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1 [REDACTED]. We can go on the record.

2 Today is Friday, October 11, 2024, and this is a virtual transcribed interview of

3 [REDACTED]

4 House Resolutions 1367 and 1470 direct the task force to investigate all actions by
5 any agency, department, officer, or employee of the Federal Government related to the
6 attempted assassination attempt of Donald J. Trump on July 13th, 2024, in Butler,
7 Pennsylvania, and September 15th, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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

10 Can the witness please state their name and spell their last name for the record,
11 please?

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]. Thank you, [REDACTED]

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

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

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

19 [REDACTED] Yes, I do.

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

21 [REDACTED] Sure. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I know
22 you said "themselves," but I'm just a single individual.

23 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

24 Is there also an attorney representing the Secret Service today?

25 [REDACTED] Yes, thank you. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Thank you.

1 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

2 And is there an attorney also present representing the Department of Homeland
3 Security today?

4 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], we can't hear you.

5 [REDACTED]. Thank you. Sorry. I was talking with my mute button on.

6 [REDACTED], oversight counsel for U.S. Department of Homeland Security in
7 the Office of General Counsel.

8 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

9 There are no Members of Congress present here today, but should any come, they
10 have the right to ask questions. They will identify themselves and explain their
11 affiliation with the task force.

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

14 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], senior counsel of task force majority.

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

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

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

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

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

20 [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]?

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

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

24 [REDACTED]. Thank you all.

25 [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for this

1 interview.

2 As previously agreed to by counsel for [REDACTED] agency staff, and majority and
3 minority staff, the scope of this interview is any information related to the attempted
4 assassination on July 13th, 2024, including but not limited to preparation and aftermath
5 and any information related to the September 15th attempted assassination.

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

11 If either side is in the middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to
12 end a few minutes past 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of
13 questioning, including any pertinent follow-ups.

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

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

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

24 [REDACTED] I understand, yes.

25 [REDACTED]. We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and

1 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or do not
2 fully understand the question, please let us know, and we will attempt to clarify, add
3 context to, or rephrase our questions. Do you understand?

4 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

10 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

15 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

18 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

21 [REDACTED] No, sir.

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

24 For the chair to consider assertions of privilege over testimony or statements,
25 witnesses or entities must clearly state the specific privilege being asserted and the

1 reason for the assertion on or before the scheduled date of testimony or appearance.

2 Do you understand?

3 [REDACTED] I understand.

4 [REDACTED]. Finally, I would like to note that the content of what we discuss
5 today is confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in
6 this interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this
7 investigation.

8 For the same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be -- have been
9 provided to the court reporter so that they may go into the official transcript, and any
10 copies of those exhibits will be returned to us when we wrap up.

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

16 [REDACTED] I understand.

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

18 [REDACTED] No, sir.

19 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

20 And at this time, does Secret Service want to --

21 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you, [REDACTED]. I appreciate that. And this is,
22 again, in regard to the nature of the law enforcement information being shared.

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

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

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

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

13 We would ask that the transcripts and attachments be protected from further
14 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and information they are based on.
15 We would also ask that you please consult with the Secret Service and the Department
16 prior to any public release or disclosure. Thank you.

17 [REDACTED] Thank you very much, [REDACTED] You know, on the audio and
18 visual recording point, there's no visual recording. The court reporter does an audio
19 recording to assist with creating the transcription, but then they delete or destroy that
20 audio recording.

21 In regards to confidentiality and redactions, we will consult with the minority and,
22 of course, take into consideration any requests that are made regarding that, and any
23 agreements that currently exist are still whole and are still going to be abided by.

24 [REDACTED] Very much appreciated. Thank you.

25 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

1 It is now 12:09 p.m., and the majority staff will now begin its questioning.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q [REDACTED] just beginning here, I just want to talk through your background
5 with the Secret Service.

6 How long have you worked with the Secret Service?

7 A I was hired [REDACTED] of, what, would it be -- [REDACTED] and then I graduated
8 the Academy in August of [REDACTED] And then so, basically, I have been out of the Academy
9 for a little over [REDACTED] now.

10 Q Great. And you're based out of the [REDACTED] Office, correct?

11 A Correct. Yes, sir.

12 Q And have you been with that field office the entirety of the time that you've
13 been with Secret Service?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q What is your official title with the Secret Service?

16 A Special agent. Yeah. Special agent. And then when you're a senior,
17 you're a senior special agent. But, yeah, just for me, just special agent.

18 Q And you have had no other role other than special agent with Secret Service
19 since you started with Secret Service, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Okay. What would you describe is your current responsibilities in your
22 current role?

23 A In my current role, I'm attached to [REDACTED]. I'm attached to his
24 detail. So I'm currently in [REDACTED] right now. I am traveling with him.

25 But it just depends. Right now, I'm doing this for the next couple weeks, but

1 then after that, I go back to [REDACTED] and do basically whatever they need from me,
2 whether it's protection, assignments in [REDACTED] outside of the district that involves
3 traveling, or investigation.

4 Q Okay. And then I understand that, right now, you're with [REDACTED] but on July
5 13th, you were with the Trump campaign, right?

6 A Yes. I was there for that. I was a post stander for that assignment, yes.

7 Q Okay. And, as far as assignments go, you know, can you describe to us how
8 you are assigned to duties as a special agent?

9 A It depends. Sometimes you get 48-hour notice. Sometimes you get a
10 week's notice. It just kind of depends based on the needs of the Service and in the
11 timeframe of which the Service is made aware of an assignment. But you're basically
12 pulled anywhere from, I guess, 24 to 48 hours beforehand of a need for -- to travel if
13 you're going to be post standing somewhere, or what protection they need from you, and
14 you're made aware via email or a phone call.

15 Q When you're based in [REDACTED] and working in [REDACTED] can you describe
16 what your day consists of? Are you working in protective work? Investigative work?
17 How would you describe your day-to-day in the [REDACTED] office?

18 A Again, it varies depending on what the -- if you're doing a protection
19 assignment or if you're doing investigative work. Lately, it's been -- I mean, just doing
20 the campaign, it's been protective.

21 So, again, if I'm doing investigative work, I'm in the office 9:00 to 5:00 doing some
22 sort of investigation, whether it's run-outs, protective intelligence, some fraud
23 investigation, or trying to catch up with admin duties and stuff like that from when I'm on
24 the road.

25 But then if it's protective, it kind of depends on what the assignment and what my

1 job is for the assignment. If I'm doing an advance role, that can involve me doing a
2 whole bunch of paperwork, communicating, going out and advancing the sites and getting
3 the plan in place and then coordinating with other advance team members and
4 vice-versa. It just obviously varies depending on the role of which I have.

5 But those days can be super long, depending on the amount of notice that you get
6 for the assignment and how extensive the assignment is going to be.

7 Q Got it. I know that in your mission assurance review interview that you
8 participated in after the July 13th event, you had mentioned that your field office is small.
9 Can you describe what you meant by that?

10 A Yes. So some offices have -- depending on the office, I guess -- like, Los
11 Angeles and obviously the bigger cities have a lot more people. Here in [REDACTED] we
12 have -- I think we have [REDACTED] total non-supervisor special agents in our office right now.
13 [REDACTED]. And that's, I guess, less than a lot of offices out there, like the big offices
14 in Atlanta, New York, D.C., Chicago, San Francisco. A lot of offices -- we're considered
15 relatively small for a field office specifically.

16 So, yeah, it's not the normal, especially because we're a purple State. We get hit
17 a lot more for visits and stuff like that. So we're a smaller office than others.

18 Q Okay. And who is your direct supervisor in the [REDACTED] Field Office?

19 A ASAIC [REDACTED] (ph).

20 Q Do you have any direct reports?

21 A Direct reports?

22 Q Do any special agents report directly to you?

23 A No. No. I'm pretty low on the totem pole.

24 Q How many people roughly were in the [REDACTED] Field Office when you started
25 working there? And if you wouldn't mind just approximating the date that began as

1 well.

2 A Like, after the Academy or before I even joined the Academy?

3 Q When you were working full time as a special agent with Secret Service.

4 A I want to say about [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] office. It could be give or take a
5 couple. We've lost a couple of Phase 3 agents to different relocation assignments, and
6 then we've had one Phase 3 retire. So we have all [REDACTED] agents in the [REDACTED] office
7 currently. But when I got there right after the Academy, I think there was a couple
8 Phase 3's that have since left the [REDACTED] office.

9 Q Okay. And, again, around what time were you a full-time Secret Service
10 agent after certification at the [REDACTED] Field Office?

11 A It would be beginning of [REDACTED], end of [REDACTED] I can't remember. It
12 was right around that time [REDACTED].

13 Q Okay. Thank you.

14 And, as far as training goes on a yearly basis, can you help us walk through the
15 types of training that you receive -- you've received since the time that you started as a
16 full-time Secret Service agent in [REDACTED]

17 A As far as training assistance, I -- like I said, I've [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] I haven't received anything except for online trainings regarding
19 anything. There has been no in-person trainings. I don't know if -- to be honest, I
20 don't know if that's usual or if that's just because of the tempo or what the traditional
21 training is because I guess I'm so new. But, yeah, since the [REDACTED] it's just been
22 online trainings.

23 Q And when was the last online training that you received?

24 A I would say months -- quite a few months ago. Usually it's, like, a due date
25 that you just have to do it by. I think the last one that I completed has been several

1 months ago.

2 Q And do you recall what the subject was of that training?

3 A I do not recall.

4 Q Since the attempted assassination attempts of former President Trump on
5 July 13th and September 15th, have you received any additional training for your role
6 that wasn't given previously?

7 A No, I do not believe so.

8 Q Is it a requirement of part of your training responsibilities as a special agent
9 to be familiar with Secret Service's candidate nominee operations manual for advance
10 planning for the candidate?

11 A Can you repeat that? I'm sorry.

12 Q Sure. As far as candidate nominee operations go, you know, separate from
13 the President and Vice President, specifically for events and assignments for candidates
14 for office, do you have to familiarize yourself with that training and that guidance manual
15 that's associated with staffing doing assignments for candidates for office?

16 [REDACTED] Do you have any demonstration that -- do you have that manual
17 somewhere so we can see it or visualize it?

18 [REDACTED]. I'm just trying to speak more generally here about operations for
19 doing an assignment for a candidate versus the President and Vice President.

20 [REDACTED] All right. So you're asking whether they're -- whether you're
21 familiar with any policies concerning protecting a candidate who is a nominee?

22 [REDACTED]. Correct.

23 [REDACTED] Can you answer that?

24 [REDACTED] I'm not -- so, specifically for that July 13th role, like, again, I was a
25 post stander for it. So I wasn't in the advance role. So I was not familiar with any

1 manual or anything like that as far as the advance team and scheduling for any
2 differences. There could be one, but as far as pertaining to that, I wouldn't have been, I
3 guess, subject to that manual.

4 [REDACTED]. I think generally he means that when you're -- you said you
5 were assigned to do advance planning roles for different events, not necessarily just the
6 July 13th event. There's a manual that CNOS has out for campaign nominee protectees.
7 Just whether you've read that or it's a requirement to be familiar with that.

8 [REDACTED] Who is that that's asking that?

9 [REDACTED]. Oh, sorry. Hi. [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

11 [REDACTED] Off the top of my head, I'm not familiar with it. I may have read it.
12 I can't tell you. I've read a lot of documents. I can't remember specifically if I have
13 read it, but --

14 [REDACTED] Yeah. I mean, if you could show it to us so we could see it, perhaps
15 it will facilitate his response. And, you know, it's just hard to pick a document just out of
16 the air and ask him out of the blue. There's so many documents he's looking at.

17 [REDACTED]. Hey. It's [REDACTED]. It's just easier for me to come on [REDACTED]'s
18 screen.

19 I think we want to know to his knowledge, not necessarily if he's seen this
20 particular document.

21 Is there any training manual that you're given? Is there any guidance you're
22 given? Is there any written anything that you see as a person while you're prepping for
23 these events or being trained to prep for these events?

24 [REDACTED] Yes. There are documents that you have beforehand that you can
25 review, yes.

1 [REDACTED]. Okay. Thank you. That's what we wanted to ask.

2 [REDACTED] Okay.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Thank you.

5 So, prior to your assignment as a post stander for the July 13th event, what was
6 your assignment?

7 A Like, the assignment directly before? I believe I was at NATO because I was
8 in D.C. So I flew right from D.C. after being there for a week. I was a shift agent for -- I
9 believe it was the [REDACTED]. So I was attached to him for a week.

10 And then I concluded that, I believe, the day before, or Thursday or Friday, and
11 then I flew out to Pittsburgh the next day. I got into Pittsburgh that -- or Butler -- no, it
12 was Pittsburgh, I believe. Yeah. Pittsburgh that evening. And then I drove up the
13 next day to Butler for the assignment.

14 Q So you got into Butler July 12th, Friday, for the rally on Saturday?

15 A Yeah. I can't remember where I stayed. I think I stayed in Pittsburgh.
16 But then, yeah, I drove up -- I think we were a decent ways away from the Butler rally.
17 And then we drove up that day to Butler.

18 Q Did you drive up with anybody from Secret Service?

19 A Yes. I carpooled with [REDACTED] He was actually a classmate of
20 mine. So me and him -- I think he drove. I can't remember. But I believe he drove us
21 in a rental vehicle that he was given up to the site.

