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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 room 4400, O'Neill House Office

24 Building, commencing at 10:01 a.m.

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1 [REDACTED] Today is October 10th, 2024, and this is the transcribed interview of
2 Special Agent [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules of the
4 interview with you. And before I do that, I'm going to go through some preamble, as we
5 call it.

6 House Resolution 1367 and 1470 direct the task force to investigate all actions by
7 any agency, department, officer, or employee of the Federal Government related to the
8 attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and
9 September 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Pursuant to House Resolution 1367,
10 Chairman Kelly and Ranking Member Crow have requested this interview as part of the
11 task force investigation.

12 Will the witness please state your name and spell your last name for the record?

13 [REDACTED] First name is [REDACTED] last name is [REDACTED] And you said to spell
14 my --

15 [REDACTED]. Your last name. It's a self-evident spelling, please --

16 [REDACTED] Okay. I'm just asking to be clear. Last name is spelled

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] Thank you.

19 My name is [REDACTED]. I'm a special counsel with the task force. I want to
20 thank you for coming in today for this interview. The task force recognizes and
21 appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

22 You are allowed to have an attorney present to advise you during this interview.
23 Do you have an attorney representing you in your personal capacity present with you
24 today?

25 [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

1 [REDACTED]. Would counsel please identify yourself for the record?

2 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] as in [REDACTED]

3 Thank you.

4 [REDACTED]: Is there also an attorney present representing the Secret Service
5 today?

6 [REDACTED] Yes. Good morning. [REDACTED] deputy chief counsel,
7 United States Secret Service.

8 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

9 [REDACTED]. And the agent from DHS.

10 [REDACTED]: Oh, sorry. And there's an agent from DHS also present. Would
11 you please identify yourself for the record?

12. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] And the person who just spoke is remotely present.

14 [REDACTED]: Correct.

15 [REDACTED]: For the record, Members of Congress can appear at this interview
16 and ask you questions, they would identify themselves and the district they represent.

17 There are no Members here today. But if one does appear, they will be able to ask you
18 questions.

19 [REDACTED] Understood.

20 [REDACTED]: Next, starting with the majority and then the minority, can additional
21 staff members please introduce yourselves with your name, title, and affiliation.

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

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

24 [REDACTED], deputy staff director with the majority.

25 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], investigative counsel, task force minority.

1 [REDACTED], professional staff member, task force minority.

2 [REDACTED], Democratic staff director.

3 [REDACTED]. Thank you, everyone.

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

6 As previously agreed to by counsel for yourself, agency staff, majority and
7 minority staff, the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted
8 assassination on July 13, 2024, including, but not limited to, preparation, aftermath, and
9 any information related to the September 15 attempted assassination.

10 The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff
11 will alternate asking you questions, 45 minutes per side per round, until each side is
12 finished with their questioning. The majority staff will begin and proceed for
13 45 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will
14 then alternate back and forth in this manner until both sides have no more questions. If
15 either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few
16 minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning,
17 including any pertinent followups. In this interview while one member of the staff for
18 each side may lead the questioning, additional staff may ask questions.

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

23 Further, please speak clearly, concisely, and slowly. To ensure the court reporter
24 can properly record this interview, please speak clearly, concisely, and slowly again.

25 Also, the court reporter cannot record nonverbal answers, such as nodding or shaking

1 your head. So it is important that you answer each question with an audible, verbal
2 answer. Do you understand?

3 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

8 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

14 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

19 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

22 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

25 [REDACTED] No.

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

7 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

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

19 [REDACTED] Understood.

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

21 [REDACTED] No questions.

22 [REDACTED] We're good.

23 [REDACTED] I'd almost incorporate by reference here from my prior
24 statement -- [REDACTED] from Secret Service -- that given [REDACTED] preliminary
25 remarks, the Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security are not waiving any

1 privileges or any information that would fall under the Privacy Act, personal information
2 law, statutes for information use only, intelligence, law enforcement sensitive records.

3 United States Department of Homeland Security and the Secret Service are here,
4 of course, and [REDACTED] voluntarily. We hope that the information will not
5 be -- that's here would not otherwise be publicly released. Also, we just note for the
6 record that there would be no audio recording, any video recording of today's
7 proceedings, except for the court reporters' information for purposes of the transcript.
8 And we appreciate the opportunity to make that statement.

9 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

10 And we can confirm there is no video recording. There's also no audio recording
11 that we retained. As we understand it, the court reporter does make an audio recording
12 for purpose of assisting her with creating a transcript, but that will be destroyed after she
13 makes use of that.

14 As to the other points, as we've said before, the chair will take into consideration
15 any requests that Secret Service makes with respect to redactions or maintaining
16 confidentiality, and we'll communicate through staff to the Secret Service about any
17 decisions or further deliberations that need to be made.

18 [REDACTED] Thank you, [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

20 All right. We are going to start time now.

21 EXAMINATION

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q So we're going to start with some background questions. Can you tell us
24 how long you've worked for the Secret Service?

25 A I've been working for the Secret Service for [REDACTED] years now.

1 Q [REDACTED] years. What is your current role?

2 A Technical security investigator for the Technical Security Division.

3 Q And how long have you been doing that role?

4 A Approximately [REDACTED] years now.

5 Q Okay. Is there an abbreviation or an acronym that's used for your -- the
6 unit you work for?

7 A TSD.

8 Q TSD. Okay. We'll refer to it as TSD just to make it easier for everybody.
9 And you said -- I'm sorry, how long have you been in TSD?

10 A TSD [REDACTED] years, Secret Service [REDACTED] years.

11 Q And the first [REDACTED] years of Secret Service, what were you doing?

12 A I was a uniformed division officer.

13 Q Okay. And in that role, just very briefly, as a uniformed division officer
14 what were your responsibilities?

15 A My first responsibility was at the FM branch where you protect actual
16 embassies, patrol as a local entity for the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]
17 as well.

18 Q Okay. FM, what does that stand for?

19 A Foreign missions.

20 Q Foreign missions. Okay. And you did that for [REDACTED] years?

21 A About [REDACTED] year, and the year prior to that was just straight training.

22 Q Straight training. Okay.

23 A Yes.

24 Q And prior to that, what was your work experience?

25 A [REDACTED] years in the Air Force, [REDACTED] year working at Lockheed Martin building

1 aircraft.

2 Q Okay. And in your current role, you've been doing that for ■ years. When
3 you first started, what was your principal responsibility?

4 A When you first start at TSD, your responsibility is like different training
5 environments to prepare you to go do protective missions as an assist. It takes about
6 maybe ■ years, maybe a little longer for some others to become a TSD lead, meaning
7 that you don't need any supervision or any partnership to facilitate the protective mission
8 from the TSD standpoint.

9 Q Okay. And so you did that for that initial role in TSD for about ■ years?

10 A Just about, yes, sir.

11 Q Okay. And then after that, you have been a lead since then?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q And that's your current role, you're a lead in the TSD?

14 A Not necessarily. That's one of the many roles that a TSD personnel can
15 hold.

16 Q Okay. So tell us just an overall, sort of overview of what your role is now.
17 How do your functions play out?

18 A On a day-to-day basis?

19 Q On a day-to-day basis.

20 A It can vary. A TSD person can essentially do anything from ■

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23 ■.

24 Q Okay. So it sounds like you have both an investigative function and a
25 protective function?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And so how much of your work on a day-to-day basis would you say -- it's
3 probably not day to day, so let's say in a year, what is the rough breakdown between your
4 investigative work and your protective work?

5 A I would say maybe █ percent protection, █ percent the investigative
6 portion of it.

7 Q Okay. And during a year like 2024 when there's campaigns, is that -- is it
8 higher or lower on the protective side?

9 A I would say █ percent protection and █ percent investigation.

10 Q So safe to say that this year you've been almost entirely focused on
11 protection?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Okay. So this year, almost all of your time is spent on protective services?

14 A Majority, yes, sir.

15 Q And what is your function in providing protective services, let's say with
16 respect to the President or the Vice President?

17 A So there are several different functions that TSD personnel can do for a

18 protective mission. You have a lead, TSD lead, who █

19 █. You have an assist, █

20 █. You have other entities █,

21 █.

22 █.

23 Q Okay. And so that's mostly what you do, TSD lead?

24 A TSD lead, yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. And is there a difference between the services you provide in your

1 role at TSD for the sitting President or the Vice President versus a candidate for office?

2 A Could you repeat that?

3 Q So when you provide protective services to President Biden, for example, or
4 to Vice President Harris, do you provide different services to them as opposed to former
5 President Trump who's a candidate, not a sitting President?

6 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] --

8 Q Okay. As we understood -- we've done a number of interviews, as you
9 know -- that the [REDACTED] protection services that the Secret Service has available is
10 made available typically for the President and the Vice President. And then for
11 candidates, it will be [REDACTED]?

12 A [REDACTED]

13 Q And we'll focus, obviously, mostly on former President Trump today. But in
14 terms of former President Trump, prior to the July 13 rally, what types of services were
15 you providing to him, if any, you yourself as a TSD lead?

16 A For him, it [REDACTED], because usually you would rely on local or State
17 entities to [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] So previously to that I think the mission I did for him was [REDACTED], New
19 Jersey. We had [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]. But you may have some locations like [REDACTED] -- is it [REDACTED]?
21 It was a city in South Carolina that he went to an arena inside [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. The [REDACTED] sounded like it was an outdoor event?

24 A It was an outdoor event on the beach.

25 Q Okay. And then [REDACTED] sounded like it was indoor.

1 A It was inside of an arena.

2 Q Okay. For [REDACTED], would it be typical to use drones technology?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q [REDACTED].

5 A [REDACTED]

6 Q And for [REDACTED], probably not?

7 A [REDACTED]

8 Q It [REDACTED] useful to use a drone?

9 A [REDACTED]

10 Q Okay. And before we go into like the specifics of that day and leading up to
11 that day, and to the extent it's not classified, can you tell us what types of technology you
12 work with on a day-to-day basis to perform your protective service role?

13 A Technology?

14 Q Drones, and what other types of equipment do you need?

15 A And this is for formers or --

16 Q Let's do formers first.

17 A Formers, again, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] of equipment as well. When I say [REDACTED]

21 meaning if [REDACTED].

22 Q Okay. And for the President and the Vice President, it sounds like from
23 your answer that whatever resources are needed are provided for -- that are requested, I
24 should say -- whatever is requested is provided for the President or Vice President?

25 A [REDACTED].

1 Q Okay. So is there a [REDACTED] from your perspective and your
2 experience, when you request equipment for a President or Vice President and when you
3 request equipment for a candidate for office, is there a difference in the level of support
4 that you receive?

5 A [REDACTED]

6 Q And [REDACTED]?

7 A From the [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED].

10 Q Okay. Is the difference between -- from your perspective, is the [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] the resources that are provided for the Vice President and the President versus
12 a candidate, is that based on perceptions of the threat level to a candidate versus a
13 President?

14 A Threat level? [REDACTED].

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED] --

17 Q Right.

18 A -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 Q Right. And just for the record, do you know what a UAS is?

21 A A drone. So UAS is drone, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] technology. That's for
22 the record.

23 Q So if I understand correctly, if you ask for a drone for an indoor event, it's
24 going to be denied because no one thinks you need that?

25 A [REDACTED]

1 Q But for an outdoor event, if you ask for a drone for CAS and [REDACTED] for, let's
2 say, a [REDACTED] visit, you expect it would be approved?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 Q And usually only if it's not available for some reason?

5 A [REDACTED],
6 [REDACTED].

7 Q Okay. Understood. And then for a candidate, when you request a UAS or
8 [REDACTED] for a candidate, non-President, for an outdoor event, will it usually be accepted?

9 A [REDACTED].

10 Q Okay. Now, prior to the July 13th event, you had provided protective
11 services for former President Trump on a number of occasions?

12 A Yes, several.

13 Q Several. And some of those were outdoor events?

14 A To my recollection, the only outdoor event prior to that for me was the
15 [REDACTED] New Jersey, on the beach.

16 Q Do you recall if you requested any equipment for that event that was
17 denied?

18 A [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED].

20 Q Okay. So you received everything that you thought was necessary to
21 protect former President Trump for that event?

22 A [REDACTED].

23 Q And by the way, who do you ask for this equipment to be provided?

24 A We have a TSD ops, operational center. And there's a system we use to
25 request, and they usually [REDACTED].

1 Q Okay. And is it a person that makes the decision in the TSD ops or is it
2 software?

3 A A group.

4 Q A group of people.

5 A Yes, sir, inside the operational. So it's not actual software that denies it, it's
6 an actual person or people.

7 Q Got it. And then you hear about it through the software whether or not
8 they've denied it?

9 A [REDACTED], if that's been
10 approved.

11 Q Okay. Understood. In your experience over the course of years, do you
12 typically get what you requested?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q [REDACTED] Okay. And when you're not provided what you've requested, are
15 you told why?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So, for example, if they tell you that we can't provide [REDACTED] for a particular
18 event, they'll tell you it's because, for example, we don't have the equipment available,
19 it's being used for something else?

20 A You said CS or --

21 Q Yes.

22 A Well, CS is counter sniper, that's not --

23 Q I'm sorry. What was -- the [REDACTED]

24 A [REDACTED], usually if that's denied or any asset is denied, it's
25 because -- [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 Q So they will explain why you can't -- they can't provide a certain --

4 A Usually, yes. Yes, sir.

5 Q Usually. Okay. Are you able to use -- you said that you work with local
6 law enforcement sometimes.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Are you able to request assistance from local law enforcement to provide
9 technology that they may have if you are not able to acquire it from the Secret Service?

10 A We can, but usually [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Q Okay. And just as an example, if a [REDACTED] is not provided, would you or
13 someone from the Secret Service -- and you think it's necessary and you've been told, we
14 just don't have it available because we have something else going on, would you or
15 someone else from the Secret Service be able to go to the local law enforcement and say,
16 do you have [REDACTED] available to assist in this event?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And then it's up to them to tell you whether or not they can do it or not?

19 A Correct.

20 Q All right. Is that fairly frequent, in your experience, that you'll ask for that
21 type of support from local law enforcement?

22 A [REDACTED]

23 Q Okay. And typically, are they willing do that if they can, if they have it?

24 A [REDACTED] I've -- most people are happy to provide assets. Some
25 cities just don't -- they don't have the assets to provide.

1 Q Okay. And putting aside former President Trump, have you done a lot, a
2 few outdoor events in your role as a lead?

3 A Plenty, yes, sir.

4 Q So this is something that, for you, you think is well within your experience?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Let's turn to the actual day or the event -- we're going to start before the
7 event and lead up to the event.

