually being asked to join the
13 security room?

14 A Like individually?

15 Q Yes, or any of them, for that matter. Do you remember somebody asking
16 either Township PD or the Sheriff's Office or ESU, like, "Hey, guys, make sure you're -- you
17 have a rep in our security room"?

18 A So I -- me personally dealt with PSP the entire -- for the duration of the
19 week. They were kind of the lead agency in charge of the Butler Farm Show.

20 So the way it worked, it was kind of like a one-voice policy for me because he was
21 the only one really I seen at the site regularly. And then he kind of was in control and in
22 discussions with the other township's command to put the plan together.

23 So he knew how -- so I discussed with him, you know, the security room, and he
24 knew how -- that's that how we communicated, and it's the hub and where it's going to
25 be located.

1 So he's the one that provided that representative. And so if he thought that that
2 one representative was -- was what we needed in terms of communications, then I trust
3 his, you know, actions on that.

4 Q Who was that from the State Police?

5 A Lieutenant [REDACTED].

6 Q Did you have the understanding, either from him or elsewhere, that the
7 State trooper representative in the security room was on a single radio frequency with all
8 the other local entities that were there that day?

9 A I'm sorry?

10 Q Did you have the impression, whether Lieutenant [REDACTED] said to you or
11 somebody else said to you, that when the State trooper sent a single person to the
12 security room that that single State trooper person was able to hear on the same
13 frequency what the Sheriff's Office was doing and the township was doing, et cetera, et
14 cetera?

15 A Correct. But the only gap that -- to my understanding, the only gap that I
16 think would have been there would have been the tactical units. And the way that I've
17 always seen it and what was told to me was from our counter sniper unit or counter
18 sniper advance technician, [REDACTED] he said that he was in communications with their
19 counter sniper teams.

20 And, typically, the tactical units, that's part of their planning together is
21 communications is a huge part of their planning. So what I see happen and what
22 typically happens is they're exchanging radios. They're either exchanging radios or
23 they're embedding one entity into, you know, the unit to have that communication, but
24 it's usually worked out between the tactical teams how they're going to communicate.

25 So that was the missing piece. I didn't -- I did not talk with other ESU, but I was

1 told by our counter sniper that they were in communications.

2 Q I got it. So, for the tactical side, there's an understanding that they
3 probably have their own lines of communication?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And then back on the -- I guess is "patrol" a fair word? In other words,
6 other law enforcement, not tactical responsible for physical security but patrol just as a
7 label?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Okay. For the other patrol duty local entities, such as the sheriff or the
10 township PD, was your impression that the single State trooper representative in security
11 room had direct I guess radio communications with those entities?

12 A Yes. And then we also had a Butler EMS personnel that I was told also can
13 hear the voice traffic.

14 Q Okay. I guess in two different pieces, with respect to the trooper, did
15 Lieutenant [REDACTED] specifically tell you that he had radio communications with those other
16 local entities or was it more of an unspoken assumption?

17 A I don't recall the exact comm -- I don't recall like exactly what was said. I
18 just know that we talked about the security room. And we work with PSP all the time.

19 So I think that he had knowledge of what we needed in the security room. So I
20 think that, if that was what he was providing in terms of who needed to be in the security
21 room, I -- I trust that that's what we needed.

22 Q Okay. So you don't recall --

23 A I don't recall like specifically talking about each entity and how the channels
24 were going to operate.

25 Q Got it. And, with respect to the EMS or the 911 county representative, it

1 sounds like they're -- you do recall that person sort of representing that they were able to
2 hear on their radio the local police traffic. Is that right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Would that have been -- do you remember that person's name?

5 A [REDACTED].

6 Q Got it. Thank you.

7 Would -- if you recall, I know it's hard, would that representation by [REDACTED]
8 have been somewhere in the planning process, on the morning of the event? Do you
9 remember when he said that?

10 A I think it might have been Tuesday. Either -- probably either Tuesday or -- I
11 don't -- I don't -- I don't know exactly when it was said. Sometime throughout the
12 planning. I'm not sure.

13 [REDACTED]. Thank you. I appreciate it. Turn it over.

14 [REDACTED]. Thank you very much, Special Agent [REDACTED]. I apologize in
15 advance if I retread any territory that our colleagues have covered, but just want to try to
16 walk through the chronology here with you.

17 And, also, perhaps just for ease, we have here -- we can mark as exhibits A and B
18 for the minority what was also introduced already as I believe minority exhibit D. But
19 these similarly have those red fill-ins, and it might just be easier to read if folks want. It
20 might just help to orient you with some of the names. It helps me.

21 [REDACTED] Exhibits A and B
22 were marked for identification.]

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q So, just to go back to the beginning of the timeline, when did you first
25 become aware that the former President would be visiting Butler on July 13th?

- 1 A I think it was Friday, the 5th.
- 2 Q And how did you find out he would be making that visit?
- 3 A A discussion with [REDACTED].
- 4 Q With [REDACTED]?
- 5 A [Nonverbal response.]
- 6 Q And, at that time, did you know what the specific site would be for the visit?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q When do you recall learning that?
- 9 A Sunday, when the lead sent out an email. I think it had the location.
- 10 Q And, when you saw it would be at Butler Farm grounds, at least for site two
- 11 as opposed to the airport visit, did you have an initial reaction to seeing the Butler Farm
- 12 grounds? Were you previously familiar with that site?
- 13 A I was not familiar with that at all.
- 14 Q Okay. So you had never worked any events there before?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Did you know at the time or when did you find out that you would
- 17 specifically be working that advance?
- 18 A Saturday, the 6th.
- 19 Q And I believe you said that your role would be the site counterpart. And I
- 20 believe you also said you were sort of there as a local liaison for the site agent and for the
- 21 detail, and you talked a little bit about your responsibilities in setting up the post stander
- 22 locations.
- 23 Anything else that a site counterpart does as part of their role for an event like
- 24 this?
- 25 A So I helped set up the security room. I got all the equipment from the field

1 office. I printed all the documentation.

2 And then I think the biggest role the site counterpart kind of does is on the day of
3 the event. I'm dealing with any issues that are going to arise, especially when the
4 protectee comes onto site.

5 Because, now, the site agent is focused in on the protectee and keeping him safe
6 and really kind of tied into the detail and the boss of the SAIC of the detail. So she's
7 really honed in on him and everything that is going to take place there.

8 And so now I'm on -- and we're now on two different channels. She's on the shift
9 channel listening to those movements, and I'm still on the post stander frequency. And
10 so, if anything arises on the -- you know, at any of the posts, if there's whatever, now I'm
11 in -- I should be dealing with that so she can focus on --

12 Q And I expect we'll talk a little more about the day of when we get to the day
13 of and those different channels, but do you recall did you only key into that post stander
14 channel? Were you scanning at all, or were you just listening to the one channel?

15 A Yes. So I tried to scan, but my radio wasn't allowing me to scan. So I was
16 only -- at the time, I was only listening to the post stander channel.

17 Q Okay. Again, we'll come back to some radio issues later.

18 So site counterpart for the Butler Farm site, I believe you said you were the lead
19 agent for -- or the lead advance agent for the airport. Is that right?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Is there also a Special Agent [REDACTED] involved with the airport visit?

22 A Yes. So I basically did the advance, and then he took over the day of and
23 was the site agent at the airport, because he was on another assignment and wasn't
24 getting back in time.

25 Q And was Special Agent [REDACTED] is he in the Pittsburgh field office?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q Okay. So he just sort of -- there's a handoff and --
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q -- you have to do all the work the week of, day of he shows up.
- 5 Without going through every day and every conversation you had, are you in
- 6 regular contact with him to tell him what you're --
- 7 A Email.
- 8 Q Email?
- 9 A It was just email, trying to explain.
- 10 Q And we talked about lead Agent [REDACTED] I believe it's [REDACTED].
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And she's sort of overseeing this whole visit, so site one, site two.
- 13 How would you describe her role as relates to those site agents? Do the site
- 14 agents for each of the two sites report directly to her?
- 15 A You could say that, yeah.
- 16 Q Would you say that?
- 17 A Yes. The site agent reports to the lead. The lead has all power.
- 18 Q The lead has all the power?
- 19 A Yeah. I mean, the site -- the site agent has -- is in charge of the site, but the
- 20 lead can say, "No, I want this" or "I want that." And then the supervisor has even more
- 21 power over the lead to say, "This is what we need to do or not need to do" or --
- 22 Q So, hypothetically, if you and Special Agent [REDACTED] had a dispute about where
- 23 a post stander location should be, you could go to Special Agent [REDACTED] to resolve that
- 24 issue?
- 25 A Yeah.

1 Q Or --

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q I was just going to ask, this triangle of lead advance agent/site agent/site
4 counterpart has been a little bit of a challenge to understand.

5 Just for site agent and site agent counterpart, sometimes we hear site agent
6 assist. Are we reading correctly that the site agent is a little bit more of being in the
7 driver's seat, has that first level of responsibility, and the site agent counterpart is there
8 to assist and, of course, liaise with locals and has that local knowledge, but it is not a
9 50/50 division of responsibility.

10 It sounds like there's a little bit more on the site agent or at least that's what
11 we've been told, but that's not always the answer.

12 So what is your understanding of that relationship?

13 A The site agent has full responsibility of the site. They are in charge all the
14 time. Site agent is in charge of the site, period.

15 Q And this idea of site agent coming from the protective detail, you know,
16 there are times when maybe somebody will say, well, therefore, that site agent's
17 responsibility is really just about the bubble around the protectee," but it's not really
18 about setting up a security plan at the site more broadly. I think it sounds like you
19 would not agree with that.

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. And is there, again, like a document that somebody can just point to
22 that defines those roles? Because it does feel sometimes like we're getting a good
23 number of opinions.

24 A Yeah.

25 Q To your understanding.

1 A So the policy -- so our policies, the site agent and the lead agent, everything
2 is falling on those two. I mean, that's the policy. The site agent has a million
3 responsibilities, and the lead agent has double that.

4 And, if you ask anybody in the Secret Service, for as long as I can remember the
5 site agent and the lead agent are -- those are the -- everything falls on them, whether it's
6 right or wrong. But that's how the policy is that I've ever seen and from my
7 understanding.

8 And when I was -- when roles were reversed and I was the site agent, never did I
9 rely on my site counterpart to do anything for me. I was in charge. I was the site
10 agent. Now, can I ask them to help me and to assist me? Sure, absolutely. But that's
11 my understanding of the roles.

12 Q Okay. And then the lead agent has sort of a "buck stops here"
13 responsibility, right? That person is not the one actually, for example, setting a
14 perimeter at a site, but they have that supervisory role of knowing what's going on and
15 making sure it's in order?

16 A Absolutely.

17 Q Okay. If there is -- it's hypothetical, but to the extent you've seen disputes
18 in your experience between a site agent and let's say a site assist, the fact that the site
19 agent I guess in this case or maybe typically comes from a protective detail while the lead
20 agent in this case -- and it sounds like usually is from the field office, when we get into a
21 dispute situation, is the lead agent able to essentially overrule the site agent even though
22 they come from different places on the org chart?

23 A So this is a unique scenario that we're discussing. The lead agent normally
24 comes from the detail. So that's why this whole thing is unique and maybe you're
25 hearing different answers.

1 So, normally, the detail provides everything. You're providing your lead agent.
2 You're providing your protective intelligence agent. You're providing every entity of the
3 advance. And the field office is providing all the counterparts, the assistance to the field
4 office.

5 So this -- from the field office per -- and I think there's a lot of different
6 perspectives out there, but I would say that the detail should be sending a lead agent, but
7 they don't. Instead, they send the site agent. So now the lead agent is coming from
8 the field office. This is just unique with the former President Trump.

9 Q And why? Just because that we don't naturally know why. Why is that?

10 A So normally a former President, the field office has all of the responsibility,
11 and there's nobody that comes from the detail.

12 Because of his -- like, you know, the celebrity status, the power, the rallies that he
13 does, the publicity, maybe the threat level, because it's heightened more so than a
14 former President and the events are much larger, I think they came up with a plan to send
15 a body from the detail.

16 And so, instead of sending a lead, they are sending a site agent. And so it
17 complicates things a little bit, right? So now -- so now, you know, she's in charge of the
18 site, but now you have the field office in charge of the lead. And so, yes, that's where I
19 think there's a problem here.

20 Q I was just going to ask.

21 A And I don't think that there's -- the policy is written to this type of unique
22 situation.

23 Q Did that unique structure, from your point of view, muddy the lines of
24 authority a little bit?

25 A Maybe now that we're talking about it. But, in my head, I didn't really think

1 about it at the time. You know, the site agent's the site agent. The lead's the lead. I
2 always just thought the site agent's in charge of the site, and the lead has the overall, you
3 know, authority over the site agent.

4 But here, I would say that the lead agent reports to the SAIC of the field office, and
5 the site agent from the detail is reporting to the second supervisor of the detail.

6 [REDACTED]. Thank you. I really appreciate it. Sorry.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q No. And, as far as sort of this advance and day-of planning, given that this
9 is sort of a new structure -- well, it seems both new and old, right? It's new that
10 somebody's coming from the field office, but it sounds like you're saying, at the end of
11 the day, the site agent's the site agent; the lead is the lead.

12 Did the three of you, you, Special Agent [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] gather and say,
13 "I'm handling this, I'm handling this"? Was there any discussion about division of
14 responsibilities?

15 A No.

16 Q And then you started to talk about July 8th and this first walkthrough of field
17 site. I believe you said you met Special Agent [REDACTED] there for the first time. Special
18 Agent [REDACTED] was there as well.

19 Were there any local or State partners at that first walkthrough, law enforcement,
20 if you recall?

21 A On Monday?

22 Q On Monday, the first --

23 A No, I didn't see any.

24 Q Was anybody from the campaign staff there?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And about six or seven I think you said?

2 A Yeah.

3 Q And looking at your timeline, it says, "[REDACTED] started the discussion early with
4 the staff to remember that we will need to deal with LOS concerns wherever they decide
5 to build the stage." What's LOS?

6 A Line of sight.

7 Q And what were those concerns at that point?

8 A At that point, at the very first walkthrough, there was 360-degree concerns.
9 There was buildings everywhere, residences everywhere. So you're pretty much open.
10 It's like an open, you know, campground kind of.

11 Q So, at this point, I think you said that the stage location had not yet been set.
12 So it's not like a specific to the stage location; just you're looking around this open site
13 everywhere; this is going to be an issue.

14 A Yes.

15 Q And do you recall in particular who Special Agent [REDACTED] had those discussions
16 with on day one?

17 A The staff. It would be [REDACTED] is the lead staff.

18 Q Had you ever interacted with [REDACTED] before?

19 A No.

20 Q Did you have any sort of general impressions of the staff on the first day
21 about working with them and how that would flow?

22 A Yeah. The first day, they seemed great. They seemed, you
23 know -- everything seemed fine. They seemed like they were motivated and ready to
24 go. Like, they had -- yeah. I didn't have any issues.

25 Q So, again, on day one, do you recall any specific discussions about line of

1 sight concerns --

2 A No, I think --

3 Q -- or that was --

4 A I just recall the lead saying, you know, just remember -- when you're
5 deciding on your location, just remember to try to take that into concern, because I
6 think -- I believe she said that the second supervisor, which would be [REDACTED],
7 would be asking about that or something.

8 And so I -- maybe she has a relationship with the second supervisor, based on her
9 time spent down there. I don't know.

10 Q Meaning that Special Agent [REDACTED] might have a relationship?

11 A [Nonverbal response.]

12 Q And, just above that, when we were talking about the two different stage
13 locations, you said right here, "I believe they had to converse with headquarters."

14 Is that campaign headquarters?

15 A Yeah. And I don't know. It's just me speculating, because they weren't
16 able to just like pick a decision. They said that they would get back to us. I think we
17 found out maybe the next day where the location was going to be.

18 Q But it's not Secret Service headquarters, for example --

19 A Correct.

20 Q -- who they would say?

21 A Right. The staff headquarters or however they --

22 Q And does Secret Service in this instance, in any case have the ability to
23 say -- as I think you said, "This was a challenging location. It is open."

24 Do you have any ability to say, "This is not a great idea; can we choose another
25 location?" How does that dynamic work in terms of site selection?

1 A Me personally, I have no ability. How far up in the ranks it could be
2 persuaded, I don't know. Maybe the SAIC has some persuasion in that. I'm not sure
3 how. But, typically, what I've always known is the staff picks the site, and then we just
4 have to deal with the consequences after that.

5 Q Understood. And, in dealing with this site as you're given, Mr. Pellegrini
6 started to mention this idea of a perimeter. Did you have any role in deciding how to
7 set the secure perimeter?

8 And, by that, I'm thinking about the area through which somebody would have to
9 like be screened through a mag. There might be multiple perimeters I think, but that's
10 sort of how I'm thinking about it.

11 A Yeah. So all of us there had discussed it as a team, where mags would be,
12 to include the staff. They have a say in where they want to put the mags. It's
13 usually -- they usually kind of tell us where they would like to put the mags, and it's kind
14 of a mutual decision.

15 But, as far as like the perimeter, perimeter is usually established, you know, based
16 on like terrain, manmade, whether it's manmade, natural terrain, just what's around.
17 And there was a fence line that was already surrounding the site so that just immediately
18 kind of became the perimeter.

19 Q Had that fence line not been there, what else would you -- how else would
20 you set it?

21 A So it would be -- you'd get like -- you'd probably try to get dump trucks,
22 school buses, like any kind of hard barrier that you can find and just line it all up
23 around -- around the site, or more posts, vehicles.

24 Q And, obviously, we didn't have to do that here. There was this sort of
25 natural fence line around the farm grounds.

1 Did you -- was there any consideration about expanding that secure area to
2 include other locations, sort of sweep broader than that fence line for a secure
3 perimeter?

4 A So the secure perimeter was the middle perimeter, right? The outer
5 perimeter is going to be the outer perimeter no matter what. Whether it's 100 yards
6 out or whether it's 500 yards, it's still the outer perimeter.

7 The middle perimeter is going to entail the magnetometers, right? And so, once
8 you go through the magnetometers, you have to contain everybody.

9 So, if you're now expanding your middle perimeter to include surrounding areas,
10 you're no longer containing those people. Now those people are able to go wherever
11 they want, and it's -- it's not -- it doesn't work, because now you need more posts. You
12 need more manpower to contain all those people.

13 So your -- your middle perimeter can't just be as large as you want it to be.
14 That -- the outer perimeter, now, can be larger and larger based on what you're given to
15 increase it. But your middle perimeter, once they go through that mags, you need -- we
16 needed bike rack to contain them within a certain area once they're through the mags.

17 And they had very limited bike rack. Like, they were -- said that -- they kept
18 saying, "Oh, we only have so much bike rack." And I asked, "How much bike rack?"
19 And then they used bike rack to -- they call it like Disneyland.

20 So they wind, you know, the crowds of people that are waiting in line. It's all
21 bike rack that they have to put together. So -- and they spent like -- you know, we were
22 limited in time too. So they're having to build all this bike rack.

23 So you can't just -- it would be great to expand your perimeters, but the middle
24 perimeter is -- can't be like this huge expansion, because you're containing all those
25 people. That's how you contain everybody.

1 Q So that was middle. What's an inner perimeter then if we're --

2 A So inner perimeter is going to be like your -- your walking path, his walking
3 path, and it's going to be the shift really around --

4 Q A bubble sort of around --

5 A The bubble, right, the bubble around him, and maybe your inner post
6 standers in those rooms that he's going into.

7 Q Got it. And, when you were talking about "they" with the bike racks, is that
8 Secret Service? Is that campaign?

9 A Staff, yeah, campaign.

10 Q Campaign staff, okay.

11 And then we started to talk a bit about the July 8th police meeting. You broke
12 off to talk a bit about the airport site, and you said Special Agent [REDACTED] took the main site.

13 Do you have any understanding of who exactly she was meeting with to discuss
14 that site?

15 A At the police meeting or --

16 Q At the police meeting.

17 A I don't know who she met with.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I asked her to provide me the contact, and she provided me a handwritten
20 note with three contacts. It was [REDACTED], who's the bomb squad, Allegheny
21 County Bomb Squad. It was [REDACTED], Butler [REDACTED].

22 And I think -- I'm not sure who the third contact was. I think I wrote it down.
23 So I don't know if that's who she met with at the police meeting.

24 Q That's fine if you don't recall the third person.

25 A Okay, okay.

1 Q Who -- how did those entities you just mentioned, the Sheriff's Office,
2 Allegheny County, how did they know to show up? Who makes that call and says,
3 "We're going to have an event in Butler County for former President Trump; we need
4 help"? Who makes that initial call?

5 A So the SAIC will make personal calls to like chiefs of, you know, counties, but
6 the lead will send out an email notification to -- we have like a huge, I don't know,
7 60-some emails that all goes out, and it will invite everybody to the police meeting.

8 And, in this instance, it was [REDACTED] who sent it out. He was the field office
9 counterpart for the First Lady. So he sent it out, because it was going to be one meeting
10 after another. So he sent it out for both parties. And I believe that he got the Butler
11 representatives from the SAIC, because normally we don't work with them very often.

12 Q And that's [REDACTED]

13 A Correct.

14 Q And it sounds to me like you just -- between the call and the email, you just
15 put out sort of an "all hands on deck" and see who comes, or is it a more targeted
16 approach? If I know I'm going to need this type of asset, I'm calling this agency.
17 What's that dynamic like?

18 A Yes. So every field office is different, but me being in Field Pittsburgh, it
19 just seems like they throw it out to everybody. And the people, if they're not -- if it
20 doesn't pertain to them, they just won't show up; and if it does, then they will.

21 Q And then folks show up. How do you start to divvy up roles and know
22 who's going to be working different parts of the site, different roles?

23 A So the lead will give her whole briefing, and then she'll say, "Okay, the
24 airport, whoever's involved in the airport, let's meet in this corner. Whoever's involved
25 in the site, we're going to meet in that corner. Whoever's doing transportation, let's

1 meet in the back."

2 Like, so they just divide up the roles at the very end of the meeting, and that's
3 when people will exchange business cards. Really, that's really all it comes down to is
4 exchanging, because at this point you don't even know anything about the sites to really
5 put a plan together. You might be able to talk about the transportation from point A to
6 B if you know the airport and --

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Could I ask just one? That process you described for sending out emails
9 and phone calls to identify local assets, is that really the patrol side of things that we're
10 talking about rather than tactical local assets?

11 A Both.

12 Q Both?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. On the tactical side of local assets, it sounds like you're saying the
15 same basic process for getting that conversation started. Is that right?

16 A Yes. So, yeah, it's still an email that like here, like on the sign-in sheet is
17 [REDACTED], who is Allegheny County Squad. That's who I used at the airport for
18 the tactical assets. So he came to the police meeting.