22 Q And by "classmate," do you mean in Secret Service certification training?

23 A He was my classmate at FLETC, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Class.
24 So he was there with me and he was my roommate at FLETC.

25 Q Thank you.

1 So when did you first learn that the former President was going to Butler to hold a
2 rally on July 13th?

3 A First, I -- I can't remember if my boss called me when I was in D.C. at NATO
4 or if I received an email asking for volunteers or being voluntold about the assignment,
5 but it would have been a couple days before. Yeah. I'm pretty sure I was called, but I
6 could have gotten an email basically saying to go to Pittsburgh.

7 Q Got it. And were the details of your assignment provided when you had
8 that outreach from your boss?

9 A Just that it was -- typically, the main details that everyone wants -- you want
10 to know is when you're traveling, when you come back, and then the nature of the
11 assignment. But, yeah, that would have been provided via email or over the phone.

12 Q And your boss, is that the [REDACTED] Field Office boss?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay. When did you learn in more detail what your role would be on July
15 13th in terms of your assignment?

16 A It would have -- I can't remember exactly when, but my guess would have
17 been the day -- typically, it's the day before you get post standing instructions and an
18 assignment log so you know your role the next day.

19 Q Okay. Do you recall about what time that day that you received that
20 information?

21 A I do not recall.

22 Q Have you served in a role for an outdoor campaign event before?

23 A I do not know for sure. I remember that -- if I have, that would have
24 been -- it would have been one or two, but that one specifically I remember being one of
25 my first ones. It could have been my first one, but I -- the majority of them are indoors.

1 Q Okay.

2 A It's possible, but I do not recall any specific event that was outdoors.

3 Q What were your expectations -- what was your expectation then going
4 into -- going to this outdoor rally of what to expect for your assignment, and just what
5 was your general feeling going into staffing that outdoor campaign rally?

6 A Just understanding my role? I was posted as an [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] and I was paired with a Butler Township police officer and just understanding
8 my assignment to make sure that the [REDACTED] -- I mean, my assignment was pretty -- pretty
9 clear, I guess. It was to make sure that [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] That was my main job and to coordinate with
11 Butler Township PD to get that taken care of.

12 And then also just [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 So it was -- reading the post stander instructions, it was pretty clear to me what
16 my assignment was, and then I also got briefed when I was posted up.

17 Q Thank you. And at the events that you had staffed prior -- prior
18 assignments, had you been paired with local law enforcement before?

19 A Yes, I have. It just kind of depends on what your assignment is. It's not
20 unusual. It just depends on where your post is.

21 Q Okay. Would you mind describing to us an example of what that looked
22 like at a past assignment that you worked?

23 A It would have been -- sometimes it's been, like, [REDACTED]
24 Sometimes you're paired with local PD if that [REDACTED].
25 So you can coordinate with them or a [REDACTED]

1 agent. There, you're also paired with a local PD officer should any incident at the site
2 require a response from Secret Service. You also have local PD there as well to have
3 additional authority if needed.

4 Q And again, I think you mentioned that you hadn't staffed an outdoor
5 campaign event before, correct?

6 A Not one that I can recall. It's possible. Again, I've done -- since my [REDACTED]
7 on, I've done several assignments. It's possible I've done an outdoor one, but not one
8 specifically I can recall.

9 Q I know that you're based in the [REDACTED] office, but, you know, for your
10 assignments, you have to travel a lot, correct? It sounds like you're going to D.C.,
11 Pennsylvania. You're in [REDACTED] right now. Can you describe your travel for
12 assignments for us?

13 A Yeah. It varies depending on -- so I'm based -- like I said, I'm based out of
14 the [REDACTED] office. For me specifically, I've been to [REDACTED] several times. [REDACTED] is the
15 most popular one because it's a drive for us. And then [REDACTED] a couple times. It just
16 depends on the needs of the Service.

17 And then they try to -- I believe they try to do it more locally. So they try and get
18 people closest to the assignment by field offices that are obviously close. So that's why I
19 typically stay on the [REDACTED], but it just depends.

20 Like I said, you get notified 48 hours up to a week prior of the needs for an
21 assignment, and then from there, it's either volunteer-based or voluntold of any travel
22 either via car, via plane, and then go out there for the assignment depending on how long
23 it is and then come back.

24 Q When you're working an assignment, is it common to have special agents
25 from other field offices present that aren't from that region's area for that assignment?

1 A Yes. It's almost entirely -- for post stander-wise, it's almost entirely from
2 agents that are not from that field office, because almost no field office can be able to
3 support an assignment by solely off of their personnel.

4 Q Is there any particular administrative system that, you know, helps
5 coordinate the schedule? You know, the logistics of transporting special agents from
6 different field offices to assignments in different parts of the country.

7 A That's not something that I would be familiar with. That's all handled by
8 INV and ops in D.C. That's not something that I would be able to answer.

9 Q And what is INV?

10 A Investigations, or, I guess, just a branch in D.C. that handles our logistics and
11 manpower and stuff.

12 Q And you mentioned OPO. Would you mind describing what that is for the
13 record?

14 A Just our operations in D.C., like I said, that handle logistics and stuff like that.
15 That's not something that I necessarily would be knowledgeable of.

16 Q Going into the July 13th event, did you know anyone else from the [REDACTED]
17 office that was going to be assigned to the July 13th event?

18 A No. They only requested one body from [REDACTED] and that was me.

19 Q Okay. Were you aware -- I mean, on the way up there on July 12th driving
20 up -- or on July 12th, when you arrived in Pennsylvania, you said that you rode up with
21 [REDACTED] What field office was he from?

22 A He's from [REDACTED] So we landed -- I think we were on the same
23 flight. We had landed there, but we had two different rental cars. So we didn't drive
24 up together. We flew in and had two different rental cars. We drove up together on
25 the 13th to the assignment.

1 Q And do you recall if there were any other Federal agencies that were there
2 staffing the advance other than Secret Service? Was Homeland Security Investigation
3 there?

4 A Homeland Security was there as post standers as well, but as far as the
5 advance work, I do not recall. I would imagine not, but again, I was not there for the
6 advance.

7 Q Had you worked previous advance work with Homeland Security
8 Investigation personnel?

9 A No. For advance work, it's all been Secret Service as far as I'm aware.

10 Q Okay. And you mentioned that you weren't involved in any advance
11 planning for the July 13th event, correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Did you do any independent type of work prior to the event of where you
14 were going to be positioned and where your post was? Can you elaborate on any of
15 that?

16 A No, I didn't do anything independent. For documents I received, I looked
17 them over, tried to understand my role, where I was going to be. But again, just
18 reviewing the documents.

19 It's easier to -- as far as, like, knowing where you're going to be, it's easier when
20 you get there to have the actual visuals of everything like that to understand. But other
21 than the documents I was given, I didn't do anything else independently.

22 Q So your first time in Butler was on July 13th, correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And you didn't visit the rally site the day prior on Friday at all, correct?

25 A No. Negative.

1 Q Is it typical for agents working events not to see the site before the day of
2 the event?

3 A Yes. It's --

4 [REDACTED] I think that's a bit overbroad. You're asking, you know, all agents
5 with all very -- you know, with defined duties and obligations? I think that's an unfair
6 question.

7 [REDACTED]. I'll rephrase.

8 [REDACTED] is it typical for you in your assignments to not see the site before the
9 day of an event that you're assigned to?

10 [REDACTED] Now, okay. I'm not obstructing. The "assignments," but his
11 particular assignment for that day is a fair question. Is it typical for that type of
12 assignment would be a fair question, but you're talking about assignments. Now he has
13 to include the broad range of other types of assignments. I don't know what you would
14 like. Let's start with that assignment for the day, right?

15 [REDACTED]. That works.

16 [REDACTED] Okay. That assignment for the day, whatever that was, he's asking
17 whether there was a requirement or obligation to view the entire site or to walk through.

18 [REDACTED] No. There was not no requirement and no expectation. Again, I
19 got in -- I even got in at 8:00 p.m., I believe, that night. It was pretty late. So, no, there
20 was no obligation or expectation to go view the site.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q Okay. And when you got to the hotel on Friday night, did you do anything
23 that night outside of the hotel?

24 A I think I got to the hotel and went and got food with [REDACTED] and then came
25 back, and then I think we got some snacks and items for the next day to go work and then

1 went to bed.

2 Q So, on the day of the event, July 13th, did you attend any briefings when you
3 arrived at the site?

4 A Yes. We had a briefing when we arrived at the site held by the site agents.

5 Q And just to confirm, you did not attend any of the planning meetings in the
6 week prior because you were at the NATO summit, correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Just prior to the rally, what was your understanding of the Secret Service
9 advance team that would be there for July 13th?

10 A That would be there at the rally?

11 Q Yes.

12 [REDACTED] Yeah. Wait. Okay. First, you want to know whether he was
13 aware of who was -- who assumed those positions? Let's start with that.

14 Did you learn who was the site agent or the assistant site agent or the lead
15 advance or --

16 [REDACTED] Yes. I learned who the site agent was and the assistant site agent
17 were, I believe, based on emails that were sent. The names, I wasn't familiar with, so I
18 wasn't really too concerned with who they were. I just figured I would meet them
19 there, and I did meet them there at the briefing.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Okay. And then, at that briefing, did you have a general understanding of
22 how many agents would be staffing the July 13th event that day?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q What would you estimate to be that number?

25 A I can't recall exactly. My estimation would -- from recollection, I think it

1 was around [REDACTED] I can't remember exactly.

2 Q Okay. As far as Secret Service assets that were there that day in terms of
3 [REDACTED] Counter Snipers, did you have an understanding prior to July 13th of
4 what Secret Service assets would be present that day?

5 A It might have been in the documents that were sent the day prior, but -- and
6 before the day prior, I wouldn't have known anything regarding that event specifically,
7 but then it was made clear on the 13th of what they had assets in place.

8 Q Okay. Did you know where the Secret Service snipers were going to be on
9 July 13th at the briefing that you had on the morning of July 13th?

10 A Yes. They advised me where they were going to be.

11 Q Okay. Who did you understand to be your supervisor who you should
12 report to at this event?

13 A The site agents.

14 Q And who were the site agents?

15 A I can't remember both their names, honestly. Since then, obviously, I
16 haven't talked to them, and that was my first time ever meeting them. I want to say the
17 Trump's detail site agent, I think her last name was [REDACTED] or something like that, and then
18 I can't remember -- the female from the [REDACTED] Field Office, I can't remember her
19 name.

20 [REDACTED] Did you want to refresh his recollection for the sake of clarity in the
21 record as to --

22 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q Would [REDACTED] --

25 A Yes, that sounds right.

1 Q Okay. And then [REDACTED]

2 A Yes. Correct. From the [REDACTED] Field Office, yes.

3 Q And when did you meet them at the July 13th event? At the briefing?

4 A Yes. It would have been whatever the reporting time was for us.

5 Q Who did you understand to be -- well, let me go back.

6 Prior to the campaign rally, did you know that local law enforcement would be
7 assisting at the event?

8 A Did I know -- yes -- that local law enforcement would be there? Yes.

9 Q And, prior to the event, did you have any understanding of the assets that
10 local law enforcement would be providing?

11 A No. Not until the event were we understood of exactly what local assets
12 were going to be there. It was in documents that were sent out either the day before
13 the event or at the event.

14 Q Did you have any understanding of who was in charge for coordinating the
15 local law enforcement assets for that day?

16 A No, not that I can recall.

17 Q Did you have any understanding of how Secret Service would be
18 communicating with local law enforcement on that day?

19 A On that day? Typically, how it was run -- I don't know. It might have been
20 explained in the briefing. It might not have. But typically, we have someone in the
21 [REDACTED] room that is a local law enforcement chief or some senior officer, and then we
22 have local -- or a local Secret Service agent in there as well. That's how communication
23 typically goes. I can't recall specifically if it was communicated, but it's in general
24 understanding, yeah.

25 Q Prior to the event, were you aware that there would be two [REDACTED] posts

1 for the July 13 campaign rally?

2 A Prior to the event? No.

3 Q Okay. When did you learn that there was two [REDACTED] posts present at
4 the rally?

5 A It would have been the day of.

6 Q Okay. Do you recall if that was discussed in the briefing in the morning on
7 July 13th?

8 A I do not recall.

9 Q When you ultimately learned that there was two [REDACTED] posts, for local
10 law enforcement, there was a trailer, and then Secret Service had a [REDACTED] room
11 towards the front of the Butler Farm Show grounds, do you recall how you became aware
12 of those distinct positions?

13 A I do not recall.

14 Q Did you know where the [REDACTED] room was located from your post for
15 Secret Service?

16 A Yes. When we got there in the briefing, the [REDACTED] room was pointed out
17 to us, and then after that, I was posted up. So I had a general idea of where it was.

18 Q At the time that you arrived on the site on July 13th, did you take a
19 walk-through to get to your post? Did you walk through the Butler Farm Show grounds?

20 A I did not. So how it worked was we were -- I was posted up in [REDACTED]
21 along with [REDACTED] other agents. I did not see the whole grounds. I was limited to the [REDACTED]
22 posts that were with me, and then posted up in my post because we had to get the

23 [REDACTED]

24 Q Okay. To your knowledge, did any of the local law enforcement personnel
25 ever express any concerns to the Secret Service about the plan for that day?