8 A Okay.

9 Q Do you recall when you first learned about -- that you would be assigned to
10 the event on July 13th in Butler County?

11 A Could you repeat the question?

12 Q Do you know when you were first informed? It doesn't have to be the
13 exact time or day, but roughly how many days before or the day that you were informed
14 that you were being assigned to that event?

15 A I want to say maybe [REDACTED] prior. I was already on a mission in Philly
16 for [REDACTED] and I got a phone call saying what time and when the advance was going to
17 start for that particular mission.

18 Q Okay. And so were you in Philadelphia for [REDACTED]?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Okay. And you were told -- so the event was on July 13th, so you think you
21 were informed maybe July 11, 12th, or 10th, 11th, 12th?

22 A [REDACTED] Maybe about the [REDACTED].

23 Q Okay. So it's maybe [REDACTED] or so before?

24 A Just about, yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. And do you remember who told you you were going to be doing this

1 event?

2 A The particular individual, no. But our ops sent out a message, saying, hey,
3 this is -- you're going to be this for this particular mission in this particular city.

4 Q Okay. And do you have people who report directly to you?

5 A Directly to me?

6 Q Yes.

7 A On the day of the actual mission, yes, sir.

8 Q Okay. But when you are performing your -- any event, will you -- on the
9 day of the mission you'll have people reporting directly to you?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And typically, not by name, but just, like, what are their functions?

12 A [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED].

14 Q Okay. [REDACTED]?

15 A It means [REDACTED].

16 Q Okay. And these are [REDACTED] teams?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q So these are [REDACTED] who are part of the Secret Service?

19 A [REDACTED] They're [REDACTED] Secret Service.

20 Q And does the number of people that fill those roles vary depending on the
21 size and the location of the event?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And an event that's outdoors, would it be a smaller or a larger group
24 of people?

25 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 Q Okay. Do you have -- who do you report directly to? It doesn't have to be
3 the person necessarily, just who is your direct supervisor?

4 A On a day-to-day basis?

5 Q On a day-to-day basis.

6 A My GS-14 in [REDACTED].

7 Q Okay. And the GS-14 is in the Secret Service?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Okay. And are you a GS-13?

10 A [REDACTED].

11 Q Okay. Now, you were -- you recall that you were first informed about your
12 assignment about [REDACTED] before the event?

13 A Maybe [REDACTED] before that. Maybe, I would say, [REDACTED].

14 Q [REDACTED] before that. Okay. And you had worked for similar types of
15 events in the past, and you'd just done [REDACTED] for example -- or recently done

16 [REDACTED]

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Did you -- were you involved in the advanced planning for the Butler event?

19 A Yes.

20 Q All right. Tell us what that entailed for you.

21 A For the TSD portion of the advanced planning, you go to the particular site
22 with the light -- the lead or site agent. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] And I talk to my ops saying how many teams I feel I need to

1 accomplish this mission [REDACTED].

2 Also, during that advance, you just say if [REDACTED] assets are necessary
3 for an outdoor, indoor event, and you request those from the TSD ops and if necessary
4 the locals, local or State assets.

5 Q So you actually physically went to Butler?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Prior to the event?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Do you remember what day you first got to Butler?

10 A I don't remember the particular day. I want to say maybe [REDACTED]

11 Q And when you got there, you met with the lead agent?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And who was that?

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q And the lead agent, what was her job?

16 A She goes to each site and she just assess with the site agent what's needed,
17 kind of facilitates making sure everyone has what they need to accomplish the mission.

18 Q And who's the site agent?

19 A [REDACTED]

20 Q And Special Agent [REDACTED] was from the Pittsburgh --

21 A The Pittsburgh office.

22 Q And Agent [REDACTED] was from where?

23 A The Pittsburgh office.

24 Q Okay. Had you worked with them before?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q Did you know them before that?

2 A No.

3 Q Is that fairly standard that -- well, let me put it this way: Was there
4 anything unusual about not having worked with the site agent or the lead agent
5 previously?

6 A No, not at all.

7 Q Okay. So you had no concern that you didn't know them or hadn't worked
8 with them before?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q And from your experience dealing with them, I'm not asking you to look at
11 what happened, just in terms of your actual day-to-day experience leading up to the
12 event, was anything about their professionalism concerning?

13 A No, they're professional individuals.

14 Q Okay. So you arrived at Butler maybe around [REDACTED] the first time. And
15 did you go to the site of the event?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And were there a lot of people there checking out the advance situation or
18 was it a small handful of people?

19 A Say a [REDACTED], to include myself.

20 Q And they were all Secret Service people or were there local law enforcement
21 too, if you recall?

22 A Majority Secret Service people. I do remember some local or State entities
23 walking around, but I didn't talk to them at that point. I just was focused on the Secret
24 Service team.

25 Q Okay. All right. And so your job was to assess what you would need to

1 provide the services you needed to provide for that day?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So taking a look at the farm grounds, what was your initial assessment of
4 whether or not this would be a hard, easy, medium type of project?

5 A Could you kind of rephrase that question?

6 Q Yeah. What I'm saying is, did you think this was going to be a difficult site
7 to protect or did you think it was going to be a relatively straightforward --

8 A [REDACTED].

9 Q And why is that?

10 A Just from experience of doing outdoor events and other Secret Service
11 protective sites.

12 [REDACTED] Can I just clarify one point?

13 [REDACTED]. Sure.

14 [REDACTED] When you say to protect, are you meaning within the confines of his
15 scope of duties?

16 [REDACTED]. I'm only asking about his scope of duties.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. So do you understand that he's dealing with your scope,
18 your more narrow scope of duties -- within the confines of your narrow scope of duties
19 you can answer the question.

20 [REDACTED] Yes.

21 [REDACTED] Okay. You understand the question.

22 [REDACTED]. I'm only going to ask you -- everything I ask you about is going to be
23 only about your scope of duties and what you know.

24 [REDACTED] Okay.

25 [REDACTED]. If I ask you something that's beyond that, I'll tell you --

1 [REDACTED] Thank you.

2 [REDACTED]: -- it's asking about something else.

3 [REDACTED] Understood.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q So just assume it's about your scope of duties.

6 A Okay.

7 Q So just for clarity of the record, from your scope of duty perspective and
8 your experience, what was your assessment of whether or not this was going to be a
9 challenging project for you or something that you thought was pretty straightforward?

10 A [REDACTED] from my scope of duties.

11 Q Okay. So when you looked around at the site, you didn't have a feeling
12 that this is going to be really tough, this is going to be an extremely difficult thing to
13 provide the services that I provide?

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q Okay. And so tell us what you thought you needed at that point to perform
16 your function for that event.

17 A The first things I was concerned about are [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED].

21 Also, from the [REDACTED] standpoint, if we were to find a [REDACTED]
22 and searching through the area for the protectee and the crowd gets inside, who is going
23 to respond into the site [REDACTED]. Also, for the
24 outdoor event having [REDACTED]. Since it is an
25 outdoor event, there's always [REDACTED]. And also having -- if

1 [REDACTED].

2 Q And when you say [REDACTED] what do you mean by that?

3 A [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. And is that a [REDACTED] or what does that mean?

6 A No. That's actual [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED].

8 Q Understood.

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. Did you have a sense of how many people you were going to need
11 on your team that you were going to lead to provide the services for the event?

12 A A sense, yes.

13 Q And what was your sense?

14 A I can't remember the amount of teams I had that day, but I kind of -- after I
15 actually see a site, [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] of teams that I need to fly in.

18 Q Okay. But that day, did you have a sense of what you needed and you
19 thought -- did you believe you were going to get it?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. So there's nothing unusual about the numbers you thought you
22 would need?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Did you have an understanding of what the perimeter, the security
25 perimeter was going to be as of that day?

1 A That particular day, no, sir.

2 Q Okay. Did you -- that day when you were [REDACTED], did you take
3 notice of what you learned subsequently was the AGR building and that --

4 A Yes.

5 Q And so tell us what you -- if you made any assessment at the time of that
6 open area and the AGR building and its proximity to the site.

7 A I was curious to know if -- how far out they were going to post and if we
8 were going [REDACTED]. Because one thing we run into
9 [REDACTED]. And if it's not
10 [REDACTED], then it's still considered to be a dirty area that, even
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 Q All right. And did you learn whether or not you would be able to [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] in that area?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what was the answer?

17 A The answer was [REDACTED],
18 I guess, the fixed one -- I can't remember exactly how far out, but I do know they didn't
19 encompass that far out.

20 Q Okay. So when you say they were going to [REDACTED] the Secret Service was
21 going to [REDACTED], or local law enforcement?

22 A That portion, I don't know. All I asked was is this building a part of the [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]. I was told [REDACTED] so I just pressed on to other concerns.

24 Q Okay. And then in terms of [REDACTED],
25 they're not going to be allowed [REDACTED]?

1 A I wasn't told I wasn't allowed. It was kind of understood that if it's not
2 [REDACTED], there's no need for us to --

3 Q And who told you that, do you recall?

4 A I don't recall.

5 Q Would it have been Secret Service personnel?

6 A It would have been Secret Service. The lead or the site agent -- it would
7 have been either the lead agent or the site agent that told me.

8 Q Okay. And did that give you any concern that you [REDACTED] to
9 [REDACTED]?

10 A [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED], and it just goes down the rabbit hole
12 from there.

13 Q Okay. Okay. And were you told why you were not with -- there would be
14 [REDACTED]?

15 A Why? No, sir.

16 Q Okay. All right. I'm going to turn it over to my colleague to continue.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q All right. So you kind of walked us through some of the things that you
19 were thinking about that day and just generally some of the resources that are available.
20 Do you recall the resources that you actually requested for July 13th?

21 A Yes. [REDACTED] to be able to
22 respond to any [REDACTED] concerns. Also, the [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]. And also, the [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] I was told that I was going to be provided [REDACTED] for that
25 particular day.

1 Q And was there any request that you made that was denied for July 13th?

2 A To my knowledge, I can't recall. I do recall the [REDACTED] team in D.C.
3 saying that they were for -- not able to support it due to I think it was DNC or RNC that
4 was going on around the same time.

5 Q Okay. And just for our knowledge, you've mentioned a couple of times
6 [REDACTED] What's the difference between those?

7 A So [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED].

9 Q So one [REDACTED] kind of thing?

10 A Yes, yes, sir.

11 Q Okay. So the D.C. [REDACTED] team was not going to be able to assist, but you
12 were told that there would be still [REDACTED]?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q All right. So did you have any concerns that you wouldn't be able to
15 adequately protect former President Trump against [REDACTED] since the D.C. team wasn't
16 there?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Okay. And are you aware of any resource request by the campaign or local
19 law enforcement that they made to the Secret Service but may have been denied?

20 A Could you repeat that one more time?

21 Q Yes. So did the campaign or local law enforcement request anything to you
22 that was denied?

23 A To my knowledge, no, sir.

24 Q Okay.

25 [REDACTED]. Did they make any requests to you at all?

1 [REDACTED] I received no requests from any local assets.

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q And during advance planning, were [REDACTED] distances a concern
4 that you brought up to anyone given the proximity of the nearby buildings?

5 A [REDACTED].

6 Q Okay. And who'd you bring that up to?

7 A [REDACTED].

8 Q Okay. So that was going to be Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Is that correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And what did they say when you brought that up to them?

11 A They asked me to go into more detail. Because the concern from a TSD
12 standpoint is, if something was to go off outside the site, how would it affect not only the
13 protectee but the public that's inside the protectee zone.

14 Q Okay. So you see your job as not only protecting the protectee but also --

15 A The public.

16 Q -- the public.

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And so when you brought up those concerns, did they ask you to do
19 anything to mitigate those concerns?

20 A Mitigate, not necessarily, because I assess if a device was to go off outside of
21 the site, [REDACTED].

22 But anything that is [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. And just kind of going down that line of questioning, is there -- when
25 you're doing your planning, like a specific [REDACTED] that you are concerned about -- so

1 like, in other words, AGR building is approximately [REDACTED] from where former President
2 Trump was going to be speaking on stage, it's outside the secure perimeter and outside
3 [REDACTED]. Did that raise any concerns?

4 A [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED].

6 Q Okay. So like [REDACTED] is a safe distance than your --

7 A [REDACTED] There's always bigger devices that is of
8 concern. [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED].

11 Q Okay. And then you talked about Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that you
12 interacted with, the advance planning process. Was there anyone else from the Secret
13 Service that you worked with during the advance planning, from the Secret Service?

14 A From the Service, no. [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED] from the DTD.

15 Q Okay. And what were your interactions with Agent [REDACTED]

16 A Same. Just asking them was there any concerns, telling them our portion
17 of the plan, and nothing different from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 Q Okay. And during the advance planning process, was there any
19 documentation given to you about what would be happening on July 13th?

20 A Documentation? Not to my knowledge, no.

21 Q Okay. Did you create any documents related to July 13th?

22 A Yes.

23 Q All right. Which documents did you create?

24 A Usually a work schedule and a [REDACTED].

25 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1

1 Q And would you have still had that concern if the D.C. [REDACTED] team had been at
2 Butler?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Were you provided with any information regarding credible threats to
5 former President Trump before July 13th during your advance planning?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q All right. Did you yourself have any knowledge of credible threats to
8 former President Trump?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q All right. Same exhibit, same page, it notes [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] will be used as the [REDACTED]. Can you just briefly explain what
12 those are?

13 A One is the [REDACTED] and one is the actual [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED].

15 Q And is that something that TSD was going to be providing that day?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. So you -- you were providing that equipment?

18 A TSD provides the equipment, but the [REDACTED] was
19 provided by DTD. So from my knowledge, they were provided the equipment [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] sending it the day of.

22 Q Okay. So you were not going to be providing that then?

23 A No, sir. I just put on paper that it was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

24 Q And how did you know that it was going to be provided if you weren't
25 providing it?

1 A The DTD agent who is the [REDACTED] for the DTD, the Trump detail
2 informed me that he will have it.

3 Q And who's that agent?

4 A I can't remember his last name. I think it was [REDACTED] maybe.

5 Q Okay. And when did he inform you that he was going to be bringing that
6 equipment?

7 A Over the phone, maybe about [REDACTED] prior to that.

8 Q Okay. Did he, during that phone call, say anything else related to TSD or
9 [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

10 A No, sir.

11 Q All right. And are you yourself, even though you weren't going to be
12 providing it, are you trained on how to operate the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]?

