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1 [REDACTED] We're on the record.

2 Today is November 5th, 2024, and this is a transcribed interview of [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] House Resolution 1367, expanded by House Resolution 1470, directed this  
4 task force to investigate the facts and circumstances of the attempted assassination of  
5 Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and on September 15, 2024, in  
6 West Palm Beach, Florida. Pursuant to House Resolution 1367, Chairman Kelly and  
7 Ranking Member Crow have requested this interview as part of the task force  
8 investigation.

9 Can the witness please state your name and spell your last name for the record?

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] Thank you, Agent [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED], and I am  
12 special counsel for the task force. I want to thank you for coming in for this interview  
13 today. The task force recognizes and appreciates that you are here voluntarily.

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

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

16 [REDACTED] I do.

17 [REDACTED] Will counsel please identify yourself for the record?

18 [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] Thank you.

20 Is there also an attorney present representing the Secret Service today?

21 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

22 [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 And anyone for DHS?

24 [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] Thank you.

1           There are no Members of Congress present for this interview today, but should  
2           any come, they will have the right to ask questions, and they will identify themselves and  
3           explain their affiliation with the task force.

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

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

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

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

9           [REDACTED] That's over to us. This is [REDACTED], investigative counsel,  
10          minority.

11          [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

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

13          [REDACTED] And [REDACTED], our staff director, may step in as well.

14          [REDACTED] We also have [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from our team on the line.

15          [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], if you want to introduce yourselves.

16          [REDACTED] Sure. [REDACTED], senior adviser to the task force, majority.

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

19          [REDACTED] Great. I think that's everybody.

20          So, [REDACTED] before we begin, I would like to go over the ground rules for  
21          the interview.

22          The way this interview will proceed is as follows: The majority and minority staff  
23          will alternate asking you questions 45 minutes per side, per round, till each side is  
24          finished with their questioning. The majority staff will begin and proceed for  
25          30 minutes, and then the minority staff will have 45 minutes -- sorry, 45 minutes, and

1 then minority staff will have 45 minutes to ask questions. We will then alternate back  
2 and forth in this manner until both sides have no more questions. If either side is in the  
3 middle of a specific line of questions, they may choose to end a few minutes past  
4 45 minutes to ensure completion of that specific line of questioning, including any  
5 pertinent followups.

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

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

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

16 [REDACTED] I do.

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

21 [REDACTED] I do.

22 [REDACTED] If we ask about specific conversations or events in the past and you  
23 are unable to recall the exact words or details, you should testify to the substance of  
24 those conversations or events to the best of your recollection. If you recall only a part  
25 of a conversation or event, you should give us your best recollection of those events or

1 parts of conversations that you do recall. Do you understand?

2 [REDACTED] I do.

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

7 [REDACTED] I do.

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

10 [REDACTED] I do.

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

13 [REDACTED] No.

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

20 [REDACTED] I do.

21 [REDACTED] Finally, I'd like to note that the content of what we discuss today is  
22 confidential. We ask that you not speak about what we discuss here today in this  
23 interview to any outside individual in order to preserve the integrity of this investigation.  
24 For the same reasons, the marked exhibits used today will be provided to the court  
25 reporter so that they may go in the official transcript, and any copies of those exhibits will

1 be returned to us when we wrap up.

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

7 [REDACTED] I do.

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

9 [REDACTED] No.

10 [REDACTED] I believe the Secret Service counsel has a statement to make.

11 [REDACTED] Yes. Thank you.

12 Today the Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security have made  
13 available to the task force, consistent with its requests, information and records that  
14 would not be publicly released. These disclosures include information and records  
15 covered under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal privacy information,  
16 for-official-use-only information, intelligence and law enforcement sensitive records, and  
17 raw intelligence information.

18 While the Secret Service and the Department have made this information and  
19 these records available, we continue to assert that such information and records and any  
20 discussion of such during the course of the transcribed interview is not intended for  
21 public release.

22 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving any protections and for  
23 the purposes of administrative efficiency and to promote a constructive dialogue during  
24 this transcribed interview are making this assertion at the outset of the interview to  
25 preserve all assertions of privilege -- I'm sorry, all assertions of protection from public



1 release or disclosure for information or records used or discussed.

2 The transcript and any attachments are also protected from further dissemination  
3 to the same extent of the documents and information they are based on. We would ask  
4 that you please consult with the Secret Service and the Department prior to any public  
5 release or disclosure.

6 Thank you.

7 [REDACTED] Thank you.

8 As we've discussed before, the task force understands the requests from the  
9 Secret Service and DHS. Any requests for confidentiality or redactions will be taken up  
10 by the chair, in consultation with the minority, and the considerations that you have  
11 raised will be taken into account in making their determinations as to what, if anything, to  
12 redact or keep confidential. And all --

13 [REDACTED] Thank you.

14 [REDACTED] And all existing agreements -- preexisting agreements remain in  
15 effect between the task force and DHS and the Secret Service.