1 A To my knowledge, no.

2 Q Had you heard the AGR building come up in any discussion prior to the
3 event?

4 A Not to my knowledge.

5 Q The American Glass Research building? No?

6 A Yes, not to my knowledge.

7 Q Okay. Did you have an understanding of the perimeter of the campaign
8 rally prior to the -- you know, arriving at the rally site?

9 A Prior to arriving, no. And then when I got there, I understand the
10 perimeter in my area. Again, I didn't see the entire perimeter of the site because I was
11 limited to my role and my understanding of what my job was.

12 Q At your post, did you have a clear understanding of what was within the
13 perimeter and outside the perimeter?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And who made that clear to you from Secret Service or how did you learn
16 that -- you know, what you were responsible for in the perimeter versus outside the
17 perimeter?

18 A That would have been the site agent, [REDACTED] when she posted me.

19 Q Okay. And was she with you when she posted you at your post?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Can you describe any instructions that she gave you there?

22 A I don't recall everything exactly, but basically, it would have just been going
23 over my post stander instructions again, making sure I understood it, and then, like I said,
24 going over the perimeter and making sure that I understood the plans for the arrival and
25 what was needed as far as clearing the roadway and the same thing for departure.

1 Q Can you explain the general purpose and function of the security perimeter
2 or designing a security plan for a campaign event?

3 A For the general perimeter? The need for it? Yeah. So basically, to have

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED].

8 Q So while you were at your post, can you describe your responsibilities and
9 what your post assignment was?

10 A Like I said, I was at [REDACTED] I want to say -- I can't recall 100
11 percent, but I was about [REDACTED], and he -- his
12 [REDACTED]. It was a [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]. My job was to [REDACTED] with Butler PD to ensure no
14 [REDACTED] Everyone had to go through
15 the main gate. And if anyone were to try to [REDACTED], and
16 then take any action necessary with local law enforcement.

17 And then, yes, coordinate with local Butler Township PD as well to make sure that

18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED].

20 Q Thank you. And, you know, for that role that day, can you talk us through
21 the communications that you had available to yourself at your post that day?

22 A I had radio comms. I will say I do remember on that day, me being so far
23 away from where the [REDACTED] room was, my radio comms were in and out. I do
24 remember having difficulty hearing everything that was said over the radio, and then I
25 also do remember switching radio channels, I think, once or twice from the one that we

1 were using. But I also had my phone. I think my service -- my phone service was fine.
2 So I had emails and texting if needed. And then I had local Butler Township PD for
3 communication as well.

4 Q Sorry. Can you say that last part?

5 A Butler Township PD. Like I said, I was posted with a Butler police officer as
6 well if needed for any communication with PD.

7 Q Was that linkage there with Butler PD, was that explained in your post
8 assignment with [REDACTED] that you would be stationed there for communication
9 purposes with --

10 A Not necessarily for communication purposes --

11 Q -- Butler PD?

12 A Sorry. Not necessarily for communication purposes, but just if I needed for
13 any reason. I don't know if it was explained the communication part, but just that it was
14 explained that I was being posted with Butler Township PD, not specifically for
15 communication but just to coordinate, I guess.

16 Q Coordinate? And by coordinating, can you explain what you would be
17 coordinating with local PD at your post?

18 A It would be the [REDACTED], like I said, for the [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED] because Butler Township PD was the ones that were [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED].

22 Q And, as far as communication devices go that you had on your person that
23 day, can you walk us through the radios and phones that you had?

24 A It would have been my work radio, my work-issued cell phone, and then my
25 personal cell phone.

1 Q Did you have any, you know, Apple Watch or, you know, comms on your
2 wrist or your arm at all that day?

3 A No. I do not have an Apple Watch or anything like that.

4 Q Okay. And can you describe your work radio? Is it a device where
5 it -- you know, it's a [REDACTED] radio where you holster it or where it's at on your person
6 for your assignment?

7 A Yes. It's on my belt. Yeah. It's a [REDACTED] work-issued radio.

8 Q Okay. And then for your work phone, do you have any encrypted
9 messaging apps on your work phone?

10 A No, I don't believe so. Yeah. It's the [REDACTED] that we use or
11 email. Outlook.

12 Q And for your personal phone, any encrypted messaging apps like Signal or
13 WhatsApp?

14 A No.

15 Q And that day, were you working -- you know, did you use all three of those
16 devices, your Secret Service radio, personal phone, work phone, to communicate with
17 Secret Service, or were you using your work radio and your work phone exclusively?

18 A I think I used my personal phone as far as that day for -- to have my buddy,
19 [REDACTED] relieve me to use the restroom. I think I sent the screenshot of the
20 messages. But that was it. The only reason I used my personal phone for any work
21 related that day was for that.

22 Q Okay. Can you describe the radio frequencies that you were monitoring on
23 your work radio that day?

24 A So I was a post stander. Like I said, I can't remember which radio channel it
25 was. Typically, it's [REDACTED] but I can't remember if that was the case or not. I do recall

1 we had to switch radio channels a couple times for some reason I am unaware of, but we
2 had to switch radio channels. All post standers had to switch radio channels. I can't
3 remember which ones.

4 Q And when you switched radio channels, was that Secret Service agents at the
5 Butler event-wide? Was that everyone had to change their frequency? Was that only
6 a particular channel? Can you describe that more for us?

7 A Yes. It was the agents -- specific post standers at the Butler rally were told
8 to switch radio channels. So it was only the people at the Butler rally.

9 Q Do you remember the reason for that frequency change?

10 A No, I do not.

11 Q After you changed -- did you change your radio frequency?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q Did you perform any type of check of comms with, I'm assuming, the
14 communications person in the [REDACTED] room -- Secret Service [REDACTED] room?

15 A I do not recall. I know they do radio comm checks initially for the
16 first -- when we get posted up. So that would have been completed. But, like I said
17 earlier, my comms were in and out because of how far I was. So I wasn't 100 percent on
18 the communications to begin with. So I do not recall if there was ever
19 communication -- or a radio comms check done after we changed radio channels.

20 Q Okay. Just as far as using your radio, are you able to identify which Secret
21 Service agent is using the radio at a given time when they're on the radio?

22 A Not that I'm aware of.

23 Q How do you distinguish between who is speaking on the Secret Service
24 radio?

25 A When you come up over the radio, you're supposed to say [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] You're supposed to say [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].

3 Q Okay. Was that practice in place on July 13th prior to shots fired?

4 A As far as I recall, that was in place and that was being utilized. I cannot
5 specifically recall each incident.

6 Q So at your post, you were on the [REDACTED]. You were on the
7 [REDACTED], correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q Do you know if anyone in Secret Service, you know, [REDACTED] areas outside
10 the perimeter before a campaign rally, or before an outdoor site event?

11 A I do not --

12 [REDACTED] Sorry. This is generally? This is generally, right?
13 Do you have any knowledge one way or the other?

14 [REDACTED] I do not have knowledge if that was utilized all the time or not.

15 BY [REDACTED]:

16 Q For the July 13th rally, did you observe Secret Service [REDACTED] outside the
17 perimeter before the event started?

18 A I did not observe anything, but it's possible that it was done. Again, I only
19 had my limited view.

20 Q There was a lot of private residences outside the security perimeter.
21 Would Secret Service need permission to [REDACTED] those private residences outside the
22 perimeter?

23 [REDACTED] If you know the answer to that. Do you know?

24 [REDACTED] I do not 100 percent know the answer, but I feel like if it was a
25 [REDACTED].

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q At your post, I believe it was at the [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]. Is that correct?

4 A Yeah. If that's what you have, that's probably correct. I do not recall 100
5 percent.

6 Q Can you describe for us what you were able to see from your post that day in
7 terms of what was around you?

8 A Like I said, there was a couple houses around. The [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] So we just had to coordinate basically all of that.

14 So it was just a whole bunch of [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED].

17 Q Did you see any other Secret Service post standers from where you were
18 positioned?

19 A From where I was standing, no.

20 Q What would be the closest Secret Service post stander to your post?

21 A That I do not recall.

22 Q Okay. And you ultimately were at the [REDACTED]

23 would later arrive, correct?

24 A Yes. They turned down -- I think you said -- [REDACTED] sounds right. So I
25 believe they turned down that road.

1 Q Could you see the American Glass Research building from your post?

2 A No. I don't even recall where exactly -- I know the direction it was, but
3 there was trees and stuff like that in the way. So I don't know specifically which building
4 that was from my viewpoint.

5 Q Could you see the stage where former President Trump was speaking from?

6 A I could see the backside of it if I turned around and faced that direction, but
7 not specifically where he was. I believe there was something in the way. It was not,
8 like, completely open.

9 Q Could you see local law enforcement partners that day behind the barns?

10 A Behind the barns?

11 Q Or at the barns. The barns are behind the stage.

12 A Again, that was pretty far away from me. So I don't recall what I could see
13 from that far.

14 Q Okay. Just more in terms of the paperwork for the July 13th event, did you
15 have any -- did you keep any of that, you know, [REDACTED], you know, pre-event
16 information on your person for the event? Did you have a map with you?

17 A Negative. I didn't have any actual physical paperwork. If I needed
18 anything, I would just pull it up on my phone.

19 Q And that's your work phone?

20 A Yes. Correct. Where the emails were sent.

21 Q Okay. Did you feel prepared for the post stander role that you were in for
22 July 13th?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q Just compared to your other assignments that you've worked on, how would
25 you describe this particular post? Is this something that you've done before and that

1 you're accustomed to? Was this a new post for you?

2 A This was a -- I guess a new post for me, but not something that was unusual
3 or something that I didn't typically have. Some sort of [REDACTED] post is
4 something that I typically have at almost all sites. So it was something that was new to
5 me in the fact that I haven't been posted there before, but not something new to normal
6 sites.

7 Q So about what time that day do you recall reporting to your post? That
8 was after the [REDACTED] with Secret Service in the [REDACTED], correct?

9 A To be honest, I do not recall exactly what the timeframe was for what time
10 we were posted up and then what time I was -- reported to the site.

11 Q Okay. As far as the local law enforcement counterpart that you met up
12 with at your post, was that the same individual the whole day?

13 A Negative. I do recall -- I think they switched out, like, [REDACTED] times. It was
14 just a rotation of people getting off, people working the night shift, and people working
15 that had to go work another assignment. So I think I rotated [REDACTED] different individuals.

16 [REDACTED]. Thank you very much.

17 The majority is at time. I think we actually might have gone a little bit over.

18 We'll go off the record and yield to our minority colleagues. Thanks.

19 [Discussion off the record.]

20 [REDACTED]. We can go back on the record.

21 [REDACTED] Okay.

22 [REDACTED]. Good morning, sir. I appreciate you taking the time to chat
23 with us today.

24 [REDACTED] Good morning. Thank you.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q So I think you mentioned during my colleague's questions that this was your
2 first time in Butler, Pennsylvania. Is that right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Can you give us an estimate of how many rallies you participated in as a
5 special agent?

6 A Rallies specifically?

7 Q Yes.

8 A My estimate would be 15 around. Yeah, about 15.

9 Q About how many of those were after July 13th, 2024?

10 A A couple. Probably more around 20. I would say about two or three since
11 then. I don't know. Maybe a little more than that. I would say no more than 30 total
12 rallies I've been to.

13 Q And, at your prior rallies -- so before July 13th -- was it typical -- were you
14 typically a post stander?

15 A Typically, yes.

16 Q What other roles have you had at rallies?

1 [12:59 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED] I've been site agent. I've been a lead for the visit where I have
3 been at the rally. It just kind of depends if it's in my district, or if I am assigned for the
4 role, or if I have to go travel somewhere and post.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q You mentioned being site agent, would you have been a part of a detail of a
7 site agent or from a field office?

8 A No, it's field office.

9 Q And with those rallies, have you had experience having to coordinate with
10 law enforcement from the area?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And in preparation for the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, did you
13 communicate with any of the local law enforcement before the rally began?

14 A I did not, no.

15 Q Do you recall receiving the manpower briefing that would have been sent
16 before the rally?

17 A I'm sorry, can you repeat?

18 Q Do you recall receiving a manpower briefing that was sent before July 13th?

19 A I don't recall specifically. I know paperwork was sent. I am sure
20 manpower briefing was sent the day before with instructions and stuff like that. I don't
21 recall specifically.

22 Q But did you look through all of the items you would have received in your
23 email?

24 A Correct, yes.

25 Q Do you recall if it was the day before, or it might have been a few days

1 beforehand?

2 A I do not recall specifically, but my estimate would have been the day before.
3 Typically I work, but I don't recall typically.

4 Q But outside of the manpower briefing email to you and the other documents
5 and the meeting that you guys had the morning of, did you communicate with anybody
6 else about your role and what your duties were?

7 A No.

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

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q I am going to show you a document that we will call Minority Exhibit A.
12 And we are going to test out my ability to put that up on the screen.

13 Are you able to see the document?

14 A Yeah.

15 Q So I will scroll through slowly just so you can become familiar with the
16 document, and then I'll ask you some particular questions. Because you see this is Site
17 Post Instructions.