14 A [REDACTED].

15 Q Okay. So when you say [REDACTED]

16 A Just by [REDACTED] There was no particular school that was set out for
17 saying, hey, you're on record able to operate the system. It's just through [REDACTED]
18 of --

19 Q Is that standard with Secret Service for this technology that there's [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]?

21 A There is a [REDACTED], I just haven't gone to it myself.

22 Q But you have been asked to operate the equipment?

23 A I have not, no, sir.

24 Q Okay. Same page of this exhibit, it notes there would be [REDACTED]
25 teams, [REDACTED] teams. You kind of explained the difference there. But does the Secret

1 Service -- and actually, I guess, I think you did mention that the Secret Service does have
2 some K-9 teams. Is that correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Does Secret Service also have [REDACTED] teams?

5 A No.

6 Q No. Okay. So for [REDACTED] is it always relying on [REDACTED] assets?

7 A For [REDACTED] that we rely on.

8 Q And then you said for former President Trump, for [REDACTED] you're also relying
9 on [REDACTED] assets?

10 A Mainly [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay. Have you ever encountered events where locals were unable to
12 provide those assets and the [REDACTED] denied the request for those assets?

13 A Not myself, no, sir.

14 Q Continuing on this page, it notes zero for [REDACTED]. You had
15 mentioned that that was one of the assets that can be available. Can you just explain
16 why that was not requested?

17 A Through my assessment of the stage being utilized, the stage [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 Q So if the stage had been, [REDACTED]

20 A [REDACTED]

21 Q So did you feel that it was something that would be needed that day?

22 A It's something that if I can [REDACTED] I would actually do
23 so, but for that particular situation I didn't.

24 Q Did you express your desire to have it there to anyone or perhaps your
25 concerns about [REDACTED]?

1 A That's something I did bring up to the advance team.

2 Q Okay.

3 A But they understood that the stage being used, which is usually provided by
4 the staff, [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]. So --

6 Q Okay. And prior to that event, I think you said you were -- is it [REDACTED]
7 was the other outdoor event that you worked for former President Trump -- was the
8 [REDACTED] used at that event?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q To your understanding, before July 13th, was the [REDACTED] used
11 for any outdoor events for former President Trump?

12 A To my knowledge, I don't know.

13 Q Okay. Were you under the impression that that was something that you
14 could request for that day?

15 A If it's something that I could request?

16 Q Did you feel that -- had you been told not to request that asset?

17 A No. I used the alternative, which was [REDACTED].

18 Q Okay. And then let's go to the [REDACTED] You said that that's a [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And on here, exhibit 1, you've got four [REDACTED] listed. Is that
20 the standard for outdoor events for former President Trump?

21 A The standard, no. It goes by site, site to site and the nature of the visit.

22 Q Okay. How does the [REDACTED] get to the outdoor rally location?

23 A [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]. For any [REDACTED] they usually use
25 some type of [REDACTED], whether it be myself or another entity, to [REDACTED] for

1 us that is in the Secret Service. For that particular event, the [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].

3 Q Okay. Two more questions and then my time is up. The [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] how is that typically transported?

5 A Usually there is -- it's contracted out to [REDACTED]. There's
6 research -- excuse me for not remembering the correct technology, but there's a market
7 bid amongst [REDACTED]. You choose [REDACTED], and they usually bring it out by
8 [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay. So it is not necessarily transported by the [REDACTED]

10 A No.

11 Q And --

12 A Well, it is transported by [REDACTED] either the [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED]
13 that's provided by us, but the [REDACTED] themselves are not providing us that particular
14 [REDACTED].

15 Q Steel sounds [REDACTED].

16 A Yes.

17 Q Was there concerns about the [REDACTED]?

18 A No. So even though [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED].

20 Q Okay. But in your opinion, you felt [REDACTED] was adequate since you
21 weren't going to have [REDACTED]?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 [REDACTED]: All right. My time is up, so we'll go off the record and turn it over
24 to minority.

25 [REDACTED]: We can take a 5-minute break.

1 [REDACTED] Five minutes. Is that right?

2 [REDACTED]. Yeah, 5 minutes. Great.

3 [Recess.]

1 [11:04 a.m.]

2 [REDACTED]: Good morning. Well, my name is [REDACTED], and I'm
3 investigative counsel for the minority. I'm going to turn it over to [REDACTED] for a
4 few follow-up questions, and then we'll kind of dive in.

5 [REDACTED] Okay.

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Okay. Just a few quick ones, items that were discussed in the previous
9 round, one of which was, when you request assets and sometimes you get what you ask
10 for, sometimes you don't, and I understand that they'll explain to you if the assets you're
11 asking for are just not available. Okay, We're tied up here, here, and here.

12 If it's more that you're not getting what you asked for because of a judgment call,
13 like, hey, you know, we just don't think you need it, or whatever, do they engage in that
14 type of an explanation with you or do you just get a no response?

15 A Not necessarily. If it is something that I say that we absolutely need and
16 they don't think they can provide it, they will call me and have a very detailed discussion
17 on why, I believe. And if it gets to the point where they have to bring in experts that is
18 within TSD, whether it be [REDACTED] and things like that, then they'll absolutely
19 include that to make the best decision if they're going to say yes or no to whatever I
20 request.

21 Q What if it's something slightly less than that where you're not coming in and
22 saying, I absolutely need it, but it's just a regular request, they're just not on the same
23 page? Is that typically a conversation back and forth or is it more of like a routine
24 denied?

25 A It would be the same thing, same thing.

1 Q When we talk about the advance process --

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q -- and you have the lead agent and the site agent, something that has been
4 challenging for us at times is untangling who exactly is supposed to do what.

5 A Okay.

6 Q And we know that, from our understanding, there's a site agent and a site
7 agent counterpart. And that first person, the site agent, usually, as described to us, is
8 from the protective detail, site agent counterpart from the field office. So in those cases
9 it would be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

10 A As the counterpart.

11 Q As the counterpart, exactly. Curious what your understanding is. At least
12 in the context of your Butler experience, what were the respective allocation of duties
13 between those two roles?

14 A So, usually, a site counterpart, it is essentially something that is titles for
15 paper, but they essentially are doing the same set of duties. So no one has less or more
16 responsibility in that capacity, from what I observed.

17 So, again, it's just as simple as [REDACTED] being the respective detail liaison coming
18 into the city and [REDACTED] is the representative for the local field office that they're
19 coming into.

20 Q So then is it that they, from your vantage point, seem to be equally
21 responsible for the security plan at the site?

22 A I would say yes.

23 Q Okay. The last one was the issue of the AGR building. Somebody explains
24 to you that that building is not going to be part of the Secret Service post standing plan --

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q -- and, therefore, is [REDACTED]. That second part where,
2 therefore, it's not going to be [REDACTED] I think I understand correctly, that's not like a
3 judgment call that somebody made, right? That's just implementing a preexisting TSD
4 policy, which is we don't [REDACTED] if the area is not part of the [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] Is that right?

6 A Yes. Mainly, again -- and I can't stress enough -- that even if -- let's use this
7 room, for example. If you tell me that you're not going to be able to actively watch this
8 room, when we come in and leave, then somebody is subject to [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED].

12 Q And I'm right that that's a blanket policy. That's not a special judgment call
13 that somebody made in Butler for the AGR building?

14 A That's above me, whether I made that judgment call or not, yes, sir.
15 [REDACTED]. Right. Okay. Thank you. Appreciate it.

16 BY [REDACTED]:

17 Q Turning back to background, just asking more questions, you spent [REDACTED] years in
18 the Air Force. What was your role?

19 A I was a [REDACTED].

20 Q So what did that entail?

21 A Anything that relates to [REDACTED] for
22 [REDACTED] That's pretty much the blanket term for it.

23 Q Okay. And what is the chain of command for the Technical Security
24 Division? You mentioned that you report to the GS-14 in New York. But, overall, what
25 does the chain of command look like?

1 A It depends. Day to day, he is my direct supervisor. But for the mission,
2 report to the lead agent, respectively.

3 Q Okay. So the Technical Security Division, you would report to him, and
4 then who does he report to?

5 A I'm sorry. Could you say that again?

6 Q For the Technical Security Division, just day to day, you would report to him
7 in New York, and then who does he report to?

8 A The GS-15 field office supervisor -- oh, the supervisor over all field offices in
9 TSD.

10 Q TSD. And he's sitting in D.C.?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And then he would report up to the deputy, or who's above him?

13 A Above him is the AOD, who is like over the entire Technical Security Division.

14 Q Okay.

15 A So me as a 13 reports to the 14, and the 15 reports to the AOD.

16 Q Okay. Thank you.

17 Have you participated in Pittsburgh/Butler area events in the past?

18 A No, ma'am.

19 Q Do you have relationships with any of the Secret Service agents that were
20 working the Trump rally on the 13th prior to the 13th?

21 A From the advance team, no, ma'am.

22 Q No. From any of the --

23 A There were a few Secret Service offices that I've seen in the past --

24 Q Okay.

25 A -- that I've known, that are a few friends, yes, ma'am.

1 Q Okay. So for the actual rally, what did you understand your role to be?

2 A For the actual rally, my role was to be the TSD lead.

3 Q Okay. So my understanding of what that entails is that you're in charge of
4 any technical capability that's being utilized: [REDACTED],
5 [REDACTED]. Is that right?

6 A Yes, ma'am.

7 Q Is there anything that I missed on that list?

8 A No.

9 Q And for the technical capability, you would be in charge of [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Anything that I missed on that list?

14 A No.

15 Q Can you go into a little bit of detail about what all of those entail?

16 A So --

17 Q The [REDACTED].

18 A We can go item by item with this.

19 Q Yeah, that would be great.

20 A [REDACTED] is personnel from TSD. Its primary concern is to
21 [REDACTED], going to site to
22 site, yes.

23 Q Okay. So is that somebody else that would come in and do that or would
24 you potentially be doing that?

25 A No. That's another TSD personnel that's coming in to fill that slot.

1 Q Makes sense. [REDACTED]?

2 A That's one of our classified things that's within the [REDACTED] but that is a
3 TSD personnel as well.

4 Q Okay. [REDACTED]

5 A [REDACTED] is another classified item.

6 Q Okay.

7 A But that is a team provided within TSD.

8 Q Okay. Maybe instead of asking line by line, is there anything else not
9 classified that --

10 A That's the only two, yes, ma'am.

11 Q Okay. So [REDACTED]?

12 A I take that back.

13 Q Okay.

14 A So anything that is [REDACTED] --

15 Q Okay.

16 A -- and [REDACTED] usually is a classified slot. But a uniform division K-9 is not
17 TSD. They are uniformed officers that's K-9 technicians that supplements the TSD
18 mission within the Secret Service.

19 Q Understood. And then drone and [REDACTED], you -- any of that you
20 would also be over, correct?

21 A For the particular mission, yes.

22 Q Okay. So when you have like it was in Butler on the 13th, a [REDACTED]
23 operator that works for the specific detail, how does that work with chain of command
24 that day?

25 A Again, it's one of those things that, even though they're for the detail, they

1 still give information to me. If I'm not available for some reason, then they give it to the
2 respective lead or site agent --

3 Q Okay.

4 A -- as needed.

5 Q But anyone coming in fulfilling that role would understand that they were
6 reporting to you as the technical security investigator lead?

7 A So when he reports to me, he's just telling me that, hey, I'm here. I'm -- I
8 did my assessment or I need your help doing the assessment to get your professional
9 opinion.

10 Q Uh-huh.

11 A And so he doesn't, like, in the literal Navy/Air Force term that he reports
12 directly to me. He just gives me information, and I facilitate making sure everyone has
13 what they need.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Yes.

16 Q So for the event on the 13th, did he communicate to you that day?

17 A In passing.

18 Q In passing?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And what was that conversation like?

21 A Just a hello, good to see you, call me if you need me type thing.

22 Q Okay. And outside of that one conversation, did you guys talk at all that
23 day?

24 A No, ma'am.

25 Q So any issues that he was having he did not make you aware of that?

1 A To my knowledge, no, ma'am. Again, if for some reason -- because I'm not
2 in a [REDACTED] throughout the day --

3 Q Uh-huh.

4 A -- essentially all over the site, so he may have seen that I was busy and he
5 may have reported any concerns to the respective detail or the site agent themselves.

6 Q Okay. Earlier you mentioned that while you don't have any official training
7 for [REDACTED], you do officially have some just on-the-job training and knowledge of
8 the [REDACTED] system. Is that correct?

9 A On-the-job training, I wouldn't say that necessarily.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Just observing and being curious, asking questions myself on how it
12 operates.

13 Q Okay. So had the [REDACTED] operator let you know about the issues he
14 was having that day, would you have been able to troubleshoot it, with your experience?

15 A To some degree, yes, ma'am.

16 Q Okay. So there is a chance, had he let you know, maybe the issues would
17 not have persisted and it could have worked?

18 A Based on the aftermath, no, ma'am. It was things that was outside of our
19 control.

20 Q Okay. Can you go into some detail about that?

21 A To my knowledge, it was just you usually use [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] within the area, and I think maybe due to the amount of
23 people there [REDACTED], we weren't able to actually utilize [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] as intended.

25 Q Okay. And do you know, what is the [REDACTED] that is attached to that

1 [REDACTED]

2 A That part I'm unsure of.

3 Q Okay. So unsure if it's [REDACTED]?

4 A I don't know if it's [REDACTED]. I wouldn't be able to tell you.

5 Q Okay. Thank you for that information.

6 Going back to more of what your jobs are the day of an event, can you go into a
7 little bit more detail on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that you're
8 doing? What do all of those entail? What is your responsibility with the three of
9 them?

10 A Starting with [REDACTED] during that advance, I assessed how many teams I
11 would need [REDACTED] and have a confident say in saying
12 that [REDACTED].

13 For the [REDACTED] perspective, usually you meet up with the [REDACTED]. He tells you
14 what his [REDACTED] is, what his capabilities are; if a [REDACTED] was to occur, how quickly they can
15 get that under control; if it's something that gets out of control, how quickly we can get
16 the protectee and the public out of harm's way.

17 And from the [REDACTED] perspective, it's the same thing essentially as [REDACTED] assets.
18 You meet with the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED], and he tells you, we have this [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED].

21 Q Okay. So what is the general radius that you are concerned about when it
22 comes to [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED]?

23 A That's kind of tough to say, because as a TSD person, [REDACTED] literally can
24 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] You have -- you assess how
25 it would affect your [REDACTED].

1 So usually you're looking for [REDACTED] that have a [REDACTED], maybe a
2 [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]. So there is no static particular formula that I'm concerned about this particular
4 distance.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'd like to introduce minority exhibit A, which is an
6 overhead map of the site that day.