16 [REDACTED] Thank you. We appreciate the consideration. Thanks.

17 [REDACTED] Great. I believe no one else -- does DHS have anything that they'd  
18 like to add or can we start the interview?

19 [REDACTED] No, nothing at this time. Thank you.

20 [REDACTED] Okay. Great. Thank you. So we're going to go -- we're going to  
21 start time right now.

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY [REDACTED]

24 Q Special Agent [REDACTED] how long have you been with the Secret Service?

25 A Since May of [REDACTED]

1 Q And what is your current title at the Secret Service?

2 A Senior special agent.

3 Q And how long have you had that title?

4 A Since [REDACTED]

5 Q And you are stationed in the [REDACTED] Field Office, or you -- let me put it this  
6 way: You were stationed in the [REDACTED] Field Office as of July 13 of this year?

7 A I was.

8 Q Okay. And you have since moved to the [REDACTED] Field Office?

9 A I have, yes.

10 Q Okay. And that happened when, roughly?

11 A I reported to the [REDACTED] Resident Office [REDACTED].

12 Q [REDACTED]. Okay.

13 Have your duties changed between what you were doing at -- for the -- in the field  
14 office in [REDACTED] as of July 13th versus your duties now in the [REDACTED] Field Office?

15 A Yes, they have.

16 Q Can you just tell us in what ways they've changed?

17 A My assignment has changed. In [REDACTED] I oversaw protective intelligence  
18 investigations for the field office, and I was also a member of the [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED] on the domestic terrorism squad [REDACTED]. Here in [REDACTED] I'm an investigative  
20 agent, and I no longer have those two responsibilities exclusively.

21 Q And the change in responsibilities, was that something you requested or was  
22 that something that was assigned to you?

23 A I requested the transfer. The [REDACTED] Resident Office is a smaller office.

24 They do not have enough personnel to designate specifically to task forces and things of  
25 that nature, so we all in this office conduct all manner of investigations, nothing specific.

1 Q Okay. Have you been subject to any, I think it's called, situational telework  
2 requirements since July 13?

3 A I have not.

4 Q Okay. And you have not been -- as far as you're aware, you have not been  
5 placed on any kind of leave or anything like that?

6 A No, I have not.

7 Q Okay. Thank you.

8 So let's just briefly talk a little bit about your history with the Secret Service, your  
9 career. You said you started in [REDACTED] Is that right?

10 A I did.

11 Q Can you just give us an overview of your career -- we don't need a lot of  
12 detail, just sort of, you know, a general overview to, you know, from [REDACTED] to the present.

13 A I was hired [REDACTED]. I started in the [REDACTED] Resident Office.  
14 This was my first duty station. I was in the [REDACTED] office until January of [REDACTED] and then I  
15 was assigned to the [REDACTED] protective detail in [REDACTED] I transferred and reported to  
16 [REDACTED] in January of [REDACTED] I was there until May of [REDACTED] and then I transferred to the  
17 [REDACTED] Field Office in May of [REDACTED]

18 In the [REDACTED] Field Office, as I said, I managed and oversaw protective  
19 intelligence investigations, and I was also a member of the [REDACTED].  
20 In August of [REDACTED] I transferred here to the [REDACTED] Resident Office, and I have been here  
21 since that time.

22 Q Got it. I'm sorry, you mentioned that you were on the [REDACTED] protective  
23 detail?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q I'm sorry, I didn't catch what years you did that.

1           A     January of [REDACTED] through May of [REDACTED]

2           Q     Got it.   Okay.   And during that time -- and we've talked to a number of  
3     special agents with the Secret Service, so we understand that people do -- there's -- you  
4     know, there's the protective element and there's also the investigative element.   When  
5     you were on the detail for [REDACTED], were you doing exclusively protective  
6     services?

7           A     I was.

8           Q     Okay.   And prior to that, had you done both protective services and  
9     investigative services?

10          A     Yes.

11          Q     Okay.   So let's focus on protective intelligence, which is --

12          A     Okay.

13          Q     -- as we understand, that was your function for the July 13th event.   Can  
14     you tell us a little bit about what types of -- well, first, tell us what protective intelligence  
15     is, what do you do in that role, and then tell us a little bit about how you're trained for  
16     that role.

17          A     Protective intelligence, in my understanding, refers to investigations  
18     regarding threats to U.S. Secret Service protectees and protective sites.   Typically how it  
19     works in the field, for agents assigned to field offices and other offices, is that we will  
20     either get a referral from the Protective Intelligence Division or a request for investigation  
21     regarding a threat directed towards a protected site or a protected person.   We'll then  
22     conduct that investigation and send results back to the Protective Intelligence Division.