18 A Yes.

19 Q That is the entirety of exhibit minority A?

20 A Okay.

21 Q I now direct you to page 2 of the document. You mentioned that you
22 recalled being at [REDACTED].

23 So looking at the second post, does that appear to be consistent with your
24 understanding of your duties from that day?

25 A Yeah, it sounds about right.

1 Q Is there anything about it that's not right?

2 A I mean, I'm on my phone. I can't see. But that sounds right, based off of
3 the crossroads that I remember.

4 Q And I'll try to quickly go through it just for the sake of the record since you
5 are unable to see it very well. It says, "You will be paired with Butler County Sheriff's

6 Office [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]. Approximately [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED],

14 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 Were you able to follow all of that?

17 A Yes, sir, that was my post, correct.

18 Q And do you recall that you would have been paired with Butler Township
19 Police Department and not the sheriff's office?

20 A Yes, it was Butler Township.

21 Q I want to also show you the next page -- and I'm sorry, two pages down. So
22 at the bottom of this Post [REDACTED] there is position, [REDACTED]

23 What would that person be expected to do based on your understanding?

24 A Based on my understanding, that person would be responsible for [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] I think, that were posted up. And when you're posted up, you cannot just leave
2 post. So if someone needs to leave their post to go to the bathroom, for whatever
3 reason, needs to leave their post, that person is [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED].
5 Also, you need to have a familiarity of all posts [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED].

7 Q Do you recall who would have been in that role for the July 13th rally?

8 A I do not recall.

9 Q Did you ever try to call them if you needed to use the restroom?

10 A No, I called my -- not called, I texted my friend, [REDACTED] who was
11 the [REDACTED] agent. He is the one that relieved me to use the restroom.

12 Q All right. I want to ask you a bit about the briefing that was held on
13 July 13th. You say that was at [REDACTED] Is that right?

14 A I do not recall exactly what time the briefing was at.

15 Q Do you recall who was present?

16 A At the briefing on July 13th?

17 Q That's right.

18 A It would have been all post standers, as far as I was aware, and then the site
19 agents.

20 Q So was it entirely United States Secret Service?

21 A Negative. We had his post standers.

22 Q How did the his post standers affect the -- how did that affect the meeting as
23 far as long the meeting was for example?

24 A It was longer in duration because the site agents went more in-depth just to
25 let -- or make his aware -- make sure they understand the entirety of what was going on

1 and what their role was going to be, and answer any questions if needed, just because of
2 the fact that they we were not Secret Service. So this is new to some of them.

3 Q And was this sort of briefing that you participated in, was this something
4 that you typically experienced when you will attended the 15 to 20 rallies in the past?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Based off your experience, was there anything -- I'll put it this way, was that
7 briefing similar to much detail or more detailed than what you would have seen in the
8 past?

9 A More detailed because of the fact it was -- Homeland Security was there.
10 And like I said, make sure that they had a clear understanding of what their role was
11 going to be and what their assignment was.

12 Q You mentioned that you didn't walk the entire site, but you were familiar
13 with the vicinity you were responsible for.

14 Do you recall in the areas of concern from what you were able to see?

15 A I do not recall.

16 Q Was there -- and I think I know the answer, but I'll ask for the record -- was
17 there any discussion at the briefing about the post and staging locations?

18 A I'm sorry, the post and staging locations?

19 Q Yeah.

20 A Like --

21 Q The various posts that people were expected to be responsible for and any
22 staging locations?

23 A Just where my -- like I said, in the briefing there was nothing specific for each
24 individual ones. That was done when you were posted out by the site agent.

25 Q But before we go too far along, you asked before about some of the names.

1 And I think you kind of got the names, but I want to go through and see if it could be
2 helpful. There is [REDACTED]

3 Do you have a recollection of what roles those [REDACTED] would have held?

4 A The first name I do not recall. The other two were site agents that assist.

5 Q Can you give me a description of the site agent?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 Q That may not be her name, so I want to just give me description of who you
8 recall being a site agent.

9 A I remember her being [REDACTED], I
10 believe. And then the site assist, the [REDACTED] agent, I remember her being a
11 [REDACTED]. Maybe like [REDACTED]

12 Q So for what it's worth, that is consistent. Although, I think we might need
13 to get the positions sorted out. But I think your descriptions there is pretty straight from
14 what I recall.

15 So you recall communicating with the site agent and the counter site agent. Is
16 that right?

17 A So, yes, the site agent is assigned a site assist, yes.

18 Q Were there any other prep meetings that you participated in besides the one
19 they wanted?

20 A No.

21 Q What time did you recall arriving at the Butler location?

22 A Like I said, I do not recall what time specifically I arrived. Whatever time,
23 probably a couple minutes prior to whatever time the meeting -- or the report time was
24 based off the document.

25 Q And where did you report to when you arrived at the location?

1 A Whatever room was specified to report. If not, it was in a parking lot.
2 And then we met up with a site agent and went into a room. I do not recall exactly
3 which room.

4 Q And were you then taken to your post via golf cart or some other means of
5 communication -- I mean transportation?

6 A It was a via golf cart.

7 Q And you asked earlier about your position relative to AGR, and, I think, the
8 stage.

9 Do you recall that you were at former President Trump, [REDACTED] ?
10 Does that sound familiar?

11 A Yeah, I would say about [REDACTED] That sounds right.

12 Q Do you recall -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

13 A From when he was on the stage to [REDACTED]

14 Q Do you recall having participated in an interview conducted by Secret Service
15 after July 13th?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So I had the opportunity to take a look at your transcripts. I may refer to
18 things there. And this is just for the sake of making sure that to the extent there are
19 discrepancies, I can ask you about them. So if there's anything that needs to be
20 clarified, I'll have you correct me, but I want to flag for you if I'm referring to your prior
21 transcript.

22 A Okay.

23 Q So the [REDACTED] came from your prior transcript?

24 A Okay.

25 Q Were you not able to see the stage from your post. Is that right?

1 A Not that I can recall.

2 Q You said previously that the site agent brought you to your post on a golf
3 cart. That's consistent with your current recollection?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you recall that while you were at your post, there were two female
6 agents that came to check on you and make sure you understood what you were doing?

7 A Yes, I believe both site agents did, correct.

8 Q And do you also remember seeing multiple local law enforcement officers
9 drive down the road and say that they were generally just roaming the area?

10 A Yes.

11 Q So you mentioned being a site agent in the past. In general, who would be
12 in charge if you were like -- ultimately, like where does the buck stop if you have someone
13 from a detail or someone from the field office?

14 A As far as in charge of the site?

15 Q Right.

16 A It would be the person from the detail is general -- generally the one in
17 charge of the site. And then the site the local field office is assisting with whatever is
18 needed, but they also had a leadership role.

19 Q And you said a site assist? Is that interchangeable with site agent
20 counterpart?

21 A Yes.

22 Q So from your experience, the site agent counterpart is there to assist the site
23 agent? So in other words, they would be sort of secondary to the site agent?

24 A Correct.

25 Q And how would those two -- as far as authority, how did those two interact

1 with the lead advance agent?

2 A They can both communicate with the lead advance agent if needed.

3 Q But if they are staffing or security decisions being made, and there's a site
4 agent a part of the conversation and a lead advance agent, who would ultimately -- if
5 there's a disagreement, who ultimately would get the least word?

6 A The lead advance agent, I would say. Depending on what the specific one
7 is, I guess I can't speak specifically --

8 Q Right.

9 A -- but I guess it would depend. Typically, the lead advance agent is in
10 charge of the entire visit.

11 Q And just for my education, how many times have you been the site agent for
12 a rally?

13 A Site agent for a rally, I would say no more than five.

14 Q Is there a particular training that one would need before being a site agent?

15 A Nothing more than the Academy that we go through.

16 Q And from your point of view, while you were at the Butler rally, who was
17 ultimately in charge of security decisions?

18 A That would be the site agents.

19 Q Now, you recall [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] You do not recall someone named
20 [REDACTED] But putting names aside, would it be the site agent?

21 A Would [REDACTED] be the site agent?

22 [REDACTED] Yeah, does that refresh your recollection as to who the site agent
23 was?

24 [REDACTED] As far as I recall. I could have sworn it was the [REDACTED] I
25 could be wrong. But, yeah, I remember -- I mean, again the names -- I only met them

1 the one time. But I remember the [REDACTED] I had described as the site
2 agent, and then the [REDACTED] being the assist.

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Thank you. For that day, who are you expected to contact if you had any
5 issues while at your post?

6 A Either one of those site agents.

7 Q Is there any situation in which you will be asked to leave your post as
8 opposed -- not just to relieve yourself at a restroom, but if there was a security issue that
9 needed attention?

10 A I mean, extreme circumstances maybe. But, no, not that I can recall or any
11 need to leave my post.

12 Q My colleagues on the majority inquired about their radio.

13 Do you recall being on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

14 A Those sounds right. Again, I don't recall exactly which ones.

15 Q When you were stationed, did you scan radio channels, or did you stay on
16 one channel?

17 A I typically scan when I'm there to scan post standers and shift. I can't recall
18 specifically if I did that day. Again, like I said, that was kind of abnormal due to the fact
19 that I was having radio issues. [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED].

21 Q And this may sound -- and I think you have answered this already, but just
22 for the sake of clarity -- if you're on your radio, would you have to physically hold a
23 device, or would you be able to speak into a mic on your arm or something to that effect?

24 A [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 Q So, in other words, if you wanted to say something to the microphone -- I
2 mean say something through the radio, you could [REDACTED]
3 that way?

4 A [REDACTED]

5 Q At some point during the rally, do you recall someone coming to you to ask if
6 your communications were working?

7 A I don't recall, specifically. I think so, but I can't be 100 percent on that one.

8 Q Now, just a quick aside, when you were interviewed by Secret Service, do
9 you recall about when that interview occurred?

10 A If I remember I was working a site that day when I got interviewed by them.
11 I want to say it was probably beginning of August, maybe. I don't know. It was a while
12 ago.

13 Q So in that interview, you mentioned that your radio communications were a
14 little iffy. And that it sounds like the site agent was unable to hear you, which is why
15 they came out to talk to you. Does that sound familiar?

16 A That does sound familiar, yes.

17 Q Did you use your text messages either on your work or personal phone to
18 communicate outside of reaching out to [REDACTED] for a possible release?

19 A No. Not that I can recall.

20 Q Do you recall having to use your work phone because the radio you were
21 using was not working very well?

22 A No, I don't believe I used -- if anything, it would have been an email, but I
23 don't remember -- I wouldn't have texted anyone off my work phone. But I don't recall
24 sending any emails for that day.

25 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit B

1 was marked for identification.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q I am now going to show you Minority Exhibit B. So this is multipage
4 document that I pulled from, but I am only actually just showing you this one page that is
5 present on the screen. And just to give you some highlights, this is from July 13th at
6 4:28 p.m. That's on the top right. So you may not be able to see it on your
7 smartphone. And it doesn't say who it's from, but it does say [REDACTED] in the "from" line.

8 A Okay.

9 Q And the subject says, "All post standers and site 2 adv switch radio traffic
10 from" -- and then it's blank to blank. Is "adv" advance?

11 A I would think so, yes.

12 Q Do you recall a message around 4:28 p.m. about switching radio channels?

13 A Yes, that was not sent by me -- and I recall who that was -- but yes, I do recall
14 that message.

15 Q And I my struggle with this, but is that

16 A Yes, that's actually how you say it.

17 Q Look at that.

18 A Yeah.

19 Q And she was also from the [REDACTED] office, right?

20 A Yes, and she was attached to, like, a [REDACTED] during that event. So she
21 was doing [REDACTED] like that. But she is from the [REDACTED] -- or was from the
22 [REDACTED] office at the time.

23 Q So this was at least received at 4:28 p.m.

24 Do you recall having radio issues after switching from one channel to the other?

25 A Yes, the radio issues wasn't for me the radio channel. It was just the ability

1 to communicate [REDACTED] I believe is what it was because
2 it was just in and out for me.

3 Q And did you communicate these radio issues that you were having to
4 anyone?

5 A I believe when the site agents came and checked up on me, I made them
6 aware of it. It would have been in person. I don't believe I did anything over email.

7 Q I am going on stop sharing a bit, so it's easier for you to see faces.

8 You mentioned learning the day of that there were two [REDACTED] posts. So I
9 want to ask you a bit about [REDACTED] posts generally from your understanding.

10 What was your understanding of when you would reach out to the [REDACTED]
11 post?

12 A If something is of concern at your post, or if you're pulled if that's something
13 of concern security-wise, or some sort of vulnerability you assess. Or there's basically
14 any need that you have. You can let the [REDACTED] post know, or a site agent.

15 Q And what is your expectation from when you would hear from the [REDACTED]
16 post?

17 A If something is needed for me at my post, specifically, either something out
18 of it, or something out of the ordinary that they needed me to address.

19 Q Now, switching gears for a bit. Do you recall being told to be on the
20 lookout for drones?

21 A Yes, I believe -- I don't recall specifically recall whether it was over the email
22 or over radio comms, but I believe we were told about some sort of drones.

23 Q Did you ever see any drones while you were at the rally?

24 A Not that I can recall, no.

25 Q Were you at your post at 3:54 p.m. around that time?

1 A I would have been, yes.

2 Q As a general matter, or you can focus on what you did that day. If you are
3 told to be on the lookout for drones, how do you incorporate that while you are standing
4 at your post?