7 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit A
8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q So is this what you recall from your planning from the [REDACTED] on the July 13th
11 event?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q So can you just walk us through what your considerations were with this
14 map when you got there, what you were looking at, what you were concerned about?

15 A No problem. So the concern was anything that encompassed the actual
16 farm itself. So if you look at anywhere from the -- I would say [REDACTED] --

17 Q Uh-huh.

18 A -- and roughly where you see [REDACTED] near the -- near where the
19 [REDACTED] would have been, about to the [REDACTED] of the AGR
20 building, anything in that immediate vicinity of -- I'm trying to paint a complete picture.

21 So the [REDACTED] of the AGR building, [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED], that little rectangle was my area of
23 concern, [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 From my assessment, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. So we made sure that we secured that particular
2 area.

3 The AGR building was of a concern because [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED].

6 Q Okay. So how do you navigate that as the TSD lead, where you're looking
7 over and you say, Here's a complex. There are concerns there, but it's not within the
8 security perimeter, so I'm not [REDACTED] that? How do you navigate your concerns?

9 A You bring it up to the lead and the site agent, and then you have a discussion
10 [REDACTED]. Then I make my
11 assessment, [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]
13 something that, you know, is not a concern -- it's a concern, but it's not necessarily a
14 concern [REDACTED] the site for us.

15 [REDACTED]. If I could just clarify for one second.

16 When you say "site agent," are you just using that as an overall term to talk about
17 both the site agent and the site counterpart, or are you specifically --

18 [REDACTED] Yes. So I bring this up -- thank you for clarifying.

19 [REDACTED]. Yeah, I just want to make sure that we're covering -- if it's both of
20 them, you're bringing it up to, for example, or specifically you're speaking only with the
21 site agent on concerns with that?

22 [REDACTED] Both the site agent and the site counterpart, that's what that is.

23 [REDACTED]. Okay.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q So in conversations that you were having about the perimeter with the site

1 agent and the site counterpart, did you bring up your concerns with the AGR complex?

2 A We all did. I just asked them if it's something that [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] and she didn't have an answer -- or they did not have an answer that particular
4 day, on the first day. And I asked later that week -- I can't remember if it was the night
5 before -- and they were not going to be able to post the amount of agents they were
6 allocated, so --

7 Q Did any of the advance agents that you were working with articulate how
8 they were going to handle the AGR complex when you had that follow-up conversation
9 with them?

10 A I don't recall. I just usually tell them my concerns or they tell me their
11 concerns from the TSD perspective, and then I just go do a further assessment with the
12 respective [REDACTED] that may be coming in, and the [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] as well.

14 Q So in your Senate interview, you, in response to a question that was asked,
15 said: From an [REDACTED] standpoint, I implement plans. In the sense of a military
16 base, a bad guy could come to the edge of a fence at a military base, but he wouldn't
17 affect anybody inside. No military base can effectively implement a plan outside of that
18 to deter someone that is legally able to drive next to a site and blow up the device. So
19 you mitigate -- so we can just mitigate the damage at that point."

20 A [REDACTED]

21 Q Can you explain in a little bit more detail what you mean by that and -- when
22 you said that, kind of the military base analogy?

23 A Could you -- for me to further answer that question, can you tell me what
24 part of that is unclear?

25 Q Just the idea that you would view it the same way as a military base views

1 their security, what exactly do you mean by that?

2 A So at any [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]. Usually a Secret Service site or footprint is [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED].

6 So if someone was to walk up to the mag, magnetometer, portion of the site and

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED], that's a

9 total failure, yes.

10 Q Okay. So when you are going through your analysis, you look at this and
11 say, within the farm site, you're confident that -- excuse me. Where the perimeter is set
12 up, you're confident that anything happening outside of the perimeter would not
13 negatively affect the protectee?

14 A [REDACTED]

15 Q So anything that would have happened to AGR, any concerns that you had,
16 you were confident that, even if something would have happened, [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]?

18 A [REDACTED]

19 Q Okay. Did you have any concerns about where the perimeter was set for
20 the July 13th event?

21 A Not necessarily, no.

22 Q And it is U.S. Secret Service regulation and policy that [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]?

24 A [REDACTED]

25 Q Do you have discretion with where you would decide to [REDACTED] So even if

1 there was the secure perimeter and you were looking at it and thought, I have a concern,
2 perimeter decision's been set, do you have the discretion to go and [REDACTED] or is that not
3 within your decisionmaking?

4 A When you say to [REDACTED] ?

5 Q Uh-huh.

6 A Yes.

7 Q So you would have that discretion?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And have you ever utilized that discretion?

10 A On some occasions, yes.

11 Q Okay. Do the agents involved in the perimeter determination know that
12 generally [REDACTED] ?

13 A [REDACTED].

14 Q And do they take that into account when they are making that decision?

15 A [REDACTED]

16 Q Do you know, the site agent and the site agent counterpart, did they
17 consider that when making the determination for the secure perimeter?

18 A [REDACTED]

19 Q And then you mentioned earlier about a dirty area. Would you go into a
20 little bit more detail about what that is?

21 A A dirty area is -- the best way I can explain it, a dirty area is something that
22 has not been [REDACTED] and that is [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] for that particular site.

24 Q Okay. And when you are doing your [REDACTED] the day that you start, who is
25 [REDACTED] when you start that [REDACTED]

1 A [REDACTED].

2 Q And how do you vet to make sure that it's [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 A Usually, the site or lead agent -- usually the site agent and site counterpart

5 [REDACTED] so it's their job to do that portion.

6 Q Did you see that happen on the 13th?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And from your knowledge, there was only [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] the perimeter?

10 A Usually, yes. There were a few -- we had an issue with some [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] the perimeter. We had to [REDACTED], but that's a -- I do recall

12 there were a [REDACTED]

13 due to certain -- [REDACTED].

14 Q Okay. Can you go into a little more detail with that? I don't quite
15 understand.

16 A So at a certain area -- if you can look at your map, it will make more sense.

17 Q Yes.

18 A So near [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] this area [REDACTED]. And we move up

20 towards [REDACTED] -- and I say that if we do find a

21 [REDACTED]. So they are able to do their

22 duties in that particular area [REDACTED].

23 Q Okay. Thank you.

24 A Yeah.

25 Q And just to confirm, the sweep on 13 July was limited to the security

1 perimeter, correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So turning more specifically to the AGR complex, were there any
4 contingencies or plans created with respect to any of the threats that we have talked
5 about for the AGR complex?

6 A Contingencies in what respect?

7 Q So just any concerns that you saw with the AGR complex, and then knowing
8 that it was not going to be within the secure perimeter, were there any contingency plans
9 in place for the AGR complex?

10 A From a TSD perspective, yes, ma'am.

11 Q And what were those contingencies?

12 A The [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] as well.

14 Q Okay. So they were tasked with responding to any threats within the site
15 and outside of the site?

16 A [REDACTED], yes.

17 Q [REDACTED] And generally, what would a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] be?

18 A I guess a [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] as well.

20 Q Okay. And were you aware of any suspicious packages, backpacks being
21 found on the 13th?

22 A Usually on outdoor events or any event, there usually are unattended
23 packages.

24 Q Uh-huh.

25 A So we have a system where it is either [REDACTED]. And the

1 difference is [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] If it is deemed [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED],
5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]

7 Q Thank you.

8 So turning to the [REDACTED] measures, you mentioned earlier that you did
9 request [REDACTED], and TSD denied that?

10 A Yes. They were [REDACTED] at the time, so all of our
11 resources were spent.

12 Q Okay. Can you go into a little bit more detail about how you made that
13 request and what the response was for it?

14 A I can't remember exactly how we requested it, whether it was email or the
15 software that we use, but I just remember getting the email from our ops and the
16 particular TSD rep for [REDACTED] that they were unable to support the mission.

17 Q Is that normal to only have resourcing to do one event or --

18 A Normal to do --

19 Q So they denied the request because they had [REDACTED].

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q Does TSD only have the resourcing to do [REDACTED] or is there
22 generally more resources?

23 A No. So usually with any [REDACTED], you also have other
24 missions going on simultaneously across the globe.

25 Q Understood.

1 A So a protectee may take three, four, maybe five stops in one day, and you
2 have four or five different teams in four or five different cities, States, or countries --

3 Q Okay.

4 A -- for one particular protectee, not including the Vice President, or maybe a
5 former as well. So --

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Can I ask one question about your request?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q Was [REDACTED] part of that request?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q Is [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q So is that [REDACTED] that you maybe had some knowledge having seen it
15 previously but had not been trained on previously?

16 A [REDACTED] Just based on my experience with the [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] and things like that, both myself and the DTD liaison for [REDACTED],
18 both went to a [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED].

20 Q I guess I was just wondering, if they had granted your request, how would
21 you have used it if you hadn't yet been trained on it?

22 A Could --

23 Q The [REDACTED].

24 A [REDACTED].

25 Q Okay.

1 A [REDACTED]. I can make
2 recommendations as needed, [REDACTED].

3 Q Got it.

4 A So who all -- that DTD liaison for [REDACTED], that was his
5 [REDACTED].

6 Q Agent [REDACTED]

7 A Yeah. So there are several -- it's a great thing that you brought the list up.
8 [REDACTED]. A TSD lead may not be qualified to operate these
9 systems, but he is qualified to facilitate that these operators are properly in place.

10 Q So when you made the request from a TSD point of view for, in this example,
11 [REDACTED], it was with the aim of the DTD detail being supplied with that
12 [REDACTED]?

13 A They are already supplied with that particular [REDACTED].

14 Q Right. That's what I'm trying to untangle. Like, what is it that you -- who
15 were you asking to receive [REDACTED]?

16 A When you say receive --

17 Q When you submit your TSD request for [REDACTED], assuming it had been
18 granted, where would [REDACTED] have gone to? Who would have received it?

19 A So the -- from my knowledge, [REDACTED], which

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] capabilities. They [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. So if they know they're going to go to an outdoor event, then --

24 [REDACTED]. I'm sorry. Please continue.

25 [REDACTED] Then usually they say, [REDACTED] of us having to

1 ask people to [REDACTED] from D.C., from the respective [REDACTED]
2 in D.C.

3 So to make it more clear, [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] falls under TSD.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q I guess I'm -- forgive me -- still a little unclear.

7 A No, no, no.

8 Q The TSD request for [REDACTED] knowing that Agent [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] at least for outdoor
10 events, what was the TSD side asking for?

11 A Who was it coming from at this point. So to make it as clear as possible I
12 can, you would request it, and then you would just ask, well, who's going to provide it?
13 Do you need us to provide it from D.C., or do you guys already have it on board for this
14 particular mission?

15 Q So when we say TSD D.C. denied, at least -- I'm just talking about [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] piece of this. It's not so much that they denied it, is it just that it was already
17 going to be there with Agent [REDACTED]?

18 A No. So there's another piece of [REDACTED] that I asked for,
19 and they were just unable to provide that additional piece [REDACTED].

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Was that different than [REDACTED]?

22 A [REDACTED]

23 Q It was a [REDACTED]?

24 A A [REDACTED].

25 Q And what type of capabilities would that [REDACTED] have in comparison to [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]?

2 A Both [REDACTED] as well. So it can [REDACTED] and also
3 [REDACTED].

4 Q And would someone from TSD specifically operate that had it been approved
5 and brought to the event?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. So there's only -- [REDACTED] for example, was the only one who would
8 operate [REDACTED]?

9 A Correct. Uh-huh.

10 Q Did you assign or did [REDACTED] assign, to your knowledge, someone to actually
11 operate [REDACTED]?

12 A Usually there is an agent assigned to [REDACTED]. It's a
13 [REDACTED]

14 Q Do you know if anyone was assigned that for the event?

15 A I'm pretty sure it was. Who it was, I'm unsure.

16 Q And do you happen to have an idea of where someone like that would
17 typically be stationed kind of in a response role if they happen to notice [REDACTED]?

18 A It depends on the site. [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Just to finish the train of thought. So the slights of the TSD [REDACTED] request,
22 that related to [REDACTED] that Agent [REDACTED] was already going to have and could be
23 labeled superfluous, right?

24 A Well, superfluous in what --

25 Q In the sense that it's asking for [REDACTED] that is already guaranteed to be

1 there with the protective division.

2 A I guess, for my lack of knowledge, superfluous means redundant, I guess?

3 Q Yeah.

4 A I would say so.

5 Q Okay. It just helps me to understand who's asking for what.

6 A And also it's for visibility of paperwork saying that it had been requested
7 from the TSD standpoint. Off the record, it usually is who is it coming from, because the
8 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] usually -- it's usually the problem.

9 Q I understand. Thanks.

10 And then one last one in that space, which is the -- Agent [REDACTED] is trying to work
11 his [REDACTED] and he's having a problem, whether [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED] unclear I think to us. Is it -- as a listener, it feels a little odd that the two of you
13 never connected that day about that, just like a conversation, Hey, can you take a look?
14 Is that unusual or is there a reason why that is not unusual?

15 A I would say it was -- I wouldn't say unusual or usual as it is uncommon. I
16 have seen it before where I, myself, have been busy as the lead -- because I'm also the
17 [REDACTED] and answering different
18 questions at different points from literally five or six different entities at the same time.
19 So he may have seen that I was busy. Maybe he called me and it didn't go through, and
20 he went directly to the detail saying, hey, this is what I have right now and this is the
21 issue. And that's --

22 Q I know it's probably hard to opine because I know the two of you did not end
23 up connecting, but is it the type of thing that you would expect, in your experience, to
24 have somebody have reached out to you and say, hey, I'm having trouble [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]. Can you help?

1 A Usually, yes. If he would have called me, I could have maybe. But based
2 on the -- from the assessment on the aftermath, it would have been the same result, so --
3 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q And the situation is that if someone has an issue and was to call you, for
6 example, would you typically send -- would you or either that operator typically send out
7 some form of communication either to the [REDACTED] room, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] or to the [REDACTED], making them aware that there's an issue [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]?

10 A Usually to the [REDACTED] agent, [REDACTED], and the actual [REDACTED] -- the [REDACTED]
11 agent [REDACTED] to the actual [REDACTED] at that time.

12 Q So the special agent in charge for that detail typically, or do you mean like a
13 shift leader or lead detail?

14 A So in the chain of command of communication, the first people to know is
15 myself and the site counterpart and site agents. That is relayed to the [REDACTED] agent, who
16 relays that information to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for that day.