23                 We also investigate threats that have been generated through the field, reported  
24     by private citizens, other law enforcement, things that would -- that have appeared  
25     online, any manner of sources in the field.   Then those are reported back to the

1 Protective Intelligence Division for consideration for further investigation or referral for a  
2 case.

3 Q Okay. So it sounds like you both are -- in that role, you would both receive  
4 information from the Protective Intelligence, is it headquarters, is that the way to call it,  
5 in --

6 A Yeah, the Protective Intelligence Division is located in our headquarters  
7 division in Washington, D.C.

8 Q Got it. So you could receive information from them that you would then  
9 investigate or use for your protective services purposes, or you could also develop your  
10 own investigations based on tips from the field, as it were?

11 A Exactly.

12 Q Okay. And how long have you -- let me ask you this. In the  
13 protective -- when you were on the [REDACTED] detail, did you  
14 perform protective intelligence functions at various times as to him?

15 A No. We did not have a squad or a person dedicated to protective  
16 intelligence on that detail. We were responsible for the physical security. We didn't  
17 conduct any investigations.

18 Q Okay. And is that because, as far as you can recall, there was no specific  
19 threat that you were aware of while you were on his detail?

20 A I wasn't privy to any direct threats [REDACTED] during my  
21 time there.

22 Q Okay. And so did you start -- did you do protective intelligence prior to  
23 being on the detail for [REDACTED]?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Okay. Can you just tell us a little bit about what training you received, if

1 any, for purposes of doing protective intelligence functions?

2 A Of course. In the special agent training course, the Secret Service training  
3 center, all recruits and incoming classes receive protective intelligence training. And  
4 during my time in the [REDACTED], prior to going to the [REDACTED], I was  
5 here for approximately [REDACTED] years, not quite [REDACTED] years; I conducted multiple protective  
6 intelligence investigations over that time.

7 Q Okay. And was that -- was the protective intelligence service that you  
8 provided back then, was that focused on particular threats or potential threats or issues  
9 relating to a protectee, or more generally in terms of investigations that the Secret  
10 Service might be involved in?

11 A So they would be threats directed towards any protectee of the Secret  
12 Service during that timeframe.

13 Q Got it. And so the protective -- just to be clear -- and this -- again, I know  
14 I'm asking some questions here that are pretty obvious, but it's for the record.  
15 Protective intelligence services is meant for the protectee. There are also -- of course,  
16 there's investigative services that the Secret Service provides in conjunction with the  
17 [REDACTED] and other agencies. Those are separate things, right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. And was there -- was the training that you received for protective  
20 intelligence function, was that different and differentiated from the training that you  
21 received for the, call it, generalized investigative function that you also had?

22 A So when you get general investigative training through our training division,  
23 we were trained in all manner of investigations. There was a counterfeit training course,  
24 a protective intelligence training course, so specific courses related to the laws that we  
25 enforce and the investigations that we conduct.

1 Q Okay. And since [REDACTED] I think is when you left the [REDACTED]  
2 detail and you joined the [REDACTED] Field Office. Is that right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Since that time, have you engaged in -- have you served a function as a  
5 protective intelligence, you know, or a focus on protective intelligence for certain  
6 protectees?

7 A Yes. My first year in the [REDACTED] office I was conducting all investigations.  
8 After my first year, I took over as an unofficial, what we would call a backup, a  
9 nonsupervisory position where I was overseeing all of the protective intelligence  
10 investigations conducted by the [REDACTED] Field Office.

11 Q Okay. And that first year you were -- were you -- I'm not sure -- exclusively  
12 doing protective intelligence or you were the person who did protective intelligence for  
13 that office?

14 A During the first year I did all manner of investigations. The agent that was  
15 overseeing Protective Intelligence at that time retired and I took his spot.

16 Q Okay. So you were the person who was responsible in that office for  
17 protective intelligence services --

18 A Yes.

19 Q -- that year? Okay.

20 And then after that, you said that you took more of a backup role in Protective  
21 Intelligence. Is that right?

22 A Backup meaning a nonsupervisory overseeing position. So I was a GS-13  
23 with a supervisory role but not promoted as a supervisor.

24 Q Okay.

25 A And then my last 2 remaining years in the [REDACTED] Field Office I was assigned

1 to the [REDACTED] --

2 Q Okay.

3 A -- as well, so I maintained both assignments.

4 Q Got it. Okay. So -- and, you know, the last 2 years when you were on the  
5 [REDACTED], the -- was that -- were your functions different than protective  
6 services for that?

7 A No, they were added to. I still maintained protective intelligence  
8 investigations. I also had a desk at the [REDACTED] where I served on the domestic terrorism  
9 task force. I was able to work Secret Service threat investigations as well as domestic  
10 terrorism concurrently.

11 Q Got it. So you did both functions, but --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- the functions on the [REDACTED] was more of a generalized intelligence or  
14 threat investigation relating to open and criminal investigations or terrorist investigations  
15 versus the protectee intelligence services, which are different, focused on a particular  
16 protectee, right?

17 A Sometimes. In my role as a Secret Service agent on that [REDACTED], for  
18 example, if we were to have a threat case and a person were to threaten the director of  
19 the [REDACTED] the President of the United States, and the Governor of Arizona, then my role in  
20 that would be to evaluate the threat to the Secret Service protectee and to provide  
21 counsel regarding our violations in conjunction with that report.