5 A You would just be, I mean, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] Not much more to it.

7 Q So I'm going to start going through some particular timeline items, and
8 sometimes I'll give as a reference. I recognize that you may not know the exact time.
9 And you can clarify that to the extent that it's helpful.

10 So the first one -- and I am actually going to show you one more document before
11 we go into some of those questions.

12 [REDACTED] Minority Exhibit C
13 was marked for identification.]

14 BY [REDACTED]:

15 Q I am now showing you minority exhibit C. This appears to be a text
16 message. And at the bottom right, it says Post [REDACTED] which is the post assignment that
17 you had that day. And it says, "From" it's redacted, "[REDACTED]" And then "To"
18 redacted "Pittsburgh." That was sent around one minute in the afternoon. So 12:01.
19 And I'll just read it in case you can't see it. "Hey, I know you are busy, but just checking,
20 PD is saying that they are not closing Meridian Road for the duration of the visit, and only
21 for 20 minutes prior to arrival and for departure. Just want to double-check to make
22 sure you know. Let me know if you are tracking that?"

23 Do you recall sending that message?

24 A Yes, I do now.

25 Q And do you recall who you would have sent that to?

1 A Yeah, that would have been the site assist agent.

2 Q So [REDACTED]

3 A Correct.

4 Q And why did you send that to her as opposed to the site agent?

5 A I honestly don't know. I don't know if I just went to go check my email and
6 I saw that her name -- I found her phone number first. But I just texted it to her for over
7 things for an unknown reason I guess.

8 Q And was it your understanding that the Butler Township Police were making
9 decisions about when to open and close the roads, or was it Secret Service?

10 A No, it was communication with Butler PD. Ultimately, [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] But based off of my post -- I believe after reviewing that text, I believe my post
12 entered instructions had a different timeframe from what the township police officer that
13 I was communicating with was telling me. And I just wanted to make sure all these
14 issues when they coordinated it beforehand. I just wanted to make if she was tracking
15 what they were saying and just to see what needed to be done if there's anything that
16 needs to be coordinated. Because she is kind of the one that needs to -- or that is more
17 aware of than I was. Obviously, just do you know who they are.

18 Q I am going to throw out two names to see if they jog your memory.
19 Lieutenant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Do any of those names jog
20 your recollection?

21 A Lieutenant [REDACTED] yes. The last name I remember. The other name I
22 don't recall. It's possible he was the Butler Township guy I was posted with.

23 Q And do you recall who would have informed you that the road was actually
24 going to be open?

25 A I can't recall.

1 Q Now, around 5:35, we understand that Butler Township Police opened back
2 up the roads. Were you informed of the decision at that time? Then, okay, now the
3 roads will be open.

4 A Yeah, I would have been informed. Because like I said, I was paired with
5 Butler Township. So I would have been informed if they were opening or closing the
6 roads.

7 Q And did leaving [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]t, did that change what you had to do at your post?

9 A You talking about while he was there?

10 Q Yes.

11 A No, the same thing. While he was there, [REDACTED]. Basically,
12 you're [REDACTED]. And then just [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]. And then, obviously, [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 Q And around this time that we'll generally say 5:30 until a little before the
16 time of the shooting, you're with one patrol officer, right?

17 A I was with one -- I think one or two may have rolled by to talk to him in
18 general. But, yeah, I was generally with one.

19 Q Do you recall around the time in which the roads opened back up being
20 shown an image of a suspicious person?

21 A Yes, the Butler Township officer that I was with said he was sent an image of
22 a suspicious person -- I believe it was on the fence line. I think he had a range finder
23 with him and a backpack. I believe that's all I recall. This suspicious person, he said
24 that they were -- he was sent it by a police officer that was in his [REDACTED] post, and that
25 the Secret Service was aware of it, and that we were looking for him as well. And that

1 Butler Township was looking for him on the perimeter. They didn't have any
2 information than that.

3 Q And when you were told that information from the patrol officer, what did
4 you do?

5 A After he told me that they were looking for him, and that Secret Service was
6 to be made aware of it, I heard over the radio a short time after that them address
7 something about that. One of the units -- or one of the teams responded, saying
8 something in the lines of, [REDACTED]
9 Again, my radio comms were in or out. So I know someone responded looking for him.
10 I don't know exactly who. But like I said, the Butler Township officer that I was with,
11 that he was sent that by his officer that was in the [REDACTED] post. And then he said -- I
12 asked him if Secret Service was aware, and he said, yes, our [REDACTED] post is aware.

13 Q And is it fair to say that based off of him telling that you the Secret Service
14 [REDACTED] post was aware that you did not reach out to the [REDACTED] post?

15 A Correct.

16 Q By any chance, were you in touch with [REDACTED] about any sort of Secret
17 Service response?

18 A No, I don't believe not that I was in touch -- not that I can recall being in
19 touch with him specifically about it.

20 Q All right. So I am going to fast forward a bit and now we are around
21 six o'clock. Do you recall the patrol officer who is next to you telling you that the person
22 they were looking for was headed towards Sheetz Gas Station?

23 A I don't recall that specific information.

24 Q And with regards to the suspicious person with a range finder, did you give
25 that patrol officer any instructions about whether to detain the person, whether to

1 update Secret Service, anything along those lines?

2 A Like I said, that guy wasn't -- he was with me, so he wasn't going looking for
3 him. But, I mean, we were both on the situation, letting each other know if we heard
4 anything more about it. But they were looking for him, and we were -- I mean,
5 obviously, it was a big topic to try and find him. So he was -- we were updating any
6 information he received.

7 Q And you mentioned there might have been one or two Butler Township
8 police officers that stopped by. Did you have conversations with them about the
9 search?

10 A I do recall one of them stopped by. And he showed him the picture, too.
11 I mean, he already had the picture, but they showed the picture. And he was looking for
12 him. But other than that, I don't recall anything else specific.

13 Q And did you give that person any instructions about keeping you up-to-date
14 or holding a person for Secret Service?

15 A No, I didn't give him any specific instruction, no.

16 Q And I just want to make sure that I'm clarifying because appreciating that
17 you do a lot of these rallies and details, and this was about 3 months ago, I want to make
18 sure I'm distinguishing between you can't recall something, and you know something.
19 So in this situation saying you know that you didn't give them any instructions?

20 A No, I did not give them any instructions.

21 Q Thank you. You mentioned hearing something on the radio about Secret
22 Service responding.

23 Do you recall if it was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]?

24 A That I do not recall.

25 Q A few minutes ago, you mentioned it was sort of obviously a hot topic to be

1 looking for this person. What was it about what you heard that made this a hot topic to
2 discuss?

3 A Just in general, someone on the fence line with a range finder is not
4 something that is normal. Definitely something is abnormal for our site. So that
5 obviously is a reason for a concern. And so that was just not sitting well. So then that
6 was the hot topic just to try and figure out what the intentions were of that individual.

7 Q What is your understanding of what a range finder would be used for?

8 A A range finder could be used for, to try and get a better look of someone in
9 the crowd. Obviously, defer the principal objectee for whatever reasons. Obviously, in
10 this reason, it could be used for -- to shoot or get a better understanding of the line of
11 sight. But yeah, it could be used for a number of reasons, to get a better line of sight or
12 a better image of someone far away.

13 Q At some point, did you ever hear anything about an update that there were
14 two officers that may have had him in their sight or they had him detained in some
15 capacity?

16 A No.

17 Q After initially learning that there was a suspicious person near the fence line
18 with a range finder and possibly a backpack, do you recall any other updates you would
19 have received from Butler Township Police?

20 A No, no more updates other than they could not find him. They had no
21 more updates for me. It was the last thing that I heard. And then like a minute before
22 the shooting -- I think I don't know if you're going to get there -- but like a minute before
23 the shooting, the Butler Township officer that I am with -- again, I can't remember his
24 name -- but he just looked at me and said, I'm just going to help him to go find him, if
25 that's cool with you. And then I'll come right back. I said, that's fine. There was no

1 need for me to necessarily have him there. And if he felt the need to go help his buddy
2 out, I'm not going to tell him no. Just because of the fact that I think Trump just got
3 onstage not too long before. And if I needed him to help [REDACTED] then he should
4 be back in time. So I know he was aware of that. So he left like a minute before the
5 shooting happened to go assist his officer. But he didn't tell me anything more than is it
6 cool if I go and assist him in looking for the guy.

7 Q Do you recall if you ever put anything on the radio about this suspicious
8 person and updates you were receiving?

9 A No, I don't believe I put anything on the radio regarding a suspicious person.

10 Q And did you ever email, text, or call anybody about anything you heard from
11 Butler Township Police?

12 A Again, I don't recall ever sending anything related to the suspicious person.

13 Q And going to what you were just describing about a minute before the
14 shooting -- and I guess to begin, I realize that time can move faster or slower depending
15 on circumstances. When you say it's a minute before, are you approximating, or did you
16 somehow keep track of the timing?

17 A Approximating.

18 Q Could it have been -- and I'm not trying to pin you down. I just want to get
19 a sense. Could it have been up to 5 minutes? Or like was it closer to like one or
20 2 minutes?

21 A I would say it could have been one or two. It could have been up to five.
22 I would say it's no longer than five.

23 Q Okay. And my colleague from the majority inquired about whether there
24 was like an explicit reason for pairing up with a local police officer.

25 What communication between the agency and local law enforcement would be

1 one of the benefits of the two of you being paired together?

2 A Yes, it could be one of the benefits. But, again, that's not the main reason
3 because we would have [REDACTED] room with the main sorts of communication between
4 local law enforcement and Secret Service.

5 Q And what are some of the other reasons would there be to match up Secret
6 Service with a local police officer?

7 A I guess, like I said, I guess part of it is communication, but it's more
8 coordinating the [REDACTED]. Having the local
9 municipality, local authority with you to [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] Specifically for me, that was the main reason for having local law
11 enforcement.

12 Q Do you recall if any of the officers that you were with that day mention
13 anything about the AGR building?

14 A I do not recall anything mentioned about that building.

15 Q Do you recall any conversation about planning and what an officer may have
16 told Secret Service while planning for the event?

17 A No, I do not.

18 Q To the extent you recall, what sort of topics did you talk about with the
19 officer that you were with as it relates to the rally?

20 A Nothing more than our role and what my job was, and then, what needed to
21 be done as far as [REDACTED], how we were going to do it, and then anything that was
22 needed as far as [REDACTED]

23 Q Were you made aware of any planning conversations from anyone, and that
24 is to say, any conversations that occurred before the rally that was on July 13th?

25 A I was not made aware of anything, no.

1 Q And I think I know the answer to this based off of your prior responses, but
2 just for the record. At some point, there was an update that there was someone on the
3 roof. Did you ever hear that update?

4 A I did not hear any update about anyone on the roof.

5 Q At some point, there was an update that local law enforcement had the
6 person in custody -- not in custody yet, but that was in front of them by a pine tree. Did
7 you hear that?

8 A I did not.

9 Q Did you ever hear anyone from Secret Service say that they and the locals
10 were dealing with something at three o'clock?

11 A I did not.

12 Q Did you ever hear any updates that there was someone armed?

13 A I did not.

14 Q I want to direct you to what you did when you first heard the shots.
15 Can you walk us through what you personally did when the shots started firing?

16 A So when I first heard the shots -- like I said, the Butler Township officer was
17 over there dealing with it. So there was families that [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED].

19 So after I heard a couple rounds, then I realized what was happening, I think
20 through four to five rounds, maybe for me to react. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 Q And once [REDACTED] leaves, what are your understood duties? And
2 maybe a better question would be, what did you do once [REDACTED] left?

3 A So after the [REDACTED] The new
4 [REDACTED] center -- I can't remember the exact wording for it -- that would be the FBI and
5 local PD, everyone else coming to help assist with the, I guess, the handling of the
6 situation when it comes to those injured, like medical response, or anyone that just came
7 through my post or stuff like that. But just making sure that only -- ask just like the FBI,
8 ambulances, and first responders would go through my post. We had like local media
9 and stuff like that trying to go through. Just denying them access and making sure it was
10 only first responders.

11 Q And about how long did you stay at the post?

12 A I don't know exactly, but I want to say it was a couple of hours after the fact
13 before I was relieved by a local officer.

14 Q Do you recall being relieved around 9:00 p.m.?

15 A It sounds right.

16 Q And did you stay until 11:15, 11:30?

17 A Yes, that sounds right. It was a long night.

18 Q Who were you dismissed by?

19 A Actually, I believe it was the [REDACTED] room agent. I can't remember his
20 name either. He was a male. But he was a pretty senior agent. I think he was kind of
21 taking charge as far as coordinating with us when we were released. Typically, but I
22 think it was him that was taking charge. Or [REDACTED], I think she was kind of
23 taking charge.

24 Q Do you recall a name [REDACTED]?

25 A Yeah, I think that was the agent in the [REDACTED] room.

1 Q So talking about the [REDACTED] room agent for a bit, immediately after the
2 shooting, do you recall receiving messages from -- radio messages from the [REDACTED]
3 room?

4 A I don't recall specifically what was said, but I know there's a lot of messages
5 that were sent out regarding actions to take after.