17 Q And so, for example, in the case of the [REDACTED], so if that's
18 not working, the post standards, for example, situated around the event, it's not
19 necessary to provide them with kind of a heads-up, you know, [REDACTED] is down, [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]?

21 A No. Regardless of [REDACTED] being up or down, everybody should be
22 looking for [REDACTED] anyway.

23 [REDACTED]. Okay.

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q Sorry. I have one housekeeping question and then I'm done. I promise.

1 You used the word "staff" in the previous round. The word "staff" alone refers to
2 what exactly? Is that campaign staff?

3 A The detail staff or for the protectee's personal staff.

4 Q In this example --

5 A They are complete civilians. They're not Secret Service.

6 Q In this example with the stage, the staff provided the stage or the material
7 for the stage, does that refer to the former President's campaign staff or -- it's not Secret
8 Service staff?

9 A They are not Secret Service staff. They are Donald Trump's campaign staff,
10 strictly civilian personnel.

11 Q Okay. Thank you.

12 A Certainly.

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q So going into a little bit more detail with how the communication flow would
15 have worked. So you would be told something. You would tell the [REDACTED] and the
16 [REDACTED] -- or excuse me -- the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED], and then they would tell the [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] who would then tell the [REDACTED]?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q So for the 13th, Special Agent [REDACTED] would have been the one that was
20 funneling information to the [REDACTED]?

21 A She may have been. Due to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] being part of the detail, she may
22 have said something to the [REDACTED] herself or the [REDACTED] herself.

23 Sometimes -- that's just a general form of communication, chain of command, but it's not
24 like a policy necessarily.

25 Q Okay. So how does the [REDACTED] room and the agent sitting in the [REDACTED]

1 room play into that communication?

2 A Usually the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or myself will let them know. But he's
3 just there for situational awareness. It's [REDACTED] he would put out to the
4 post standard radio frequency.

5 Q Okay. Turning to the radio frequencies, how many radio frequencies were
6 being used by the Secret Service for the event on the 13th?

7 A Usually there's the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED].

9 Q Do you know, is there generally [REDACTED] channel that's being utilized or is it
10 only those [REDACTED] for most events?

11 A A [REDACTED] channel, no, ma'am.

12 Q Okay. So did you have any communication with any State or local law
13 enforcement via radio on the 13th?

14 A Via radio, no, ma'am.

15 Q Okay. So all of the radio channel -- radio communication you had was with
16 the Secret Service?

17 A Strictly any Secret Service or any Federal agents that were tuned to that
18 frequency.

19 Q Okay. And did you have any knowledge on the 13th of any conversations
20 that the agent in charge of [REDACTED] may have been having to fix the
21 issues that he was dealing with?

22 A To my recollection, no, ma'am.

23 Q Did you have any knowledge of conversations that he may have had with
24 Pennsylvania State Police?

25 A No, ma'am.

1 Q And would you -- had [REDACTED] been available, would you have been able to
2 incorporate into the advance plan -- is there a reason that you didn't ask for [REDACTED]
3 versus just asking for [REDACTED]?

4 A So the [REDACTED] in TSD is fairly new, so there's only a handful of people
5 that are [REDACTED].

6 Q Yeah.

7 A And usually you let the State or local assets provide that particular [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]. Same with [REDACTED] New Jersey. The local -- I think it was the local or
9 State team provided [REDACTED], and also -- and they just
10 provided through their own volition.

11 Q Okay.

12 A Yes, ma'am.

13 Q And so did the State or local come with any of that or --

14 A To my knowledge, no, ma'am.

15 Q I understand.

16 [REDACTED]: So moving on, unless -- any follow-up questions on that
17 portion?

18 [REDACTED]: No. Thank you.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Moving on to a few questions I have about the intelligence that you were
21 aware of that day is, what is the normal process for intelligence briefings on specific
22 protectees?

23 A Usually our PI team usually will [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] -- because each city has -- and I
25 mean this respectfully -- their own particular set of crazy people that is specific for a

1 particular [REDACTED] So they'll say, hey, if you see this person at this site, please call us,
2 and we'll send a team to interview this person, see what their intent is, and try to get
3 them to go about their business.

4 And that's usually at -- you may get a protective intelligence brief in person for a
5 [REDACTED] brief that happens the day prior, but, yeah.

6 Q Were you given any briefs in person or via email on former President Trump
7 for the 13 July event?

8 A I can't recall.

9 Q And to your recollection, have you been given intelligence briefing for any
10 protectee that you've provided TSD lead on?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And did that go down the way you just explained where it was either an
13 in-person brief or an email prior to the event?

14 A Yes. So the same with President Trump in the past, we've had email,
15 maybe in-person brief.

16 Q And that day, did Special Agent [REDACTED] tell you anything about any specific
17 threats to former President Trump?

18 A No, ma'am. They wouldn't come from her. They would be -- that's not
19 her responsibility usually.

20 Q Okay. It would have been the PI lead?

21 A The PI lead, yes, ma'am.

22 Q Understood. And how would your planning or the execution on the 13th
23 have changed if you had known there was a specific active threat against former
24 President Trump?

25 A Nothing in my plan would change. Usually any TSD [REDACTED] or anything from

1 TSD, [REDACTED] is maybe a response to certain threats because we are
2 usually [REDACTED]. So --

3 Q Okay. So there's -- had you known that there was a specific threat and that
4 individual or group have known TTPs or demonstrated history or a typical wheelhouse of
5 what that threat would entail, your planning would not have changed based on that
6 knowledge of the threats' TTPs or background?

7 A Certain threat from who?

8 Q So no one specifically.

9 A Okay.

10 Q But if you knew that there was a threat out there, either a specific threat and
11 that group or individual had normal TTPs that they utilized, that would not change your
12 planning for an event?

13 A When encompassing a security plan, I'm always having in mind that those
14 threats are out there. So no, ma'am.

15 Q Understood.

16 A If there was a particular detail saying that he's going to place a certain device
17 here, of course.

18 Q Uh-huh.

19 A But TSD always creates a plan with those things in mind.

20 Q So you're always prepared for any threat that could be happening?

21 A Yeah, within a reasonable purview of my title, yes, ma'am.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. I think I just got to the end of my time, so we can go off
23 the record.

24 [Recess.]

25 [REDACTED]: Back on the record.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q So, Special Agent [REDACTED] I'm going to take you now to the actual day of
3 the rally and try to just sort of walk through what happened that day from your
4 perspective.

5 A Okay.

6 Q So you arrived on the morning of July 13th at Butler --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- at the site?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q Where were you the night before? Did you stay in Butler or did you come
11 in that morning?

12 A I was in my hotel maybe [REDACTED] away.

13 Q Okay. So you were nearby the day before?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And roughly how many site visits had you done by this point?

16 A Maybe [REDACTED]-ish.

17 Q You felt pretty comfortable at that point that you understood the site and
18 what your assets' needs were and what you were going to get?

19 A Yes.

20 Q So on the morning of the 13th when you arrived, you get there at around
21 [REDACTED]?

22 A I would say [REDACTED] yes.

23 Q And there was a briefing that was going to be done at that point?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. And you were going to conduct a briefing with the [REDACTED], right?

- 1 A The [REDACTED].
- 2 Q Okay. So you had the [REDACTED] and -- the [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And then the local would mean local law enforcement?
- 5 A [REDACTED].
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A They are local law enforcement from Allegheny County.
- 8 Q Allegheny County.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. And you're also meeting with the [REDACTED] chiefs?
- 11 A Throughout the day, yes, sir.
- 12 Q Throughout the day. Okay.
- 13 How many people were present for that briefing, roughly? Was it like -- meaning
- 14 was it five? Was it dozens? Was it, you know --
- 15 A There was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Maybe about [REDACTED] total.
- 16 Q And what was the -- just generally, what was the topic? What did you
- 17 discuss with them?
- 18 A [REDACTED].
- 19 Q Uh-huh.
- 20 A What is the edge of our actual secure perimeter.
- 21 Q Uh-huh.
- 22 A And always tell them something that you see that's outside of a particular
- 23 security site, you know, by all means call me and we will check it out.
- 24 Q Okay. So by that point you knew what the protective perimeter was?
- 25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. And who had set that?

2 A [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED]

3 Q Okay. Did you have any concerns, from your perspective for your job,
4 about what they had defined as the protective perimeter?

5 A No.

6 Q Did anybody in the -- who you were briefing, did they express any concerns
7 to you about what was defined as the protective perimeter?

8 A To my knowledge, no, sir.

9 Q Okay. You don't recall them saying this is too small or this is too big or
10 whatever?

11 A No.

12 Q Okay. And with respect to the AGR building, again -- and I don't know if
13 you knew it was called the AGR building at the time, but what we now know as the AGR
14 building, in that area, that open line of sight, was there any discussion of that area at the
15 briefing?

16 A So my briefing was separate from the Secret Service site agent and site
17 counterpart's briefing.

18 Q Right.

19 A So I did not take part in that due to having my briefing at the same time.

20 Q Okay. But at your briefing, did you discuss the AGR area at all?

21 A Only in the same context, if you see something that is of concern, from their
22 perspective/professional standpoint, then by all means we'll go to that direction --

23 Q Got it.

24 A -- and address it.

25 Q But -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

1 A No. And we will address that concern.

2 Q So anything that anyone sees outside of the specific areas that are to be
3 [REDACTED] of course, you should go check it out?

4 A Yes.

5 Q But because the AGR building and that area was outside of the security
6 perimeter, it was not designated [REDACTED]?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And at that point --

9 [REDACTED] I just want to clarify. Designated [REDACTED] by the Secret
10 Service or designated -- not designated but [REDACTED] at all by anybody? Just want to
11 clarify.

12 [REDACTED] Designated to [REDACTED] by the Secret Service. So --

13 BY [REDACTED]:

14 Q Okay. Did you know other groups that were doing [REDACTED] at the time?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q Okay. So do you have any -- so you're unaware of any other law
17 enforcement that was [REDACTED] that was under your supervision?

18 A No, sir. Allegheny County [REDACTED] is the persons legally able to go in
19 and [REDACTED]. But if he was [REDACTED] something outside of the site, he
20 would have definitely let me know.

21 Q Okay. So as far as you know, as far as -- there was nobody -- nobody was
22 [REDACTED] the AGR building as a matter of course? They might see something, go to
23 [REDACTED] but it wasn't designated [REDACTED]?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Okay. So what time did you start the actual [REDACTED]? So was it around

1 [REDACTED]?

2 A [REDACTED] yes, sir.

3 Q Okay. And how long do [REDACTED] last? Actually, maybe a little
4 narrative. Tell us how [REDACTED] work.

5 A [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]s that you have [REDACTED] as
7 well.

8 So based on my expertise and experience, I'd boil it down to [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] time.

10 Q Okay. So there would be [REDACTED] -- when you say [REDACTED] times, they
11 would spend [REDACTED] would be every [REDACTED]? What is that?

12 A [REDACTED] the protect -- the protective site itself.

13 Q Okay. And so how does that work? [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] what they would normally check to make
15 sure there's no dangerous material?

16 A [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] itself.

18 Q Okay.

19 A And from that point, they post up [REDACTED] for items coming into
20 the site.

21 Q Okay. And so -- and then at the end of [REDACTED]?
22 Is that what happens?

23 A They don't necessarily [REDACTED] They go to the respective [REDACTED] like
24 the [REDACTED] --

25 Q I see.

- 1 A -- and other [REDACTED], to include [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED], and things like.
- 3 Q Okay. And then they [REDACTED] as well?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. And did [REDACTED] -- did [REDACTED] continue throughout the day up
6 until the beginning of the actual event?
- 7 A When you say [REDACTED] --
- 8 Q Well, I'm saying like, if [REDACTED] started around [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]?
- 10 A [REDACTED]
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A And the only [REDACTED] that do continue -- because at that point [REDACTED]
13 and everything within is considered clean --
- 14 Q Right.
- 15 A -- so any outside entity, they're [REDACTED] anything coming inside.
- 16 Q I see.
- 17 A So they're [REDACTED] the actual scene itself.
- 18 Q Got it. Okay. And is that because once [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] that anything that's coming in after that is going to be people who are coming in
20 through the magnetometers?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q So those are going to reveal any kind of metallic objects or anything that
23 might be a problem?
- 24 A [REDACTED]? [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay.

2 A So that's a big -- something -- an [REDACTED] may just be something
3 that's -- [REDACTED].

4 Q Right.

5 A But [REDACTED] isn't detecting [REDACTED]. It's the [REDACTED].

6 Q Right. So [REDACTED] -- when the members of [REDACTED] are [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] will be there, and [REDACTED] should be able to [REDACTED] --

8 A [REDACTED].

9 Q -- [REDACTED] would suggest an [REDACTED]?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay. And from your perspective that day, did you have any concerns
12 about the thoroughness that the team had done of checking the site?

13 A My team or the --

14 Q Your team. I'm asking --

15 A No, no concern at all.

16 Q Okay. Yeah. Again, I'm only talking about what you know.

17 A Just in my purview, just to make sure, sir.

18 Q Yeah, yeah.

19 So your team, you felt that you had the resources you needed to perform [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED], do the job that you were there to do?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q You believe that the site was -- that the resources were sufficient for the size
23 of the site and the demands of that particular day?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And you believed that your team, from your perspective, did -- at that time,

1 you did not have any concerns that something was left undone or something was not
2 done thoroughly?

3 A None at all. Usually [REDACTED] assigned from [REDACTED] are

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. Got it.

6 Do you recall anything unusual or concerning coming up from the pre-rally [REDACTED]?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. So no one brought to your attention anything that was unusual or
9 that seemed to need a extra check of some sort?

10 A Maybe a particular suitcase that was left behind, but that's usually from a
11 staff member, which we confirmed.

1 [12:13 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q But before the -- and what I'm -- I'll use the shooting itself as the -- before
4 that point, nothing identified to you by your team or you identified yourself that led you
5 to be concerned that there was some kind of hazardous material or explosive device that
6 might be present within the area that you were [REDACTED]

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Do you know if at any point -- because you said -- you mentioned that
9 people can obviously, if they see something, even if it's outside the secure perimeter,
10 they are authorized, of course, to go check it out.

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know if anyone went to check anything out from your team because
13 they saw it outside of the secure perimeter?

14 A No, sir. I have a hard ironclad policy that if you do decide to do that, please
15 let me know, because I will be going there with you.

16 Q All right. Because you'll be going in with them?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And why is it that you go with them?

19 A [REDACTED] assets don't have legal status to go. They can go check it out and
20 act as advisers, but me being a Federal law enforcement person myself, I'm legally able to
21 make deeper assessments from a legal standpoint.