22 Q Okay. So roughly how much of your time would you say in the last 2 years,  
23 prior to leaving for the [REDACTED] Field Office, did you spend -- and, again, I'm just asking for  
24 a rough estimate -- did you spend on the [REDACTED] duties versus the protective  
25 intelligence duties?



1           A    I would say, roughly, 75 percent was Secret Service Protective Intelligence  
2   and 25 percent with the [REDACTED] on domestic terrorism.

3           Q    Okay.  And I assume that you have [REDACTED] ?

4           A    I do.

5           Q    And for the record, that stands for [REDACTED]  
6   [REDACTED] right?

7           A    Yes.

8           Q    And when did you receive your [REDACTED] again, I'm not looking for an exact year,  
9   unless you remember, but have you had [REDACTED] most of your career, all of your career at  
10  the Secret Service?

11          A    As far as I'm aware, my entire career.

12          Q    Your entire career.

13          [REDACTED] Hello, there.  This is -- sorry -- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was dropped.  So  
14  let's just continue on.  I'm on the audio only right now.  All right?

15          [REDACTED] Okay.

16          BY [REDACTED]

17          Q    And that [REDACTED] has maintained -- you've been maintaining good  
18  standing on that through the present day, correct?

19          A    I have.

20          Q    Okay.  Let's turn to the actual event on July 13th.  We'll start with some  
21  issues before the event itself, but then -- we'll then -- we'll talk about the event itself.

22                Do you recall when you first learned that you would be working on the Butler  
23  event?

24          A    Yes.  I was notified, I believe it was July 10th, by the campaign operations  
25  section that I had been activated as a jump team leader, which was my role for the

1 campaign, and that I would be working at an event in the Pittsburgh area for former  
2 President Trump.

3 Q Got it. Can you tell us a little bit more about that -- the -- you mentioned,  
4 I'm sorry, it was the campaign -- what was it called?

5 A So we refer to it as CNOS ops.

6 Q Yes.

7 A It's the campaign nominee operations. They're responsible for passing out  
8 the assignments, logistics, and things for campaign personnel for their assignments and  
9 travel.

10 Q Got it. And so you were informed that you would be activated for that  
11 role?

12 A Yes. My assignment for the 2024 Presidential campaign was a jump team  
13 leader, which means I'm assigned a group of agents, primarily HSI agents. And I am  
14 responsible for coordinating with them logistics, equipment, travel, things like that for  
15 post-standing purposes for the campaign.

16 Q Got it. And you were first informed that -- of your -- of the jump leader  
17 role on July 10th, or was that when you first learned about the Butler event?

18 A On July 10th, I received an email that my team had been activated. We  
19 were traveling to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a President Trump rally or campaign event.

20 Q Got it. And your team consisted of people only in the [REDACTED] office or  
21 around the country?

22 A No. So my team was primarily HSI agents. I had a list of [REDACTED] HSI agents  
23 that I was given on the 10th, and then [REDACTED] was added shortly after that.

24 Q Okay. And can you just tell us for the record what an HSI agent is?

25 A Homeland Security Investigations. We've been using their special agents to

1 supplement post-standing duties for the campaign.

2 Q Got it. And you were in the [REDACTED] in 2020, right?

3 A Yes, I was.

4 Q Did you perform or were you assigned to a similar function in 2020 for that  
5 campaign?

6 A I was. I was also a jump team leader in the 2020 campaign.

7 Q And similarly, were there HSI agents used to supplement Secret Service  
8 agents for your team back then?

9 A Not for my team, no. In the 2020 campaign, my team was -- consisted of  
10 Federal Air Marshals.

11 Q Okay. But you had a different agency that was supplementing the --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- Secret Service? Okay.

14 A Yes.

15 Q And we understand that there might've been some issue with your email  
16 that had you down as HSI. Do you recall that?

17 A There were -- some of the logistical emails I was not receiving, for example,  
18 rental car logistics, things like that, and discovered with the ops department that my  
19 email had been listed incorrectly.

20 Q Got it. Okay.

21 Were you ever assigned to be a jump leader or activated to be a jump leader other  
22 than for the campaign in 2020 and the campaign this year?

23 A No. 2020 was my first time as a jump team leader.

24 Q Okay. So is it your understanding that you were activated because there  
25 were campaigns in full swing in those 2 years?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay.

3 A It's a voluntary position. I volunteered to be a jump team leader for the  
4 campaign.

5 Q Got it. So you had volunteered prior to July 10th and then you were  
6 informed on July 10th that you were now going to be activated?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Got it. And the prior -- I'm sorry to belabor this, but the prior time that  
9 you'd actually been a jump leader with HSI agents supplementing was in 2020,  
10 not -- there was no other instances of that?