19 Q Are local tactical assets always present at events of a certain size? And
20 maybe there's a different answer depending on what we're talking about. Like SWAT
21 maybe is not the same answer. You tell me. As snipers or counter snipers?

22 A Yes. So, no, they're not always present. It depends on the protectee and
23 what the detail requests. So like I -- I think the First Lady might request a tactical unit.

24 But, no, like for former -- I would say they're probably not always. It's not very
25 common for former Presidents to have the tactical units.

1 Q And where -- I guess this is a little bit of a unique situation with former
2 President Trump, but where I guess for Butler, because that's the only example we might
3 have, but where does that local tactical conversation get started from? Is that
4 somebody on the detail raising their hand and saying, "I think we need local"?

5 A So it would normally be the lead. So that's why it's -- I would think that it's
6 important for the lead to be coming from the detail. Like, for the First Lady, they send
7 one representative, and it's -- they're the lead agent, because they're the voice of the
8 detail.

9 So yeah. It's -- so the site agent in this case was kind of the voice of the detail,
10 yet the lead is really the one who is the voice.

11 Q Do you know or recall for local I guess SWAT, for lack of a better term, and
12 then local sniper or counter sniper, depending on what we're using there, where did that
13 conversation start, specifically in the July 13th Butler Farm Show?

14 A So my understanding is that the SAIC contacted -- and I don't know how he
15 got -- the commander, the Butler ESU commander. That's my understanding is that he
16 contacted them and invited them to the police meeting.

17 Now, I don't know if he -- maybe he got that contact from the sheriff, or he
18 probably asked one of them who he knows on a personal level, "Hey, who would be the
19 person that I need to contact for tactical assets?" But I don't -- I don't know.

20 Q For the local snipers, the same general -- like, I know somebody called them.
21 I'm not sure exactly who initially thought of that, basically. Is that your recollection?

22 A Yeah. And, honestly, like, if it it's a town that we've never gone to, you
23 might just be like googling like who's the chief and you're cold-calling or saying, "Hey, this
24 is what's happening. We need a contact. We're going to put together a police
25 meeting."

1 Especially for like these campaign sites, because we don't go to a lot of these, or at
2 least -- I mean, I'm still fairly new to Pittsburgh, so this is my first campaign with
3 Pittsburgh.

4 So I don't know all the ins and outs of how they operate. But, yeah, because on
5 a normal day, like, we're usually only working with like Allegheny County and Pittsburgh,
6 really.

7 Q Is it hard for detail personnel or I guess maybe field office in this case?
8 How does one go about making judgments about the need for tactical assets, since those
9 tactical assets are pretty specialized? Counter sniper concepts are -- not everybody has
10 received that training.

11 How does somebody who is not specifically trained in that space go about saying,
12 "Hey, at this event, I think I need counter snipers," for example?

13 A So I think at any outdoor event with lots of buildings that the counter snipers
14 automatically you're going to want. But, like we discussed, like those specialty teams
15 are usually already in place. So usually you know from dealing with the detail whether
16 they get those specialty teams or whether they don't get those specialty teams.

17 Q And did you know in this case that this detail, I guess for CAT, that they do
18 get CAT, there's nothing unusual about that? Is that kind of how you understood it?
19 Secret Service --

20 A So I just learned that they get this [REDACTED]. A [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]

22 Q Okay.

23 A So they didn't get a [REDACTED]. They just got this [REDACTED].
24 And had they had a [REDACTED], there would be a CAT advance coming out and
25 coordinating that.

1 Q And, for Secret Service counter sniper, did you understand it to be that that's
2 just what the Trump detail gets, or was there something different about this July 13th
3 event?

4 A So they didn't normally get it. And then my understanding when we
5 received it is that DTD ops sent out an email requesting it. And my understanding was
6 that -- I just assumed because of the venue, because, yeah, it's -- we absolutely would
7 love to have counter snipers.

8 And then, when I met the site agent on Tuesday, she had mentioned that they
9 weren't going to have local counter snipers. So I thought, "Oh, they're not getting local
10 counter snipers so now they're providing USS snipers."

11 Q Got it. And Tuesday, what's the date of Tuesday? Is that the 9th? The
12 9th, okay.

13 So the site agent, Special Agent [REDACTED] says on the 9th that they are not going to
14 get local counter snipers. That's what she said?

15 A She said -- yes. She said, after talking to Butler ESU, they were going to
16 provide her a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. And I was like, "Okay, break
17 this down for me, right? People don't operate in [REDACTED]. How are we
18 operating? You know, you need to find out like is it -- are they snipers, counter snipers?
19 Are they tactical teams? Are they [REDACTED]? What's -- how are they, you
20 know, breaking their areas of responsibility?"

21 And then the CDU team, I said, "Where -- where -- are they going to be on
22 standby? What's their role? You know, we need more details."

23 And then, that night, she had sent -- she had spoke -- I seen -- at some point she
24 had said, "Do you have a rangefinder?" And I said, "Yeah, I'm sure our office, we could
25 find one." And I said, "Why?"

1 And she said, "They want us to request" -- DTD, I guess her detail wanted us to
2 request the counter snipers, the USS counter snipers. And then, like moments later, it
3 was like the lead said, "Bo, it's approved. We're getting snipers."

4 Q And where in that arc did she say that there were not going to be local
5 counter snipers?

6 A Yeah, she had mentioned that at the very beginning, but then it sounded like
7 the next day that there were. So it seemed like it went back and forth. So I'm not sure
8 what conversations were had where there wasn't and then there was and --

9 Q Yeah, and it's confusing I think for us sometimes to understand whether the
10 local -- because people have explained to us there's a difference between sniper and
11 counter sniper.

12 A Yeah.

13 Q We have had a little trouble unpacking whether the local sniper teams were
14 somehow originally meant to play a counter sniper role when there was no Secret Service
15 counter sniper coming or, no, they were always meant to come and act as snipers.

16 In that sort of web of confusion, do you have a point of view, or did you during the
17 planning process about why exactly those local snipers were coming, what exactly the
18 origin story was of their presence?

19 A Yeah. I wasn't part of any of that planning, so I -- I can't speak to that.
20 I -- it's just my understanding that we needed as many -- that we'll take as many assets as
21 would be provided.

22 Q More snipers are good?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Pack it in.

25 A That was my understanding with the type of venue. If they're willing to

1 provide them, we're going to -- we're going to take it.

2 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q We are coming up on time. I just am trying to crystallize this for myself.
5 It sounds to me like the starting point for this event, for any sort of event for a protectee
6 starts with the detail. Is that fair? They are thinking about, "We're going here; these
7 are the assets we're going to need."

8 A Yeah. So the ops section of that detail would normally reach out to the
9 field office, SAIC, or supervisor, and say, "Hey, we have a visit coming up. This is what
10 we need the field office to provide."

11 Q And are you aware of that happening here?

12 A I'm not aware of it.

13 Q Okay. And, putting aside that initial call, so the detail traditionally would
14 say, "We're coming" -- was there -- "and these are the assets that we have."

15 So did Special Agent [REDACTED] ever convey to you, "We have this [REDACTED];
16 this is what we're working with; these are the handful of other assets we need to
17 request"? Was there that sort of level-setting talk of "this is what we've got, this is what
18 we need"?

19 A No.

20 Q Because it does sound, as we're trying to parse it, I'm sure you're sensing
21 that it was just sort of a little pile-on bit by bit. Here we're finding out about counter
22 snipers. Here we're finding out about counter-surveillance. A few days later, oh, they
23 requested counter, what is it, C-UAS, the aerial support.

24 But, from day one, there's no "here's what we've got, here's what we need." Is
25 that a fair recitation?

1 A That's where I think -- that's where I think that I wasn't maybe receiving all
2 the information to form a fair assessment of what was going on, because I wasn't -- I
3 think -- now I think it might be based on knowledge that other people had that maybe I
4 didn't have that these assets are now like just slowly rolling through.

5 It's my understanding of it that as -- maybe as they were finding -- as knowledge
6 or intelligence was being discussed, they were getting approval for additional assets.

7 ██████████: Okay. Thank you. And I think we're at time.

8 ██████████: Go off the record.

9 [Recess.]

10 ██████████: I'm going to yield to my colleague ██████████ real quick for a couple
11 questions, then ██████████, and then you'll get me again.

12 BY ██████████:

13 Q All right. So, ██████████ thank you for joining us today. And I just
14 wanted to follow up on something that you started talking about right at the end of our
15 first round before the minority took over.

16 You were talking a little bit about the his jump teams and how you wanted more
17 Secret Service personnel there. Can you explain why you wanted more Secret Service
18 personnel there? You kind of started going into that.

19 A Just because there's a couple roles, like the counter-surveillance response,
20 protective intelligence, post standers, that is unique and you kind of need to have done
21 those roles before to really get a good grasp on what your responsibilities are.

22 And then -- I'm trying to think of some of it. Obviously, the security room is the
23 most important job of the site. So you want your most experienced person there, which
24 was a post stander. So there's just a few real critical roles that I was -- really wanted,
25 you know, agents to be part of.

1 Q And have you had -- based on events prior to July 13th, have you worked
2 events that were staffed by his or in part?

3 A Only at the United Nations.

4 Q Okay. And did you experience anything at that event that made you
5 concerned about the level of protection that his agents were able to provide?

6 A Not concerned. It's just more work on your part to make sure that they
7 understand their job and roles. And it was a little bit more time-consuming as far as the
8 radios go as well. I had to make sure that we coded all the radios that they had
9 different -- they brought their own radios, so they were missing side pieces. So it's just
10 more time-consuming I would say than anything.

11 Q Okay. And, to your knowledge, is there any type of training that his agents
12 go through before they are assigned to work a Secret Service detail?

13 A What I've heard is that there is like a 1-hour PowerPoint or something like
14 that, but I've never seen it myself or know what it entails.

15 Q Okay. And then day of, really the only thing that they're getting from
16 Secret Service would be that morning briefing.

17 A Correct.

18 Q Is that correct?

19 A Correct. And then the paperwork gets emailed out to them for them to
20 review.

21 Q Okay. And then, the final thing on this, in your experience, both at July
22 13th and your prior experiences with his, are they just working in a post stander capacity,
23 or are they in that inner perimeter as well that we kind of talked about?

24 A So they are in the inner perimeter near the shift, but typically when the shift
25 comes they push them out. So they're holding the inner perimeter. And then, when

1 he arrived, as shift moves through the route, they're pushing the his guys to the outside.

2 And then when the former President or the protectee leaves, then the his guys or
3 the post standers will come back in and hold their posts again.

4 Q Okay. So, essentially, they're just bodies?

5 A Yeah. More like holding a ground as opposed to protecting the President
6 or the protectee.

7 Q Okay. So, just to clarify or just to kind of reiterate, no concerns with his
8 being there in terms of what they would be able to provide in terms of security. It was
9 more so a -- there was going to be more work on your end?

10 A Yeah, and just training, just training and knowledge of how it all works,
11 really.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q Are they gun carriers also?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. I'm just going to pivot a little bit and go back to the July 8th meeting
17 briefly to get the baseline. You said that [REDACTED], he led the breakout group for
18 the PI, the intelligence breakout.

19 Did you see him leave that, because he is asserting that he did not leave that
20 breakout room?

21 A I'm not sure what you mean by leave that. All that would have occurred is
22 that he would have met with like the Intel of the police unit and exchanged contact
23 information. That's probably the only thing that would have occurred.

24 Q Okay. So he wasn't presenting slides or anything?

25 A No. Oh, okay, so there is a protective intelligence portion of the briefing.

1 Q Right.

2 A And he could have -- the lead could have said -- introduced [REDACTED]

3 and had him stand up and give like two slides or whatever.

4 But the lead ended up just doing it, because she thought that it would run
5 smoother to just have her talk. She was doing everybody else's slides, so she just felt
6 like it would just run smoother rather than taking a break, have him talk about two slides
7 and then go back to her briefing.

8 Q So then, afterwards, when you were meeting in what we're just calling the
9 breakout groups, he -- it wouldn't have been that whoever he was meeting with he was
10 telling them what he needs them for or what they would be doing; it was just exchanging
11 numbers?

12 A Yeah. And he could say, "Hey" -- yeah, it could be that, "Hey, we need a
13 team at the site. We need a site protective intelligence team," so -- because every
14 protective intelligence team is one USS agent and then one local PD. So he could have
15 said at that meeting, "Yeah, we need two bodies, one to ride the motorcade with me for
16 the -- for the event, and then one at the site."

17 Q Okay. So was [REDACTED], the on-the-ground PI, was she there at
18 that point, or did she come later?

19 A She came later with the post standers.

20 Q Okay. So he would have just been meeting with I believe the PSP
21 counterpart at that time?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And exchanging information, that was just the extent of him --

24 A Correct.

25 Q Okay, that day. Great, got it. Okay.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q So, moving to Tuesday, July 9th, which we have started to go through a little
3 bit, you did a site walkthrough with Agent [REDACTED] right? Yeah, it's our exhibit page 1, the
4 back of the second page.

5 [REDACTED]: I think hers are one-sided.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Yeah, sorry, your typed-up notes.

8 A Okay.

9 Q And then it was advancing, so one, two, the fourth page of that, your typed
10 notes.

11 So you had done the airport walkthrough. After the airport walkthrough, you
12 went to the site, right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. And, with that site walkthrough, you were there with Agent [REDACTED]
15 Is that right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And then PSP Lieutenant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

18 A Correct.

19 Q Is that right? Okay.

20 Was anyone else there?

21 A The site agent.

22 Q Okay. While you guys were walking through -- I think the Democrats
23 brought this up a bit -- line of sight concerns were addressed. Talked about different
24 ways to mitigate that. And then, in your notes, it says that, "While discussing the site, I
25 said it would be easier to dissect the site with an overview map to see how big the

1 grounds are." So they went back to the barracks to pull it up on a smart screen.

2 Is that an accurate recitation?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Okay. While you were at the site, was there anything other than line of
5 sight concerns that you remember addressing?

6 A We talked about police, like vehicle posts. We talked about -- mainly posts
7 is what we were dissecting. Mainly posts where -- where there were any holes, how
8 many entrances to the site. And then we talked about fire and safety. We talked
9 about hazmat truck. I think a little bit about tactical teams.

10 Q On the I guess side of like fire and safety and things like that, the fence
11 perimeter, did you understand that to be a solid perimeter, or did you think at the time
12 that there were ways people could get in and out of that fence, like inside of the secure
13 site through the fence or outside of it?

14 A Yeah, there was multiple openings to the fence lines and a lot of holes too in
15 the fence.

16 Q Did you discuss how you were going to deal with those holes or breaks in the
17 fence on the perimeter?

18 A Yes. So we decided that we were going to have to walk the perimeter to
19 specifically address every area of concern.

20 Q Did you do that then?

21 A We did that. No, we did that on Thursday with any other entities that
22 wanted to join or that needed to be -- to see the site.

23 Q Were there any concerns about the individuals being posted between those
24 two fences?

25 A So the fence that you're referring to that adjoins the AGR building, is that

1 what you're referring to?

2 Q Yes. So there was the outer fence and then the inner fence, right?

3 A Yeah. So we talked about the -- when we were at the barracks, we talked
4 about the AGR and the concerns with the AGR and how close it was.

5 And so, you know, the thought -- I thought about putting posts on the opposite
6 side of the fence on the AGR side, but Lieutenant [REDACTED] said that he wanted the post on
7 the other side of the fence.

8 Q So in between the two?

9 A Yeah, in between the two. That was his preference. And I just assumed
10 that it's so that they could push -- it was easier for them to get to to -- for breaks and to
11 provide food or drinks or --

12 Q Why was it easier for them to get there?

13 A Because it was on the side, the site side. And they had like a break room in
14 the site that people were going to to take a break or to get food or --

15 Q You said you would have preferred to have them on the outside of the
16 fence?

17 A They said that that's where they wanted to be, so I said, "Fine." I said,
18 "That's fine." I mean, I didn't argue about, you know, whether they should be on which
19 side of the fence, but it was still offering the same --

20 Q But your initial thought was that -- outside the fence was your initial
21 thought, on the AGR side of the fence?

22 A Right. The -- it wouldn't have changed what their assignment was whether
23 they were on which side of the fence. The role of them being along that fence was to
24 prevent people from coming to the fence line and foot traffic.

25 Q And, if they were on the inside of that outer fence, that AGR fence, how

1 were they going to prevent foot traffic on the outside of that fence?

2 A Well, there was the gate that you could go to the other side if you needed to

3 go to the other side, or you radio to somebody or you talk to them at the fence and say,

4 "Hey, you aren't allowed to be here."

1 [12:26 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. It's our understanding that that outer fence had like either zip ties or
4 ways to secure so that people couldn't come in. Was that your recollection as well?

5 A I did not know that, that the fence was zip tied at the time.

6 Q Okay. Did you become aware of that at some point?

7 A After the event, during an interview they said it was, but I don't think it
8 would be a problem to break the zip ties or anything.

9 Q Yeah. And I think it's our understanding that a car actually rammed
10 through the fence to create an opening after shots were fired to try to get people out.

11 A Oh, that was a different fence.

12 Q That was a different fence?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay.

15 A But they all had tactical riot gear in their vehicles with them.

16 Q So they could have presumably got through the fence if they needed to -- or
17 over it, I mean? It's not that tall of a fence.

18 A Yeah. Yeah.

19 Q Was that a concern, like the fence being kind of short?

20 A For -- yeah, I mean, I --

21 Q For security.

22 A That's why we needed a lot of posts, a lot of posts around the fence. Yes, it
23 was a concern that somebody could potentially jump the fence.

24 Q Were there any mitigations that you remember discussing at those
25 walk-throughs of how to prevent people from coming up to the fence or going over the

1 fence?

2 A So on Tuesday, talking to Lieutenant [REDACTED], we discussed -- he said that the
3 business was going to be shut down, and he talked to the owner, and that it would
4 be -- the business would be locked, secured, and posted.

5 So the parking lots were secured. They were shut down. And then there were
6 police posts, patrol units there. And then there were the -- we had four posts along the
7 fence line watching -- looking at the AGR, so if any -- they would see somebody coming up
8 to the fence line of the AGR. And then there was rovers on the opposite side, on the
9 streetway side. And then we discussed the water tower as well.

10 Q What did you discuss about the water tower?

11 A That potentially somebody could -- they could be -- it could be an area of
12 concern if somebody is going to try to get up there.

13 Q And who did you discuss that concern with?

14 A Lieutenant [REDACTED].

15 Q What did he say?

16 A We just talked about maybe we might need to post it.

17 Q Okay. You said that he communicated that the AGR building would be
18 closed, locked, and posted -- closed, secured, and posted?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q So your understanding was that there would be bodies, physical bodies
21 stationed around the AGR complex for -- or what was your understanding of posted?

22 A Yeah. So there would be patrol vehicles in the parking lots on each side.
23 There was a parking lot on each side of the building. And then there was officers along
24 the fence line. And then later found out that the CS team was going to be inside, the
25 local CS teams were going to be inside the building.

1 Q Okay. And so you went back to the police barracks. You pull up a
2 diagram, or I guess a map. If you look at the majority exhibit 2, it's page 12, it's the map
3 of the site from the preliminary survey.

4 Have you seen this map before?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. Was this similar to something that you pulled up, like this was the
7 area you were looking at, at the police barracks that day?

8 A I would say so.

9 Q Okay. Did you sort of work out where these posts would be that day in the
10 police barracks, or were you just looking at a blank map saying this is what we should do?

11 A I don't know that we were going specifically post to post like that. That
12 was more something that we needed to do on the ground. But we were just mapping
13 out general assets.

14 Q Okay. Did you help make this map at all?

15 A No.

16 Q Do you know who did?

17 A The site agent.

18 Q You said on the AGR side presumably people would be there to prevent
19 crowds from gathering on that side of the fence, right, officers or patrolmen?

20 A They wanted to be on the site side. So they were on the site side.

21 Q For the AGR complex, though, you said --

22 A The AGR complex patrol units, yeah, and the parking lots preventing anyone
23 from being able to park it.

24 Q And then on the day of the event, did you ever become aware of a crowd
25 gathering along that fence line?

1 A I did not --

2 Q Did you --

3 A -- know that there was a crowd gathering.

4 Q Okay.

5 A Had I known, I would've gone over there.

6 Q Okay. When did you learn that there were -- that there ended up being a
7 crowd over there?

8 A After this all happened.

9 Q Okay. As the crowd was gathering, would it be your understanding that the
10 people inside the two fences, the posts there and then the two cars, that would be their
11 responsibility to remove that crowd?

12 A Correct. Or if they couldn't physically do it themselves for whatever
13 reason, that they would reach out to command to have somebody come remove the
14 crowd.

15 Q Okay.

16 A Or at least let them know that the crowd was there.

17 Q Okay. Last thing on your notes, on July 9th, it says, "Sent [REDACTED] an
18 example of how to reach out to the telephone numbers and put the [REDACTED] in place."

19 What's the [REDACTED]?

20 A [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED],
22 [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED].

24 Q Who would make -- who would know the number to call? Like is that like a
25 publicly available thing? Or where does that number come from? Who has access to

1 it?

2 A What number?

3 [REDACTED]: Are you saying it's a number for the facility --

4 [REDACTED] Yes.

5 [REDACTED]: -- that the location would be using?

6 [REDACTED] Yes. So I got permission from the general manager of the facility,

7 Butler Farm Show. They signed a [REDACTED] I asked them, what's your main

8 telephone number, and then what's your telephone company?

9 And then what you're referring to is I'm -- that [REDACTED] that I got signed, we
10 send that off to the telephone company and we say we're -- we have got permission to
11 put this [REDACTED] in place.

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] --

15 [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 [REDACTED] -- or a [REDACTED] or anything like that.

17 [REDACTED]: Did any of those calls come in that day, as far as you're aware?

18 [REDACTED] Not that I'm aware of.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. We can move on to Wednesday, the 10th.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Just quickly, would those have been reported, like would those have been
22 funneled directly to [REDACTED], or they would have been funneled to somebody else if they
23 had come in?

24 A So they would call the main line, I guess whoever is answering the main line.
25 Probably nobody would've been answering, because we're at the site in their office

1 building.

2 Q If someone had answered, and they would've been like, okay, we need to
3 trace this back to whatever phone number, who would they funnel that phone number
4 to? Would that be the --

5 A So we would call the company that we sent the [REDACTED] to and ask
6 them to -- for that phone number.

7 Q Okay.

8 BY [REDACTED]:

9 Q Would [REDACTED] make that call, or you?

10 A I think [REDACTED] would probably be the one to make that call.

11 Q Okay. All right.

12 So back to your typed-up notes. On Wednesday, 7/10, your first note is referring
13 to the Donald Trump detail sending out a request for CUAS coverage.