22 Q I see. Okay. That's interesting.

23 So, for example, if somebody on the [REDACTED] side saw something that they were
24 concerned about, they can go and say, we're going to go check it out, but in order to
25 engage with, say it's a person, they would need a Federal law enforcement official to be

1 there with them?

2 A Local, State, or Federal.

3 Q Sorry. Law enforcement.

4 A Yes. Some law enforcement, yes.

5 Q Or if, for example, they were concerned about something that was inside a
6 building, but they don't know what the legal rules are about whether or not they can
7 enter a private building.

8 A A private building? So at that point, if the K-9 officer was -- just so
9 happened to be walking by with a K-9 and the [REDACTED], they
10 will come to me and I will talk to the local or State assets, if this falls under exigent
11 circumstances, to make entry to this private building.

12 Q Right. But you have to make that decision because you're a law
13 enforcement official and you have status to do that. The [REDACTED] can't do that.

14 A [REDACTED] absolutely cannot, doesn't have the choice.

15 Q Okay. And did anybody come to you at any point and say, hey, I need you
16 to come with me because I saw something outside the perimeter that I need to check
17 out?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q And so as far you know, that didn't happen at all with respect to your team?

20 A With respect to my team, no, sir.

21 Q All right. And where were you physically located during [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]?

23 A I was on the stage [REDACTED].

24 Q Okay. So you were on the stage [REDACTED]?

25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Okay. And you had a radio or [REDACTED] radios?
- 2 A [REDACTED] radio.
- 3 Q [REDACTED] radio?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And it was a Secret Service radio?
- 6 A Secret Service, yes, sir.
- 7 Q Do you remember what channel you were dialed into?
- 8 A That particular channel, I don't recall. I just asked which channel we're on
- 9 and switched to it.
- 10 Q Okay. And who did you ask which channel?
- 11 A I asked the site agent.
- 12 Q The site agent.
- 13 A And site counterpart.
- 14 Q And who's the site counterpart?
- 15 A [REDACTED]
- 16 Q [REDACTED] was the site counterpart. Oh, I see. Right, yes.
- 17 And is that standard for you in the events that you provide protective services, did
- 18 you have a radio and to be informed, here's the channel that you'll be using?
- 19 A Yes, it's a standard issue radio that we have at all times.
- 20 Q Okay. Did you have a -- and you only had [REDACTED] radio. Did you have any
- 21 cell phone devices?
- 22 A A work cell, yes, sir.
- 23 Q Okay. You had a work cell. And what about a personal cell, did you have
- 24 that?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Okay. Did you use the work cell for work and then personal for personal?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay. Did you have occasion that day to use your work cell?

4 A Did I have --

5 Q Did you ever use your work cell during that day?

6 A Plenty of times, yes, sir.

7 Q Okay. And why were you using it?

8 A Make phone calls to certain [REDACTED]. They'll call me saying, hey,

9 [REDACTED]. I may direct it to a

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] if they have an in-person discussion about certain things.

12 Q Okay. Did you use text messages as well as phone call?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you use -- on your work cell, do you have anything like any encrypted
15 apps like Signal or WhatsApp?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. So the only communications you've had on your cell phone -- your
18 work cell phone are phone and text messages?

19 A And emails.

20 Q And emails, right. And you used email as well?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. But during the course of that day until, of course, the shooting,
23 everything was sort of normal course. There was nothing that was particularly -- that
24 was unusual that happened?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Okay. And your personal phone -- I believe you already said this -- but your
2 personal phone, you only use that for personal reasons?

3 A Yes.

4 Q During the day, did you have trouble with your cell service on your work
5 phone?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And tell us about that.

8 A Signal may drop, phone may drop -- phone call may drop. Text messages
9 may take a little time for it to go through.

10 Q And was that something that you had -- did you have a sense that was a
11 pretty common issue amongst other people who were using their cell phones?

12 A That part I'm unsure of. But being in that particular area throughout that
13 week, that was something I just got used to, not having good service.

14 Q Okay. So you knew before, because you'd come to that area before, that
15 the cell service was not great for your phone.

16 A For my work phone, yes.

17 Q Right. And so you weren't surprised that day that you were having
18 additional problems.

19 A Correct.

20 Q Did it interfere in any significant way with your ability to communicate with
21 people?

22 A No. Everything was -- everybody was within -- everyone was within
23 reasonable distance. So if I did make a phone call and it came through, I'd say, hey, can
24 you meet me here, and they would be there within like 2 to 5 minutes.

25 Q Okay. So you weren't concerned that I can't communicate with people.

1 There were problems with the cell phone, but effectively you were able to actually reach
2 people when you needed to.

3 A Yes, in person, if necessary.

4 Q Okay. And they were able to reach you, as far as you know.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Okay. Now, since you had the radio, the Secret Service radio, why did you
7 think that you needed a cell phone too?

8 A Radio traffic usually is, from my experience, [REDACTED].

9 So for miscellan-- or [REDACTED]. So the team
10 asking me where I am or I'm asking the team where they are and you just want to hold
11 radio traffic [REDACTED]

12 Q Right, right. And as we understand from other interviews, that the radios,
13 basically, only one person can speak on a radio at a time?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q So if people are just using it to say, hey, where are you, that could interfere
16 with other --

17 A That would be considered very unprofessional.

18 Q Right. Okay. So the radio is really reserved for [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] ?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Okay. And that's standard operating procedure. You can use your cell
22 phone to communicate, you know, just where am I, just make sure -- like, logistical things.
23 The radio is used for things that really [REDACTED] ?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. Now, in terms of the radio, what was your understanding what

1 your -- that channel was -- who was on that channel, like, who was communicating on
2 that channel on the radio?

3 A Again, there was [REDACTED] different channels to speak on. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] channel,
4 which all the [REDACTED], just
5 [REDACTED] that they need to know. And [REDACTED] frequency would belong
6 to the [REDACTED].

7 Q Okay, okay. And there's only Secret Service, right?

8 A And any his.

9 Q Or his, sorry. Right.

10 A So anybody assigned to that particular Secret Service [REDACTED] and mission.
11 Yes, sir.

12 Q Okay. So there was no local law enforcement. They wouldn't have
13 access, as far as you know --

14 A To my knowledge.

15 Q -- to that channel?

16 A To my knowledge, no, sir.

17 Q Okay. You were communicating, though, through your cell phone with
18 local law enforcement to the extent that you needed to?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Were you communicating with the Pennsylvania State Police?

21 A State police, no, sir.

22 Q Okay. With the Butler County Police?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q Beaver County?

25 A Beaver County, no, sir.

1 Q So it was Allegheny that you --

2 A Allegheny County.

3 Q Because those were the people who were assigned to assist you?

4 A And any -- I forget how to pronounce the name, but it started with a C, the
5 [REDACTED] team from that particular county.

6 Q Okay. Got it. Okay. And again, was that standard operating procedure
7 for you --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- in your prior experience?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q So when you were setting up [REDACTED], how long
12 did that take, roughly?

13 A Since it was by myself, [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. Not only [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

16 Q Okay. And that started around [REDACTED]?

17 A Roughly around that time.

18 Q All right. So you were done between [REDACTED] with that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q So where were you then physically located from [REDACTED] to when the rally
21 started?

22 A I usually called the site agent up to the stage [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] From there, [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- anything like that. And after that, check in with my [REDACTED] teams, the [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED], ask if they need anything, if I need anything from them.

4 Q Okay. And again, everything was pretty normal course, nothing unusual?

5 A Nothing unusual, no.

6 Q You talked about this with the minority, but just briefly, in your Senate
7 interview, you spoke about -- you said that you spoke with [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED]
8 about the best location to implement [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. And did you know at that point
9 when you started that [REDACTED] was not functioning?

10 A That discussion happened days prior to the event.

11 Q Days prior.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. Got it. Did that give you any concern about your ability to secure
14 the site?

15 A With --

16 Q The fact that it was not working, [REDACTED] was not working?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Okay. And why is that?

19 A The [REDACTED] is somewhat of a supplemental thing in the

20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED].

22 Q Okay. Okay. On the radio, on the Secret Service radio that you have,
23 were you able to hear communications between the [REDACTED] and -- or that
24 the [REDACTED] made over the radio?

25 A The Secret Service [REDACTED]?

1 Q Yes, the Secret Service [REDACTED].

2 A I don't recall hearing anything from [REDACTED] in particular.

3 Q Okay. What about the [REDACTED] team?

4 A From the [REDACTED] team I didn't hear anything over the air myself.

5 Q Okay. Okay. Now, I'm going to give you some -- I'm going to make some
6 representations to you based on what other people said and what some of the records
7 show just to, like, help guide the questioning.

8 So after 5 o'clock, some of the local law enforcement noticed the suspicious
9 person.

10 A Okay.

11 Q And they were communicating about it between themselves.

12 Did you, prior to the shooting, ever hear anything about a suspicious person being
13 anywhere onsite or even outside the perimeter?

14 A I don't recall hearing about a suspicious person, but it is not abnormal for me
15 to hear about a suspicious person. Again, there's mentally disturbed people that come
16 to these sites.

17 [REDACTED] Okay. Got it. Okay. The question is, did you hear -- to the best
18 of your recollection, did you hear any discussion or any information about a quote,
19 suspicious person, end quote, prior to -- 5 o'clock?

20 [REDACTED]: After 5 o'clock.

21 [REDACTED] -- after 5 o'clock?

22 [REDACTED] No, no.

23 [REDACTED] Okay.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. Yes. All we're really is asking your best recollection.

25 [REDACTED] Okay, I see. Okay.

1 [REDACTED] Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: If you're not sure, you can say, I'm not sure. If you don't remember
3 hearing anything --

4 [REDACTED] Okay.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q Did you hear about a suspicious person at all that day, as best you can recall?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Okay. Did you hear anything about a suspicious person having a
9 rangefinder at any point?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q Okay. Did you hear about a bicycle or backpack that was located near the
12 AGR building --

13 A No, sir.

14 Q -- at point during the day?

15 A No. After --

16 Q Before the shooting, did you hear anything about a bicycle or a backpack,
17 anything like that?

18 A Before, no, sir.

19 Q Okay. So now we're getting -- so where were you at from -- right before
20 former President Trump showed up, where were you located?

21 A I was [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED].

23 Q Okay. Did you communicate with the command center during the course
24 of that?

25 A Throughout the day or before?

1 Q Throughout the day, before the shooting.

2 A Before the shooting? I don't recall. I may have said, [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED], to answer
4 some question.

5 Q Okay. Were you aware that there were two command centers present;
6 there was one where there was a Secret Service agent and there was another that was a
7 local law enforcement command center?

8 A I was unaware of the local law enforcement one.

9 Q Okay. Did you ever -- do you recall receiving any communications, any calls
10 or radio signals to you, directed to you, from the command center that you're aware of,
11 during --

12 A Just asking, hey, could you respond to this to answer this question for this
13 [REDACTED] so --

14 Q Okay. But again, all routine, normal course types of communications?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Okay. And when former President Trump actually showed up at the rally
17 and then took the stage, where were you physically located?

18 A At the [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] and I was there to answer questions again.

20 Q Right. To answer -- what question were you answering?

21 A The [REDACTED]. When he [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] back to D.C. --

23 Q Okay.

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And then when former President Trump takes the stage, you're still near the

1 [REDACTED]

2 A Yes.

3 Q And then when shots rang out, where are you?

4 A There in that same location.

5 Q Okay. And prior to shots ringing out, had you heard anything about a
6 suspicious person?

7 A No.

8 Q So when the shots rang out, it was a complete and utter shock to you?

9 A Yes. The first shot that I saw, it was -- I heard it and I turned around, and I
10 honestly thought it was fireworks, because there have been sites where kids have been,
11 you know, doing that far outside the site.

12 Q Right.

13 A So I was in shock, yes.

14 Q Okay. And did you quickly come to realize it's gunfire?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what did you do?

17 A [REDACTED].

18 Q And that direction was roughly -- I don't know actually from the

19 [REDACTED] Was it -- I don't know where it would've been, but was it toward the AGR
20 building that you sprint to?

21 A At first, yes, but the crowd was stampeding towards us. [REDACTED]

22 a [REDACTED].

23 Q Okay. Did you see -- before the shots rang out, did you see any movement
24 of local -- of law enforcement officials in the direction of the AGR building?

25 A No, sir, not to my --

1 Q Do you know from that vantage point if you could have seen it?

2 A Looking back, probably not --

3 Q Okay.

4 A -- due to the crowd --

5 Q Okay.

6 A -- the crowd blocking it.

7 Q Okay. And you weren't aware of any disturbance at all that was going on
8 that would have put you on alert of something going on?

9 A Definitely not.

10 Q So as you're running out [REDACTED] the crowd is blocking you
11 to let you go toward the AGR building, what do you do?

12 A Quickly trying to figure out a way to get to that direction as safely as possible
13 due to it being in an open field because I could see the muzzle flash towards us from the
14 gun. Also, just trying to figure out what's going on and how many people are actually
15 shooting at us.

16 Q All right.

17 A And also, obviously, [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] and just trying to gather my senses on what to do next at that point.

19 Q So you could see the muzzle flash from Crooks?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. So when you heard the shot, obviously your eyes go in the direction
22 of where it's coming from. And you are able, at that point, to see the muzzle flash from
23 where the shooting is coming?

24 A The first few rounds, yes, sir.

25 Q First few rounds. And at that point, are you -- I know this is very hard to

1 remember exactly, but are you moving at the same time that you're seeing the muzzle
2 shots, or is it happening that quickly, then you run after you see the muzzle --

3 A As it's happening.

4 Q As it's happening. Okay. And then, of course, we know that the counter
5 snipers took a shot.

6 Did you -- were you aware that they took a shot at the shooter?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. How were you aware of that?

9 A By the time they shot, [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] approximately about, I would say, [REDACTED], and I heard an audible
11 shot from the roof.

12 Q And you could tell based on where it was coming from and also your
13 experience, that it was coming from the -- that there was a counter shot going on?

14 A Yes. And also from seeing the CS team being on the roof prior to.

15 Q Okay. And at this point, the former President is down on the stage?

16 A He is -- that part, I can't remember. I just remember him getting into the
17 [REDACTED] at this point.

18 Q Okay.

19 A And when we knew that he was fine, from my perspective, my concern was
20 the people that I saw getting shot and the other people I did not know get shot.

21 Q Okay. And you saw victims that were in the crowd?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And what did you do when you saw people had been shot?