6 Q And how did the [REDACTED] room agent sound when on the radio?

7 A Actually, I can remember him sounding very calm.

8 Q Why did that stand out to you if it did?

9 A Just because it wasn't a very calming situation obviously. But I remember
10 him not sounding like he was stressed out of his mind or he felt like it -- it sounded like he
11 was in control from what I was able to hear.

12 Q Were you able to continue with your plans, or did you have to modify any
13 travel plans after the shooting?

14 A I had to modify that I was supposed to fly out the next day to -- I think it was
15 to [REDACTED] And then I had to drive out to [REDACTED] for an assignment the next couple
16 of days for POTUS. But because of everything that happened we had to stay an extra
17 day, and I had to cancel a flight, and then go up the following day.

18 Q Who were you interviewed about the July 13th rally?

19 A Who was I interviewed the next day?

20 Q The next day or any point afterwards, who has interviewed you about this?

21 A The FBI, and then Secret Service.

22 Q Was the FBI interview that Sunday after the July 13th rally?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And the Secret Service, that's the one that I referred to earlier that we have
25 a transcript of?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And just for the record, I should clarify, we don't actually have the transcript.
3 We have been given access to review it at some point.

4 A Okay.

5 Q I am right at 45. I may not have any additional questions, so if I don't get
6 back on, I just want to thank you for your time today and for your service to the country.

7 A Thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

8 Q I will yield and go off the record and yield to the majority.

9 [REDACTED]. Thanks, [REDACTED]. We can take a five-minute break, if that works for
10 everyone. So do you want to take a break, [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] Yeah, I could charge my phone for a little bit because I have 13
12 percent. So that works.

13 [REDACTED]. Okay. We'll get back on at -- how about around 1:48, 1:50? And
14 that's Eastern time. Thanks.

15 [REDACTED] I got you. Thank you.

16 [Recess.]

17 [REDACTED]. Thanks so much. We can go back on the record. I am going yield
18 to my colleagues initially here for some follow-up questions from the last round.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q Hi, [REDACTED] I'm [REDACTED], and I just have a few follow-up
21 questions like [REDACTED] said.

22 First, to take you back to the briefing on the -- preceding the rally.

23 In that briefing, did you go over an emergency action plan?

24 A I generally do not recall specifically if I went over that. I do recall that one
25 point during the briefing, I stepped out away to go to the bathroom, so I wasn't present

1 during the whole briefing. But again, I don't recall specifically that was talked about.

2 Q Can you tell us a bit about what an emergency action plan is?

3 A Just in the case of an incident like what happened at Butler, just response
4 procedures, what your post -- if your post does have specific responsibilities regarding
5 what you need to do in the event of an emergency, and the type of emergency, what your
6 actions will be.

7 Q And was the attempted assassination within the scope of the emergency
8 action plan?

9 A Again, like I wasn't there for the specific if it was briefed or not. But
10 attempted assassinations or just shootings, and stuff like that in general, obviously there
11 are a lot of emergency actions or emergency procedures that could affect the rally or
12 could affect the site. If that was specific, I don't recall.

13 Q Conceptually then, it sounds like an emergency action plan wouldn't inform
14 what you literally do in the event of an emergency. Is that correct?

15 A So specific posts have, like, guidelines of what you're supposed to do in the
16 event of -- I guess it is kind of an emergency action plan. I don't know how you actually
17 word it. But in the event that something needs to take place where FBI were to come
18 and take over the scene. Like a shooting. Like what happened. Certain posts have
19 responsibilities. So those are outlined as far as what you do. It's just not necessarily
20 specific to what -- like for each individual action that could happen.

21 Q And you took the action of [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And then you also [REDACTED]

25 A Yes, so after the [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] of
2 the event.

3 Q Now, I'll move to a few questions about radios. A couple of folks we heard
4 had a huge issue with radio coding. You would not characterize your radio as having
5 issues with coding, correct?

6 A No, I just came from the NATO summit so my radio was coded.

7 Q And post standers switch channels during the day, correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And you learned this by email?

10 A Yes. That was via email.

11 Q How long after seeing the email did you switch?

12 A I do not recall specifically the timeframe.

13 Q You referenced that you heard communications over your radio about a
14 suspicious person.

15 Do you recall whether the person that you heard over the radio was a male or
16 female voice?

17 A I do not recall, specifically.

18 Q Do you recall who the person who copied that communication, whether that
19 was a male or female voice?

20 A I do not recall.

21 Q Thank you. I'll turn it over to [REDACTED].

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q Hey, [REDACTED] thanks for your time. This is [REDACTED]. I just
24 have a few cleanup questions for things we went over earlier. So sorry this is a bit of a
25 whiplash.

1 What did you do prior to joining the Secret Service?

2 A I went to Northern Arizona University, got a finance degree. I was in the
3 military, part-time in the National Guard and the Air Force. And then I was a local police
4 officer in Arizona for a couple of years.

5 Q Okay. And then you sort of said that you've served on an advanced team
6 role before per events?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What roles have you served?

9 A I've been lead. So in charge of a visit for smaller details. And then
10 recently, I did a medium-sized detail. But then, I have been site for Trump in the past
11 where he did a smaller rally. This was shortly after I [REDACTED]. I have
12 been [REDACTED]. I have been [REDACTED]. I have been [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]. I've basically almost done every role you can do, just not for obviously the
14 higher levels, as far as like POTUS is doing the main role, just more counterpart roles for
15 when it comes to the bigger ones.

16 Q Okay. So then through your experience serving rules that would have
17 required you staffing different assets, were you aware when, prior to or arriving to the
18 July 13th rally that there were counter-sniper teams assigned to this location?

19 A Yes, I was aware. On the paperwork that was sent, I recall there
20 being -- showing that there were counter snipers there.

21 Q Did you have any knowledge as to why those teams were assigned?

22 A Not specific, but typically they're assigned for vulnerability assessments to
23 mitigate any areas that they see visit.

24 Q But they had typically not been assigned candidate nominees prior to that
25 event, correct, to your knowledge?

1 A I am not aware if that's typical or not.

2 Q Okay. I think that's all that I have for that. Yeah, I'll turn it over to [REDACTED].

3 Thanks for your time.

4 A Thank you.

5 BY [REDACTED]:

6 Q I might go over what my colleague covered in the past round. But just
7 about like a timeline of identifying a suspicious person at the rally in coordination with
8 the local law enforcement partner that was stationed at your post.

9 But as an initial matter, I just want to, you know, to ask you, you know, if there's
10 information about a threat at an outdoor rally campaign event, how would you get that
11 information to the people that need to hear it?

12 A I mean, me specifically, or are you talking about like typically how is it done?

13 Q I'm sorry. I'll be more specific. At the campaign rally on July 13th, if there
14 is information about a threat or a suspicious person that was rising to the level of a
15 threat, how would you get that to the people at Secret Service that needed to know that
16 information?

17 A That would be --

18 [REDACTED] I just want to say, [REDACTED] that that's assuming that you have
19 assessed that there is a genuine threat. Or he says, perhaps a gathering threat, or that
20 there's information suggesting to you or reason that there could be a threat.

21 Can you make a distinction between a threat and a suspicion, first of all, so that
22 we can clarify in your mind the difference? And then, certainly, you can answer his
23 question.

24 [REDACTED] So, I guess in a threat is something that needs to be addressed
25 obviously because it seems like it's imminent danger to a protectee or to something at

1 the site. Suspicion is something that is abnormal and that should be addressed because
2 of whatever facts or circumstances that the person -- or something is abnormal.

3 [REDACTED] So it seems to me he is questioning you if you sense that there is
4 threat, an imminent threat, a threat. He wants to know are you saying how do you
5 communicate that? Who would you communicate that to?

6 [REDACTED] If I felt that there was an imminent threat, I would communicate
7 it -- well, if I had local PD with me present, like on July 13th communicated, obviously,
8 with local PD right away, communicated it over the radio right away. Because odds are
9 if it's an imminent threat, I wouldn't have time to respond or to email to anyone. It
10 would just be over the radio addressing whatever needs to be said so it can be
11 communicated immediately to [REDACTED] and all personnel at the site.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q And at the July 13th event, which personnel from Secret Service that were
14 there that day had the authority to remove former President Trump from the stage?

15 A Again, I wasn't there on the stage, so I wasn't able to see it. But typically, it
16 would be the shift that's around him as well as the site agent that are around -- the
17 personnel around him had the authority to move him from the stage.

18 Q Okay. And again, like I mentioned at the outset here, I kind of just want to
19 go more into the timeline and the events, you know, around your post at the July 13th
20 event with Patrolman [REDACTED] there, the local law enforcement counterpart that was
21 there. I understand he arrived around 14:00 hours and relieved [REDACTED] of his
22 post. Does that sound accurate to you?

23 A That sounds right.

24 Q Okay. And did you have any conversation when Patrolman [REDACTED] arrived
25 at your post? Did you describe an interview of the day of events? Or can you just

1 speak to the general conversations that you had when he arrived?

2 A Again, I can't recall the general conversations, but the specific conversations
3 that we went into. I mean, I would assume that we went over what needed to be done
4 when it comes to the arrival and what my responsibilities and his were.

5 Q Okay. And then do you recall just in the day that's around 1400 hours, I
6 believe former President Trump arrived [REDACTED] a little bit behind schedule
7 that day, just in terms of what y'all were expecting.

8 Do you recall communicating that Trump's motorcade was going to be a little bit
9 later than originally expected that day to Patrolman [REDACTED]

10 A Yes, I would imagine that I communicated that with him. And I imagine he
11 was tracking that -- we were both tracking that one way or another. I don't know how it
12 was communicated specifically.

13 Q Okay. So around 17:32 hours, I understand that the Trump [REDACTED]
14 arrived at Brady Paul Lane, intersection with Meridian Road. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] e and passed your post,
16 Patrolman [REDACTED] received a picture of Mr. Crooks, later to be identified as Mr. Thomas
17 Matthew Crooks. And I believe that he shared that picture with you, correct?

18 A Yes, he showed it to me on his phone.

19 Q Okay. I am going to enter into the record here majority exhibit 1. I'm
20 going to share my screen.

21 Are y'all able to view this photo that I'm showing here?

22 [REDACTED] I see him.

23 [REDACTED] Exhibit No. 1

24 was marked for identification.]

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q Okay. This is two images taken by Beaver County personnel. Do these
2 photos look familiar to you? Do you recognize these photos?

3 A I only had a glimpse of the photo, the one that you showed me. But as far
4 as I remember, that's not the photo that I saw from his phone.

5 Q Okay. Can you describe the photo that you saw from his phone?

6 A The way I remember it was it was along the fence line, and it was an
7 individual with a backpack. And yeah, it was not from this viewpoint. I don't think I
8 have ever seen these photos before.

9 Q Is it a similar body to the image that you saw that day?

10 A I mean, the one I saw was from a different viewpoint. But yes, I would say
11 the image of the person looks similar.

12 [REDACTED]. Was it his head to his feet, or was it just partially up his body?
13 Doesn't he have reference if we're trying to match it to a different photograph later.

14 [REDACTED] I want to say it was partial.

15 [REDACTED]. Thank you.

16 BY [REDACTED]:

17 Q I'm going to stop sharing.

18 In the photo that was shared with you, you mentioned that a backpack was
19 observable. Was a range finder observable in that photo?

20 A I want to say yes. I'm not 100 percent confident, because I know a range
21 finder was discussed. I don't know 100 percent if it was in the photo. Again, I only
22 looked at the photo for a couple of seconds. But I don't remember individuals holding a
23 backpack, and then a range finder was either discussed or was in the photo.

24 Q Okay. So can you describe your relation to [REDACTED] Patrolman [REDACTED] at that
25 time? Are you guys next to each other? Are you within a five-foot perimeter?

1 You are looking at his phone. I imagine you're pretty close to Patrolman [REDACTED]
2 correct?

3 A Yes, they we were both standing outside. His patrol car was there. We
4 were all standing outside [REDACTED] and stuff like that. And
5 so he just showed me the picture, and then after that, separated and continued doing our
6 job.

7 Q Okay. And at the time that y'all were still observing the photo and
8 discussing what was on the photo that Patrolman [REDACTED] was showing you, do you recall
9 any discussions about that individual's movements or actions or anything notable of him?
10 And it had been raised to you that he had a range finder at this time?

11 A Nothing other than that he was all along the fence line. And then they
12 had -- like I said, they had people out there looking for him. Other than that, there was
13 no other intel that he had.

1 [2:06 p.m.]

2 BY [REDACTED]:

3 Q Okay. So after you all, you know, resumed your post after both viewing
4 that photo together, this was a big topic you stated earlier, this topic of a suspicious
5 individual. You know, it came up very frequently while you were at that post, correct?

6 A I don't know if I would say very frequently. It just was obviously something,
7 you know, of concern considering the fact that, I mean, for the most part, my job was
8 [REDACTED] So that was
9 something of obvious interest, just being a suspicious person, and local PD officers would
10 come by that were looking for him and talk with my officer that I was with.

11 Q Okay. How was it made clear to you that this suspicious individual had a
12 range finder?

13 A I do not recall specifically how I was made aware. Like I said, it might have
14 been in the image that I was shown or the police officer discussed it at one point, but I
15 can't recall specifically how I was made aware of that.