14 It's our understanding that that coverage was already kind of part of the detail.
15 Was that your understanding?

16 A Sorry, where?

17 Q It's page -- well, it's marked page 5 on your typed-up notes. And it's at the
18 bottom of the page, Wednesday, 7/10/24, "DTD ops sent out a request for CUAS coverage
19 at 10:23 a.m." Do you see it?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q Oh, okay. Was your understanding that that was already part of the detail
22 that they already had that with them, or was this like a new request coming in?

23 A Yeah, I didn't -- I don't know, because --

24 Q Okay. Also, back to your, sorry, your handwritten notes. I know we're
25 jumping around a lot. You say that Special Agent [REDACTED], the TSD advance agent,

1 came to the site for walk-throughs. You asked him how far he intended to sweep. And
2 you said that he didn't want to sweep the entire site where all the hangars and
3 warehouses are, but you weren't concerned about that. Is that accurate?

4 A These are the typed?

5 Q This is your handwritten notes.

6 [REDACTED] What's the Bates number?

7 [REDACTED] Hang on.

8 [Pause.]

9 792.

10 BY [REDACTED] :

11 Q All right. So let's just talk about sweeps not on your written notes while
12 they pull it up.

13 When you were talking to [REDACTED] what was your conversation about sweeps
14 about?

15 A I just asked him how far he was intending to sweep. And I don't know what
16 he said, but it sounded like he wasn't intending to sweep the entire middle perimeter.
17 And I said, no, we need to sweep the entire middle perimeter, because I don't know who
18 these hangars belong to and I'm concerned about them. And it's much easier to request
19 post standers to hold those areas when I say that they're being swept and then held.

20 Q Yeah.

21 A So that's why the more he sweeps the better chance I have of getting more
22 bodies --

23 Q And --

24 A -- to hold the sweep.

25 Q Which makes sense. Did he end up sweeping the entire middle perimeter?

1 A Yes, my understanding.

2 Q And were you able to put in the request and get those bodies there?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. Moving on to July 11th. So July 11th you had a walk-through. Do
5 you remember who was at the walk-through on July 11th?

6 A So, I mean, it seemed like everybody showed up to this walk-through.

7 Q Like the big walk-through. This is like the big, right before we're getting
8 close to the event, everyone's here doing the final sort of --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- checks or things like that. Okay.

11 Did the whole group just tour the whole site together? Or how do you
12 remember that happening?

13 A So I remember talking to the fire and EMS personnel first, and then it -- there
14 was like -- it started to get longer and longer, the conversations, about where we're
15 putting certain equipment.

16 So that's when I -- I asked [REDACTED] to come up, the campaign lead staff, to come up
17 and try to coordinate where they wanted those specific assets for emergencies, because
18 they were paying -- the campaign was paying for it, and I didn't want to overspeak to
19 where they wanted -- what they wanted in their plan. They were paying for it. And I
20 wasn't sure where they were putting all the vendors. And so I asked him to come up
21 and so he did.

22 And during that time, as well, I was able to get an ambulance for the motorcade,
23 because I know the lead had tried, reached out to multiple departments, and they
24 wanted to send a bill for an ambulance to get into the motorcade.

25 So we were able to get that. And then after that I said, hey, anybody that wants

1 to see -- we're going to walk the perimeter, anyone that's interested in joining us, feel
2 free to come.

3 TSD, I believe, went off with like the military and the EOD assets, and then the
4 tactical units went off with CS.

5 Q Okay. So were you with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for a lot of it, or did they break
6 off?

7 A [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] was doing paperwork in like the office.

8 Q Okay. So [REDACTED] wasn't there, just [REDACTED] --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- and you walking through?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q Did you guys stay together the whole time?

13 A I mean, we weren't right next -- on top of one another. But, yeah, I mean,
14 we were in like -- yeah, we were relatively close to one another the whole time, I think.

15 Q Did you hear any concerns come up about securing the site, any line-of-sight
16 concerns? Were those discussed again?

17 A Line-of-sight concerns? I don't recall discussing that.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I mean, line-of-sight concerns were discussed every day with the staff, but
20 not with -- I don't recall discussing that with the locals during the walk-through.

21 Q PSP Lieutenant [REDACTED] said that he was taking notes for the Butler Sheriff's
22 Office as well as PSP, because he was jointly working on their ops plan. Did he say that
23 to you?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. Did you ever see that ops plan that he made or was taking notes for?

1 A I believe he sent it, but I didn't know he was sending it and then it got in with
2 my hundreds of emails, so I never actually looked at it ahead of time.

3 Q Okay. Do you know if he just sent it to you, or did he send it to others as
4 well?

5 A He sent it to others.

6 Q Did he send it to [REDACTED]

7 A Yes.

8 Q And [REDACTED]

9 A Yes.

10 [REDACTED]: Do you know when he sent that?

11 [REDACTED] Friday afternoon, I believe.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Do you remember calling a member of the Butler ESU using Lieutenant
14 [REDACTED] phone that day?

15 A So Lieutenant [REDACTED] called.

16 Q Okay.

17 A And I'm not sure who he called. And then gave the phone to me.

18 Q What was the subject of that conversation?

19 A As we were walking through, I remember thinking, oh, this would be a good
20 spot to put the -- one of the tactical teams on the outer perimeter. There was a lot of
21 space there.

22 And so he had said -- Lieutenant [REDACTED] had said, oh, they plan to be in between
23 these two warehouses. And I was like, well, I don't really want them between two
24 warehouses, because I want them to be able to have a visual if there's a threat. I want
25 them to be able to see a threat coming. To me, it was better to be out.

1 And so I said, can you call somebody from Butler ESU? And he said, yeah. I
2 don't know who he called. And then that's when I got on the phone, and I said, hey, can
3 you guys post at this -- it was like a gas pump. And he said, well, Secret Service told us
4 we wanted -- they wanted us hidden. And I said, no, who told you that? And he was
5 like, I don't know, Secret Service. And I said, well, I am Secret Service. We don't need
6 you to be hidden. We don't need you to be covert. Like I would like you to post here
7 instead of between the warehouses. And he said, okay.

8 Q So what were the two warehouses you were referring to?

9 A It was like two of the hangars, in between two hangars.

10 Q So back by the airport?

11 A Uh-huh. So it was like a similar location. I was just suggesting to be out in
12 the open, and not to like stop people or anything like that, but just to be seen in case
13 somebody was going to try to something, maybe they would see like a huge armored
14 truck and think, oh, think twice about it, rather than not being seen in between two
15 buildings.

16 Q That makes sense.

17 Was the team -- did they end up posting between the buildings or by the gas
18 pump like you suggested?

19 A In between the buildings.

20 Q In between the buildings?

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q Did they communicate that to you beforehand or --

23 A No.

24 Q -- that's just what happened?

25 A That's just what happened.

1 Q Was there any follow-up with them afterwards? Like day of did you walk
2 by and see, like, oh, they're not in the place I asked them to be in?

3 A Yeah, I saw it, and I didn't say anything.

4 Q Okay.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q You said in your MAR they were kind of having a picnic there? Is that what
7 they were doing?

8 A I didn't say that.

9 Q Oh.

10 A No, somebody else said that. But they were just out -- I mean, they were
11 just hanging out like on lawn chairs.

12 Q Do you know who said that?

13 A No, I don't know. You're saying I said it?

14 Q No, I said, who said the picnic then?

15 A Oh, I don't know.

16 Q All right.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q Where was the gas pump? You said it was in a similar area just outside the
19 building?

20 A Yeah, it was just like a huge like empty lot. I think it was just -- it was really
21 just adjacent to it, maybe right behind the hangars.

22 Q Okay. Did you have any conversation about the other local TAC team
23 locations?

24 A So when I found -- on Wednesday, I had said to -- Tuesday is when the site
25 agent told me that they were providing a [REDACTED]. I had said, you need to

1 clarify it. You need to break it down. What are they providing?

2 So I followed up on Wednesday with the lead and the site agent, and I said, who's
3 coordinating these tactical assets? And that's when [REDACTED] said that CS was coming, so
4 CS was coordinating the counter sniper assets.

5 And then [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] that this [REDACTED] kid, he was a part of the CAT, I guess
6 he was part of the CAT coming off the plane, was coordinating the tactical asset.

7 So at that point, I kind of stepped back and felt that they seemed to have the plan
8 under control, who was coordinating what.

9 Q So [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] -- is that [REDACTED]?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was coordinating the local TAC team?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And [REDACTED] said that the counter sniper, Secret Service counter snipers were
14 coordinating the local snipers?

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q Okay. And then you were like, well --

17 A Yeah. And to my understanding, with those conversations, that they were
18 putting the second team behind the barn, at like the 6 o'clock area.

19 Q The local TAC?

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q Okay. And then your understanding on Thursday, July 11th, during this
22 walk-through, was your understanding that the local snipers were still coming?

23 A I can't remember when I found out about the local. So I think it was that
24 day, but I don't remember if it was -- I think it -- I don't remember if I knew during the
25 walk-through or if I knew after the walk-through.

1 Q Okay. Did you talk about magnetometer requests while you were doing
2 the walk-through or where they were going to be?

3 A I don't know if that was part of the conversation.

4 Q Okay. I think it was in your Senate interview you said that you had
5 requested more magnetometers, and the request -- I think you requested 13 or
6 something and you ended up getting 10?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Is that accurate?

9 A But the lead requested the assets.

10 Q The lead requested?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Did you --

13 A It's more of a calculated number that they put in place based on the
14 attendees. And so she -- that was the number that she came up with based on the
15 calculations and that's what she requested, and they came back and said, okay, we'll give
16 you 10.

17 Q Okay. Is that a relatively normal --

18 A I would say so.

19 [REDACTED]. Is it HQ that said 10?

20 [REDACTED] So it goes to DTD ops, her request goes to DTD ops, and then I think
21 ultimately goes to OPO from there.

22 But I think it might be like a manpower thing. Like it goes to the magnetometer
23 section, and then maybe they say, oh, this is how many we have available. So it may be
24 based on availability. I don't know.

25 [REDACTED]. Did the reduced number of magnetometers become an issue day

1 of, that you're aware of?

2 [REDACTED] I think it just may have made lines longer.

3 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 6

4 was marked for identification.]

5 [REDACTED]: We're going to introduce majority exhibit 6. This is Bates No.
6 2888 and to 2889. These are text messages produced to us by Secret Service from the
7 personal phone of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a little after 11 p.m. on July 11th.

8 This is difficult to read. Can you read it?

9 [REDACTED]: We'll be starting at the bottom of the first page.

10 [REDACTED] Oh, okay. Yeah.

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q It's just a little blurry, sorry.

13 It says, "Does blank know he is supposed to send out PI information?" That was
14 [REDACTED] right, [REDACTED]

15 A Are we on the first page?

16 Q Sorry, first page, bottom text. Sorry, I know it's hard to read.

17 A Oh.

18 Q It's a text sent --

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Yeah. So, "Does blank know he is supposed to send out PI information?"
21 That was you sending that to [REDACTED] right?

22 A Okay. Yeah, I guess.

23 Q And we looked at it unredacted, and it's [REDACTED] so [REDACTED].
24 The next page, [REDACTED] responds, "Probably not."

25 And then you send, "He's only seen" -- it's hard to read -- "He's only seen it from

1 us a shit ton, but I guess he doesn't pay attention to protection." That's okay. I swear
2 all the time.

3 Do you remember sending these texts?

4 A Is this over work?

5 ██████████. This is from ██████████ personal phone, and then the last text he
6 goes, ██████████ goes, "He's a big picture guy."

7 ██████████ So this isn't hers?

8 BY ██████████:

9 Q This is from ██████████ phone, but you sent it to her phone.

10 A Okay. Yeah, I don't remember this.

11 Q Okay.

12 A But now, okay.

13 Q But you did -- I mean, I guess, we've talked a little bit about ██████████ Did
14 you feel like there was a lot of sort of gaps you had to fill to sort of back up ██████████
15 throughout this time?

16 A Yeah. I just -- there were, but I don't know what his experience is with
17 protective intelligence, so --

18 Q And is that normal to not kind of -- to not really know the experience level of
19 the people you're working with?

20 A I don't know -- like there's so many different roles, so I don't know if he's
21 ever done protective intelligence before or how many times or -- so I don't -- he's --

22 Q You've done a lot --

23 A He's our cyber guy, so he tries to avoid protection, and he's the investigator
24 of the office.

25 Q Okay. You've done a lot of PI though, right? Some?

1 A A fair amount. I try to avoid it. They typically make PI like a senior agent.

2 Q Okay. Did [REDACTED] have any -- did you talk to him about this at all, about this
3 assignment, about what he needed to do? Were you trying to help coordinate that?

4 A A little bit, yeah, a little bit. I talked to him about how to do the [REDACTED] and
5 [REDACTED] I know [REDACTED] talked to him about the expectation of the name checks and
6 how she wanted it to be done.

7 I talked to him about -- sending information about the site PI and to reach out to
8 the site PI and talked about having a counterpart in the motorcade and to have AUSA
9 with him.

10 So, yeah, I mean, we briefly discussed what he needed to do.

11 [REDACTED]. So when you're saying, "Does [REDACTED] know if he's supposed to
12 send out the PI information, LOL," what PI information are you talking about that he's
13 supposed to send out?

14 [REDACTED] I mean, I don't know that it's like -- so normally if you're like PI, you
15 send out heckler policy, you send out demonstration policy, you send out
16 people -- subjects of interest, and you introduce yourself, hey, I'm the protective
17 intelligence agent of the visit. And it's just like a blurb of information.

18 [REDACTED]. And just to clarify, who would that be sent out to?

19 [REDACTED] All the -- like the post standers, anybody involved in the visit. But
20 I don't know that it's a mandatory requirement or anything like that. I just -- I'm just
21 used to seeing it. So when I do it I'm like, oh, let me go look at what the last person did,
22 and I try to mimic it to the best of my ability.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q So we now know -- I know hindsight is 20/20 -- but we now know that there
25 was a [REDACTED]. Were you at any

1 time made aware of that?

2 A No.

3 Q To the best of your knowledge, was [REDACTED] made aware of that at
4 any time?

5 A Not to my knowledge.

6 Q To your knowledge, was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] made aware of that?

7 A Not to my knowledge.

8 Q Okay.

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q Not to your knowledge about the specific [REDACTED] they were made
11 aware of, or not to your knowledge they were made aware of any threat?

12 A So I believe with the conversation with [REDACTED] after the fact, I believe she had
13 said that she wasn't made aware of some kind of intel. That's what she had said. But
14 during the time throughout the visit I didn't know about anything at all.

15 Q So she didn't tell you that beforehand?

16 A No.

17 Q Is that something that she should have told you, do you think?

18 A The credible intel that she --

19 Q That --

20 A I don't -- she didn't really -- it sounds like she didn't really know anything.
21 She just knew there was intel.

22 She would've passed it on up the chain. She necessarily -- I wouldn't -- I
23 would've liked to know, yes. I would've liked to know. But I can't say that that's how it
24 always is. It's usually going to go up the chain.

25 Q Rather than telling the intel person, she would tell her boss usually?

1 A So I would say that headquarters should be telling the intel person about this
2 intelligence. That's where they get their intelligence briefing, is from headquarters.
3 We have a whole section of Protective Intelligence -- Intelligence Division.

4 So they should be passing it on to the proper entities. Whether or not it came
5 from Protective Intelligence or it came from the -- I don't know where the origination of it
6 came from.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q In your handwritten notes, I do know it's on page two of this one, you
9 mentioned threats. It says, "Why am I hearing that there were threats to the site on a
10 TV?" It says, "How can the SAIC of our field office not know about any threats, and why
11 did they feel that only one part of SOD was sufficient to cover it instead of the entire
12 package?"

13 Can you talk us through this note and sort of your thoughts afterwards about this
14 threat environment that you weren't aware of?

15 A Yeah. So I just think that you should be made aware of everything that
16 you're dealing with. You already have a complex site and now you're throwing threats
17 on top of that.

18 I think that definitely could've heightened the security. I think it could've called
19 for possibly more bodies or more requests from locals or conversations to be had with
20 everybody on the ground. "Hey, this is the situation. Let's all be on our best game.
21 Maybe more briefings, maybe more meetings, maybe" -- I don't know. I don't know.

22 Q But it could've fundamentally changed how this was operating?

23 A Correct, in my opinion.

24 Q Yeah.

25 A Yeah.

1 Q As far as you're aware, were there any threats to FLOTUS that day?

2 A Not that I'm aware of.

3 Q Okay. We're at time, I think. Right? Or do I have like 2 minutes?

4 [REDACTED]: You've got 2 minutes.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm going to go fast.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q All right. Friday, July 12th. On Friday, do you remember doing the second
8 supervisor walk-through with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I don't know how to say the
9 other -- [REDACTED] name?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. What did you do before that walk-through and then during?

12 A Before the walk-through, I went to the site and was talking to the staff lead
13 about line of sight and wanted to put Penske trucks to mitigate line of sight on the 3 -- in
14 the 3 o'clock area.

15 Q So the AGR building area?

16 A Correct. And then also around like the 10 o'clock area right outside the
17 mags. And he had said -- the staff lead had said that it was going to be in his press shot
18 and that we had to move it up to like the 2 o'clock area.

19 Q And the staff lead is --

20 A Is [REDACTED].

21 Q [REDACTED].

22 You said they ended up in the 2 o'clock area?

23 A He had said that he could've put it -- yeah, that it would be in the press shot,
24 and that we would have to move it up to the 2 o'clock. But he didn't put it at all.

25 Q Who would be in charge of putting those trucks there day of?

1 A So it's something that would be worked out ahead of time with the staff
2 or you would have to send out an expense. You would have to contract it out by a
3 vendor and expense it through the detail.

4 ██████: Would those be paid for by the Secret Service or the campaign?

5 ██████ It could be either-or. So sometimes it is the campaign and
6 sometimes it's the Secret Service.

7 BY ██████:

8 Q Who's in charge of coordinating that? Is that the lead agent?

9 A The line of sight?

10 Q The trucks and who's going to pay for them and where they're going to go.

11 A Yeah, so the lead is in charge of all the expenses.

12 Q The lead, okay. And then the placement of the trucks, I understand, is a
13 conversation between like you, ██████ the campaign staff, maybe ██████ sometimes. And
14 you have this conversation, and they said maybe the 2 o'clock. And then do you
15 remember what happened after that was proposed or thrown out there?

16 A Yeah, he just said, okay. Yeah, he said, that's fine. We'll put them at
17 the -- we'll move them up, put them at the 2 o'clock, and we'll put the other two at the 10
18 o'clock or whatever.

19 But there was also these like tractors that were right outside the magnetometers,
20 and I had asked him, hey, what are these tractors for, because they really didn't have a
21 purpose. And he said, oh, it's just -- it's for show. They don't serve a purpose. And I
22 said, let's use those. Can we use those to mitigate some of our line of sights? And he
23 said, no, they're too big.

24 And then I also discussed this multiple times with Lieutenant ██████ He had
25 sent the staff lead pictures from a previous visit and had said, hey, we have this

1 equipment that we could get with banners, we have flags, we have tractors. Let me
2 know. And the vendor said that they'll, free of charge, they'll give it to us, donate it for
3 the day. And I guess, [REDACTED] again, came back and said like, no, thanks.

4 Q Okay. So, sorry, I know I'm at time.

5 But with the ones that he said, okay, we can do the 2 o'clock, does that then
6 go -- who executes that? Like I guess like he agrees, you agree, like 2 o'clock, cool, we
7 can do this. But it didn't happen.

8 So I'm wondering, was that supposed to be [REDACTED] was supposed to make sure that
9 happened or [REDACTED] was supposed to say, okay, let's put these trucks here? Like you guys
10 agreed to have them at the 2 o'clock and then they didn't show up, so I'm wondering
11 where does that responsibility lie?

12 A Yeah, because they were like -- they were already on site, and then at
13 what -- at -- I would've assumed that the campaign, because I don't even know what
14 trucks they were. They were for the build, I guess. I would assume that he would've
15 talked to the truck driver and said this is where we're going to put the truck.

16 Q So the build just probably wasn't done?

17 A [Nonverbal response.]

18 Q Right.

19 A Or he wasn't around and the truck driver might've taken off, something like
20 that.

21 Q He being [REDACTED]

22 A [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. Okay. All right.

24 We can go off the record.

25 [Recess.]

1 ██████████. Okay. We can go back on the record.

2 I think my colleague just has a few follow-up questions and then we'll basically
3 pick back up where the majority was.

4 BY ██████████:

5 Q Just two quick ones with respect to the end of the previous round.

6 Line-of-sight issues, there's a conversation. Not knowing the lingo, what does it
7 mean for something to be too big to block a line of sight?

8 A I'm not quite sure myself what he's saying when he's saying it's too big. He
9 said that there would be -- I don't know if it's to fit in between the other pieces that he
10 had there. There was bleachers, jumbotrons, speakers.

11 So I don't know if he was saying it would get in the way of, the speakers or the
12 jumbotrons, like the TVs, or -- I'm not sure. Because, to me, I agree, I don't know why
13 anything would've been too big.

14 Q Okay. So from a pure protective point of view, that statement did not refer
15 to any known concept that you're aware of?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Okay. When there was a discussion about moving equipment to the 2
18 o'clock, would the 2 o'clock have blocked line of sight from the AGR building, if you recall?

19 A It would have blocked a different line of sight. So it would have just
20 blocked other buildings in that area, but not the particular building that we're talking
21 about.

22 Q I got it. Thank you.

23 BY ██████████:

24 Q And, again, just staying on this line-of-sight topic and to discuss a few other
25 entries on your timeline, we talked about day one, on July 8th, that you pointed out to

1 Special Agent [REDACTED] like, this is going to be an issue, let's make sure that that's on the
2 radar.

3 I see on Tuesday, July 9th, this is on page 4 of your typed notes, "LOS concerns
4 were addressed again with the staff lead. Lieutenant [REDACTED] sent him pictures from the
5 last Trump rally in 2020 with all the farm equipment that they used. They also had huge
6 banners and flags they were willing to lend for the day. [REDACTED] responded the next day and
7 said that the equipment was too large. I think they may have borrowed the flag."

8 So that's what we were just -- I think you mentioned Lieutenant [REDACTED] before.

9 So cost was not an issue here as far as you were aware?

10 A Correct.

11 Q There was no issue with even if the campaign was paying for it, there were
12 vendors willing to share this?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q And we just talked about it being too large.

15 To your mind, maybe my layman's view, isn't bigger better for blocking line of
16 sight? You want large trucks or something to be able to better secure the site?

17 A Yes, that would be my viewpoint as well.

18 Q How did you -- what were your discussions with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about this
19 line-of-sight issue?

20 A So the discussions were right before the supervisor walk-through. So after
21 we talked about the trucks and he was willing to give trucks, we had the supervisor
22 walk-through, and he was still building out the site and near the stage.