11 A 2020 I also volunteered to be a jump team leader and was assigned the team  
12 of air marshals and traveled exclusively in the month of October into November for that  
13 campaign.

14 Q Got it. Okay. Now, when you were informed that you would be, you  
15 know, the jump leader for -- you know, your team was being activated for the campaign  
16 and that you would be going to Pennsylvania, did you have any other role that you were  
17 assigned other than jump leader?

18 A For the campaign?

19 Q For that particular event or for the campaign.

20 A Not until I received my assignment for the site. I was post standing at site  
21 two, and at site two my assignment as a post stander was to do the protective  
22 intelligence team.

23 Q Got it. Can you just tell us, again, for the record -- and we all know what  
24 the answer to this is, but we still need to do it for the record -- what a post stander is?

25 A A post stander is a -- one of the agents that is assigned to a specific site, and

1 they generally have a fixed or a roving post in support of the security for that site.

2 Q Got it. So you're providing physical security in addition to providing  
3 protective intelligence security --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- services? Got it.

6 A Yes.

7 Q Was there anything to you that was unusual about the assignment, in your  
8 experience, that you were, you know, jump leader, you'd been -- you were being now  
9 assigned as the site PI. Is that the phrase that's often used?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And also a post stander. Was anything unusual about that from your  
12 experience?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. And so as far as you were concerned, that was standard operating  
15 procedure?

16 A It was.

17 Q Okay. Do you know who Special Agent [REDACTED] is?

18 A I do.

19 Q And who is he?

20 A He's an agent assigned to the [REDACTED] Field Office.

21 Q And do you recall that you had some communications with him prior to the  
22 July 13th event?

23 A I do.

24 Q Okay. I'd like to enter into the record -- and because we're doing this all  
25 remotely, it will be a little more cumbersome than usual -- but majority exhibit, it will be

1 No. 1, and it's Bates 4572.

2 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 1

3 was marked for identification.]

4 BY [REDACTED]

5 Q So you'll see that -- can you so see that okay or do --

6 A I can.

7 Q -- we need to blow it up?

8 Okay. Great. I'm going to actually show my age and put my glasses on because  
9 I can't see it that great.

10 So this is an exchange by email, and the names are redacted, but we can represent  
11 to you who's on there. And if you can recall the exchange, we can ask some questions  
12 about it. But the first is from Special Agent [REDACTED] and it's to you. And you can tell  
13 by the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And it's July 12th. And that's the date before -- that's the day before the  
16 event, right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And it looks as if -- some of this is a little blocked out -- but that Special  
19 Agent [REDACTED] says, "Good afternoon. I'm doing PI for the event. Please reach out  
20 to -- it's blanked out -- tomorrow. His cell is" -- blanked out. And then you respond,  
21 "Okay, will do. I'm assuming I'm doing site PI? Haven't heard from site advance yet."  
22 To which he responds, "Yes, wasn't sure if -- blank -- reached out or not yet." And then  
23 you respond, "Not yet. No worries. I have plenty of experience with PI. Won't be a  
24 problem."

25 Do you know, sitting here today, who is the blanked out name in the bottom

1 email?

2 A As far as who the email is sent from?

3 Q Yeah. No. I'm sorry. Where -- in the text it says, "I'm doing PI for the  
4 event, please reach out to -- blank -- tomorrow." Do you know who blank is?

5 A Yes. That was my counterpart --

6 Q And who's that?

7 A -- from the -- [REDACTED] from the Pennsylvania State's 12th, State Police  
8 Department.

9 Q Got it. Do you know why he was -- or Special Agent [REDACTED] was asking you  
10 to reach out to Pennsylvania State Patrol when he was telling you that he's doing the PI  
11 for the event?

12 A Yes. It's typical when you are assigned as a site PI agent that there is a PI  
13 advance agent who will reach out and provide you a counterpart from local law  
14 enforcement. They work with you during the day, during the event or the evening  
15 event, whatever the time may be. And they are there to facilitate State and local  
16 interaction and security for the event along with your interaction as intelligence. So this  
17 is a typical email you would receive from a PI advance advising you who your counterpart  
18 would be.

19 Q Got it. So --

20 A However, in this case, I got this before I received my site assignment. So at  
21 the time of this receipt of this email I wasn't aware yet what my post-standing assignment  
22 was.

23 Q Got it. So just for clarity, when Special Agent [REDACTED] is saying, please  
24 reach out to PSP, that that was not for you to get your assignment; it was to get your  
25 counterpart, assuming that you had the assignment of being site PI?

1 A Exactly.

2 Q Okay. Now, when you asked Special Agent [REDACTED] "I'm assuming I'm  
3 doing site PI," so it seems that you had not actually heard as of the afternoon before the  
4 event. Is that right?

5 A Shortly after this email, I received my post-standing assignment. At the  
6 time of this email, I had not received it yet. This was the first email I received regarding  
7 assignments at the post-standing location site two.