16 Q At your post, could you observe Patrolman [REDACTED] making phone calls or
17 being on his radio?

18 A I can't recall specifically, but yeah, I mean, I'm sure he was on his phone or
19 making radio transmissions. That would not have been abnormal.

20 Q How far away were you from [REDACTED] while you were at the post?

21 A Anywhere from a couple feet to about 20 feet at any given time just if we
22 were -- if I was talking to someone in the public or if he was dealing with something or if
23 we were talking with each other.

24 Q Okay. So after Patrolman [REDACTED] shares this photo with you, do you
25 communicate on what I understand to be your arm microphone to your radio anything of

1 note related to the suspicious person?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. Shortly thereafter, I believe a first police car arrives at your post at
4 [REDACTED], and I understand that's Patrolman
5 [REDACTED] from the Butler Township Police Department. Do you recall that first police car
6 arriving at your post?

7 A I mean, not specifically. There were several police cars that came by and
8 stopped and talked to the officer I was with.

9 Q I know. This is after the [REDACTED] arrives. You know, this is about 20
10 minutes or so before Trump takes the stage. Has there been a lot -- was there a lot of
11 police cars that came by after the motorcade arrived at the event that day?

12 A I'm sure not more than a couple between the arrival and then the event.

13 Q Right. And then when that first police car arrived with Patrolman [REDACTED]
14 did you have a conversation with Patrolman [REDACTED] and Patrolman [REDACTED] about the
15 suspicious person?

16 A I'm sure we did regarding the fact that they were looking for him. I can't
17 recall specifics of what was discussed.

18 Q Do you recall a range finder being brought up in that discussion?

19 A Again, it's possible that it was brought up in that discussion, but I can't recall
20 specifically.

21 Q Okay. After that patrol car left, do you recall, you know, bringing up a
22 range finder or suspicious person on the Secret Service radio, your work phone, or your
23 personal phone to any Secret Service member?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q This is moving closer to 6:00 now. Patrolman [REDACTED] is making a couple

1 more calls. I understand he calls Sergeant [REDACTED] with the Butler Township Police
2 Department, and he sends this picture of Crooks to Sergeant [REDACTED] and another
3 patrolman -- I'm sorry -- another sergeant, Sergeant [REDACTED]

4 Around 6:00, another police car arrives, and this information, according to [REDACTED]
5 about an individual with a range finder is discussed with this now second police car that's
6 at the scene.

7 Do you recall being a part of a conversation with a second police car closer to 6:00
8 talking about the suspicious person with a range finder?

9 A Again, I mean, I probably discussed it. I can't remember specifically what
10 was discussed regarding it, but I wouldn't doubt that, obviously, the individual was
11 discussed about the range finder. I mean, yeah, it was probably discussed. I can't
12 guarantee what was specifically discussed.

13 Q So this is around 6:00. Trump is about to take the stage. There had been
14 a couple of police cars come by at this point at least, and each one of those conversations
15 entailed talking about the suspicious person with a range finder.

16 Did you notify Secret Service around 6:00 that there was a person with a range
17 finder that was acting suspicious that local police were trying to find?

18 A Well, like I said before, the -- right away, when I saw the picture, the police
19 officer told me that Secret Service was made aware of it, and that the [REDACTED]
20 post -- he was sent to it by someone in his [REDACTED] post that was with Secret Service,
21 and then I heard over the radio that Secret Service copied it and was looking for him.
22 Again, I don't know who it was, but as far as I was concerned, Secret Service was tracking
23 it.

24 Like I said, my comms were in and out to begin with, but we were tracking a
25 suspicious person. We had an individual responding. I couldn't leave my post,

1 obviously, to go respond for a suspicious person.

2 And we have people like this before. It's nothing crazy abnormal to have a
3 suspicious person. The standard procedure is local PD responds and looks for them, and
4 then if we can and we have assets available, we have [REDACTED]
5 too, whether it's [REDACTED]

6 So, based off the information that I was given by my township police officer and
7 hearing something over the radio as far as we have a [REDACTED] from the Secret
8 Service side, we were -- as far as I was concerned, we were tracking that and we had the
9 information that we needed to respond as necessary to help find that person and
10 mitigate that threat.

11 Q So you did not feel like there was a need for you to go on your radio and
12 relay this information that you were observing at your post about the suspicious person
13 with the range finder?

14 [REDACTED] He has already answered that.

15 [REDACTED]. I'm confirming what he said there. I'm trying to --

16 [REDACTED] He has already answered that. It would have been redundant.
17 He already indicated the information was out.

18 I mean, if you want to try to answer that again, but you have already answered it,

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] Yeah. I guess just going back to what I already said, as far as I was
21 concerned, the information was already relayed to Secret Service. So all Secret Service,
22 as far as I was concerned, was tracking that information. So I didn't feel the need to
23 relay information that had already been conveyed to Secret Service.

24 [REDACTED]. So the answer to the question of did you feel a need to
25 communicate that information to Secret Service is no, correct?

1 ████████ Well, he did. Well, he did. He heard what he heard. So he said
2 he didn't need -- are you saying that he needed to?

3 ████████. Correct.

4 ████████ I mean, was it necessary for him to convey that information? He
5 concluded that no because the information had already been conveyed.

6 ████████. I would like him to say no.

7 ████████ So I will say that, because the fact that it was already relayed -- that
8 information was already relayed and Secret Service was already tracking that, I did not
9 feel the need to.

10 BY ██████████:

11 Q Thank you. Thank you.

12 So I believe earlier in our interview, you had said that you had not heard
13 Patrolman ██████████ discussing that the suspicious individual was headed to the Sheetz gas
14 station around 6:00. Is that correct?

15 A Yeah. I don't recall anything about the Sheetz -- heading to the Sheetz gas
16 station.

17 Q Okay. And then a little bit after that, you had said earlier it could be 1 to 5
18 minutes before shots fired Patrolman ██████████ left his position to search for the suspicious
19 person with the range finder. Is that accurate?

20 A Yes. Correct.

21 Q Can you describe again just your conversation with ██████████ around the
22 circumstances of him leaving his post?

23 A So I'm guessing something just came over the radio because I just remember
24 standing there and he just said, Hey, man, is it okay if I leave real quick to go check on my
25 buddy or something along those lines just to -- while he's looking for him? And I said,

1 Yeah, man, that's fine. He said, I'll come back. And that was it. He left. He got in
2 his police vehicle and left.

3 And, like I said, I want to say, like, 1 to 2 minutes later -- that's when the shooting
4 happened. But he didn't say anything about the location. He didn't say anything
5 about -- anything more than, Hey, I just want to go help my buddy to make sure it's all
6 good over there.

7 Q Do you understand, at the time he left, he was looking for the same person
8 that the two police cars that visited the post were looking for and that -- of the image that
9 he received, you know, with the backpack around the fence line? Was it the same
10 person that he was looking for?

11 A I mean, he didn't specify that, but one could assume that that's what he was
12 looking for.

13 Q Okay. And why could one assume that?

14 A Because that was the individual the other police officers were looking for.

15 Q Okay. Okay.

16 You know, just to go through that timeline just kind of broadly, there were
17 multiple calls about this same suspicious person. There were multiple police cars that
18 were arriving and looking for the suspicious person with the range finder.

19 Did the totality of that -- of those calls and those police car visits ever raise in your
20 mind that this suspicious person with the range finder had gone from a suspicious person
21 to a threat to former President Trump?

22 [REDACTED] Well, so what did you observe? Did you observe all that this
23 gentleman said?

24 [REDACTED] I observed the police cars, like he said, coming by and talking about
25 it. But again, there was nothing to my knowledge that was conveyed to me as far as

1 raising it from a suspicious person to a legitimate threat based off the one photo that I
2 saw. And again, it's not abnormal for a suspicious person.

3 It is -- obviously, [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] given the circumstances. So police officers were looking for him. That
5 is not something abnormal for police officers to stop by or discuss and to try and track
6 down when they can't -- especially when they can't find someone.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Okay. And now just I would like to turn to going through more of the
9 post-shooting, the post-shots fired.

10 Can you let us know when you first understood that the former President had
11 received gunfire and had been attacked?

12 A So I honestly didn't even -- was not even made aware that Trump was
13 necessarily shot at. It was just, again, hearing gunshots. Knowing the situation, you
14 can kind of assume that Trump was being shot at. But after hearing the gunshots, I
15 secured the perimeter like I said. Stuff was conveyed over the radio.

16 To be honest, I think the first thing that I heard was -- I don't know if it was from
17 the public or what -- sorry, my phone is going to die -- from the public or what regarding
18 the shooter, but I remember the first information that I was told regarding the shooter
19 was that the shooter was on the water tower. It wasn't even where he actually ended
20 up being.

21 So yeah, I guess the -- I don't remember exactly what the question was.

22 Q Yeah. I was just -- we were just trying to get an understanding of when you
23 understood that Trump was -- that someone attempted to shoot at Trump and did shoot
24 at Trump and, you know, just the circumstances of what unfolded after shots were fired.

25 And just to recap there, you were kind of unclear about what had happened.

1 You initially heard from someone that a possible shooter was by the water tower. Is
2 that accurate?

3 A Correct. And that could have been a pedestrian. Obviously, after the
4 event, everyone was going crazy as far as pedestrians leaving the site. So I don't know
5 if -- it wasn't conveyed to me right away as far as where the shooter was.

6 But, yeah, as far as Trump being hit, I don't think -- not that I can recall that
7 information being relayed right away.

8 Q Okay. When did you ultimately learn that information that Trump was shot
9 at?

10 A I mean, again, my radio was in and out, so that could play a factor to it, but I
11 didn't learn that for probably about 20 to 30 minutes after the fact.

12 Q And how did you hear it? Was it on your radio?

13 A I actually remember a pedestrian telling me.

14 Q Okay. And had you learned that there were victims in the crowd as well at
15 that time?

16 A Yes, again from pedestrians.

17 Q Okay. What did you do -- were you at your -- you were at your post
18 entirely until after the [REDACTED] left, correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q And you ultimately reported to the [REDACTED] room, correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Can you go through kind of the mechanisms of how you got there, if you
23 were instructed to go there, and what followed while you were at the [REDACTED] room?

24 A You're talking about when I was relieved from, like, 9:00 p.m. or whatever it
25 was?

1 Q That's right.

2 A I believe [REDACTED] called me and told me that she was going to send
3 someone to relieve me, and then local PD came over and I told them what I was doing as
4 far as making sure [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] post. And then, after that, I
5 think I just walked back -- walked back to the [REDACTED] room and found my way.

6 Q Who else was in the [REDACTED] room with you?

7 A For Secret Service-wise, I think it was a lot of the post standers. I don't
8 know if it was everyone, but it was a lot of them. And then we had FBI in there. We
9 had a whole bunch of local PD. I don't recall exactly who.

10 Q Did you talk to them at all in the [REDACTED] room right when you reported
11 there or during the time that you were there about what you had seen during the day,
12 especially in particular towards, you know, after the [REDACTED] arrived and Patrolman
13 [REDACTED] was discussing the suspicious person with you and with other local police
14 partners?

15 A I don't recall exactly what was discussed. I know, obviously, we talked
16 about the shooting and what the police would do. I don't recall exactly what was
17 discussed.

18 Q Do you remember what you said to anybody?

19 A I do not.

20 Q Did anyone ask you any questions?

21 A I'm sure people asked me questions, yes.

22 Q Do you remember any of those questions?

23 A I do not.

24 Q Did you hear anyone discussing a local law enforcement partner taking a
25 shot at Trump -- I'm sorry -- local law enforcement taking a shot at Crooks on the rooftop?

1 A Not that I can recall. Yeah. I don't think I even, like, knew the
2 information. It was just all discussed afterwards. But no, not that I can remember.

3 Q Okay. Was your radio still functioning at the time you were in the [REDACTED]
4 room and after the [REDACTED] left?

5 A I think I turned my radio off once I went to the [REDACTED] room because there
6 was no need for it anymore.

7 Q What do you mean by that?

8 A Once I was in the [REDACTED] room and all the post standers were there, we
9 were all together, and there was no one running the [REDACTED] post, I guess.

10 Q Was there still monitoring of former President Trump's movements and
11 status in the hospital and returning to, as I understand, Bedminster, New Jersey?

12 A I am unaware of -- I mean, I wasn't monitoring it at least. I'm not sure if the
13 [REDACTED] room or [REDACTED] post -- if anyone else was.

14 Q Okay. While you were at your post during the day on July 13th, do you
15 recall any other Federal agencies entering through your post? Like, did you see any
16 other Federal agencies arrive while you were stationed [REDACTED]

17 A Yeah. After the shooting, there was a lot of FBI agents that arrived and a
18 lot of local police departments that arrived as well.

19 Q Okay. Were you able to distinguish pretty clearly that FBI had arrived
20 versus local law enforcement partners that were entering through that intersection?

21 A Yeah. Local law enforcement, for the most part, were in marked patrol
22 vehicles and FBI, obviously, just showed me their creds and their badges. So I was able
23 to differentiate between the two.