23 And I -- the site agent was taking the lead on the walk-through and briefing her
24 supervisor. I wasn't involved in any of the briefing at all. My phone was ringing, so I
25 had to take a couple calls.

1 But when he then addressed the line of sight at those -- that particular area, I
2 suddenly said, [REDACTED] -- I reached out to [REDACTED] and said, hey, let's join the conversation here.

3 Because at that point I was like this needs to be addressed with the supervisor.
4 This is -- the detail of the supervisor, you're the staff of the detail, you guys need to come
5 together and come up with what you think is sufficient or going to work here.

6 Q And what day was that supervisor walk-through?

7 A That was Friday at noon.

8 Q Okay. Friday at noon. So it seems to me from your timeline, up until that
9 discussion, you're basically having daily discussions with [REDACTED]

10 Anybody else that you're sort of communicating about this on a regular basis?
11 Did you discuss the light-of-sight issues with --

12 A Well, the site agent knew the whole time, and she's really part of the detail
13 and should be the one that's negotiating all of this with the detail.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Does that reflect -- well, for that particular conversation, based on the
16 description of who does what, it would be the site agent sort of leading the Secret
17 Service's side of that conversation?

18 A Yes.

19 Q It sounds like, at least in these particular conversations, that is not quite
20 what happened. Is that fair?

21 A Fair.

22 Q Any understanding from your point of view about why not, at least just for
23 these particular line-of-sight conversations?

24 A I didn't see any real engagement with the site agent in her interactions with
25 the staff, so if it -- if there was engagement throughout the week, I am not aware of it.

1 So I don't know what she negotiated or what discussion she had with staff.

2 But it was also -- we didn't have like the normal staff countdown meetings daily or
3 anything like that, so maybe they just talked offline. Because I know any time I had a
4 question or an issue I just called [REDACTED] directly and asked.

5 Q Was that relative lack of engagement compared to what you normally sort of
6 expect to see from a site agent, was that just with respect to line-of-sight issues, or is that
7 a theme that you noticed a little bit more broadly in the planning of the event?

8 A It was the theme.

9 Q Do you have any sense from your perspective of what the underlying cause
10 of that theme might have been?

11 A Maybe just lack of experience.

12 Q And there's a certain amount of guesswork there, it sounds like. Is that
13 right?

14 A Yeah. And, again, I don't -- it's probably better directed towards her
15 supervisor what her experience is. It's hard to say when you just meet somebody.

16 Q I understand. Thank you.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q And on that sort of final walk-through the day before, on Friday, July 12th,
19 you said you tried to get everybody together, I think, with campaign staff, Special Agent
20 [REDACTED] her supervisors from the detail.

21 Did her supervisors weigh in here at all? What were they saying to the campaign
22 to the best of your recollection?

23 A So [REDACTED] was just saying the same thing, like what he was planning on putting
24 there, the jumbotrons, the flags, the speakers. There was tractor trucks -- or tractors
25 they had in mind. And then they just continued on. And no one ever said anything to

1 me after that or followed up with me on trying to mitigate it in any other way.

2 Q So when you left that discussion, the flags, the jumbotrons, did you feel like
3 the line-of-sight concerns that you had been addressing over the course of the week were
4 going to be addressed with that equipment, or did you still feel like there might be some
5 holes there?

6 A I don't know. I don't know. But to me --

7 Q To you, yes.

8 A To me, like I'd rather just address it immediately. Like line of sight, you see
9 it, you can address it. Like I'd want the equipment there knowing -- being the one to put
10 it in place -- knowing that it's already there rather than waiting, waiting, waiting, waiting,
11 waiting, we're still waiting, you know.

12 I've honestly -- there's lots of issues between staff and Secret Service all the time,
13 but this is not one that I've come across, the line of sight. Normally it's very standard to
14 be able to put whatever you want in line of sight.

15 So this was a unique situation. It's normally negotiated upfront. It's kind of like
16 a security thing and it needs to be addressed. So it was a bit frustrating.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q This is similar to what you were just asking, but as of the 12th, was the
19 situation line of sight-wise, from your point of view, that there were these conversations
20 about ways you could mitigate the issue, but there was not yet really an agreed-upon
21 plan that everybody involved agreed was going to happen.

22 Is that fair? Or was there a plan that you felt like everybody involved had said,
23 yes, we are in agreement, we're going to do X, Y, and Z?

24 A No, it sounded like the plan was whatever [REDACTED] said that he was going to do
25 and --

1 Q And what was that again? Sorry.

2 A Whatever he decided he was going to put there. It was a combine,
3 speakers, the bleachers, jumbotrons, he had a flag.

4 So it sounded like that was their plan. Again, I passed it off to the supervisors.
5 It's their detail. Like I sort of expected maybe somebody to come back and be like don't
6 worry about what they're saying they're putting, let's just handle it now.

7 Q And the supervisors in this case, who was that again on each side?

8 A It was [REDACTED] --

9 Q Got it.

10 A -- for the detail side.

11 But I would still think that it's really the site agent that should be having these
12 conversations with her supervisors.

13 Q What is typical in terms of a plan? When you're headed into the day of the
14 event, there's sort of this lingering issue -- it's not an unimportant issue -- line of sight.

15 What's the plan from a site counterpart point of view in terms of like seeing that
16 that's been resolved somehow as of show time?

17 A So she -- the site agent said that on the day of the event she takes photos of
18 the stage, looking out, looking in, and sends them to her bosses, which is a standard thing
19 that they do on the President's detail. So whether or not that occurred, I don't know.

20 So I don't know if they had a discussion that they felt comfortable with the line of
21 sight. From my vantage point, when I got on to the site, I could see that there was
22 equipment there.

23 But I didn't go on stage to be like, okay, is this sufficient, is there a gap? I didn't
24 go on stage because I was dealing with all the outer perimeter posts on the other side,
25 and the site agent was the one taking all of those inner perimeter posts near the tents,

1 near the stage.

2 So that would've been her responsibility to go up and make sure that it was the
3 way she wanted it to be.

4 Q So you're seeing equipment of whatever kind on the day of, and the thought
5 is basically, hey, whatever that is, I would assume that that reflects whatever the site
6 agent and the supervisor and the staff all agreed to?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay.

9 [REDACTED]. Now we'll sort of go back and march through our chronology a bit
10 more.

11 One question I did want to return to on the July 8th police meeting, and I think
12 you've already answered this, but I just want to be clear.

13 Do you recall whether you or any of the other Secret Service agents gave any
14 instructions to the locals on that time, focusing on July 8th, to remain hidden, to stay out
15 of media lines of sight, anything like that?

16 [REDACTED]. And we could put a fine point on it for you.

17 [REDACTED]. Yeah.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q On the local side there was a sense that --

20 A On the -- at the police meeting.

21 Q At the police meeting on the 8th, that there was some sort of guideline given
22 from either yourself or Lead [REDACTED] not totally clear, but the message being that local
23 tactical assets should stay out of sight in order to avoid unnecessary, at least in part,
24 media exposures.

25 And I think we're just wondering whether you have any recollection of either

1 yourself or a colleague saying something along those lines on July 8th.

2 A I did not say that.

3 Q Did you hear anybody else say it?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay.

6 [REDACTED] Does that sound something that a Secret Service agent would say?

7 [REDACTED] It sounds like something that the CAT team potentially could do,

8 because they stay one terrain feature behind usually. So they might be -- if the

9 President -- if our protectee is in the hallway, they might be in this room right behind.

10 So a lot of times they are indoors or hidden in a stairwell, so it's not uncommon

11 for them to be in that. But I think now -- and, again, because of the public, they don't

12 want to scare the public.

13 But I think now we're at the point where we're talking about stadiums and things

14 like that, and they're just like out in the open now. They don't worry about that as

15 much.

16 [REDACTED] Well, at least on the 8th, you don't recall somebody telling locals,

17 keep your tactical guys out of sight?

18 [REDACTED] Yeah, no, for a tactical, like a local tactical, no.

19 [REDACTED] Thank you.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Thank you.

22 And then on July 9th, just to briefly talk about the work that you were doing at the

23 airport, I think you were talking with Lieutenant [REDACTED] to set up tactical assets at the

24 airport. This is from your notes. Lieutenant [REDACTED] is with PSP? Is that right?

25 A Allegheny County.

1 Q Allegheny County, excuse me. Thank you.

2 And he said he would provide two CS teams.

3 So if I'm reading this correctly, you sort of are the -- coordinating the tactical
4 assets as well for that site.

5 A Correct.

6 Q Did you have any role in coordinating the tactical assets for the Butler Farm
7 Show site, for site 2?

8 A So I could've if they asked me to. And I, again, like engaged with those
9 conversations: Hey, what have we got tactical-wise? You need to figure out how this
10 SWAT team is being divided.

11 I started those conversations, and then the next day I followed up with the site
12 agent and the lead. And then when they kind of said that they -- that the CS [REDACTED]
13 was taking the one, the CS aspect, and that [REDACTED] was taking the CAT aspect, then that's
14 when I said, okay, you guys, you seem to have it handled.

15 Q There were additional hands to help.

16 A Correct.

17 Q And you felt like you had the experience necessary to speak tactical to
18 tactical with Lieutenant [REDACTED]

19 A Yes. He works with us all the time, and he does the airport all the time, so I
20 was very comfortable with that.

21 Q Okay. Thank you.

22 And also you have a note here on your timeline that you gave [REDACTED] an additional
23 radio later in the week to provide to ACPD. And I take it that's Allegheny County PD?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q Why did you give [REDACTED] a radio to provide to ACPD?

1 A So as I mentioned earlier, with the communications, usually the tactical units
2 come up with their own communication plan amongst each other.

3 And because at the airport we didn't have a Secret Service representative
4 embedded with them, I provided the lead a radio to provide to the tactical unit so that
5 they were able to communicate with the Secret Service if they had to respond to
6 something.

7 Q Okay. And to your knowledge, did she actually provide that radio?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Are you aware of any other sort of radio swaps that occurred on July 13th?

10 A So I was told that a radio was provided to the local TAC team, as well, from
11 the Secret Service.

12 Q Okay. And does Secret Service receive a radio from ACPD? Is it a swap?
13 Or do you just give them one to work with?

14 A I think it normally would be a swap if you had the element, but they didn't
15 have USS at the airport because they were coming off the plane and going into the
16 motorcade, so I don't think that they swapped.

17 Q Okay. But even putting the second site aside, did ACPD give you a radio to
18 listen to at the airport?

19 A No.

20 Q No. Okay.

21 A No.

22 Q On July 9th, now we're back to site 2, I think you mentioned earlier that
23 Special Agent [REDACTED] said she was getting a [REDACTED], and I forget how many
24 CDU.

25 What is CDU?

1 A Civil Disturbance Unit.

2 Q Okay. And here it says that PSP immediately said they will not sign off on
3 any tactical teams performing CDU-type details because that's not their area of expertise.
4 Do you recall were you part of that conversation?

5 A Uh-huh. Yes.

6 Q So, ultimately, was there a CDU team on July 13th? Did another agency
7 provide it?

8 A So to my understanding, I don't -- that was never mentioned again, so I don't
9 know what happened to that plan that she was putting in place. But I never talked
10 to -- again, I never coordinated anything with Butler ESU, so I'm not sure if that fell
11 through or if she -- they were posted somewhere else or what she did with that.

12 Q And just sort of using this dynamic again as an example of the request to
13 locals, it seems to me that you're sort of relying on them to say: We're capable of this
14 or we're not capable of this. Is that fair?

15 A Yeah, I think that that's fair to say, that they are capable or not capable.

16 Q So if you said we need a [REDACTED], is there any check on the local
17 agency that is providing that that there -- of what training those snipers have received, of
18 what sort of experience they have, or do you just defer to the local agency to say, we're
19 good?

20 A So I would expect that that would be the conversations that were had
21 between the CS teams. I would expect those conversations to be had. But, again, I'm
22 not -- I was -- I'm never part of those conversations, so I don't know what their protocol is
23 or if they have advance planning that they kind of adhere to.

24 Q Okay. But in your general experience, is there any sort of like check of the
25 local capabilities that they actually --

1 A So I -- we would just take their word. Hey, have you done this before?
2 What's your training? What's your experience? We would just ask. We wouldn't like
3 follow up with anything aside from the conversation of what --

4 Q Understood.

5 A -- they're capable of.

6 Q And I think we covered this a bit earlier, but just to go back to the July 9th
7 discussion with Lieutenant [REDACTED] where you're discussing the AGR building and coverage
8 for the building.

9 Very specifically, what did you understand him to mean when he told you it was
10 closed, locked, and posted?

11 A So I took that as the doors to the building were locked, nobody would be
12 able to get in. It was secured with -- it was secured so that nobody would be able to
13 drive into the parking lots, and then that it would be posted with patrol units.

1 [1:35 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q How would the parking lots be covered? Which agency was doing that?

4 A I didn't ask him who was posting.

5 Q Did you think it was going to be from whatever agency in cars? Would it be
6 foot patrol?

7 A Yeah. So I just thought it was two patrol units.

8 Q In the cars?

9 A In cars, yeah. In cars but standing outside of their vehicles.

10 [REDACTED]: Can I ask, was that -- if you remember. I know it's hard.

11 Was that your interpretation of what he said? Like, what words did he use, if
12 you remember, exactly?

13 [REDACTED] Yeah. So he said that the business would be closed, and then he
14 said it would be locked, secured, and posted. I take -- so that's how I took that.

15 [REDACTED]: "Posted" as a term of art that you interpreted to be what you're
16 now saying?

17 [REDACTED] As a physical person, yes.

18 [REDACTED]: And did he also tell you that there would be these roving posts
19 from Butler Township on the outer perimeter?

20 [REDACTED] Yeah. So the -- yes. So there would be roving posts, and then
21 they also were on the -- Butler Township was also part of, like, the transportation to shut
22 down the roads when the time came.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Could I ask, the roving posts -- I mean, I know what the word "roving" means
25 in general, but what does a roving post mean in this context?

1 A Just not standing in one spot. I guess back and forth. Sort of covering the
2 streets back and forth.

3 Q Officers walking around periodically making their rounds, I guess?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q And was it known at that point or just later that the Butler Township folks
6 were also doing the traffic work? Was that part of that conversation, if you recall?

7 A Yeah. I don't remember when those conversations came, but, yeah, I knew
8 that they were part of traffic as well.

9 Q Was there any -- it may not have gotten to this level of detail -- that they
10 would be on roving posts on the outer perimeter, including around AGR, other than when
11 they were out on the intersections, or is that --

12 A Yeah, I think that's a fair statement.

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you.

14 [REDACTED]. At any point did you directly speak to anybody from Butler
15 Township PD?

16 [REDACTED] I only spoke to the Butler Township lieutenant during that
17 walkthrough. Lieutenant [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]. Lieutenant [REDACTED] And did you confirm with him that there
19 would be these roving posts?

20 [REDACTED] No. The whole security plan was all dealt with Lieutenant [REDACTED]
21 He was just part of the walkthrough. The only really engagement I had with him was
22 that phone call that was made, and then I had talked to him the day of the event because
23 he was posted down with one of our agents. So there was conversations a couple times
24 throughout the day, but not in the planning. All the planning went through PSP.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q Just a question about that. And other folks have also described that, when
2 we're talking about that outer perimeter area, the planning really ran through
3 Pennsylvania State Police, and that is not an uncommon concept that Secret Service, in
4 terms of personnel day of, is more active on the inside of that perimeter area and locals
5 are on the outside.

6 I guess my question is, for starters, what do you understand to be the Secret
7 Service's planning obligations or responsibilities with respect to the outer perimeter area
8 of an event like this?

9 A So, typically, the outer perimeter would be, like, a counter surveillance unit.
10 It would be police posts. It would be CS on rooftops. You know, it would be -- what
11 else would it be?

12 Q I will say I didn't phrase it --

13 A Okay.

14 Q -- precisely enough, so my apologies.

15 In the sense that, in this case, a State entity would kind of be taking the lead --

16 A Yeah.

17 Q -- in terms of the nuts and bolts of the plan out there.

18 I guess it's not totally clear to us, like, why that should be the case or why that
19 would be the case given that a threat could just as easily come from the outside of the
20 perimeter as it could from the inside, and the protective duty, of course, knows no
21 bounds.

22 So do you have a sense of the underlying logic of locals taking a more primary role
23 if it happens to be on the outside of the perimeter?

24 A The reason that the Secret Service does that is because it's nondiscretionary
25 posts. You know, usually, when you're that far out, nobody is coming through whereas,

1 when you get closer to the protectee, there's all kinds of avenues where this person
2 needs to get into here and this person needs to get into there.

3 So, at those type of posts, there's a lot more discretion of who is allowed to come
4 in and who is not allowed. If you use pin, you have to determine what pin means what.
5 So the further out you get, it's normally more simple, like, "Hey, nobody comes through
6 here." So we don't typically put agents in those areas because -- I think because that's
7 how they limit the manpower that is necessary.

8 Q Yeah. I guess it's vague, but I totally understand that there are not as many
9 Secret Service agents out there.

10 But, from a security planning point of view in terms of making sure no harm
11 comes to the protectee, that outer area seems just as important as the inner area. So
12 I'm just wondering if it makes sense or it's just always been this way that the Secret
13 Service has a less active role in the security planning out there.

14 A I think -- I don't know that it's less active. I think that it needs to still be
15 thought out strategically with the locals, and there needs to be a plan with the locals in
16 place as to how they're handling it and -- yeah. So I think there still has to be that plan
17 in place, but now we're just maybe more heavily relying on other entities rather than
18 Secret Service and --

19 ██████████: Thank you.

20 I'm sorry.

21 ██████████: No, you're fine.

22 BY ██████████:

23 Q And, I guess just to crystallize for me again, if -- we started on this idea of
24 roving posts. If they're roving, it seems that they are almost necessarily not posted in a
25 location, right? So doesn't that create some potential gaps for people to enter?

1 Here, we have the -- the plan seems to be for no vehicle or foot traffic, but how do
2 you -- leaving this discussion, what was your understanding of how that would be ensured
3 that there would be no vehicle or foot traffic around the AGR complex?

4 A Yeah. So my understanding would be -- and, again, I'm not from the area.
5 So I had no idea, like, how many people knew ways to get to that particular -- people may
6 look at it as a viewing area, which it wasn't supposed to be a viewing area. So I had
7 no -- I didn't know that anyone would show up to there, so -- but, having said that, like,
8 knowing that the -- you know, this Crooks guy showed up or was on the bench, like, I
9 would have expected him to just immediately be asked to leave because you're -- we're
10 securing an area, right? Everyone that's posted has a reason to be posted. If you're
11 securing an area, nobody should be coming into the area.

12 So I would expect that, as soon as somebody comes, then they would be asked to
13 leave. If they didn't feel comfortable doing it, they could ask the Secret Service to do it.
14 I know, at one point, I think even one of the -- somebody that -- an employee that worked
15 at the AGR came and told everybody they had to leave and kicked everybody out of that
16 area.

17 Q Did you hear that that day, or is that something that you heard after?

18 A Something I heard, yeah, after.

19 Q So is it fair to say that you're having these ongoing discussions with
20 Lieutenant [REDACTED] and he is leaving you with the impression that PSP -- whether PSP
21 troopers were the local agency that he is liaising with -- have this area covered, and there
22 should be nobody entering there on July 13th?

23 A Yeah, but then there's also that tactical asset -- right -- with the Butler ESU,
24 and I don't know their whole footprint beyond their teams that were there because,
25 apparently, they have [REDACTED] post standers, is what they were saying. So I don't know their

1 footprint because I never saw their tactical plan.

2 Q So are you saying that you thought Butler ESU might also have some posts as
3 opposed to, like -- and I guess here I'm trying to parse between a patrol function and the
4 sort of tactical either CAT or sniper function.

5 Did you think Butler ESU was also going to be on the patrol side of things?

6 A I'm just hearing this now.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I'm just hearing this now that they had post standers or that that's what they
9 said that they had post standers, but this is the first time I'm hearing about that. So I
10 don't know if that's something the site agent coordinated with them.

11 And, again, like, I don't know if that's something that she coordinated -- the CDU
12 team now kind of became post standers, but this is the first time I'm hearing about that,
13 but there may have been that kind of footprint over there because it seemed like there
14 was, at some point, a greater presence over there.

15 Q Okay. Do you recall at any point -- it might have been on, I think, July 10th
16 that we heard -- do you recall a discussion with a gentleman named Officer [REDACTED]
17 regarding AGR coverage?

18 A No.

19 Q Do you recall hearing from him or maybe Deputy Commander [REDACTED] that
20 they wanted the area around AGR secured to keep folks out of that area?

21 A No.

22 [REDACTED]. It might have been the 11th. We don't totally know, but it
23 might have been the 11th walkthrough. In a conversation with locals, somebody says to
24 either yourself or a colleague, "Hey, this area around the AGR" -- you know, there are ESU
25 people in this building, but that does not mean that this area is secure. Somebody

1 needs to secure this area around the building. Do you recall any conversation like that?

2 [REDACTED] No.

3 [REDACTED] Okay.

4 [REDACTED] And, even if you weren't a part of it, do you recall maybe Special
5 Agent [REDACTED] saying, "I had this discussion with the locals," or anybody else having that?

6 [REDACTED] No. No, but if they thought that we should have been in an area
7 that we weren't, by all means, if I would have been notified, I would have absolutely put a
8 team there. If a hole ever -- if there's ever a hole, I'm going to fill it if somebody tells
9 me.

10 So, if we were supposed to be there and we weren't -- if they would have said,
11 "Hey, I thought you guys were going to be here," okay, I'll put somebody there. I'll put
12 somebody there. If we need somebody there, I'm going to put somebody there.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q Was that conversation with Lieutenant [REDACTED] on the 9th -- which was very
15 detailed. It was like, hey, AGR building, locked, posted, secured.

16 Was that the last similarly specific conversation that you were part of about
17 physical security around AGR?

18 A Yeah, until -- up until then, the snipers inside the AGR. That was the next
19 conversation because I had asked -- because -- right -- they were concerned about -- I
20 know that the AGR was a concern. So we had that conversation.

21 So then I went back and looked at it again with the Counter Sniper [REDACTED] and
22 I said to him, "Hey, what are we doing about the building at the 3 o'clock? Do you have
23 any concerns over there?" And he said, "No, it's covered. I have a team there."

24 So then I went on to say, "What about the water tower?" Because we had
25 talked -- I had talked with Lieutenant [REDACTED] -- were we worried about this water tower?

1 Do we need to get it posted? And [REDACTED] said he's not worried about it because
2 there were trees in the way, and it would be covering the line of sight. So that's when I
3 thought, okay, good.