8 Q Got it. And you said that you assumed to be PI, site PI. Can you just tell  
9 us why you made that assumption?

10 A Because the PI advance agent reached out and provided information for a  
11 counterpart.

12 Q Got it. Okay. So you're inferring that -- [REDACTED] had told you, he's the PI  
13 from -- he's doing PI for the -- from the [REDACTED] Field Office. You're reaching out to  
14 the PSP, so you made the natural inference that you were probably doing the site PI  
15 yourself?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Got it. And did you actually -- so you said that you did get your assignment  
18 shortly thereafter. Do you --

19 A Yes.

20 Q -- remember who made the assignment?

21 A I received an email from the site agent, [REDACTED].

22 Q And the site agent worked for the [REDACTED]?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Got it. And did you hear from, at this point, from Lead Agent [REDACTED] in the  
25 [REDACTED] office or only from Special Agent [REDACTED]



1           A    I believe I got an email on the 11th from the lead agent providing logistics for  
2 the event. That is also typical. The lead agent usually reaches out a day or two in  
3 advance to let you know what your hotel accommodations are going to be and other  
4 things relative to the visit itself.

5           Q    Got it. So on July 11th, the day before, the lead agent from [REDACTED] Field  
6 Office, Special Agent [REDACTED] would've contacted you about logistics. But on  
7 July 12th -- and not about your specific assignment. But on July 12th, you were  
8 contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] about what your specific assignment was?

9           A    Yes.

10          Q    Got it.

11                So you say at the top of the email chain, "I have plenty of experience with PI.  
12 Won't be a problem." And obviously you've explained your extensive history with PI, so  
13 that's what you're referring to when you were saying this to Special Agent [REDACTED] right?

14          A    Exactly. I was letting him know this was not my first time doing site PI, and  
15 that I would --

16          Q    It wasn't your first rodeo?

17          A    No, and I would catch up on anything that was delayed incoming.

18          Q    Got it. Did you think that there was a bit of delay, that you were learning  
19 of your specific assignment the day before the event?

20          A    This is typical of the campaign, also of large sites when there's a large  
21 amount of preparation to do, or perhaps, in some instances, you get last-minute notice of  
22 sites. So it's not uncommon for site agents and logistic information for these events to  
23 come at all manner of times and dates, just up and to the event.

24          Q    Got it.

25          A    The campaign is very unpredictable.

1 Q Right. Understood. That makes sense.

2 And so this was not unusual in your experience? It wasn't particularly rushed, in  
3 your experience?

4 A No.

5 Q And as you said, you have plenty of experience in PI, so you believe that you  
6 could get the information you needed and be in position to do your job effectively even  
7 though you were getting the assignment the day before?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. I just want to -- we can actually take that down. We can go back to  
10 screen. Thank you.

11 Just a little bit more about your experience doing PI work at events like Butler.

12 Have you done PI work at outdoor rallies before the July 13th event?

13 A I have done -- and forgive me for not being specific. There have been a  
14 number of protective events in my career. I'm --

15 Q I'm not looking for specifics --

16 A Yeah.

17 Q -- just more have you done them and, you know, that kind of thing.

18 A Yeah. I've done a number of site PI assignments.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Both indoor and outdoor.

21 Q Got it. So both. And had you ever done a PI -- have you ever served in a  
22 PI function for an outdoor rally for former President Trump before this?

23 A Not for former President Trump specifically, no.

24 Q Okay. And in 2020, when you were doing PI and you got the job -- and you  
25 were activated for jump lead, did you do any rallies for then-President Trump providing

1 services, protective intelligence services?

2 A No. In the 2020 campaign, the jump teams, because we are working with  
3 agents from outside the Secret Service, we were exclusively assigned to the campaign  
4 nominees and not to the sitting President. So we did not do any protection for the  
5 sitting President. That was done exclusively by Secret Service personnel.

6 Q Got it. So the -- so you did protective services for events in 2020 for  
7 then-nominee Biden and for other nominees who might've been running at the time, but  
8 not for former President Trump?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Got it. And then since -- between the 2020 campaign and the July 13th  
11 event, do you recall if you did outdoor rallies for any protectee providing protective  
12 intelligence services?

13 A Yes. We had former President Trump in [REDACTED] for an outdoor rally. I  
14 did not do site PI for that; however, I was the PI advance agent for that event, so I am  
15 familiar with his rallies indoor and outdoor.

16 Q Okay. And did you -- any other protectee that you did, you were site PI for  
17 prior to -- between 2020 and 2024, did you do site PI work for at an outdoor event?

18 A I can't give you specific names. A number of times indoor and outdoor,  
19 yeah.

20 Q Okay. So --

21 A I'm sorry. I've done it numerous times.

22 Q Okay. And you mentioned that you've been an advance -- you've done  
23 advance PI work before. Can you tell us a little bit about what that involves?