24 A Essentially, try to locate where they were at first. There was one chest
25 wound victim that I noticed on the ground that one of our [REDACTED] teams were rendering aid

1 to at first. And from my perspective, [REDACTED] and I
2 see the state troopers and a few other [REDACTED] teams carrying his body to the tent area.
3 And the tent area is becoming a makeshift triage area for any other wounded victims that
4 may have possibly been shot or hurt in the aftermath. So we're looking for other people
5 to help and also trying to evacuate nonessential people out of the particular area.

6 Q Okay. And did you -- did you understand that was part of your role at this
7 point, now that there was an active shooter was to assist with the civilians now that the
8 protectee was off?

9 A From a law enforcement standpoint, yes, sir.

10 Q Okay. At some point, did you -- were you called about a suspicious item
11 near the AGR building?

12 A Yes.

13 Q All right. And was that shortly after the shooting or was it a while after?

14 A That part I can't recall. It does seem not too far after the shooting and
15 rendering aid to who we could find.

16 Q Right.

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Okay. And so you were called by somebody. Do you know who it was?

19 A I do believe it was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] agent.

20 Q Okay. [REDACTED] agent. And that's the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] agent?

21 A The [REDACTED], yes, sir.

22 Q Right. I know that it's called both. Just want to -- so what did you do
23 when you got that information that there was a suspicious package or suspicious items
24 near the AGR building?

25 A I asked for the location of the item itself. I got a head count from all of my

1 [REDACTED] teams, because we were unsure if anybody was hit. Told them to stand by,
2 that me and the local [REDACTED] will respond to that particular
3 location. And once -- we were waiting on one person to get back, and once they get the
4 final head count for that person, to stand by for my call for them to come over just in
5 case.

6 Q Okay. Did you then go to respond to where they said the suspicious items
7 were?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And what happened when you did that?

10 A The [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] maybe about [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]. Met with them there, and we rolled up [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] and we responded to the bike and backpack.

14 Q Okay. And you came to learn that the bike and backpack were not actually
15 connected to Crooks, correct?

16 A Correct?

17 Q You interviewed -- or you came across the owner of the bike and backpack?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And you confirmed to your satisfaction that the person had nothing to do
20 with the shooting?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And you reported that in when you -- did you report that in that you had
23 spoken to the owner of the bike and backpack and were no longer concerned about it?

24 A Yes, I reported it in. I requested that the PI agents come out, interview him
25 themselves too.

1 Q Okay. Now, shortly thereafter, you did go on the roof of the AGR building,
2 correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Tell us how you ended up getting on the roof or why you -- let's break it up.
5 Why did you go to the roof?

6 A Continue.

7 Q No, no, go ahead.

8 A The local or -- I can't remember who told me, but the local entities on the
9 roof said there was a cell phone and a possible remote next to his body. The cell phone
10 wasn't a concern, but when I heard remote, that was a little alarming.

11 So from there, I just -- I can't remember -- it was a ladder on the side of the roof
12 that the local or State team put up to get on. I climbed up there and made my way next
13 to the body. Local bomb squad sergeant and I both confirmed that the remote is
14 definitely a suspicious item connected to a device that may be nearby, so --

15 Q Okay. And the remote was away from the body. Is that how you could
16 see it?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. Was it your understanding that the remote -- somebody had taken
19 the remote out of his pocket or whatever it was or that it just sort of, you know, was just
20 there?

21 A Somebody took the remote off his body.

22 Q Okay. Do you know who had taken it off at that time?

23 A That part I'm not sure.

24 Q But based on what you -- your experience, you thought that that could be a
25 remote for an explosive device?

1 A One hundred percent.

2 Q All right. And so what did you do at that point?

3 A At that point, we connected with the local bomb squad sergeant to create a
4 plan to search for the device. And I contacted my [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] assets to
5 come over to start a search [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. So --

7 Q Okay. And so this is a search or a [REDACTED] as well, right?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. And did they find anything?

10 A My particular [REDACTED] teams, no. I did establish saying that anything within
11 [REDACTED], something is nearby -- even though the device itself, just from my training
12 where they send us to actually build devices, [REDACTED] someone who
13 wants to do harm is close by outside of the site.

14 Q Okay.

15 A So I think local or State assets who found it around midnightish, a little later
16 that particular night. But we were still onsite [REDACTED], waiting for further
17 instruction from like the FBI for any --

18 Q Understood. And were you personally involved in [REDACTED] search
19 that occurred after you identified the detonator on the rooftop?

20 A [REDACTED] search of?

21 Q Of the area, the [REDACTED] radius?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Okay. And at any point, were you, at least based on the information you
24 had, were you comfortable that there was no explosive device within the area that your
25 team had searched?

- 1 A Within the protective site?
- 2 Q Yes.
- 3 A Actually, I was 100 percent confident that it is outside the site at this point.
- 4 Q Okay. And when did you learn that local assets had found explosive
- 5 devices?
- 6 A Around midnight, 12:30-ish, early in the morning.
- 7 Q Okay. And do you know where they found that?
- 8 A It was roughly around [REDACTED] away from the AGR
- 9 building, from my knowledge.
- 10 Q Got it. And so where would that have put you -- you checked -- the idea
- 11 was to check [REDACTED] radius?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q When you say the [REDACTED] radius, in reference to what? Is it the site itself,
- 14 the rally site?
- 15 A From [REDACTED] --
- 16 Q Right.
- 17 A -- up until [REDACTED] further outside of that.
- 18 Q Got it. So where local law enforcement found the explosive devices was
- 19 outside of that [REDACTED] radius from [REDACTED]?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q Did you know at the time that local law enforcement was conducting a
- 22 broader -- a larger search beyond [REDACTED]?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Had you asked them to do that?
- 25 A No. The -- well, the local -- when you say local, Allegheny County --

1 Q I'm saying non-Federal.

2 A Non-Federal?

3 Q Right.

4 A Well, the non-Federal asset was Allegheny County Bomb Squad at this point.

5 Q Okay.

6 A They're initially the team to respond to these type of situations. And they
7 may have -- they were aiding me in my initial search of what I deemed to be [REDACTED].
8 There were other entities trying to figure out where the individual stayed.

9 Q Right.

10 A And they had pushed out a little further.

11 Q I see.

12 A But my concern was [REDACTED].

13 Q So the Allegheny group, they were under your supervision?

14 A Not under my supervision.

15 Q Oh, they were not.

16 A We were just augmented to the same team.

17 Q Got it.

18 A It was a team effort at this point.

19 Q Was it the Allegheny group that found the explosive devices?

20 A That part I'm unsure. I'm sure it was Allegheny County, but it was State
21 bomb squad.

22 Q Okay. Okay. Did you ever yourself examine the explosive devices when
23 they were found?

24 A In person, no, sir.

25 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 4

1 was marked for identification.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. I want to show you, I think we premarked it 4, exhibit No. 4, which is
4 premarked.

5 So this is -- now it's redacted -- but we believe that this is an email that you're on.
6 And it says, Saturday, July 13th at 7:31 p.m. And then attached to it is a photo of the
7 devi -- of some kind of device.

8 Do you recall this document?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q You'll see that there's a red square or diamond. It says "suspicious
11 package," and it says it's located over AGR International, Incorporated.

12 A I think based on the timeframe, this is not from me, but I think that is the
13 bike and backpack that was deemed suspicious originally.

14 Q Okay, okay. But you don't recall seeing this?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q Okay.

17 [REDACTED]. All right. How much time do I have left?

18 I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues to do some cleanup, and then I may
19 have a couple last questions for you.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q All right. So I'm just going to circle back on a couple of things that you've
22 already talked about. So if this sounds redundant or repetitive, just bear with me. Just
23 trying to kind of clarify some things for our understanding on the record.

24 You mentioned that you did not request a [REDACTED] for July 13th. Before July 13th,
25 did anyone in the Secret Service ever tell you not to request [REDACTED]

1 A No, sir.

2 Q Then let's go to the shooting. Actually, sorry, let's back up to advance
3 planning. Do you know when you submitted your site plan, the exhibit 1 that we looked
4 at?

5 A To be clear, this is the document? This is exhibit 1? Okay. Maybe 2 or
6 3 days prior. I'm not too sure.

7 Q Okay. So like July 11th or 12th, maybe the 10th?

8 A Maybe [REDACTED].

9 [REDACTED] Speak up a little bit.

10 [REDACTED] Maybe the [REDACTED].

11 BY [REDACTED]:

12 Q Okay. Is there an approval process that goes into that plan before you
13 submit it?

14 A Approval process, no.

15 Q Okay. So you write it up and then you send it off to?

16 A The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] -- the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

17 Q Okay. And then it's finalized, it's done.

18 A They assess it, they ask me questions or concerns, and then address it over
19 the phone or in person. If changes need to be made, then they will be made.

20 Q Were any changes made after you sent it to them?

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. Did you request -- but I believe you said that local and State were
23 not using [REDACTED] Did you request that they use [REDACTED]?

24 A I did not request.

25 Q Okay. Now we're going to go quickly to the shooting. And I apologize to

1 belabor some of this because I'm sure it's traumatic to relive.

2 A That's fine.

3 Q So if at any point you need to take a break, just let me know.

4 You said that you could see muzzle flashes from Crooks. Did you see any other
5 muzzle flashes from elsewhere, other firearms?

6 A No.

7 Q So based on what you saw, you believe there was only one nefarious
8 shooter?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And then in your interview with FBI and PSP, you said that you went to check
11 on your [REDACTED], especially because you had some concerns about [REDACTED]
12 ones. Were those concerns because they were [REDACTED]?

13 A Concerned not because they were [REDACTED]. I just didn't know who was hit
14 by rounds.

15 Q Okay.

16 A Just getting a head count of everybody to make sure they're safe before we
17 move forward.

18 Q And did [REDACTED] assets have radios with them, [REDACTED] radios?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. So you were able to communicate with them via radio?

21 A Yes. Yes, sir.

22 Q Final question. You touched on how if [REDACTED] assets need to go and
23 search anything, you need to go with them because they don't have any jurisdiction. In
24 your opinion, would it make more sense to use, say, Secret Service or local assets rather
25 than [REDACTED] assets due to their law enforcement jurisdiction?

1 Mr. [REDACTED] You can answer that. It is an opinion. It's not a fact-based
2 question. Do you have an opinion one way or the other?

3 [REDACTED] From my expertise, I don't think it would make any difference.
4 There are plans in place with the TSD Secret Service person physically being there to
5 mitigate any concerns if they come across it legally. So --

6 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you. I'll turn it over to [REDACTED].

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Sure. Just couple cleanups.

9 So you did not attend the July [REDACTED] police meeting in Pittsburgh because you were
10 on the way to Pittsburgh, right? So the first walk-through meeting with Secret Service
11 you would have had was on July [REDACTED].

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay. And then, this may have already been covered, but you said that no
14 requests that local law enforcement made were denied. Are you aware of any requests
15 that the site agent or lead agent or any other Secret Service member may have
16 met -- may have made that were denied?

17 A No, ma'am.

18 Q Okay. And then I believe that the local law enforcement beginning with the
19 C, that's Connoquenessing, is that where you're --

20 A That's from the [REDACTED] --

21 Q The [REDACTED]

22 A The [REDACTED] team came from Connoquenessing County.

23 Q Okay. And then you did not attend the morning briefing on July 13th,
24 which was the larger Secret Service briefing, because it was at the same time as your
25 briefing with [REDACTED] teams?

1 A That is correct.

2 Q Okay. So you didn't attend any other Secret Service briefing that day,
3 except for --

4 A Only my own.

5 Q Okay. And then let me see. Okay. And you said that the Allegheny
6 bomb squad that was tasked [REDACTED] if they
7 had to go there, where were they stationed during the rally?

8 A For that particular site, they were stationed [REDACTED].

9 Q [REDACTED]?

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q So if they had needed to respond -- if you knew that there was an explosive
12 device at AGR, what would their path have been to get there if the fence was in the way?

13 A They would have [REDACTED] or have
14 taken [REDACTED].

15 [REDACTED]. Okay. And then we haven't gotten to that yet. Do you want
16 me to go through the after -- the day after the rally?

17 [REDACTED]. Sure.

18 BY [REDACTED]:

19 Q What time approximately did you leave the rally site?

20 A I would say maybe around 1:00-ish.

21 Q Did you drive back with anyone from Secret Service?

22 A Just myself.

23 Q Just yourself. Okay. And were you staying back at the hotel with other
24 members of the Secret Service?

25 A The hotel, yes.

1 Q Did you speak with any of them about your experiences that day once you
2 were there?

3 A A few, yes.

4 Q Did any of them recall seeing a local shooter in addition to Secret Service
5 shooter that day?

6 A Secret Service shooter?

7 Q The Secret Service counter sniper that took a shot that took out Crooks was
8 one that you saw. Did any of them report seeing a local law enforcement officer shoot
9 at Crooks?

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q Okay. And then you mentioned in your Senate interview speaking with, I
12 believe, lead Agent [REDACTED] the next day in the lobby or was it another one of the --

13 A If I saw --

14 Q The next day, before you're waiting for FBI to interview you, which I believe
15 happened the next day, did you speak to any other Secret Service agents about your
16 experience that day?

17 A At that point, no. We're just asking what's the next step, because we were
18 being held at the hotel. We were told not to leave until further instructions, so --

19 Q Okay. And then how long did the interview with the FBI take?

20 A For me, about 20 minutes.

21 Q And then when were you interviewed by the Secret Service?

22 A Maybe a week or two afterwards.

23 Q Okay. Had you memorialized in writing your experiences for that day any
24 time prior to your interview with the Secret Service?

25 A Memorialized in --

1 Q Like, have you --

2 [REDACTED] Did you set down in writing your recollection of events prior to your
3 interview with the Secret Service?

4 [REDACTED] Prior to, I don't recall.

5 [REDACTED]. Have you spoken to any other bodies other than the FBI and the
6 Secret Service about your experiences that day?

7 [REDACTED] The Department of Homeland Security.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] Yeah, the DHS with [REDACTED] he spoke to, and the Senate.

9 [REDACTED]. Okay. When was the DHS one?

10 [REDACTED] Oh, about a month ago?

11 Mr. [REDACTED] Yeah, about a month ago.

12 [REDACTED]. Okay. I think I'm good, unless you want to --

13 [REDACTED]. Yeah, just a couple, and then --

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q Prior to the 13th, when you were going to the site and just, you know, doing
16 the work of figuring out what you needed for the site, did you ever hear anyone, either
17 local law enforcement or Secret Service, express a concern about the line of sight from
18 the AGR building to the actual rally site?