4 Q I'm sure it's in your notes, but what day are we on there with [REDACTED]

5 A I think it was -- I think it was Thursday.

6 Q And so when he says, "We have a team there," meaning inside the AGR
7 building, it sounds like he didn't add extra words, but you understood them to mean that
8 the area was being at least partially secured by the local tactical team inside AGR?

9 A Yeah. At the time, I don't think he said inside. So, at the time, I
10 automatically assumed they were on the roof because that's where every -- I've never
11 seen anybody inside the windows. So, at the time, when he said that there's a team
12 there covering it, I thought, oh, they're on the roof. We have a team on the roof.
13 Good.

14 It wasn't until I was filling out my site post instructions -- and I like to copy and
15 paste directly where the teams are. And he had sent an email. I went back and saw
16 his email, and I copied and pasted it, and then that's when I had seen that the teams were
17 actually inside the AGR.

18 Q And when would that have been? Was that a couple days later, or was
19 that --

20 A So this was -- when I was filling this out, it was, like, late, late Thursday night.

21 [REDACTED]. Got it. Okay. Okay.

22 [REDACTED]. And did you follow up with him after you see that they're going to
23 be inside the building? It sounds like what I'm hearing you say is that's a little weird to
24 you. I've never seen anybody inside the windows as opposed to on the roof. Did you
25 respond to that email of Agent [REDACTED] -- or Technician [REDACTED] in any way?

1 [REDACTED] Yeah. So I just -- my initial thought was just that -- maybe that
2 there was a line of sight because the snipers were relatively close to each other. So I
3 just thought that the USS snipers didn't want them -- maybe didn't want them on the roof
4 in case they had to take a shot or something. They didn't want them in, you know, the
5 line of sight with what they had to do. And the local teams were going to be taking care
6 of, like, the 6 o'clock -- that direction -- and they were taking care of, like, the 12 o'clock.

7 I did not go back and question their expertise because I knew that they were
8 having a walkthrough -- a supervisor walkthrough and that the site agent was going to be
9 briefing their supervisors. So, if the supervisors had a problem with it, then it would
10 come up then because I don't know the [inaudible] tactical teams, but the supervisors
11 sure can.

12 [REDACTED]. Was there any part of you -- it sounds like there was -- that was a
13 little confused by the idea that a sniper team is going to be inside this building and that
14 somehow is providing some kind of security around the building that they're inside of?
15 Like, do you recall hearing that description and being confused at all about that?

16 Or I know that your underlying point as well -- I'm sure that the supervisors talk to
17 each other, or it's a tactical thing. I totally get that. But, to the extent you recall any
18 internal thought at the time, did that strike you as odd?

19 [REDACTED] I could tell by the way the buildings were positioned that they
20 were -- that they were higher. So I just thought that they were covering that -- the
21 rooftop right in front of them. And then I still thought we -- I still knew that there were
22 patrol units in the parking lot, so I didn't -- no, I didn't question, you know, the
23 people -- whether they were taking care of the ground as well from the windows.

24 [REDACTED]. Did you ever go above [REDACTED] and say to your supervisor or did
25 you ever raise it to Agent [REDACTED] "Hey, I think it's weird that you're going to be inside or on

1 the roof"?

2 [REDACTED] Well, the site agent briefed it to our supervisor, so if they had an
3 issue, then I think they would have brought it up.

4 [REDACTED]. And, at that time, just confirming, you still had every reason to
5 believe mentally that the conversation with Lieutenant [REDACTED] still stood? In other
6 words, you're still under the impression that, per Lieutenant [REDACTED] AGR was locked,
7 posted, and secured or whatever his exact words were. Is that right?

8 [REDACTED] Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

9 [REDACTED] We need a verbal "yes."

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

11 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q And you just mentioned the site post instructions you were filling out pretty
14 late Thursday night, early Friday morning. It sounds like you're working long days here.

15 How many hours are you working the week up to July 13th?

16 A At least 12-hour days.

17 Q Twelve-hour days. Did you feel like you were getting the support that you
18 needed that -- you know, putting aside assets at the rally site, did you feel like you could
19 get your paperwork done and that you could fill out your post stander stuff?

20 A I'm used to operating like this because I've been on the job long enough.
21 I've been through four campaigns. So I think that's, like, the difference with the senior
22 agents who are kind of -- this is what we do. So, no, I didn't really think, "Oh, this is
23 brutal," or anything like that.

24 Q Okay. Just sort of --

25 A It was just -- yeah. I mean, that's just the way it is.

1 Q It is what it is.

2 [REDACTED]: We're shuffling paper.

3 [REDACTED]: I apologize for one moment.

4 We have a couple other text messages. I think we're up to Minority C, and this
5 is -- these are some other pages of the text messages that we had started to look at with
6 Special Agent [REDACTED]

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

9 [REDACTED]: There are some in here -- I'm curious for your recollection about
10 your take on -- the top number on the one I'm looking at is 2893. I think it's the second
11 page of the packet.

12 You seem to say, "I wonder what [REDACTED] is doing right now. Getting restful sleep,
13 I'm sure. LOL. Must be nice."

14 I think some others -- when we go up to the morning of July 12th, in reference,
15 again, to Special Agent [REDACTED] "She was like, Is the site burning down? I was in the gym.
16 And then she has to go get breakfast."

17 Help me explain what you're thinking about here. What was going on with
18 Special Agent [REDACTED] in the lead-up to July 13th?

19 [REDACTED] She was just calm and collected, like this is no big thing. Again, I
20 think it's just -- she just hasn't done a big detail. So, anytime you're doing an advance on
21 a big detail, you're not sleeping. You're not eating. You're up all hours of the night.
22 That's just the way it is.

23 [REDACTED]: What does "big detail" mean?

24 [REDACTED] Like President or Vice President. And this, I even would consider
25 now a big detail because they're -- I think newer agents aren't used to operating in this

1 capacity. And I can't speak to all agents, but I know that there is a big turnover, and I
2 know, after this first campaign, there's a lot of talk about, like, is this the way it is? You
3 know, and unfortunately, like, there are -- it can be like that.

4 [REDACTED]. And is a big detail big because those folks have big events, or is it
5 because there are more threats for those folks? What is it that makes a detail big?

6 [REDACTED] Yeah. I think it's because all of the different assets that are
7 coming together and the amount -- the amount of production that it entails makes it big
8 and the events that -- and the closures of everything around it. Every single person gets
9 screened, so --

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q So it sounds like maybe she doesn't have the stress level that you might have
12 had leading up to this or, in fact, did.

13 Was there anything that she should have been doing that she wasn't doing, in
14 your mind? I think there's another message in here and perhaps on your timeline that
15 she shows up to this final walkthrough a little later than you might have expected. Is
16 anything, in your mind, falling through the cracks there?

17 A She just wasn't taking charge like a site agent. A site agent needs to take
18 charge. Like, they are in charge. Everybody needs to listen to the site agent. So
19 there was just no -- there was no lead, right? She was gone. Like, I didn't see her
20 much, only when there was a meeting or something like that. So I was, I think, at the
21 site later every day than the site agent and up, you know, earlier than probably the site
22 agent.

23 So it just -- and I'm not -- I think it's just -- again, I think it's just she hasn't been
24 through a big detail and understands, like, how stressful and how much work actually has
25 to go into a plan.

1 Q And, in that sort of, again, staying late on the site, I think there was a
2 suggestion that you made about even staying overnight on July 12th the night before.
3 How did Special Agent [REDACTED] respond to that suggestion?

4 A Because I just remember the lead and I were just stressing, hey, when you go
5 to a big detail, like, you're going to have to do negotiations with staff. You're going to
6 have to have these conversations with staff. You're going to have to be there for the
7 build. The build is the most important thing. Like, make sure you're there. If it's 3
8 o'clock in the morning, you have got to be there at 3 o'clock in the morning.

9 And she just -- she just said, "Oh, okay." You know, and then I said -- you know,
10 she just kind of giggled, and I said, you know, "We need to -- should we sleep here?"
11 Like, I mean, I was kind of joking, kind of not joking.

12 And then I was a little bit taken aback by the fact that she showed up with the
13 post standers on -- at the same time on the day of the event, and I had been there all
14 night and then came back that morning and -- a site agent needs to be there to do the
15 planning.

16 Q And, to put a finer point on it, why is it so important? I think some of your
17 notes suggest that people are coming onto the property overnight, that it's -- maybe
18 there's some staff roaming around, volunteers showing up. Like, what is happening in
19 that overnight timeframe?

20 A Yeah. Like, you don't know, right? You don't know what's happening.
21 And that was the worry. Like, that's why I was like, what are we going to do? What if I
22 show up and there's, like, 100 people sitting on the lawn, you know.

23 So I tried to coordinate it with local police and with patrol officers to say, "Hey,
24 can you please do rounds throughout the night? Can we do rounds first thing in the
25 morning?" They agreed. Yeah. And then you're really just hoping for the best that

1 that barrier is going to keep, you know, the cars from coming onto the parking lot and
2 that nobody is going to be hiding out or camping out.

3 So, yeah, that was a huge concern of mine. I know she had said -- when we
4 talked about the concerns, she just said, "So how can staff choose a venue if they can't
5 secure it?" And I said, "Because staff doesn't care about the security."

6 [REDACTED]. What was the context of that remark? In other words, what led
7 to that remark being made?

8 [REDACTED] Because I said that people were -- people might be camping
9 overnight. You can jump a bike rack, right? They had security, but even -- [REDACTED] even
10 said -- I think we -- [REDACTED] might have been there for one of the conversations talking about
11 what are -- I asked, "What's the security? What's the security plan overnight?" It was
12 a contracting agency, but it was only [REDACTED]. You're talking about
13 100 acres. And he was like -- he looked at us and was like, "Anyone can jump a bike
14 rack." And he's right.

15 So I think she had -- she might have called -- I think she said she called her boss
16 and expressed this to him, and he just told her to make sure everybody goes through the
17 mags.

18 [REDACTED]. I know we're a minute over time, so last question.

19 But did that remark -- you're sitting there the night before an event, and the site
20 agent is saying how can staff leave a site that's not secure. Is that an unusual situation
21 to find yourself in, in your experience?

22 [REDACTED] I would say, yeah, I think so.

23 [REDACTED]. All right. Thank you.

24 We can go off the record.

25 [Recess.]

1 ██████████. We can go back on the record.

2 BY ██████████:

3 Q I wanted to start with a couple of clarifying things from the Democrats' last
4 hour.

5 So you were talking about Special Agent ██████████. You sort of said that your and
6 ██████████ understanding of her was that she did not have the experience required to be the
7 site agent for this event. Is that a fair characterization of that conversation that
8 occurred with the Dems?

9 A Yeah. I don't know her whole experience level. I think that's better
10 directed towards her supervisor on what she has done prior to this. I think she just
11 wasn't putting in the hours that we would have thought. She didn't seem as busy as we
12 were each day.

13 Q Do you know much about how long she's been on the DTD or any of that?

14 A I don't.

15 Q Okay. I think former President Trump famously talks about how large his
16 events are. So I think, yes, we can talk to her about whether or not her experience was
17 enough and whether she experienced these kinds of events before.

18 But then the other thing I wanted to follow up on was -- the sweeps occur the
19 morning of the event, right?

20 A Correct.

21 Q So, in all this discussion about the night before and the things occurring the
22 night before and the site set-up in the middle of the night, there will still be agents that
23 are going to sweep that area in the morning to make sure nothing showed up overnight,
24 right?

25 A Uh-huh. Correct.

1 Q And then, if there's a question when they're setting up the site or the stage
2 at the location, who do those questions go to?

3 A The site agent.

4 Q The site agent. If there's something she needs to --

5 A Well, sorry. The campaign staff is going to set up however they want. It's
6 the site agent's responsibility to be there to make sure that they set it up according to
7 how they want from a security aspect.

8 Q Okay.

9 A For instance, like, the buffer, the distance that they want from the bike rack
10 to the stage, where the stairs are on the stage. So just where the bleachers -- the
11 positioning of the bleachers. So things like that.

12 So the campaign is going to just set it up the way that they want, and that's why
13 it's important for the site agent to be present so they can stop the build while it's
14 happening because, otherwise, it's going to be very hard, and they may refuse if you're
15 saying you need to take apart this whole build and redo it.

16 Q Okay. And your understanding was that Site Agent [REDACTED] was not at the
17 build?

18 A I don't know. She would be the one to ask.

19 [REDACTED]. Okay.

20 Do you want to ask your questions?

21 [REDACTED]. Sure.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Just putting together a couple things that we saw in different postings and
24 recollections of things that they did the night before and in some things that the
25 investigators asked you during your MAR interview, are you aware of any of the post

1 standers that came the next day to work the event out at -- whether at bars like Tequila
2 Cowboy or other establishments, and not getting home until sometimes 1 o'clock in the
3 morning the next day?

4 A I'm not aware of that.

5 Q Okay. So then you said that Agent [REDACTED] arrived with the post standers
6 about 5 to 10 minutes before the actual briefing in the morning?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And then that was unusual to you because you being the site counterpart
9 were there at 8 a.m. just getting stuff ready, but she being the site agent didn't show up
10 until, like, everyone else just working the event showed up?

11 A Correct.

12 Q And do you have any more comments on that about whether you thought
13 that she should have been there earlier?

14 A Yeah. I said to her, "Oh, welcome. I've been here all morning." And she
15 said, "Why didn't you tell me? You know, I would have came."

16 [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 [REDACTED]: Is that the morning of July 12th or 13th?

18 [REDACTED]: Thirteenth.

19 [REDACTED]: Thirteenth. Thank you.

20 [REDACTED] Did any of the post standers or anyone from the Secret Service or his
21 who showed up that morning smell like alcohol?

22 [REDACTED] I did not smell alcohol on anyone.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Any hangover signs, maybe?

25 A I did not notice any.

1 Q Is it typical for agents to go to establishments like Tequila Cowboy until the
2 wee hours of the night before an event like that?

3 A We have a 10-hour rule. So Secret Service agents are -- I don't know if they
4 have the same rules for his.

5 Q Is that strictly adhered to?

6 A I think so, yeah.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay. Let's talk about the 13th. You said you got there at 8 a.m.
8 When you got there, did you have any impressions about how it was going?

9 Were things looking like they were in place?

10 [REDACTED] Yeah. So the lines were -- people were already in the lines in what
11 they call the Disneyland, and I was waiting for the manager to get there to start unlocking
12 buildings for us, and I was going around in my golf cart just scoping out and making sure
13 nobody was where they shouldn't be, and I was trying to get all the gates unlocked. And
14 then I had to set up the security room in our security room. I was putting the equipment
15 together.

16 [REDACTED]: You set that up before the morning briefing?

17 [REDACTED] Correct.

18 [REDACTED]: Is it your responsibility to set up the security room, or is that a
19 split responsibility?

20 [REDACTED] I would say that I got the -- I took the initiative to get the
21 equipment from the field office and to print the paperwork because it came from the field
22 office, but it's -- ultimately, it's the site agent's responsibility.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Okay. So, between you getting there at 8 a.m. and the briefing at 10 a.m.,
25 did anything -- you were setting up the security room. Was anything else going on?

1 You got everything unlocked.

2 A I was checking radio. I was trying to check my radio and do radio checks.
3 That's when I noticed that I wasn't -- I was having a hard time scanning. That's when I
4 called the radio team and was on the phone with them for I don't know how long, and
5 they said that they thought there was an issue. So that's when I sent a text message to
6 the lead and the site agent saying that I was having radio problems.

7 Q Okay. For the tech people saying that they were going to -- were they
8 going to fix it? Were they aware of what the problem was?

9 A No. I don't think there was a way to fix it. I think it's a special code that
10 you need. I would have to probably get a new radio.

11 Q Did you get a new radio?

12 A No. I tried to use one of the jump team's. So the jump team leaders bring
13 radios for his. So I got one of their radios and tried the same thing with their radio, but I
14 had the same issue with their radio. So I don't know if it was because it was an older
15 radio and the codes aren't up -- I'm not a radio expert, so I'm not sure what the problem
16 was.

17 Q Was the problem resolved prior to the start of the rally?

18 A No. I only was listening to one channel, and then I flipped back at one
19 point, I think, just to hear where he was, and then I flipped back to the one channel.

20 Q And what channel was that?

21 A The post stander channel.

22 Q The post stander channel. And who was on that channel?

23 A All the post standers and anyone at the site. It was site-specific.

24 Q Secret Service?

25 A Correct.

1 Q And his?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay. Let's talk about the briefing at 10 a.m. Who led that briefing?

4 A The site agent.

5 Q Do you feel like she covered everything she was supposed to? What did
6 she talk through?

7 A I think she did a good job at the briefing.

8 Q Who was at that briefing?

9 A All the post standers.

10 Q Was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] there?

11 A No.

12 Q Would they normally be there?

13 A I would think [REDACTED] could have came to the briefing.

14 Q Do you --

15 A I don't know if that's -- yeah, I think it would be appropriate for him to be
16 there.

17 Q Were you ever informed why he wasn't there?

18 A The lead just said he wasn't going to be at the briefing. I think she -- I
19 believe she told me that and that he just -- I just saw him right after the briefing.

20 Q Okay. Yeah.

21 [REDACTED]: I think we have exhibit 7, which is that text message between you
22 and [REDACTED].

23 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 7
24 was marked for identification.]

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q It's Bates 2912.

2 We always joke in our office that you should always text like it might be read
3 aloud to you in a deposition because here we are.

4 So this is a text message between you and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says,
5 "Well, [REDACTED] just called after I tried to get in touch with him since last night. I finally
6 called [REDACTED] He won't be at your brief either. Face palm emoji."

7 Do you remember getting this text?

8 A So I remember her telling me it now. Okay. This is how I found out.

9 Q Okay. When you found out, do you -- did that feel weird or wrong to you?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. Just he wasn't there?

12 A Yeah.

13 Q Was there anyone else not there that you think should have been there that
14 morning?

15 A To the brief?

16 Q Uh-huh.

17 A No.

18 Q Okay. Is there a reason that it's a Secret-Service-only briefing?

19 A I think because they just talk about the security plan.

20 Q And local law enforcement who are kind of helping with that security plan
21 just --

22 A I think a lot of it comes down to, like, timing because we don't all post at the
23 same time. So our briefing was at 10, but I don't think they posted until 10:45. And, a
24 lot of times, if we -- we are scrambling to find a room to -- the space to even fit us in.
25 So, if you're talking now -- you know, who knows how many police posts they're going to

1 have. It's just going to be quite the briefing. It just would be chaotic, I think.

2 Q Yeah. Would it be normal, I guess, for events to do a Secret Service plus,
3 like -- I don't know -- commanders or the people in charge of local law enforcement to
4 make sure everyone is on the same page, or is that not something that normally occurs?

5 A A briefing?

6 Q Yeah, or, like, a touch base day of. Like, "Hey, everybody is here."

7 A Yeah. I mean, I touched base with Lieutenant [REDACTED] and said, "Hey" -- you
8 know, I walked around, and I saw him and I said, "Are we good?" And he said, "Yeah,
9 we're good."

10 So, like, I think it's perfectly fine to touch base with the command that you're
11 working with. And there's nothing wrong with holding another briefing. I think this
12 particular -- everyone was just kind of pressed for time at all levels, and so I think there
13 just wasn't -- you know, again, you can, but it's not something that's typical.

14 Q So, from that, it makes me think that your understanding was Pennsylvania
15 State Police was kind of the one local point of contact for Secret Service, and then
16 Pennsylvania State Police was then in charge of talking with all the other local entities to
17 make sure they were in place, doing what they need to do, et cetera. Is that fair?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Okay.

20 A And then, I mean, I was going -- as I was going around to all the posts and
21 posting out the post standers, I was checking to see that, "Oh, okay, they're with police.
22 Police are here." So I could see that they were all setting up as well and in their location.

23 Q PSP Sergeant [REDACTED] in one of his interviews, said that he was -- he went to
24 the Secret Service briefing and was asked to leave. Do you remember that occurring?

25 A No.

1 Q Okay. You didn't talk to Sergeant [REDACTED]

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. After the briefing, you led everyone to the security room to get their
4 radios, right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q At this point, were you aware that there was a second command post that
7 locals were using?

8 A So that is not the case. We didn't have a second command post. [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] Butler EMS, asked during the advance week if they could bring their mobile
10 command -- emergency medical command center -- Butler emergency medical command
11 center for medical emergencies. So that's what they said they had assets for medical,
12 and so that's what that command post was there for. It wasn't a secondary law
13 enforcement command post. Nobody left our security room to go and staff in a second
14 command post.

15 Q Because your understanding was that everyone would be able to
16 communicate with your security room?

17 A Correct. And there was also two supervisors sitting in the security room.
18 So, if there was an issue with communications, there was two supervisors that would
19 have addressed it, and [REDACTED] could have -- if we had a second command post
20 and that was what he thought or that was what everybody thought, then he could have
21 went and sat in the second command post with them for redundancy, but that wasn't the
22 case. Nobody brought that to my attention that there was an issue.

23 Q You said two supervisors in the command post. That was --

24 A That was [REDACTED], and SAIC [REDACTED] was the security room agent that
25 came in.

1 Q Okay. I think it might be -- it makes sense to go into the communications.

2 So, obviously, you said you had some radio communications problems that seem
3 to never be resolved. So you were just on one channel. The post agents were on that
4 channel. Did anyone else have access to that channel, as far as you know?

5 A Yeah. Everybody at the site was on that channel, and then the site agent
6 will switch over to the shift channel 5 minutes before the arrival.

7 Q Everyone in Secret Service and his?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay.

10 A But the site agent is normally the only one that really is going to switch over.

11 Q Okay. And, for the local groups, I guess -- there were four of them or
12 so -- how did you understand that Secret Service was going to communicate to the locals,
13 whether that's Butler, Beaver, Washington, or Allegheny County?

14 A So my understanding was -- through the command post and then the tactical
15 teams, my understanding was they had their own -- they were going to exchange radios
16 or -- that's typically what I see them, exchanging radios with each other, and that's how
17 they were going to communicate.

18 Q The TAC and the Counter Sniper?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Okay. And the individual in the Secret Service security room command
21 post who was representing Pennsylvania State Police, do you remember who that was?

22 A Sergeant -- yeah, I mean, I have it written down somewhere.

23 Q Sergeant [REDACTED] or --

24 A Oh, I think it was Sergeant [REDACTED]

25 Q Yeah. Okay. So did you ever talk to him, like, throughout the day?

1 A I mean, I saw him sitting in the security room, but I don't recall, like,
2 conversations with him throughout the day.

3 Q Okay. So the TAC teams, they all exchange radios. You guys are all on
4 one channel. And then you have PSP -- the sergeant or representative or
5 whomever -- to communicate with and get communications from local law enforcement?

6 A Correct.

7 Q That was your understanding? Okay.

8 Do you use your personal or work phone to communicate with the teams during
9 the event day of?

10 A I know that people sent messages -- the situation report went over my work
11 phone that the site agent put out. Just a text message. But there's emails,
12 too -- yeah -- that we send out.