24 Q Okay. Do you have an approximation of when FBI arrived at the campaign
25 rally site after the shooting?

1 A I do not. I would say --

2 Q It was before 9:00, though, right?

3 A Say again?

4 Q It was before 9:00 when you reported to the [REDACTED] room?

5 A Yes. Yes. There were several FBI that arrived before I left.

6 Q Okay. Was it significantly before you left your post?

7 A Yes.

8 Q A couple of hours?

9 A Again, I don't remember exactly. I would say that the first FBI agent
10 showed up, like, no more than 30 minutes after the shooting.

11 Q Okay. And about what time did you leave the campaign rally site?

12 A I think around 11:00-something at night.

13 Q Did you arrive back with anyone that day to the -- I assume the hotel back in
14 Pittsburgh?

15 A Yeah. I rode back with [REDACTED] again.

16 Q Okay. Do you recall what you discussed?

17 A Well, obviously, we discussed the shooting and what happened and
18 everything and what his job was, what my job was, and stuff like that. Yeah. It was -- I
19 mean, a little shaken up from it, but other than that, we discussed the incident.

20 Q Okay. Did you discuss anything that you saw at your post that day with
21 [REDACTED]

22 A Yeah. I think I told him everything that I probably told you guys.
23 Obviously, not in as much detail. And then he discussed to me what he went through.
24 But he had more of a role -- more of an interesting role, I guess I should say. So he
25 talked to me more about what he had to go through.

1 Q From the public narrative about shots fired on Trump and the campaign rally
2 crowd on July 13th, have you observed or heard, you know, anything that's being
3 reported that, you know, you think is -- you know, needs to be corrected or isn't true to
4 what you observed and experienced that day?

5 A Well, to be honest, I try and not even look at social media or look at anything
6 related to that day because I just know it's just going to anger me or it's just going to -- I
7 just have no interest in seeing stuff like that. So honestly, I have no comment when it
8 comes to that.

9 Q Okay. And what about that day angers you?

10 A Not necessarily -- just the fact of I didn't see media portraying it differently
11 or -- like, I happened to see something regarding it's an inside job or something like that
12 or, like, Secret Service is behind it, and I don't want to see stuff like that or comment on
13 stuff like that. So that was just typically the articles that can anger me, but -- yeah.

14 Q Is there anything about the day's events that day while you were at your
15 post that angers you?

16 A No, not specifically to me or my post.

17 Q Okay. I'm just going through some of the questions that we have here.
18 We have some time left.

19 I know you mentioned the interviews that you've gone through post-shooting,
20 post-July 13th. At any point, you know, prior to those interviews or in the course of the
21 interviews, have you received any particular type of, you know, instructions to be -- and
22 how to present to Congress or present in your interviews by anyone from Secret Service?

23 A No. No specific instructions.

24 Q Okay. Have you worked events after July 13th?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. And roughly how many assignments have you had since July 13th?

2 A What was that, 3 months ago? I mean, several. I don't think I've had
3 many days off since then. So it's just depending on what assignment and what my role
4 has been.

5 Q Can you give me a ballpark of the number of assignments that you've had or
6 how frequently you've been traveling?

7 A I mean, it's -- like, what do you consider an assignment? Like, I'm with
8 [REDACTED] for 4 weeks right now. Like, is that one assignment or is that -- going to different
9 rallies every single day, is that -- so you could say that one assignment -- maybe 50.
10 Around 50.

11 Q Okay. And how frequently would you say you are back in [REDACTED]

12 A Very infrequently.

13 Q Could you give us a rough estimate of how many days that you have spent in
14 [REDACTED] since July 13th?

15 A My guess would be 1 out of the 3 months I've been home. So about 2
16 months on the road and maybe 1 month home.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'll yield to my colleagues on the majority for the remainder
18 of the time if they have any follow-up questions or want to go into anything.

19 [REDACTED]: Sure. I have a few.

20 BY [REDACTED]:

21 Q Just going back -- so you said that you drove back with [REDACTED] back
22 to the hotel and that he had --

23 A Right.

24 Q -- I don't want to say a more eventful, I guess, experience than you did. Did
25 he talk to you about when he -- there was a time, supposedly, where he and a

1 Pennsylvania State trooper he was assigned to -- they want to go look for the suspicious
2 person? Did he talk to you about that?

3 A Yes. He discussed -- I mean, that was one of the things he discussed,
4 correct.

5 Q Okay. Did he relay to you that he was instructed to return to his post
6 because someone was already looking for it -- for him?

7 A Yes. I do believe he told me that he was told that someone else was
8 looking for him.

9 Q Okay. And then when you went back to the hotel, did you talk to any other
10 Secret Service agents about their experiences there, or was it kind of, like, a long day and
11 went to bed?

12 A Yeah. I just went to bed. I know I had a lot of other Secret Service
13 employees that weren't there that reached out to me. I just told them I was good.
14 And then I think I called my mom, and that was about it.

15 Q Okay. Did any of your colleagues that you spoke to right after it
16 happened -- did any of them see a local -- I think we may have already covered this -- a
17 local law enforcement officer shoot at Crooks?

18 A They would see it?

19 Q Yeah. Did anyone --

20 A Not that I'm aware of.

21 Q Sorry. I think I spoke over you.

22 A Not that I'm aware of.

23 Q No? Okay.

24 And then you were interviewed by the FBI the next day?

25 A Correct.

1 Q Okay. And then you went back to another assignment after that? You
2 didn't go back to [REDACTED]

3 A No. I think I flew home because they took me off that assignment because
4 I was going to be late for it because I had to stay an extra day. So I went -- I actually
5 went home.

6 Q Okay. And then have any of the other assignments that you've worked
7 since then -- have any of them been outdoors?

8 A I believe no.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I mean, I've been to events with [REDACTED] that have been outdoors. I don't
11 know if they're necessarily considered rallies. But yeah, I don't recall any specific rallies.

12 [REDACTED]. Yeah. Campaign events. Sorry for the -- and then, let me
13 see.

14 A couple -- do you have a couple you wanted to -- yeah?

15 I'll pass to [REDACTED] and then come back if we have anything else, okay?

16 [REDACTED] Okay.

17 [REDACTED]. Can you hear me okay?

18 [REDACTED] Yes.

19 BY [REDACTED]:

20 Q I'll go back to the radio channel communication.

21 Did you hear radio comms about the suspicious person before or after the radio
22 switch?

23 A I don't recall. There was a couple -- I think there was two radio switches, if
24 I recall, but I don't know exactly when.

25 Q And to confirm, you did not personally observe anyone suspicious before the

1 shooting, correct?

2 A Personally, no.

3 Q And you did not personally observe anyone else suspicious after the
4 shooting, correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Did you hear the shots yourself?

7 A Yes.

8 Q You referenced in your mission assurance review -- excuse me. I'm sorry.
9 What I meant to say was, you described in what may have been in your interview with the
10 FBI what sounded like gunshots from different guns.

11 Is it fair to say that it sounded like you heard shots from different guns?

12 A Yes.

13 Q You said you have military experience. Maybe that factors into it. How
14 could you tell they were different from the sound?

15 A I guess just, I mean, from the sound of them. You could just tell the
16 different -- I guess the depth. I don't know exactly how to describe it, but you could
17 tell -- I could tell that there were different guns by the frequency of the shots and stuff
18 like that.

19 Q And to clarify, did you know Agent [REDACTED] before the event?

20 A Yes. We were in the [REDACTED] office together.

21 Q Had you worked with her in the [REDACTED] office? To clarify, is that what you
22 mean?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Was [REDACTED] injured in your drive back?

25 A Yeah. Now that you mention it, I think he -- I think it was something with

1 his finger. I can't remember exactly, but I think he injured his finger.

2 [REDACTED]. We're at time for majority. We'll go off the record. Thank you.

3 [Discussion off the record.]

4 [REDACTED]. We can go back on the record.

5 I just have a few questions, and then I'll pass it to my colleagues to ask a few
6 questions as well.

7 BY [REDACTED]:

8 Q Do you recall the timing of when [REDACTED] would have helped you
9 out by stopping by your post to give you relief?

10 A It would have been before the arrival of Trump. I don't know exactly when.

11 Q That day, did you talk to anyone in substance -- so not just, like, "hi" and
12 "bye" -- did you talk to anyone in substance besides the Butler Township police officers,
13 [REDACTED] and the site agents who were present?

14 A In substance, no.

15 Q And to clarify, I'm talking about up until the shooting. I recognize you may
16 have spoken to people afterwards.

17 A Yeah, no.

18 Q So you mentioned in your Secret Service interview that there was a site
19 agent -- and I think you named [REDACTED] as the site agent who would have driven you around
20 and checked on you.

21 Do you recall if there were three women who would have led the briefing that
22 morning?

23 A I recall two of them.

24 Q Okay.

25 A It's possible there was three. Again, I recall two of them.

1 Q And did you have a -- did you know [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] prior to July 13th?

2 A No. That's why I apparently am struggling to remember exactly their
3 names. I've never met them before and haven't seen them since.

4 Q That is perfectly understandable.

5 So I want to sort of get your thoughts. As you mentioned, you were a site agent
6 about five times in the past. If there was a scenario -- and I'm just sort of thinking
7 chain-of-command, need-to-know situations. If somebody -- a suspicious person has a
8 range finder near a fence line, would you expect to hear that update if you were in the
9 role of a site agent?

10 A Yes. As a site agent, you should be made aware of basically everything
11 that's going on at the site, including a suspicious person.

12 Q And when you are in the role of site agent, who would you be receiving that
13 information from typically?

14 A You would be receiving it from either local PD or post centers most likely.

15 Q And we've mentioned the [REDACTED] post a few times. Is that sometimes
16 interchangeable with a [REDACTED] room?

17 A Yes, sometimes.

18 Q All right. And your understanding -- and you may not since your role was
19 post stander, but did you understand that there was just one space that operated as the
20 [REDACTED] post and the [REDACTED] room on July 13th?

21 A Yeah. I believe there was a [REDACTED] room -- we had a [REDACTED] room on site,
22 yes. One of them.

23 [REDACTED]. All right. My colleague has a few questions, so I'll pass it over
24 to him.

25 [REDACTED]. Thanks, [REDACTED].

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q Hi, [REDACTED] I just want to go back to a question line that my colleague
3 on the majority had talked about for a bit.

4 But I was a bit curious. If you wouldn't mind just, from what you recall, providing
5 a bit more detail on the conversation you had with [REDACTED] about the situation
6 where he had been out looking for the suspicious person but was turned away by
7 another -- or turned back by another Secret Service agent.

8 A I mean, I don't want to go into any more depth. I can't recall exactly what
9 was said. Again, that was his experience. But I just remember that he told me that
10 someone else was looking for him or for the person and that he got called off.

11 Q Did he mention exactly who the person was that had called him off from
12 that?

13 A I believe it was the [REDACTED] I should say. I don't recall
14 that's 100 percent accurate, but I believe that's what he said.

15 Q From what we've seen in the productions, that may have been [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]

17 I guess you previously mentioned that you had held a site PI role in one of your
18 prior -- one of your prior advance agents?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. I guess from where you kind of understand the site [REDACTED]
21 responsibilities and kind of, you know, where they are within the hierarchy, would a site
22 [REDACTED] be able to essentially tell, say, for example, the kind of response to, you know, We
23 were taking care of this, you don't need to worry about it, or, I guess, kind of where does
24 that fall in there, if that makes sense?

25 A To be honest, I don't 100 percent know based off a suspicious person. I

1 mean, a [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] A suspicious person -- typically, a [REDACTED]

3 So I don't know if -- like I said, I don't know exactly what was said on the radio
4 regarding it. I don't know if they called for [REDACTED] for some specific
5 reason. Like, kind of the [REDACTED]? I don't know.

6 So, again, I can't speak on the specific situation or what is normal practice. I just
7 know we have a [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED].

9 Q Sure. And, regarding the [REDACTED] team, the second person in that team, would
10 you happen to know which agent that was?

11 A No.

12 Q Would the name [REDACTED] sound correct? He was the intel advance
13 for the event.

14 A I have never heard that name before, so I don't know.

15 Q Okay.

16 A Yeah.

17 [REDACTED]: No, no worries. Thank you.

18 That's it for me, [REDACTED]. Thanks.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. I have two questions, and then I'll leave you alone for the
20 day.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q Is there anything in between suspicious person and threat?

23 A Not that I can think of, unless you have something specifically. But, yeah,
24 not that I can think of.

25 Q No, I don't have anything in mind. I'm just wondering, if you were out in

1 the field -- I think you've explained what threat is, and that seems pretty clear. It strikes
2 me as "suspicious person" being pretty broad, and I was just wondering how does one
3 distinguish between somebody who has a funny look on their face versus somebody who
4 is, like, with a range finder?

5 A I guess it just depends. Like, again, I don't know the totality of the
6 circumstances. I mean, it's kind of a broad explanation, but every situation is different.
7 If something -- if there are some circumstances or some sort of asset that they have that
8 makes it rise to the level of a threat and warrants a little -- a different response from PD, I
9 guess, or from us. But, again, it's all situation-dependent, I would say.

10 Q Is there some sort of handbook or policies about how to categorize
11 individuals as far as suspicious versus threat?

12 A I'm going to be honest with you. It's possible. Do I know specifically?
13 No.

14 [REDACTED]. Well, that is all that I have for you, sir. Again, I appreciate your
15 time.

16 We can go off the record.

17 [Whereupon, at 2:42 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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