24 A So the responsibilities for the PI advance agent are to coordinate with State  
25 and local, as well as Federal law enforcement agencies, to gather intelligence directly

1 related to the event, the protective visit, prior to, up to, and during the visit itself. The  
2 way that was conducted, in my experience in [REDACTED] is we would have a police meeting.  
3 We would speak with intelligence divisions from local, State law enforcement. We  
4 would also inform federally the [REDACTED] prior to the visit.

5 Specifically, my squad at the [REDACTED] my direct supervisor would receive an email  
6 notification from myself or someone else in my office advising him of the visit and asking  
7 him to pass along any intelligence related to our protectee of that specific visit.

8 Q Got it. Okay. And do you know who was doing advance PI for the Butler  
9 event?

10 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 Q Got it. And did you actually reach out to the PSP counterpart, per that  
12 email we saw?

13 A I did.

14 Q And do you remember his name?

15 A [REDACTED]

16 Q Had you ever worked with Officer [REDACTED] before?

17 A No.

18 Q Had you ever done an event in Pennsylvania before?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you had -- you've already said this, but just to confirm, you've routinely  
21 coordinated with local law enforcement in your prior duties as a PI, a site PI, or as  
22 advance PI?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did you have a sense or did you know whether or not Officer [REDACTED] had  
25 prior experience working PI?

1           A    I believe we discussed it during the -- on the day of the visit. I had no prior  
2 knowledge of his experience --

3           Q    And what'd he --

4           A    -- before meeting him.

5           Q    What'd he tell you the day of the visit about his prior experience?

6           A    I don't recall his exact assignment with the Pennsylvania State Police;  
7 however, I believe it was intelligence based.

8           Q    Got it. So your impression was that he had prior experience, at least with  
9 intelligence services?

10          A    Yes.

11          Q    Generally speaking, did you feel, prior to the event, that you received  
12 enough information about what your role was and how you're supposed to do your job  
13 from whatever source, and did you feel comfortable doing your job?

14          A    I did.

15          Q    And did you feel that you had enough engagement with both Special Agent  
16 [REDACTED] and also with Officer [REDACTED] prior to the July 13th event to know what everybody  
17 was doing?

18          A    The interaction I had with Special Agent [REDACTED] was limited to those emails.  
19 I did not meet with him prior to the event. With Officer [REDACTED] I may have exchanged a  
20 text or a phone call, and then prior to meeting him the day of the event.

21          Q    And --

22          A    And the interaction with either gentlemen happened after or on the day of  
23 the event.

24          Q    Got it. So the interaction you had with them prior to the event was by  
25 email, or did you -- would you have called him or would it have just been by email?

1           A     Officer [REDACTED] I -- or I think it was Officer [REDACTED] -- I called and texted him  
2 prior to the event and during the event.

3           Q     Got it. And with respect to those two, the special agent and the officer, did  
4 you feel that they had engaged with you sufficiently prior to the event to make sure you  
5 knew what you were supposed to do that day?

6           A     I knew what I was supposed to do that day. I was prepared.

7           Q     Okay. Special Agent [REDACTED] did -- you've obviously done -- you've had a  
8 lot of experience with PI, and I assume you dealt with other field offices and people who  
9 were doing advance PI where you're doing site PI. Was the level of engagement you had  
10 with him similar to/dissimilar to engagements you've had with other special agents  
11 serving the role he was serving that day?

12          A     I wouldn't say similar or dissimilar. There are different styles for  
13 communicating protective intelligence information, also different requirements based on  
14 the guidelines of the Secret Service and your individual field office. The way we  
15 operated protective intelligence in [REDACTED] we were required by our SAIC to send out a  
16 briefing prior to visits with any relevant information in our district and specific to the site.  
17 So the interaction I had was different than what I would have had in my own district. So  
18 not really dissimilar; it's different.

19          Q     Different. So --

20          A     Yes.

21          Q     -- I think -- I just -- so you would have -- in your experience out of [REDACTED] is  
22 that you would send a briefing prior to the event to the other agents working on a  
23 particular protective detail?

24          A     Yes. That was the requirement in my field office for visits in the [REDACTED]  
25 district.

1 Q Got it. But that -- but you didn't receive anything like that from the  
2 [REDACTED] Field Office, right?

3 A I did not.

4 Q And from your prior experience, was it typical or atypical that other field  
5 offices would do the similar type of thing that the [REDACTED] Field Office does and send out  
6 pre-briefs and things like that, and pre-information beforehand about the PI role?

7 A I have, in 20 years, really received all manner of briefings for protective  
8 intelligence. This was on the -- again, and not knowing how much time or information  
9 was given to prepare, this was a briefer brief, so to speak.

10 Q A briefer brief, all right.

11 A A briefer brief.

12 Q It was on the lower -- got it.

13 A It was on the lower side of what I've received.

14 Q Got it. It was on the low end of -- if there's a spectrum of, let's say [REDACTED]  
15 is at one end, this was closer to the end of really not receiving any particular information  
16 prior to the event from the advance PI?

17 A The emails that you have are all of the contact that I had with Agent [REDACTED]  
18 prior to the event.

19 Q Got it. Did you -- were you aware, prior to July 13th, of any specific or  
20 credible threat against former President Trump?