13 Q So, on your work phone, you were receiving emails and texts --

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q -- day of? Okay.

16 Do you remember who they were coming from?

17 A The texts was from the site agent.

18 Q [REDACTED]

19 A Correct.

20 Q Okay. And the emails?

21 A The emails -- I know the lead had started, like, an email chain for the
22 movements of the protectee for the day.

23 Q Okay. Were there any other emails?

24 A That day?

25 Q Yeah.

1 A I know there was an email saying to switch over your radio from [REDACTED] to
2 [REDACTED] at -- I don't know -- 4:30 or something.

3 Q Do you remember why that was?

4 A The SAIC said that -- had called me and said that they were having
5 bleed-over on the radios.

6 Q From the FLOTUS event?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q Okay.

9 [REDACTED]. That email came from, I believe, [REDACTED]?

10 [REDACTED] Correct.

11 [REDACTED]. Do you know why she was the one to send out that email?

12 [REDACTED] I have no idea.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q Do you remember any other phone calls that you got that day?

15 A I remember I made a couple phone calls, but I don't recall anyone else calling
16 me.

17 Q Okay. Did you have any, as far as you were aware, issues with your cell
18 service that day?

19 A Not that I'm aware.

20 Q And do you have, like, First Med or any of the first responder things, or is it
21 just regular?

22 A Just regular.

23 Q Okay. There was a report that local law enforcement left radios for Secret
24 Service to pick up that were never picked up. Did you ever hear anything about that?

25 A I did not know that radios were not picked up, but -- just sitting here.

1 Q Did you know that local law enforcement was going to leave radios?

2 A I did not know. I wasn't part of that, but I was told that they were -- I was
3 told by the team -- the counter sniper team, that they were going to be in
4 communication, so I assumed that it was going to be an exchange of radios.

5 Q Okay. And that was just for TAC and snipers, not necessarily for the post
6 standers?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay. So you give everybody their radios, and then what happens?

9 A And then I post them all up on the outer perimeter. The site agent takes
10 the post -- or all on the inner -- like, you know, the stage, and then I'm getting ready to
11 clear everybody out for sweeps.

12 Q Do you physically go and be like, "You're standing here, you're standing
13 here," one by one?

14 A Uh-huh. A lot of them was in their vehicles, so I was in the golf cart saying,
15 "Go get your vehicles. Follow me. We're going to go post here."

16 Q Okay.

17 A I try to take them in groups.

18 Q Makes sense.

19 For the CUAS system that we talked about a little bit earlier, were you aware of
20 any issues with that on that day?

21 A No.

22 Q If there were -- it seems like there were issues. So would that normally be
23 something you would be made aware of?

24 A I would think so.

25 Q So what do you think about the fact that you weren't?

1 A I think that communication wasn't getting out to everyone.

2 Q Do you know who it was told to?

3 A I don't know if anyone knew.

4 Q Except for the person who was trying to get it working?

5 A Correct.

6 [REDACTED]. When you say communication wasn't getting out to everyone,
7 do you mean that it wasn't affirmatively verbalized to someone versus I couldn't get it
8 over the radio when I tried to say it?

9 [REDACTED] At any of the --

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q Hypothetically, if Agent [REDACTED] was aware of the CUAS issue but was not
12 on-site because she's at the airport, would it have made sense for you to be the person to
13 deal with that since you were at the site?

14 A It would have made sense for her to let me know. For me to deal with it,
15 I've never seen the equipment, so I don't know what --

16 Q To help coordinate dealing with it?

17 A Yeah. Yeah, absolutely.

18 Q At any point since July 13th, have you become aware of Agent [REDACTED] being
19 aware of the CUAS system being down?

20 A I was not -- I am not aware.

21 Q Okay.

22 [REDACTED]. In your Senate interview, you mentioned that you spoke with a
23 plain-clothes ATF agent about issues with the bike rack and that he identified himself as
24 an ATF agent. You also mentioned this in your mission assurance review, but did you
25 ever find out if --

1 [REDACTED]: Didn't mention it.

2 [REDACTED]: She did not? Oh, okay.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Well, let's start with the Senate interview then.

5 In your Senate interview, you say you spoke with an ATF agent. Do you
6 remember having that conversation?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And he told you he was from ATF?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were you aware until that -- up until that moment, you were not aware that
11 ATF had a presence there, right?

12 A Correct. And I was told that they didn't and that he was just attending and
13 that he was just, like, somebody attending.

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Why were you told that?

16 A That's what it sounded -- I don't know. I read something or that's what the
17 agency said or maybe it was something --

18 Q But, at the time, he said, I'm ATF?

19 A Yeah. At the time, he just was -- I thought he was part of, like, the military
20 or the EOD because that's who it appeared he was with.

21 Q So he was presenting himself as being there in his official capacity?

22 A I'm sorry?

23 Q He was presenting himself as being there in his official capacity?

24 A He was just -- he just was somebody that was -- I didn't know who he was.
25 That's why I asked. I was like, "Who are you?"

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q But he was talking about there's an issue?

3 A Yeah, yeah. Right. He was acting as if he was part of the plan. Yes.
4 Absolutely.

5 Q Okay. The issues with the bike rack, was that something that you had been
6 aware of prior to that? Were there actual issues?

7 A So there was, like -- the bike rack was part of the perimeter of the crowd
8 containment, and during the advance planning, I had said to [REDACTED] "You want all these
9 people to see the motorcade coming through and making that turn to get into the tent?"
10 And he said yes. It's not something that I typically would like. So that happened.

11 And what was brought to my attention is people at this point are, like, hanging.
12 They're, like -- I mean, people falling out left and right. They're hanging over. People
13 were exhausted. They'd been there all day. So they just thought that the bike rack
14 might fall over. And so now I'm thinking, oh, this is going to be a problem if everybody
15 starts charging the motorcade as they come.

16 So that's when I just looked around and grabbed as many PSP officers as I could
17 that were standing around and then said, "Let's come up with this plan." And there was
18 a fire truck. I had the fire truck move to block as much line of sight as possible for the
19 crowd. But, in the end, nothing happened.

20 Q Like, people didn't storm the bike rack?

21 A People didn't storm or anything. Yeah.

22 Q But you had mitigated it prior?

23 A Correct.

24 Q You didn't mention it in your MAR review. Do you remember why that
25 didn't come up, or did you just forget to mention it?

1 A The --

2 Q In your MAR interview.

3 A Yeah. I don't know. Maybe I wasn't asked. I don't know.

4 Q So this is all prior to the shooting. As things are getting moving, what was
5 your overall feeling that day? Were you feeling like, "This was a little bit crazy, but we're
6 doing our best; everything seems to be going according to the plan that we put in place,"
7 or is it, like, "Nothing is set up right; this is chaos; and everything is devolving"?
8 Somewhere in between those two things?

9 A Yeah. I was a little -- I thought it was a little chaotic in terms of the staff. I
10 didn't think there was enough staff present.

11 Q The staff, meaning --

12 A The campaign staff.

13 Q Okay.

14 A It seemed like the volunteers were getting a bit overrun. People were in
15 areas that they should have been kept clear. There wasn't -- there wasn't any handicap,
16 really. There was, like, one row of handicap, but there was loads of wheelchairs and
17 stuff. So they were -- a lot of these wheelchairs were right up along the stage so you
18 couldn't move them. And then it was -- everybody thought if they had a wristband that
19 they were going to get a seat. That wasn't the case.

20 Q As far as the, like, security set-up goes, though, did you -- did it feel like
21 people were in their right spots? They had -- you and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had come up with
22 this sort of security plan -- mostly them -- but did you feel like it was being put in place
23 properly?

24 A Yeah. I think, normally, it all feels chaotic, and then it falls into place. The
25 only time that I was a little distraught was when I went to the arrival area and there was,

1 you know, 30 people seated in our emergency egress, and I had to clear everybody out,
2 and then I had to grab the dais agent, and we had to starting cutting all the zip ties to the
3 bike racks and the flags to open up the area for emergency --

4 Q Because the emergency egress was not set up properly?

5 A It was zip-tied together. So there was no opening. And then the
6 staff -- there was, like, a VIP seating for certain people, but there was, like, a drop-dead
7 time, I think, of -- like, ■■■ said, like, 3:30 where they wanted all those seats filled. So, if
8 the VIPs didn't come to their seat, other people started filling it. Well, then VIPs are
9 coming last minute, and their seats aren't available. So staff just started creating seats,
10 like, in our secure bubble area. They just started putting seats there. And I was like,
11 "This is unacceptable. We can't have seats here."

12 So -- and then, at one point, the staff was asking police to, you know, clear areas
13 for them, which should not -- should never happen.

14 Q Because you should be the person clearing the areas or ■■■ or --

15 A Or they should be coming to us. Yeah. They should be coming to the
16 Secret Service if they have a problem, but really, it should be that they have badges and
17 enough people to do what they're supposed to be doing.

18 Q In your Senate interview and the mission assurance review, you said you
19 never heard about any suspicious individuals. Do you stand by that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q You mentioned in your MAR review that, at some point, Agent ■■■
22 and her PSP partner went to go find someone that was reported suspicious, but when
23 they got there, that person was gone. Do you remember what issue they were talking
24 about there?

25 A Yeah. They were talking about, like, a sexual assault.

1 Q So not related to Crooks?

2 A Correct.

3 [REDACTED]. This is the one where you thought that there was -- people were
4 so crowded that so many people thought they were, like touching each other or
5 something?

6 [REDACTED] Yeah. That was what was relayed.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Okay. So you're walking around. You have mitigated multiple things and
9 corrected multiple problems along -- or throughout the day.

10 Did you ever notice that, at the 2 o'clock, where you had discussed trucks
11 being -- that they weren't there?

12 A Yeah. I knew that they weren't -- I noticed at some point that they weren't
13 there, yeah.

14 Q Is that something you had a conversation with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] about?

15 A No.

16 Q That's just one of those --

17 A I'm trying to think. When I had gone over the area, they had put the
18 combine there. So that kind of was blocking that 2 o'clock.

19 Q The combine was at the 2 o'clock?

20 A [Nonverbal response.]

21 Q Okay. So you just figured they replaced Penske trucks with it?

22 A I didn't think they replaced it. I just figured they just ignored the request,
23 but, I mean, I don't know.

24 Q Hard to know.

25 What did you do between that time and then when you went back to the security

1 room? Were there other issues you mitigated or things you dealt with?

2 A From the time of --

3 Q I guess where you were moving bodies and --

4 A Yeah. I think I hung out -- I hung out in the general vicinity of the arrival to
5 make sure that he got in safely, and then I just checked on people and slowly, like, made
6 my way back to the security room.

7 Q Do you remember what time that was about?

8 A I would say almost close to 6 o'clock.

9 Q Okay. And, at this point, you still had not heard of a suspicious person?

10 A No.

11 Q You don't know that local law enforcement is looking for a person?

12 A No.

13 Q When was the first time you heard that something was occurring?

14 A The site agent called me on the phone and asked me what was -- she
15 said -- what did she say? What were the words? I think she said something like,
16 "What's the problem at the 3 o'clock," or "What are they dealing with at the 3 o'clock?
17 What are the locals dealing with at the 3 o'clock?" Something to that effect. And I
18 just, like, held the phone and I just turned to -- and said, what are the locals dealing with
19 at the 3 o'clock?

20 [REDACTED]. To [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] To [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]. Did he answer you?

23 [REDACTED] By the time -- no. Like, immediately, then I just heard shots fired,
24 was the next thing I heard.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q So, in those 15 -- or I guess 11 minutes from 6 o'clock to 6:11, you're in the
2 security room. There is no activity going on about we're looking for somebody? You're
3 not hearing that from anyone in the room?

4 A There was, like -- it was kind of like this. So there were people talking and
5 discussions to be had, but I wasn't engaged in any discussions. There was, like, a kitchen
6 back here, and I was just getting a drink and trying to scarf down some food.

7 So I knew there was discussions, but they may have been talking about a
8 suspicious person. I just wasn't there for the beginning or knew what was taking place
9 in the discussion. So I'm not sure if there was discussions being had.

10 Q Do you remember who else was in the room? [REDACTED] Was the PSP person
11 in there?

12 A Yes, I believe so. I think the protective intelligence agent may have been in
13 there with the attorney.

1 [2:51 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 [REDACTED]: With --

5 [REDACTED] With [REDACTED]. I'm not sure. I don't know. I
6 don't know who all was in there.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Did you talk to him at all?

9 A I didn't talk to anybody. Like I was in and out of the security room.

10 Usually I would just go in to use the bathroom, really. But --

11 Q Do you know if he saw you in there at all?

12 A Who?

13 Q [REDACTED]

14 A I don't know if he was in there during that specific timeframe. I know I
15 seen him at one point. So I can't speak to that specific timeframe who at the moment
16 was in there. I just know SAIC [REDACTED] was in there, because I turned to him and, what was
17 going on?

18 [REDACTED]: Turned to?

19 [REDACTED] SAIC [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]: Go ahead.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q So it's our understanding that [REDACTED] was in there with the AUSA?

23 A Was or was not?

24 Q Was.

25 A Okay.

1 Q Was in there. And at that point, he had been made aware that they were
2 looking for the suspicious person with a rangefinder, and that his PI Agent [REDACTED] was
3 on the ground looking for this person. This is all within 5 minutes before you get the
4 phone call at 6:11.

5 A Okay.

6 Q If he's in that room and he knew that they were looking for the suspicious
7 person with a rangefinder, he said he was waiting for the PI and the ground agent
8 [REDACTED] to figure out what's going on.

9 If he had seen you in there and knew that you were in there, is that something
10 that he should have reported to you?

11 A I would think that that should be reported to everybody, yes. So maybe he
12 had thought I knew. But normally, like stuff like that goes over the radio.

13 Q So --

14 A So normally, like if you're at a post and you see a suspicious person or
15 something, you're saying, please send a PI team to post 201, suspicious.

16 So a lot of it goes over there. So I don't know if he -- maybe he knew -- he
17 thought. I don't -- I can't speak to what he thought. But, yes, I would have liked to
18 know.

19 Q Yeah. It's less whether he knew X, Y or Z. It's, in your experience in PI,
20 having that before, if you know that you are in a security room, the PSP liaison knows that
21 they're looking for a suspicious person with a rangefinder, you have the PI -- your
22 on-the-ground PI person looking for this person.

23 Would you be calling or letting the lead agent know, the site counterpart know,
24 the site agent know? Is that something that you personally would report?

25 A Yes. So I would put it over the -- an email router with the picture and put

1 like be on the lookout for this person.

2 Q But he didn't create that email router, right?

3 A No, he did not. But he could have at that time. At any time he could
4 have, if he chose to, or he could have tasked somebody else to do it.

5 ██████████: Okay. So shots are fired. What do you do?

6 ██████████ So I immediately leave the security room and I go to the crowd and
7 I start in the back, and I'm going up against the fence line.

8 And at this point I'm hearing, I think this was moments after shots fired, and then
9 it's like shooter down. So I'm just trying to evacuate everybody and just tell them to go
10 back to the entrances they came through, we're trying to safely get everybody off the
11 property. The event's over.

12 ██████████: And just to clarify, you said while you were doing that you heard
13 over the radio that the shooter was down?

14 ██████████ Correct.

15 ██████████: When you said when you ran out of the security room, did you
16 see anybody else running out with you?

17 ██████████ No.

18 ██████████: We'll enter majority exhibit 8 with Bates number 1547.

19 ██████████ Majority Exhibit No. 8

20 was marked for identification.]

21 ██████████: This is at 6:34 p.m. and 50 seconds. It's a message from ██████████
22 to you. It says, "Call me on my personal."

23 Did you see this message at the time?

24 ██████████ I don't know.

25 ██████████: Did you call him?

1 [REDACTED] I don't know if I even had his personal --

2 [REDACTED]: The following message that we didn't include in there is his
3 personal number.

4 [REDACTED] Oh, okay.

5 [REDACTED]: He says, "Call me on my personal," then he sends the personal
6 number after that.

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q Do you remember calling him?

3 A We would have been at the site together, so I would assume that we just
4 might have talked in person. I don't remember -- I don't remember calling him.

5 Q But it does feel odd that he asked to call on his personal?

6 A Yeah. I don't know. That doesn't -- I don't recall like any special
7 conversation or anything that was discussed that he would need me to call on his
8 personal.

9 Q Okay. Do you remember talking to him anytime after the shooting?

10 A I remember slightly talking about the FBI and whether they were en route.
11 And then I remember either I called -- the FBI had called me at one point, and then I
12 called the FBI back. So I knew that they were on their way.

13 So I do remember vaguely talking to -- the only conversation I remember talking to
14 [REDACTED] about was the FBI arriving.

15 Q And that was later in the day?

16 A Well, it would have been during this time that they were arriving, right, to
17 secure the scene?

18 Q You tell me. What time was it?

19 A 6:30?

20 Q Yeah. What time did you understand the FBI was on their way?

21 A They would have been on their way I think like 45 minutes later.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 [REDACTED]: You said 4 to 5?

24 [REDACTED]: Forty-five.

25 [REDACTED]: Forty-five?

1 [REDACTED] I think maybe it took them about 45 minutes.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q In your MAR interview you said that after the shooting you spoke with
4 someone who was with Butler ESU when you were over by AGR.

5 Do you remember that conversation?

6 A Yes.

7 Q In your interview, you said that you said to him, how come you guys weren't
8 on the roof? And the Butler ESU personnel responded with something along the lines
9 of, oh, yes, we like to hide out and sneak out at you.

10 Do you remember that?

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q You said that in your interview that this is when you learned that they hide
13 in there in the windows, and then you kind of realized, okay, that's why we didn't see
14 anything.

15 Do you remember who the Butler ESU person was that you talked to?

16 A I do not know.

17 Q Do you remember what he looked like?

18 A He was just in tactical gear and I believe had a helmet, like camo.

19 [REDACTED]. Was he one of the ones that was stationed inside the building?

20 [REDACTED] I believe so.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q We had talked about earlier that you were aware they were going to be in
23 the building prior to that moment, right?

24 A [Nonverbal response.]

25 Q Do you remember why you were asking them that question then, why they

1 weren't on the roof?

2 A Probably because I wanted to know why they were in the building and not
3 on the roof.

4 Q So you had actual knowledge that that was going to occur prior to that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Like you knew they were going to be in the building but had some questions
7 about it and then let it go because you assumed they would -- the counter snipers and
8 Secret Service, they would have taken care of that?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So then this was maybe more of an expression of frustration that --

11 A Yeah. I think I was probably like, wow, the roof wasn't covered.

12 Q Then you and Agent [REDACTED] were in charge of sort of the site until the FBI
13 got there. Is that right?

14 A We were more in charge of the accountability of the personnel. And SAIC
15 [REDACTED] and ATSAIC [REDACTED] were kind of in charge of the overall, I guess, Federal interim
16 presence.

17 Q Okay. What were you and Agent [REDACTED] doing?

18 A We were just trying to account for all of our people and make sure
19 everybody was safe. Some people were still kept out on the perimeter because press
20 and people were trying to get through. And then we sent one jump team to the hospital
21 to secure the hospital perimeter.

22 Q Those are the his?

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q Is there a particular reason it was you and Agent [REDACTED] and not -- I don't
25 know. Why her?

1 A Cause she's the senior agent and just she took charge. She was just
2 somebody that had good leadership.

3 Q And [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] where were they?

4 A [REDACTED] was with the -- at the hospital with the protectee. And I believe that
5 [REDACTED] was with the family, one of the families that was injured.

6 Q Do you remember anything else about the aftermath between getting the
7 crowd out and then you finally leaving the site?

8 A Yeah. I just remember that there was tons of people waiting to be
9 interviewed. And we held them at the briefing room that I had originally for the post
10 standers.

11 And we were just -- there was tons of PSP that showed up and FBI. And
12 everybody was just kind of standing around. And we were just waiting. We were just
13 being told that we needed to wait to be interviewed as well.

14 Q How long were you there?

15 A I don't know. I think maybe almost -- maybe 11:30. I don't remember.

16 Q Were you interviewed that night?

17 A No.

18 Q When were you interviewed?

19 A I wasn't interviewed till I think like 2 weeks after maybe.

20 Q And that was by PSP and FBI?

21 A Yes.

22 Q When did you first speak to your supervisor after all this?

23 A He came back to the site, I believe. I believe I saw him back at the site
24 before I left. And then I don't think I -- he sent out multiple emails about EAP and things
25 like that. But I don't think I -- I might not have spoken to him until Monday when I went

1 to work, possibly.

2 Q Okay. And when you talked to him then, did you guys walk through what
3 happened?

4 A Not really. He was more talking to headquarters. So he was talking to
5 more of his bosses about everything. But I was just kind of there to answer any
6 questions.

7 Q Okay. So really, your first recounting of events would have taken place like
8 2 weeks after it happened?

9 A Correct. And I just -- that's where I just wrote this down to try to
10 remember.

11 Q Did you send those notes to anyone?

12 A No.

13 Q You just kept them for you and then --

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q -- could use them in interviews or whatever if you needed them?

16 A [Nonverbal response.]

17 Q Did anyone ask to have them?

18 A Yes, the inspections.

19 Q Inspections from?

20 A Secret Service inspections.

21 Q Secret Service.

22 You said during your Senate interview that you were interviewed by the FBI but
23 they, quote, "didn't ask you about anything."

24 Do you remember what FBI asked you about, how long was your interview,
25 anything about it?

1 [REDACTED] I'm sorry. I need to interject.

2 The content of the FBI interview is something that you should be asking DOJ
3 about, not in this setting, when they have counsel present and everything.

4 [REDACTED]. I mean, we can do that. But I'm referencing a quote she made in
5 her Senate interview about her FBI interview.

6 [REDACTED] My apologies. I thought you were asking for new information.

7 [REDACTED]. No. No. It's page 92 of your Senate interview if you want to pull
8 it up.

9 [REDACTED] Thank you.

10 [REDACTED]. It may be the one that's marked as 92 or 92 in the upper
11 right-hand corner.

12 [REDACTED]. We have a little problem with the PDF page numbers.

13 [REDACTED] Perfect. Thank you for clarifying.

14 [REDACTED] Yeah. I don't know. I don't know what context that was.

15 The interview was probably like -- it was several hours.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q Okay. It was joint with PSP?

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q When were you interviewed by Secret Service for your mission assurance?

5 A It was sometime in August, middle of August.

6 Q Did you walk through advance planning, everything up until the event and
7 afterwards? Or what did that interview cover?

8 A Yes. And there was multiple interviews.

9 Q Multiple interviews?

10 A [Nonverbal response.]

11 Q For mission assurance?

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q How many?