19 A Line of sight was always a topic of concern. Who would handle mitigating
20 that portion, I was not privy to that conversation.

21 Q Okay. So you did hear something about the line of sight being of concern?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you hear anyone suggest that the Secret Service would put up [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] between the AGR building and the actual site of the rally?

25 A As far as who was covering what, that part I was not privy to.

1 Q Okay. So you never heard anyone suggest that that was one solution?

2 A Any solution, I was not privy to that line of sight conversation.

3 Q Okay. Okay, great.

4 [REDACTED]. I have a couple more. We're going to enter another exhibit.

5 [REDACTED]. It'll be premarked 5.

6 [REDACTED]. Premarked 5.

7 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 5

8 was marked for identification.]

9 BY [REDACTED]:

10 Q Okay. So this is Bates No. 276 for reference. And this is an email that was
11 distributed to TSD personnel at 7:27 p.m. on July 13th, instructing the recipients of the
12 email to, quote, be mindful, end quote, of their, quote, communications regarding the
13 events of today both at home and in electronic form.

14 Have you seen or did you receive that email?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And what did you understand that to mean?

17 A Just be mindful of any sensitive information.

18 Q Is that common to receive an email like that after something happens to --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- this degree?

21 Okay. And then, have you been told by any member of Secret Service or DHS
22 personnel to avoid certain topics or how to recollect your experiences that day?

23 [REDACTED] In terms of his obligation to be forthright with you and other
24 committees?

25 [REDACTED]. Sure.

1 [REDACTED] Yeah. Do you understand the question?

2 [REDACTED] Yes.

3 [REDACTED] Has anyone told you or advised you not to be forthright with any of
4 these committees?

5 [REDACTED] No.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Or to limit your communications with Congress in any way?

8 A No, ma'am.

9 Q Okay. In your Senate interview, they talked about a text message that you
10 received from the Senate staff?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What was that text message?

13 [REDACTED] Should I?

14 [REDACTED] Yeah, if you need to refresh your recollection. Is that okay?

15 [REDACTED] Yeah, sure.

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED] Give me one second.

18 [REDACTED] Yeah, sure, take your time.

19 [REDACTED] My apologies.

20 [REDACTED] Take your time. If you find it, fine. If you don't, whatever your
21 recollection is, you can answer.

22 [REDACTED] Yeah. Having trouble finding the text. It overall said, hey, this
23 is so-and-so from the staff and we would like to talk to you on behalf of what happened
24 and we can talk offline about it.

25 [REDACTED]. Did you respond to them?

1 ██████████ No, ma'am.

2 ██████████: Were you instructed not to respond to them?

3 ██████████ No, ma'am.

4 ██████████: Okay. That's all I have.

5 ██████████: Thank you.

6 And that'll be the end of the questioning for the majority. Minority now has
7 another opportunity to --

8 ██████████: Off the record.

9 ██████████: We can go off the record.

10 [Recess.]

11 ██████████: So if we can go back on the record.

12 BY ██████████:

13 Q So from the last 45-minute block of questioning from the majority, they
14 asked you a question about a text message that you received, and you have since found
15 that text message. If you would like to read that on to the record that would be great.

16 A Yes, ma'am. The text message says, "Hello, ██████████ I work for
17 Ranking Member Ron Johnson on the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.
18 We are reviewing the assassination attempt against former President Trump on July 13th,
19 2024. Would you or someone from your office be available this week to speak with us
20 regarding your role before and during the July 13th rally, as well as your interactions with
21 the State and local entities? Please let me know some dates and time when we can
22 schedule this call. Thank you, ██████████."

23 Q Thank you for that.

24 ██████████: I don't have any follow-up questions, but I do want to give the
25 majority opportunity to ask any follow-up questions, if they have any.

1 [REDACTED]: None. Thank you.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Thank you for reading that.

5 So we're going to kind of jump around. I don't think we're going to use the full
6 time, so hopefully I can give you some of that back. But I apologize for kind of the
7 ping-pong nature that this will be.

8 Going back to the [REDACTED] request that you made, you mentioned that the
9 piece [REDACTED] that you were requesting had [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] Is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So what is the difference between the device that you were requesting
13 versus the device that the Donald Trump detail had access to?

14 A The -- so the [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED].

16 Q And with [REDACTED] that you requested, is it on the same [REDACTED] or
17 would you have been able to utilize it based off of something else?

18 A That part I'm unsure. I don't know if it runs off [REDACTED]ce or any type of
19 thing [REDACTED] to be operated. That's it.

20 Q And did you know that the [REDACTED] when
21 you made that request?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. So this was just a redundancy that you were planning for if it was
24 open?

25 A Redundancy, and also to make sure that if they don't have it available, would

1 someone from D.C. TSD be able to bring it up for us.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Yes, ma'am.

4 Q Thank you.

5 And then you talked a little bit about local resources and that sometimes local
6 police will have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that they will bring.

7 If you had been offered [REDACTED] by State or local law enforcement, would you
8 have utilized it?

9 A Absolutely.

10 Q And would that have required you to alter the security plan in any way?

11 A No, ma'am.

12 Q Okay. Moving on to [REDACTED] that you were directing and that the
13 [REDACTED] were doing, is it best practice or policy to do additional [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] after your [REDACTED]?

15 A No.

16 Q And for the -- what you were having the Allegheny bomb squad do versus
17 the [REDACTED], would it have been feasible for [REDACTED] to have been in charge of any of the
18 concerns that happened [REDACTED] and have Allegheny focused on [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED], or because of some of the posse comitatus issues that you brought up, you
20 need to have local [REDACTED]?

21 A I absolutely need to have [REDACTED] assets involved, yes.

22 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit No. B
23 was marked for identification.]

24 BY [REDACTED]:

25 Q Okay. I want to move to minority exhibit B. And if you wouldn't mind

1 looking over that.

2 So this is a note that was written by one of the site agents after the fact. And my
3 question is, do you recall having this conversation with any of the site agents?

4 [REDACTED] Well, so what's the context for this note? I'm sorry. I just want
5 to make sure I understand.

6 [REDACTED]. Yes. So this was a note that one of the site agents wrote after
7 the fact.

8 [REDACTED] Secret Service agent --

9 [REDACTED]. Secret Service site agent.

10 [REDACTED] -- site agents?

11 [REDACTED]. Yes.

12 [REDACTED] After the shooting?

13 [REDACTED]. After the shooting from her recollection. And so I'm just
14 wanting to understand --

15 [REDACTED] Do you know who she transmitted this to or anything like that or --

16 [REDACTED]. It was in some notes that we received --

17 [REDACTED] Sort of like this?

18 [REDACTED]. This is just the one portion that is in regards to [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED] Oh. Oh, okay.

20 [REDACTED] This is [REDACTED] after the shooting?

21 [REDACTED]. This is I think prior to the event.

22 [REDACTED]. It's part of the advance process. She gave us a detailed outline
23 of all the actions taken from day X, the day of, and that was in one of the entries, I
24 believe, for the [REDACTED] of July regarding conversations with you. The white
25 redacted portion is [REDACTED].

1 ██████████ And do we know who "him" is?

2 ██████████ Correct. So that if you look at the beginning of the paragraph,
3 that ██████████ is the unredacted --

4 ██████████. It's redacted, yes.

5 ██████████ So ██████████ came to site for ██████████?

6 ██████████. Yes.

7 ██████████ I asked him? Okay.

8 ██████████. Yes, sir. I apologize for the confusion. And this was from a
9 production from the Secret Service.

10 ██████████ Oh, okay. All right.

11 BY ██████████:

12 Q And my only question is, do you recall having this conversation?

13 A I had a conversation about how far they intend ██████████, but I never said
14 anything that I didn't want to ██████████.

15 Q Okay. Great. That was my only question, if you recalled.

16 Moving on to -- unless you have anything else that you'd like to share about this.

17 A The conversation I'm sure would have went, I won't ██████████

18 ██████████. So --

19 Q [Inaudible]

20 A I've never -- I would never professionally tell someone I don't want ██████████

21 ██████████. So --

22 Q Understood. Thank you, ██████████

23 Moving on to the roof, when you were on top of the roof that morning -- or
24 excuse me, after the shooting, can you just walk us through what it is that you saw and
25 what it is that was found on Mr. Crooks?

1 A While I'm on the roof?

2 Q Yes.

3 A The trail of blood from his body, the body of the shooter himself, the zip tie,
4 cell phone, and also the rifle, the actual remote device as well.

5 Q So when the remote device was found, what were the next steps that were
6 taken?

7 A Initially, try to find if it's [REDACTED], he's trying to [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] The next step is [REDACTED], as I said previously, for a
9 device that may be [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

10 Q Understood. And what actions were taken once you realized that you
11 needed to -- when you got off the roof, what were the next actions that were taken?

12 A Briefing [REDACTED], telling them that we will be going back
13 to the AGR or going to the AGR building, [REDACTED].
14 Also, connecting with the local bomb squad again to see how they want to approach
15 rendering things safe that we do find to be suspicious. And also, I was -- which I assume
16 was a safety issue person. I met up with him outside of the building while they were
17 clearing inside the building, saying if they [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED].

20 Q And so when you were going and doing that search, did Secret Service have
21 any sort of a perimeter around the AGR complex?

22 A Secret Service, no. Secret Service maintained the protective footprint until
23 the FBI came and asserted that same footprint. At that point, it was local and State
24 assets that kind of made a cordon around the building in a respective zone.

25 Q Okay. And so there were local and State assets around the building while

1 you were doing [REDACTED]?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Thank you.

4 [REDACTED]: I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues, if they have any
5 follow-up questions.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q Just one. You've explained to us how sometimes you get [REDACTED] assets from
8 State and local folks. Is that right?

9 A Say that again.

10 Q Sometimes you get [REDACTED] support from State and local assistance?

11 A Not [REDACTED]. Usually it is [REDACTED].

12 Q Got it. Okay. Because Secret Service has limited resources, I guess, in any
13 of these areas, would it be helpful, from your point of view, for State and local law
14 enforcement to have the ability to supplement with [REDACTED]?

15 [REDACTED] Can I answer as an opinion?

16 [REDACTED]: It's your opinion.

17 [REDACTED] It's an opinion.

18 [REDACTED] Okay.

19 [REDACTED] It's okay.

20 [REDACTED] Of course, if it meets the standards of our mission, it would be
21 great if local or State could have that on standby.

22 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

23 Anything else?

24 [REDACTED]: Do you have any follow-up questions, [REDACTED]?

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q With the earlier question that my colleague asked regarding altering the
2 security plans that, say, State or local had offered you [REDACTED] to use, would, for example,
3 [REDACTED], if they are offered [REDACTED], are they required to or is it within their
4 purview to alter security plans? I guess more so the question is, would you be the one
5 who would potentially need to alter something, if something was to be altered, to
6 account for those additional resources?

7 A Nothing will be altered. It will be more of a supplementation from the
8 established security plan at this point.

9 Q And if you were to accept, for example, [REDACTED] by local or State law
10 enforcement, that's not necessarily a -- it doesn't adversely affect the Secret Service's
11 ability to -- you know, it doesn't draw manpower away, for example?

12 A No.

13 Q That's something that they're taking care of. Is that correct?

14 A Yes, the manpower will be provided by the local or State asset that
15 requested it or provided themselves.

16 Q And so it's purely a value add in that instance?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q It doesn't affect your manpower in any way?

19 A No. No, sir.

20 Q Okay.

1 [1:19 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Just a few additional follow-up questions specifically on conversations
4 around [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

5 You mentioned that you would have utilized [REDACTED] had it been offered by State
6 and local. And I just want to confirm that you never had a conversation with State and
7 local about any [REDACTED] right?

8 A Any [REDACTED] no, ma'am.

9 Q And then you mentioned that you and the Donald Trump detail [REDACTED]
10 operator had a conversation [REDACTED] prior to the July 13th event about the location --

11 A Yes.

12 Q -- of that [REDACTED] correct?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q But on the actual day of the event, you never had a conversation -- he never
15 made you aware of any issues that he was having with that [REDACTED]

16 A No, ma'am.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. I think those are -- yes.

18 [REDACTED]: Sorry. One thing just to jump off of that.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Are you aware of whether or not, if you set up [REDACTED], could -- for
21 example, [REDACTED], could that interfere potentially with [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]?

23 A A [REDACTED]?

24 Q [REDACTED] In the Senate transcript for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he had mentioned that he
25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED].

2 A Some -- anything that deals [REDACTED]. So
3 the fact that it can possibly, then he made a good judgment call [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]

5 Q And when you were initially choosing the location a [REDACTED], was
6 there any conversation or were you aware that potentially a [REDACTED] could be kind
7 of [REDACTED] of where you were placing [REDACTED]?

8 A To my knowledge, no [REDACTED] would be there. [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] --

10 Q Okay.

11 A -- [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 [REDACTED]: I do have a few follow-up questions. Sorry.

14 [REDACTED] Could you give me one second?

15 [REDACTED]: Yes, absolutely.

16 Can you go off the record for just one moment?

17 [Recess.]

18 [REDACTED]: Back on the record.

19 So the minority is done with our questioning for right now, so we are going to turn
20 it back over to majority for just a few follow-up questions.

21 [REDACTED] Okay.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Thank you, Special Agent [REDACTED] These are the last questions we have
24 on our side.

25 [REDACTED]

- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 A [REDACTED].
- 3 Q [REDACTED].
- 4 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED].
- 6 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]?
- 8 A [REDACTED].
- 9 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 A [REDACTED]
- 12 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]?
- 14 A [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED].
- 16 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]?
- 18 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED].
- 25 Q [REDACTED]

1 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED]. All right.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]?

7 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] --

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 Q All right.

12 A [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 Q All right.

15 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED].

19 Q So as far as we're trying to get at -- and this might be beyond your purview,
20 so feel free to say that.

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q -- [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

- 1 A [REDACTED].
- 2 [REDACTED]: Okay. That's all we have.
- 3 [REDACTED]: Thank you.
- 4 [REDACTED]: Yeah, thank you so much.
- 5 [REDACTED]: We can go off the record.
- 6 [Whereupon, at 1:28 p.m., the interview was adjourned.]

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47	10	CHANGE “on” TO “for”
48	7	DELETE “here’s a complex.”
63	21	DELETE “is”
65	4	ADD “an” BEFORE “individual”
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104	25	ADD “an” before “opportunity”
105	24	CHANGE “open” TO “approved”
107	21	ADD “,” BEFORE “I.”; ADD “,” AFTER “think.”
108	25	DELETE “it is that”