14 A Two.

15 Q What was the difference?

16 A I think we ran out of time. It was late. We started at 6:30 p.m. I think I
17 was in a training.

18 So the first interview was over Teams. And then when I got back from the
19 training, I went to D.C. and had a second interview in person.

20 Q Okay. Then you were interviewed by the Senate August 21st?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Was that before or after your mission assurance review?

23 A After.

24 Q After.

25 Have you spoken with any of your colleagues or other members of Secret Service

1 about their experiences that day?

2 A We all spoke like as a group just going -- I went to work every day after. So,
3 I mean, we were all just kind of there as a group trying to, I guess, cope to the best of our
4 ability. Other than that, that was it.

5 Q Do any -- did any of your colleagues mention that they were aware of the
6 suspicious person before shots being fired, to the best of your recollection?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q Did any of your colleagues mention that a local law enforcement person shot
9 in the direction of Crooks?

10 A I think I read that. But I don't think anyone knew that at the time.

11 Q Anyone in your office?

12 A Yeah.

13 Q Okay. Did you or anyone that you talked to in your office witness or
14 experience anything that goes against what the public seems to know about this event,
15 something that's just not been talked about at all, something that doesn't conform with
16 the public narrative?

17 A I don't know.

18 [REDACTED]. Sorry, I just didn't hear it. Is that no?

19 [REDACTED] I don't know.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q And a couple of just last logistical things, and then I'll turn it over to my
22 colleagues for their final cleanup questions.

23 But have you been coached at all by Secret Service prior to any of these interviews
24 with Senate or House?

25 A No.

1 Q Have they talked to you about what you can cover in these interviews and
2 what you cannot?

3 A No.

4 Q The same with the FBI interview. They didn't tell you what you could say or
5 what you couldn't say?

6 A Correct.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q So I'm going to bounce around just a little bit, so bear with me. Just need
9 to clarify some things for either the record or my recollection or just drill down on a
10 couple things.

11 So when you were talking about -- and this is going way back I think to our first
12 round, so a little bit of a time ago -- when you were talking about the CAT LNO, you
13 mentioned you thought [REDACTED] should have pushed back to get that.

14 Is it common to push back on headquarters to get additional resources? Is that
15 something that the agency permits for? Or is that something that's kind of an unwritten
16 rule, you don't push back to get additional resources?

17 A I think that's something that she could have had a conversation -- maybe she
18 did -- with the SAIC. I think maybe --

19 Q Is it something that she could have gone above the SAIC to headquarters
20 about, or is that not really permitted?

21 A I don't think she -- no, I don't think that's -- that would happen.

22 Q Okay. So that shuts it down, end of story.

23 A Or she could ask DTD ops, which I'm assuming that maybe she did, or I mean
24 they have what they call CAF-X agents in different field offices, which is very similar to a
25 CAT LNO, that maybe she could have said, well, are there any CAF-X? But if she felt

1 comfortable doing it.

2 Q Okay. You mentioned you were able to get an ambulance for the
3 motorcade free of charge.

4 Is an ambulance something that is required for the motorcade or, essentially, if
5 you weren't able to get it free of charge, would it still have been there or would that have
6 just been only there because it was free of charge?

7 A I think it probably would have only been there because it's free of charge.

8 Q Okay. So there's no like standard operating procedure that motorcades
9 have to include that?

10 A There's not, but they -- the bosses would like that, especially because, it
11 might be different now, but I don't think he had a doctor assigned to him at the time.

12 Q And if you weren't able to get that ambulance for free, but it's -- but bosses
13 like it, who pays for that, the agency, the campaign, someone else?

14 A So I guess that that would be an expenditure that we would have to put in.
15 But I don't know that -- it might -- I don't -- like she seems to know that that's not
16 something that we pay for. So she would have the expertise and that knowledge. So I
17 think that --

18 Q So the agency wants it, but it doesn't want to pay for it. Is that kind of
19 what I'm getting at or hearing?

20 A Probably.

21 Q So we're going to then bounce around a little bit.

22 Is there any sort of contingency plans for if, say, a lead, a site agent, or a site
23 counterpart are sick day of?

24 A Just it's going to fall onto the next person that's available or that -- I know
25 like that was discussed. You know, [REDACTED] wasn't feeling well, so I assumed that

1 maybe I would be put in that position. I'm not sure who else would have been available.

2 Q So that means you would have then taken her role at the airport?

3 A [Nonverbal response.]

4 Q Who would have done your duties?

5 A Just the site -- the site agent would have just been the one on the site
6 probably.

7 Q Even though she's also supposed to be embedded with the detail once they
8 get there?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And so you it sounds like are aware that Agent [REDACTED] was hospitalized the
11 night before. Is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And was she performing at -- or do you believe that on July 13th she was fit
14 for duty?

15 A She said she was.

16 Q Okay. Just a couple of quick things about training.
17 You previously were on the POTUS detail, correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q When you were on that detail, was there ongoing or regular protective
20 duty-related training that you guys would do?

21 A So they had a fourth week, what they called it, and that would be like your
22 training week.

23 Q Okay. So like once a month you guys went through protective training?

24 A Correct.

25 Q But I want to then go back. I think you said that field offices, you don't do

1 any sort of ongoing protective training. Is that correct?

2 A It would -- most of the training would be like online training.

3 Q Okay. So then it sounds like you've done some prior PI work. Did you
4 have any sort of training about PI work before the first time you were the PI lead?

5 A No.

6 Q Okay. So is that why you were unsure what PI training Agent [REDACTED]
7 would have had then?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Okay. So there's no sort of like agency field training program if you are
10 assigned a duty that you're doing for the first time?

11 A So I think it kind of -- you have to take it upon yourself to go find that.
12 That's typically what I would do, is go find somebody else that's done it. "Hey, I've never
13 done this. Help me out. What do I got to do?"

14 You can go on the internet and look under those specific entities. Like PID will
15 have their own page on the internet. And then I'm sure you can work through and find
16 a checklist or something of how to do what you're supposed to do. How much it gets
17 updated, I don't know. But there are avenues to take if you do investigate that.

18 Q Okay. And then I've got one final question, then I'll turn it over to my
19 colleague.

20 You mentioned -- and I just want to, I guess, for my clarification -- I believe you
21 said you were not aware of the crowd by the AGR building at any point before the
22 shooting. You learned about it after the fact, correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And I believe you said that is something that you normally would want to be
25 aware of.

1 How would that information I guess normally be shared, or how should it have
2 been shared?

3 A It could have been shared through a phone call. It could have been shared
4 through the radio. It could have been a post stander. It could have been anybody.

5 Anybody that saw the crowd, I would think that maybe it would have raised
6 concerns and that they would put it up the chain to somebody or question, are these
7 people -- should these people be here?

8 Q And if that information was shared -- from my understanding of the posts
9 that day, it was primarily PSP and Butler County sheriff's deputies that were in proximity
10 to that building -- would the Secret Service have been able to put an agency person over
11 there on the fly or -- let me rephrase that.

12 If you learned of that information, what would you have done with it?

13 A Yeah. So I would have probably called Lieutenant [REDACTED] and said, hey, we
14 need to clear all these people out. Nobody should be there. We would come up with
15 a plan together.

16 Otherwise, I could have sent the CS response agent. They have a vehicle and
17 they're paired with a PSP person. So I probably would have just said, hey.

18 They don't have like a set role at the site. So it would be very normal for them to
19 sit somewhere and wait for a response from the counter snipers anyway. So I would
20 just -- I would have just sent them over, that team over there, and had them sit there in
21 that lot.

22 Q And finally, if you had been aware of a suspicious person over there, would
23 you have handled it the same way as you just described?

24 A I probably would go over there myself.

25 Q You would have made sure some sort of asset was over there?

1 A Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: All right. That's all I have.

3 Thank you.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q Just a couple cleanup questions.

6 So you said when you were working on the site post log, it was frustrating because
7 you, first of all, you got all the his names late. Some of their email addresses were
8 wrong.

9 Who sent you all their contact information with all the flawed emails and stuff?

10 A I can't remember if it comes from INV or if it comes from CNOS. But it
11 comes from either INV or CNOS to outlet on official messages. And then I got it from the
12 lead, the names from the lead.

13 Q Okay. And is it common to be given no background of what their
14 experience is like for people that are working, supplementing your Secret Service staffing?

15 A I think that is common.

16 Q Sorry, just jumping around a bunch.

17 Lieutenant [REDACTED] has made an assertion that during the July 11th walk-through
18 when all the posts were being assigned that I believe it was Agent [REDACTED] she was like, I
19 want someone here, I want someone here, I want someone here, and then just skipped
20 over the AGR building and never asked him to post anybody there.

21 Is that -- do you recollect anything like that happening?

22 A I don't.

23 Q And I'm sorry for jumping through.

24 So you said that the counter sniper assets were given -- the Secret Service counter
25 sniper assets were given midweek at the request of DTD ops.

1 Were you aware at the time that this was the first time that counter sniper assets
2 had been assigned for a candidate nominee?

3 A I was not aware. I knew that the last time I had done a detail they were not
4 assigned. We used local CS.

5 Q Okay. And when you learned that they were coming, you just thought that
6 it was because it was going to be an outdoor rally?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And you had no idea that it was because of the credible threat information?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. And during one of the, I believe it was the Senate, the Senate
11 hearing, I believe it was Acting Director Rowe said that there was a meeting between the
12 Secret Service and the FBI in the days leading up to the event to determine whether there
13 is any information pertaining to the threat against the rally or the former President.

14 Were you aware of that meeting?

15 A No.

16 Q So you wouldn't be aware of who attended that meeting either?

17 A No.

18 Q Okay.

19 And then for the July 11th -- the July -- Friday for the walk-through in the morning
20 with the second supervisors, it was you, Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. I
21 forget the pronunciation.

22 Was there anybody else there with you?

23 A No.

24 Q Was [REDACTED] there?

25 A No.

1 Q Is that something she generally would have attended save for illness?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. And then when you were talking to the Butler ESU personnel after
4 the fact, I believe it's down where the bicycle was. Is that where you were talking?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Okay. And then, because you were talking about why they weren't on the
7 roof, and you said that you went to the AGR building a few days later to look from your
8 vantage point in the window and saw that they could see where Crooks was on the roof.

9 They are saying that they would have to be sort of hanging out of the window to
10 kind of see that. Was that your take on it also?

11 A No.

12 [REDACTED]: We can go off the record.

13 [Recess.]

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Thank you again for your time with us today. I know it's been long, but I'm
16 hoping we will wrap up. And so also forgive me that I think we'll probably similarly jump
17 around a little bit, but just in an effort to tie up some loose ends.

18 So at the end of our last round we were talking a bit about that overnight July
19 12th site build time period.

20 Could you just walk me through in a little more detail like when did you get there,
21 what were you seeing, why did you go back to the site?

22 A On July 11th?

23 Q On July 12th, Friday night, the night before.

24 A Oh. So I was just -- at like maybe 7 o'clock or so there started -- cars just
25 started piling in. But intermittently there would be like a car that came in and would

1 just like park randomly, not in a parking spot or anything, and just sit there.

2 And I would say, can I help you? And they would say, oh, I'm here for the event.

3 And then other people would come. I saw like other people gathering, and they were
4 just on their -- in their chairs, lawn chairs sitting there. And I'd say, are you a volunteer?

5 And they would say, no, we're just here for the event.

6 So I was like, okay, I can't decipher now. And I asked staff, hey, who's vetting
7 these people coming in? The staff guy that was vetting the people was on a golf cart,
8 and he was just riding around and said he had multiple tasks to do and he couldn't vet
9 anybody and that anyone could come be a staff -- you know, be a volunteer. There's no
10 like list or anything like that.

11 So there was no way to determine who was like showing up. People could just
12 show up and then say they're a volunteer.

13 So they were over there, had like maybe an hour meeting. So I just wanted to
14 make sure that when that meeting was over that everybody was going to depart the site
15 and that there wasn't going to be anybody left like hanging out on site to sleep there.

16 Q So I think earlier in the evening there had been like a Teams call. Is that
17 right? Did you take that? For the record, can you just say yes?

18 A Yes.

19 Q There was a Teams call. Were you back in the field office for that call or --

20 A I was at the site in the security room.

21 Q Okay. So thank you. That's helpful. I thought there was some
22 back-and-forth there.

23 Then you have this discussion. On your timeline, it says, "I called [REDACTED] to discuss
24 my concerns with him. He said one of the staffers is in charge of that."

25 Are the concerns this about volunteers coming up or people getting there early for

1 the event?

2 A Correct. Concerns just -- yeah, people showing up as volunteers. And I
3 was like, who's the volunteers and who's just showing up? Is there a list? How are you
4 vetting these people? And that's when he sent this staff. I don't know the other
5 person's name.

6 Q Fair enough.

7 What's the standard operating procedure for volunteers or this vetting that you're
8 talking about?

9 Is that something you rely on a campaign for, not necessarily specific to the
10 former President? But just how does that work? Would there ever be Secret Service
11 that vets folks coming onto the site the night before?

12 A No. It's a staff -- it's part of the staff's job to do that. So we don't vet the
13 volunteers. We just hope that they -- it's people that they're familiar with or that
14 there's -- I don't honestly know how they come up with their volunteers or -- I really
15 don't. But we don't vet them. But I just was wishing that the site was more secure, I
16 guess.

17 It's easier to secure like an indoor site. You can lock doors. It's easier to secure
18 an airport site because you're on a secure location so people can't get to that site.

19 So this was just one of those sites that was just difficult to secure.

20 Q And I think you had discussed this with the majority. Even if you do have
21 folks coming on the night before, there's still another sweep the morning of July 13th.
22 So hopefully you would catch any issues that morning.

23 A Correct.

24 Q Anything else that we should know about that July 12th? I think you
25 mentioned there was some private security there. Who was that? Or some

1 contractors, I think was the term you used.

2 A Yes. So the campaign hired some contracting agency for security. I don't
3 know who it was. I just waited for them to show up and I introduced myself and we
4 spoke. And then I left whenever they said that they were going to remain overnight till
5 8 a.m.

6 Q They were helping with security. What was your understanding of their
7 specific role?

8 A That they were trying to make sure nobody got on the grounds.

9 Q Okay. But ultimately, this is still a Secret Service site. Secret Service is still
10 ultimately in charge of security. Fair statement?

11 A Fair statement, yes.

12 Q Okay. And then these are just some other hands that maybe will be some
13 additional bodies to help manage that situation?

14 A That was just --

15 Q The volunteers.

16 A -- when we weren't there. Yeah, for -- just for overnight security.

17 Q Was that the first time you became aware that this private security would be
18 there?

19 A Yes. I think they might have been there the night before too, but I wasn't
20 aware.

21 Q Were they also there on July 13th in any capacity?

22 A No.

23 Q I don't want to spend too much time again on the line-of-sight issues, but do
24 you recall any discussion at any point about using any black fabric covering or an opaque
25 covering along the fence line to keep crowds away?

1 A No.

2 Q In the text messages that we looked at earlier, there's one exchange on
3 page -- the page with 2899 in the upper right-hand corner. It says, "[REDACTED] wanted to know
4 the backup plan if you can't make it tomorrow. I said I guess I would become the lead."
5 And Special Agent [REDACTED] responds, "I will be there."

6 And I think the majority mentioned that maybe Special Agent [REDACTED] had been ill at
7 some point. Do you recall what that situation was?

8 A Yeah. She just said that she had to go to the hospital for -- I don't know.
9 Like dehydration, I believe she had said, and that she needed an IV.

10 Q Okay. It was quite hot that week.
11 Is this something that you discuss with your colleagues regularly, like is there a
12 backup plan in place if one of you gets sick?

13 A I don't know. I don't think I've ever experienced a situation where
14 somebody -- I think it would just have to be whoever may be next best would know the
15 visit site.

16 Q But there's no formal site agent isn't able to show up, site counterpart steps
17 into the role, nothing like that that's formalized in a policy or anything like that?

18 A Right. Yeah. Not that I know of.

19 Q In this instance, did you have any contingency plan or discuss with Special
20 Agent [REDACTED] if she couldn't work the rally what would happen?

21 A Just in this. She said she would be there, and I said okay.

22 Q Also in the messages, I think the last page, in the upper right-hand corner,
23 it's 2909, there was a name redacted. [REDACTED] was the name that was redacted.

24 "The main concern was that I was getting those special guests in and I need to
25 make sure they aren't waiting in mags."

1 Special Agent [REDACTED] responds with a face plant emoji and "So not appropriate."

2 You respond, "I can't stand that shit. So glad [REDACTED] doesn't act that way" -- or
3 "like that."

4 Do you recall what you were discussing here and what the issue was?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And can you elaborate on the exchange and your apparent frustrations?

7 A It was just a special request to get some folks into the site.

8 Q From who?

9 A From [REDACTED].

10 Q From [REDACTED]

11 And did you have any concerns or frustrations more broadly about his handling of
12 the advance for the rally?

13 A No.

14 Q The morning of July 13th -- we started to speak a bit about the morning
15 briefing. It was just Secret Service, I believe you said. And I understood you to say it
16 wouldn't necessarily make sense to have all of our local partners in there, because you
17 can only fit so many people in a room. It would be very crowded.

18 Is it fair to say, in your experience, you've never seen that sort of dynamic with a
19 morning of an event briefing, Secret Service, local partners, everybody get together, or
20 was this the atypical situation?

21 A Yeah. No, normally, that doesn't occur. It maybe would occur a day
22 before or -- and it's not usually like the entire -- like every single person involved.
23 It's -- it would be a smaller grouping.

24 Q Going into that morning, had anything changed overnight or since the last
25 planning discussions you had had with local and State, anything that they would need to

1 be updated on on the morning of July 13th?

2 A Nothing changed from the Secret Service end. I don't know what
3 changes -- if they had any changes.

4 Q So I'll ask that question. You didn't know. Would it have been helpful to
5 have a broader joint briefing to hear if there were any updates from PSP, let's say?

6 A Yeah. I would have expected that I would just receive a phone call or
7 something if there was changes.

8 Q If you needed day of to make a change, right, let's say an asset that I thought
9 I was going to have, an ambulance even, doesn't show up, I need to communicate that
10 with PSP, with Butler Township.

11 What was the plan to do that on July 13th? How would you send out that
12 message?

13 A I would call Lieutenant [REDACTED]

14 Q And I think earlier in our discussion we talked about PSP. I jotted down you
15 said that they were the lead agency in charge for the Butler Farm Show. I take it the
16 lead local agency.

17 A Yes.

18 Q And is it fair to say that Lieutenant [REDACTED] over the course of that week had
19 presented himself as sort of the liaison between Secret Service and all local law
20 enforcement?

21 A When I first came into contact with Lieutenant [REDACTED] he said that he was
22 the officer in charge of that site and they had the greatest presence and who we were
23 working with, and they were also in charge of the transportation section and they're most
24 knowledgeable in terms of how we operate.

25 And then, as the advance progressed, he said that he was going to be

1 implementing the other local townships into his security plan as well.

2 Q And what about as far as the communications plan? Is he also sort of a link
3 in the communications chain to those agencies?

4 A I believe so.

5 Q And then focusing on the security room, which we've talked a bit about. If I
6 understand what I've been hearing correctly, it sound like, again, you're relying on PSP,
7 and I think it was Mr. [REDACTED] who was in the security room, to be listening to State and
8 local radio channels?

9 A Correct.

10 Q You have worked -- you said a few times you've worked with PSP before.
11 Did you understand that PSP had radio interoperability with all of the local
12 agencies on site?

13 A I did not -- I wasn't sure about Butler ESU and how their comms system
14 worked.

15 Q But you thought that PSP --

16 A I thought that the other entities could communicate.

17 Q So your understanding was that PSP could speak to Butler Township PD, to
18 Butler sheriff?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Did you ask that question?

21 A I don't remember the specific conversations of how -- yeah, I don't know if I
22 specifically asked that question.

23 Q Did you ever hear from Lieutenant [REDACTED] they will be able to monitor all of
24 those channels from the security room?

25 A I don't know that he specifically said that. I do recall that [REDACTED]

1 said that he'd be able to hear the police channels.

2 And I knew that Butler Township was going to block off the transportation routes
3 when they got close. So I guess I just assumed that they had the communications
4 through the radio that they were going to be communicating when they needed the roads
5 blocked off.

6 Q And you said you didn't think that -- or you were unsure about PSP's link to
7 Butler ESU.

8 Did you think that would be something that [REDACTED] at Butler EMS could
9 monitor?

10 A No. I was under the impression that the tactical teams were exchanging
11 radios with one another.

12 Q Okay. And then how would -- so they would exchange radios with each
13 other. That was how they would be able to hear. And you would be able to reach
14 Butler ESU because they would have a Secret Service radio on them? Is that correct?

15 A Yeah. So the counter snipers would be communicating all the radio traffic
16 to the security room is how it normally would operate.

17 Q We've heard some suggestion that there might have been what's been
18 termed a communication blanket or some sort of obstruction of cell phone
19 communications over the site that day. Are you aware of Secret Service doing anything
20 with that?

21 A No.

22 Q Were you personally having cell phone issues on July 13th?

23 A Not that I am aware of.

24 Q Any of your colleagues communicate that to you?

25 A I think the site agent had sent a text message.

1 Q That they were having personally some trouble? And I'm sorry if I asked
2 this earlier.

3 A She said that -- something along the lines that she had radios and phone
4 issues. But I know she had called me. And I had called her a couple times.

5 Q And sorry, just going back to the security room. Sitting here today, what is
6 your understanding of what PSP was able to hear in terms of radio channels from local
7 law enforcement?

8 A I don't know.

9 Q And I think we've also jumped around a bit on July 13th. But overall, how
10 would you describe your role for that day? I think you said earlier maybe almost
11 everything except for the protectee and the stage.

12 But what issues were you dealing with over the course of the day from the time
13 you arrived until let's say 6 p.m.?

14 A So I was posting up post standers. I was making sure that -- I was coding all
15 of their radios, making sure that the radios were coded. I was going to each post to
16 check on each person individually, make sure they understood their instructions
17 constantly throughout the day.

18 I was dealing with a lot of medical issues. I was focusing mainly on the lines
19 leading up to the magnetometers and just kind of scoping out the people that were going
20 to be coming to the site.

21 I was -- at this point, I couldn't -- the crowds were so large, I couldn't see the other
22 side. So I couldn't see anything on the AGR side once the crowds came. So I
23 never -- even if the crowds gathered, I wouldn't have been able to see them.

24 Q Where exactly were you for most of the day? You're sort of near the
25 entrance and the mags?

1 A Yeah. So I was on the opposite side of the rally, basically, the side closer to
2 the mags. There's like a road that goes from the main entrance straight down all the
3 way through.

4 So I was pretty much going up and down that road and then focusing on all the
5 problems or the people that were posted towards the parking lot, with the impression
6 that the site agent was focusing on the bubble area and the tents and that area.

7 Q And forgive me that I'm not looking at a map as I ask this, but in terms of
8 your post standers, if you recall, who would have been the closest site to that AGR fence,
9 or was there somebody close that had --

10 A Probably the dais right, the right side of the stage.

11 Q And did that person ever report out to you or anybody else, hey, we've got
12 some crowds building near this fence?

13 A No.

14 Q No discussion about I see local law enforcement responding to that area
15 over the course of the day?

16 A No.

17 Q Were you in communication with Lieutenant [REDACTED] over the course of the
18 day?

19 A Just in passing. Never like -- we didn't really call each other or anything.

20 Q And in passing, what do you recall he relayed to you?

21 A He had no issues, like no issues.

22 Q Around midday, I think, we've seen a text exchange with you and Special
23 Agent [REDACTED] I can share it if you want. But she asks how you're doing, and you say, it's
24 like a total mess.

25 Can you elaborate on that if it's anything we haven't covered yet?

1 A Yeah, I think it's just the amount of medical issues. People were dropping
2 like flies. The volunteers didn't have any kind of badges or identification. People
3 didn't have seats. They were just smashed in like sardines. No one could get any
4 water or food or leave their area.

5 There were no paths to walk through. Just attempting to get to our press agents
6 to give them a break was just a nightmare.

7 So those are the things I was, I guess, expressing.

8 Q Fair enough. And we've over the course of our discussion stuck pretty
9 closely to a lot of things you raised in your notes, your recollection, and tried to pull out
10 some other things.

11 But anything else about the advance period, about July 13th that we haven't
12 covered that you want to share or anything that since writing these notes has come to
13 you and that's important to sort of how this story comes together in your mind?

14 A I don't think so. I think you have a lot, a lot of information.

15 Q And we appreciate all that.

16 ██████████. ██████████?

17 BY ██████████:

18 Q Just a couple of questions on the broader relationship between Secret
19 Service personnel and in this case campaign staff. It could be White House staff. Just
20 staff generally of protectees.

21 It feels like there is just an inherent tension there because those two groups might
22 not be coming with the exact same perspectives, the exact same interests.

23 Would you generally agree with that premise, based on your own professional
24 experience? Is there often tension between Secret Service and staff?

25 A So I think there could be, but I think that's the whole reason why they -- the

1 staff is usually working with the detail, because they should over time develop a
2 relationship, kind of like how the site -- the counterparts or the liaison with the local law
3 enforcement, because over time we usually are able to develop that relationship.

4 So those relationships should be over time developed. In this instance, I think
5 most of the staff was like random help that was coming from wherever locally. So I
6 don't know that there were permanent staff. I know [REDACTED] was. Maybe [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]. Maybe the two.

8 But other than that, I don't know how experienced the rest of the staff that were
9 helping were or if the site agent knew them or worked with them.

10 Q Yeah. I was going to -- so that makes sense, that normally that relationship
11 would help solve those types of issues.

12 A Correct.

13 Q In this case, the site agent was from the protective detail. As far as you
14 know, at least, [REDACTED] is from the campaign.

15 Did you have any visibility into -- it seems like that theory should still have worked
16 somewhat well here, but it seems like it may not have. Do you have any sense of why
17 that may have been?

18 A So I know that the staff lead does know like the -- is going to know the
19 supervisors very well, right, which is why I brought the [inaudible] to the supervisors so
20 that they could cordially work that out.

21 I don't know where I was going. Could you repeat the question?

22 Q Yeah. The structure I think still should have worked somewhat well. The
23 site agent was from the protective detail and, therefore, you would think would have had
24 that type of working relationship with at least, for example, [REDACTED] who was from
25 sort of a permanent campaign staff place.

1 So I guess when you say, well, it usually works in the following way, it seems like it
2 could have worked out equally well in Butler, but it seems like it did not work maybe as
3 well as it normally should or would. And I'm just wondering if you, in your role in the
4 planning, had any insight into where maybe some of those challenges arose or why.

5 A Yeah. So, yeah, no, you're right. That's the whole point of the detail
6 coming and working with staff, because that's -- even from a local perspective, we work
7 with the same -- usually the First Lady's staff all the time. We know them. You know,
8 people hug each other when they see each other, because it's just -- you're working with
9 the same people.

10 So that's kind of how it's supposed to work. You're supposed to develop these
11 relationships, and negotiations should be put in place.

12 But I don't know -- they have a lot of people on their detail and I don't know how
13 much exposure maybe the site agent has with the staff, depending on how many visits
14 she's done or how often she's worked. I think there's a lot -- it's a lot bigger than one
15 may think, I guess.

16 Q Does some of that variability in terms of whether that staff-to-detail
17 relationship works out well or not, it seems like maybe sometimes that comes down to
18 individual personalities, individual experience levels. Is that fair?

19 A Absolutely. I think on like the President's detail, the lead agent and the
20 lead staff have a good working relationship even if their personalities don't really mesh,
21 because of the professionalism.

22 And that's why it is challenging and people -- not everybody gets to those levels
23 for that very reason, because you have to accommodate one another's needs and you
24 have to work together to accomplish the mission or it's not going to be successful.

25 Q Did you feel, from where you sat, like there was a mixture of issues here?

1 In other words, was it a cocktail of a little bit of an inexperienced site agent, a particularly
2 aggressive staff lead, maybe neither, maybe both, maybe some other, maybe the lead
3 advance agent isn't from the detail where they normally would be? Was it a mixture of
4 all of that? Am I missing any other possibilities?

5 A Yeah, I think it was like a perfect storm. But, yeah, those definitely come
6 into play.

7 Q Does the lack -- sometimes this is where the lawyers naturally go to. Is it
8 right that there is not a written -- if there's a disagreement, just an irreconcilable conflict
9 between staff and Secret Service personnel about a particular security issue, it does not
10 seem to us like there's a clear mechanism for that conflict to be solved. There's not a
11 policy we can point to to explain how to approach and solve that issue.

12 Is that correct on our part?

13 A I would say so.

14 Q Okay. It feels as if -- and this is, I guess, an observation in the form of a
15 question -- that does that create a little bit of a situation where it does start to come
16 down to individual personalities more than it otherwise might?

17 A So where I was going with it is like the detail is going to try to accommodate
18 staff the best that they can, because they're working with staff all the time. So they may
19 be giving in a little more than a field office might give in to staff.

20 Because it's just like when the President comes into town, that's why they have
21 counterparts, right, to coordinate with the locals. Because they may come in, say, we
22 want this, this, this, and start being demanding, and their personality may be very
23 aggressive towards the locals. And that's not what we want.

24 But they're coming in, then they're leaving. So it's the same situation with staff.
25 Like the supervisors on the detail want to make sure those working relationships are

1 going to be maintained, because they're in charge of the schedule, right?

2 That's the most important thing. They're in charge of where he's going, the
3 schedule, the itinerary. They need that information in order to do their job.

4 So a lot of times I would say that staff wins the arguments.

5 Q Do you view that as a good or bad thing? In other words, is it good
6 because protective detail has this really good intimate working relationship with staff, or
7 is it bad because protective detail has a little bit of a conflict of interest and if they don't
8 lay down the law it's going to be bad for their own schedules?

9 A I think it can work out fine if you have the right people in the right -- in place
10 to do it.

1 [4:02 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q All right. I know we've had a lot of questions. These will hopefully be
5 quick, and they're going to kind of touch on a variety of different areas. The first one, so
6 special agent, senior special agent, help me understand, is it just two different roles? Is
7 it just a designation of experience, of capabilities?

8 A After 15 years, you can apply to become a senior special agent.

9 Q Okay. So it's not necessarily a rank, per se. It is just designated, hey,
10 you're more experienced, and that would be the type of deference you would show
11 someone in that role?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Did you get a sense from Special Agent [REDACTED] that that played into
14 how she was interacting with you all? In other words, was she deferring because of that
15 rank, or did she -- did that ever come up, or that position?

16 A No.

17 Q I want to talk then, the site agent for a large site, her being a special agent,
18 not a senior special agent, was that unusual for a site like this where it's large, where
19 there are these various issues that you need to mitigate? Like would you expect to have
20 a senior special agent in that role typically?

21 A No, because I think that detail is all pretty young. I don't -- I don't know the
22 whole detail, but I think -- my understanding of that detail is that there are a lot of young
23 agents that are coming from, you know, Miami or the local field offices going directly to
24 that detail, so there's -- that would be their phase two as opposed to going to the
25 President or the Vice President's detail.

1 Q Got it. Understood. So you could theoretically even have someone as the
2 lead advance who's a special agent, not a senior special agent, in that type of detail, as
3 opposed to POTUS or VPOTUS?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. We talked a little bit about sort of the lack of urgency. And, given
6 the experience, was that something that you guys were just basically like, "Hey, we're
7 going to have to cover for this," or did you see specific things being dropped because of
8 her lack of urgency?

9 A I didn't see specific things being dropped. I tried to take the lead on, you
10 know, organizing things, organizing meetings, organizing walkthroughs, setting up the
11 secured room. So I was doing a lot of things without being asked to do to try to help.
12 We tried to have conversations, like, "Make sure you're there for the build," just simple
13 hint, hintful things to say, like, "Just to try to help the -- you know, help make sure things
14 run smoothly." But there wasn't, you know, like anything in particular that stood out
15 that I was like, "Oh, no," or anything like that. Just --

16 Q So you sort of have a sense of what needs to be done, and you're filling in
17 when she's not doing it? Is that fair?

18 A Yeah, I just like know -- like I brought my computer every day. I stayed at
19 the site all day. I had my computer with me. I worked at the site with my computer.
20 Just being available. I guess it's just being available.

21 Q Got it. And then help me understand the interplay then between the site
22 agent and lead agent, because earlier you said the lead agent is above that person. Is
23 that right? The lead advance. Is that right?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Okay. So why doesn't [REDACTED] -- what about her role would make her not say

1 to [REDACTED] "Hey, no, you're going to stay here during the buildout," for instance, on Friday
2 night, or "You're going to do these other things"? Like why wouldn't she give her an
3 order to do that?

4 A Well, I don't know that anyone -- I don't know if they had like a real
5 organized staff where they said like, "We're going to start the build at this particular
6 time." I don't know if they even had a timeframe of when they were doing things or -- it
7 just kind of seemed like it was all just kind of coming together as it came together
8 throughout the week. I don't know lead -- [REDACTED] may have had conversations that
9 I'm not aware of with the site agent.

10 Q But that is something that the lead advance agent could do theoretically
11 because of that structure; she could give an order to the site agent?

12 A An order, I mean, sure, I guess. I guess, yeah.

13 Q And then, above the lead advance agent, in this case, then it would go to the
14 detail, which is why this was an abnormal structure, because the lead agent came from
15 the field office?

16 A The lead -- it could go either way. I mean, the lead usually is going to
17 report everything back to the SAIC of the field office, and then the site agent from the
18 detail is going to report everything back to her supervisor on the detail. So you might
19 have two different lines of communication.

20 Q And normally the line -- just help me understand. Normally the line, you'd
21 said, the lead would come from the detail?

22 A Yeah. I mean, that's how -- that's how like the First Lady's detail is, and
23 then this is the only other unique kind of situation, because normally a former President
24 is all field office.

25 Q Okay. Quick question on offices. So my understanding, please tell me if

1 this is wrong, all the field offices, you both have investigative and then other types of
2 responsibilities and missions, but you, of course, also have to do protective detail when
3 someone comes. Is that right?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Do different offices have different investigative missions based upon their
6 protection responsibilities? In other words, your office, assuming, has a lot of protective
7 responsibilities in campaign seasons. Does someone pick up the slack on the
8 investigative side, another office?

9 A For our office or -- like pick up our slack, or --

10 Q Let me re-ask the question. So offices, it seems to me the Secret Service
11 basically has two responsibilities: You have the investigative side, and then you have
12 the protective side. I would assume there are offices who are traditionally going to have
13 a much larger burden on the protective side. Is that right?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. And then are those offices then having their investigative roles
16 minimized or compensated for, or are those just going to be much busier offices?

17 A Yeah, it's going to be compensated.

18 Q By a different office?

19 A They're just not going to -- that office just isn't going to do investigations like
20 another office would.

21 Q Got it. I want to talk about the Monday morning meeting. You
22 mentioned sort of an email was sent out to all the local agencies that kind of would be
23 responsible and have a role in that. Is that right?

24 A To the -- for the police meeting?

25 Q Yes.

1 A Yes.

2 Q How is it tracked -- you know, for instance, in this case, there may be some
3 agencies, local law enforcement that are more important, some are less important.
4 Who is sort of tracking, "Hey, these are the people we really need to be there"?

5 A I think that it's -- we just have like a police contact sheet. And then, as we
6 have visits and as we send out the things, like, you'll get an email, "Hey, so-and-so is now
7 in charge of this," or "Hey, you can delete this guy, add this guy." So we just constantly
8 are adding and subtracting from the contact sheet that we have and just basing it off of
9 the feedback that we're getting from the police.

10 Q Okay. So, when -- you know, for instance, in this case, right, Butler ESU was
11 presumably a pretty important element to have at the site in Butler. Would it be the
12 lead advance agent's responsibility to sort of track, "Hey, this person didn't show up," and
13 needing to then reach out?

14 A So the SAIC is the one that originally, I think, reached out -- reaches out to
15 the entities asking them to come to the police meeting. And then, if you're at the police
16 meeting and you're not getting what you need resolved, that's when -- like if the site
17 agent isn't getting the contacts that she needs, that's when she would either reach out to
18 me as the local representative or the lead and say, "Hey, I'm looking for a tactical unit," or
19 "I'm looking for, you know, a bond technician. Can you get me a contact for this?"

20 Q Okay. That makes sense. I think getting to some of the local issues, you
21 mentioned that the local trailer, you said it wasn't supposed to be sort of a second
22 command post, just kind of a medical emergency thing. Is that right?

23 A Correct.

24 Q So, if local law enforcement leaders were actually stationed, they were
25 posted up there, that wouldn't be in accordance with the planning that you had kind of

1 been given by [REDACTED]. Is that right?

2 A So my understanding is that, you know, it's 95 degrees. They can go into
3 the -- you know, command presence can --

4 Q Sure.

5 A -- absolutely go in, take a break, hang out there. But, when they talk about
6 raising concerns to command, my understanding is they're ranking official. So, whether
7 that command is standing, you know, on property somewhere or whether they're sitting
8 in that mobile command, they're talking about their ranking official, not specifically that
9 command, that emergency medical command center. So they may be sitting there if
10 they want to take a break or -- but to my knowledge, it wasn't -- assets weren't taken
11 away from our secured room to be put into a second command center.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Is it fair to say your understanding of this, local trailer issue, is they said, "We
14 want our EMS trailer there, right, respond to police calls; it's also air-conditioned; others
15 can gather." Did anybody say, "Hey, this is where we're going to have Butler ESU, where
16 we're going to have Butler Township PD monitoring our radios"? Like did you have any
17 concept on July 13th that there was what locals are perceiving to be almost a second
18 command post?

19 A No, because if I would've, I absolutely would've corrected the issue by either
20 implementing it all into one or having -- I could've talked to the site supervisor and said,
21 "Hey, they want to operate out of here. Look, we don't want conflicting commands.
22 Let's -- how do you want to handle it?"

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Sure. Yeah, that makes sense.

25 And then, getting in the last question on the local -- I think you made this clear, I

1 just want to make sure it's right. So, with regard to Lieutenant [REDACTED] and the plan
2 around AGR that you guys talked about on the 9th, the plan was, you said it would be
3 posted, and your interpretation of that from him was there would be some local law
4 enforcement agency, first of all, cars parked in that parking lot. Is that right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q He didn't make clear which agency, just some of them?

7 A Correct.

8 Q He said, basically, "I'll be the one to take care of this. I got it." Is that fair?

9 A He didn't say those words --

10 Q Sure.

11 A -- but, yeah.

12 Q That was the implication was he was on that issue?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And then there would also be roving patrols, and would those be the same
15 cars that would then be on traffic detail when the motorcade came through?

16 A I believe so.

17 Q Okay. So, if there were Butler police vehicles just stationed at traffic points
18 other than the motorcade, like they're just -- that's where they are; they are sitting on
19 roads -- that would be different than the implication he had given you on the 9th?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Okay.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Did he ever convey to you, Lieutenant [REDACTED], that Butler Township Police
24 were not able to provide the number of officers that he had initially expected?

25 A I had heard after the visit that Butler Sheriff had cut their numbers in half.

1 Q Okay. But, leading up, he -- Lieutenant [REDACTED] never suggested, "Oh, I
2 thought I was going to have [REDACTED] officers; actually I'm going to have [REDACTED]; I'm reworking the
3 plan as a result"?

4 A No. But it sounds like he -- it sounds like I'm hearing that he doubled the
5 numbers, is what is coming out, and if he doubled the numbers, I was not made aware.
6 And, if we now are hearing that all these local entities have all these concerns with the
7 AGR and we're doubling our numbers, why are we not putting those bodies at the AGR is
8 my -- would be my question.

9 Q Where was that coming from that numbers are doubling?

10 A The report.

11 Q What report are we talking about?

12 A I don't know. I read a report that said that they had [REDACTED] bodies, that they
13 had [REDACTED] PSP bodies given to us, and I was told that there would be [REDACTED].

14 Q Okay.

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q Two very quick questions. So the discussion with [REDACTED] on the 11th,
17 right, my impression, you said [REDACTED] gave you the phone to talk to Lieutenant [REDACTED].
18 Is that right?

19 A No. Lieutenant [REDACTED] gave me a phone -- the phone to talk to somebody
20 from Butler ESU.

21 Q Got it. And the discussions with [REDACTED] though were largely -- or were
22 only about the CAT team, not patrol. Is that right?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. And then, last question, radio, so you -- what channel were you on,
25 let's say, 18:00 moving forward?

1 A It got -- it had switched to [REDACTED].

2 Q To [REDACTED], okay. Got it. That is all I have.

3 [REDACTED]. So I have --

4 [REDACTED] Sorry, counsel, before you -- can I have 1 minute?

5 [REDACTED]. We can go off the record.

6 [Discussion off the record.]

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q As the field office site agent counterpart, were you expected to coordinate
9 with local law enforcement?

10 A Yes.

11 Q You mentioned line-of-sight issues that you raised. Did you ever mention
12 those to the supervisors in the field office or --

13 A They knew about line of sight, but I think that was early on in the week. I
14 didn't talk to them about all the frustrations throughout the week, if that's what you're
15 referring to with the staff. The lead knew, so I think she was more in contact with [REDACTED]
16 than -- and I was more just in contact with the lead.

17 Q So the idea is that [REDACTED] would have raised those concerns to the
18 supervisors?

19 A I don't know if she would've or wouldn't have, but I thought it was sufficient
20 to raise them to the detail, so I didn't raise them to my supervisors.

21 Q If there is a suspicious person or threat outside of the perimeter, would it be
22 appropriate for Secret Service to respond?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And is that consistent with counter sniper response and PI being sent out?

25 A Yes.

1 Q If they are sent out, should the site agent or site agent counterpart be
2 notified?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Do you recall being notified?

5 A No.

6 Q You mentioned that typically for the POTUS or the FLOTUS, the lead advance
7 agent would come from the detail, and for a former President, he would come from the
8 field office. What about a candidate?

9 A So a candidate comes from what they call CNOS, and that's where you're
10 given like a CNOS assignment. And so that was a question that [REDACTED] and I had at
11 the beginning before the week started. I said, "Can you request some bodies through
12 CNOS," but because it was like 2 days before his actual nomination, I guess they wouldn't
13 activate CNOS yet.

14 Q And, for the record, what is CNOS? What does it stand for?

15 A Candidate nominee operate -- I don't know the -- but it's basically like
16 the -- once a person becomes the nominee, this gets activated, and people from the -- get
17 pulled from all directions, from all over the field and are put into different roles. So you
18 could be a site agent; you could be a lead agent; you could be a protective intelligence
19 agent, and, so, yeah.

20 Q Okay. And did -- I'm jumping around, so excuse me. Did [REDACTED] or
21 [REDACTED] mention anything about an AGR conversation with a local sniper?

22 A No.

23 Q Was there ever a discussion between yourself and [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or anyone
24 else about how planning for the outside rally would be different from planning for a rally
25 that would be indoors?

1 A No.

2 Q You mentioned that there were supervisors that would've done a
3 walkthrough with the tactical team. Which supervisors are those?

4 A I don't recall mentioning that.

5 Q So earlier -- and it was a long time ago, but earlier today you mentioned that
6 with regards to the idea of the location of the local snipers and whether there were any
7 concerns, and tactical placement generally, that there will be supervisors walking around,
8 and they would address it if there were any issues.

9 A They would be briefed on the positioning of the tactical teams by the site
10 agent.

11 Q And --

12 A So, if they had, I guess, questions regarding the briefing, I would assume that
13 it would have come up then.

14 Q And who would that be, which supervisors?

15 A So, when they had their Teams briefing, it was lots of supervisors; the SAIC
16 was on the call; the shift leader of the detail was on the call; the -- two of the second
17 supervisors were on the call; the CAT team.

18 [REDACTED]: Is this the --

19 [REDACTED] This is the Teams --

20 [REDACTED]: This is the Friday, July 12th?

21 [REDACTED] Friday night at 5:30.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q You mentioned going above and beyond what you would expect that site
24 agent counterpart to do, including setting up the security room. Are there other
25 examples of actions that you took that you would not expect the counterpart to take on?

1 A Just all the negotiations with -- all the conversations with the campaign and
2 just the dealings with the campaign, and just the -- I think that would be the main. Just
3 the time spent on the site itself, especially because I was -- couldn't put all my efforts into
4 that site because I was also dealing with a second airport site.

5 Q And would [REDACTED] have been -- like, for instance, if you go to set up the
6 security room, are you telling [REDACTED] that you're taking that on?

7 A No. She never asked me to do that.

8 Q Did you provide a security room agent with a list of local law enforcement
9 that should have been in the security room?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you ever -- when you were in the security room from around 6 o'clock
12 until the shooting, did you ever see [REDACTED] talking to Sergeant [REDACTED]?

13 A I wasn't paying attention. I didn't see that, no.

14 Q And my final question, based off of your experience, was the coordination
15 for this event less, more, or typical from what you've experienced in your Presidential
16 detail?

17 A With a Presidential detail?

18 Q Yeah, for rallies or these sort of --

19 A Well, there was a whole lot less entities than a Presidential detail, a whole
20 lot less people. But it was a standard -- it was, you know, standard the way the advance
21 planning went.

22 Q So, for rallies that you've participated in, was this on par with what you
23 typically experience?

24 A Yes.

25 [REDACTED]. That's all I have. Thank you.

- 1 [REDACTED]. All right. I think we can say, thank you for your time. And we
2 can go off the record.
- 3 [Whereupon, at 4:27 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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