21 A Related to that particular visit or in general?

22 Q In general.

23 A I've personally investigated numerous threats to former President Trump  
24 that originated from my district. Generally speaking, I was aware of nothing specific to  
25 that event or at that time, no.

1 Q Got it. And did anyone prior to that event -- putting aside your prior  
2 investigations relating to threats to former President Trump from your district, did  
3 anyone inform you that there was a specific or credible threat against former  
4 President Trump as part of informing you of what you're supposed to be doing on  
5 July 13th?

6 A I received no direct information regarding that date and time or that event  
7 related to threats towards President Trump, no.

8 Q Did you receive any indirect information?

9 A Nothing. No indication of any threats --

10 Q Got it.

11 A -- related to him for that specific site or during that time period.

12 Q Got it. And in your role as site PI, and also given that you have [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED] is it fair to say that you would expect that if there was a credible threat or a  
14 specific threat that you would have been informed of that?

15 A Again, that kind of falls on the direction of the field office. At that time, the  
16 policy in the office I came from was any information we had regarding a threat to a  
17 specific site or a protectee or a visit in our district would be passed along to all parties  
18 working protective intelligence.

19 Q Got it.

20 A I assumed there was no adverse intelligence based on the information I had.

21 Q Got it. Were -- did you have direct contact with Protective Intelligence in  
22 D.C. relating to this event, or were you getting your information from -- if any, from  
23 Special Agent [REDACTED]

24 A So for specific sites and events, information from the Protective Intelligence  
25 Division in Washington, D.C. goes to the protective intelligence advance and then it's



1 disseminated to the post standers, specifically the protect -- the site PI.

2 Q Got it.

3 A Anything I would have received from D.C. would have come through

4 [REDACTED]

5 Q Got it. So there wouldn't have been direct -- they wouldn't have reached  
6 out to you directly. They would've gone to [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED] would've told you  
7 if there was something like that that you needed to know?

8 A Exactly.

9 Q Got it.

10 Okay. So let's -- I've got about 5 minutes left in my time. Let's just start on the  
11 campaign day -- the day of the event itself, on July 13th. First of all, before we get into  
12 that, you're obviously based in [REDACTED] Pennsylvania is far away. Is that fairly  
13 standard in your experience that you or other agents would be assigned to events that  
14 are, you know, very -- well distant from their field offices?

15 A For the campaign, yes. As a jump team you're activated at the beginning of  
16 your [REDACTED]-week rotation, and the expectation is that you will travel for [REDACTED] weeks straight to  
17 numerous cities all over the U.S.

18 Q Got it. And it's -- the campaign is particularly -- is when that happens  
19 because there's so many events that you have to cover, the Secret Service has to cover.

20 A Yes, hence the name "jump team." You jump from city to city, site to site  
21 every couple of days.

22 Q Got it. And it's a [REDACTED]-week rotation. Is that what you said?

23 A Yes.

24 Q So you are traveling basically nonstop for [REDACTED] weeks away --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- from home?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is it -- and you are informed in advance that it's a [REDACTED]-week period. Is that  
4 right?

5 A That's the assumption, yes.

6 Q Does it sometimes vary, that it's longer or shorter than that?

7 A Sometimes. This last rotation that I was on was [REDACTED] weeks, and there was an  
8 event in California, so I was able to fly back to my post of duty in [REDACTED] and spend one  
9 night at home and then travel to Santa Barbara for my post of duty. So sometimes  
10 you're able to have a stop for a day or two at home. Sometimes it's not a full [REDACTED] weeks.  
11 But the anticipation was [REDACTED] straight weeks of travel for this assignment.

12 Q Got it. And you mentioned the [REDACTED]-week travel. That's obviously -- that's a  
13 [REDACTED] of travel. You might be able to go home for a day or so, but it's still [REDACTED] weeks  
14 of travel?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And is it common in your experience that you're -- the [REDACTED] weeks might extend  
17 past [REDACTED] weeks, even if you have a brief stopover at home?

18 A It's not common. We try to -- they try to limit it to the [REDACTED] weeks. However,  
19 during the [REDACTED] weeks that you're not activated for the campaign, we are still doing  
20 protection, either in district or supplementing Presidential or Vice Presidential or other  
21 visits in the U.S.

22 Q Got it. Okay. So when you were organizing the -- were you organizing the  
23 HSI team or was that -- were they assigned to you and you just -- and you met them  
24 through that -- through the assignment?

25 A They were assigned to me. I was given a list of names. I reached out to

1       them via email, introduced myself, provided my contact information, and then I met them  
2       for the first time the morning of the 13th --

3               Q     Got it.

4               A     -- in person.

5               Q     So when -- got it.   And so is that also relatively standard that you meet the  
6       jump team, as it were, at the -- you know, the -- when you actually are at the event?

7               A     It happens.   It's not always the case.   For example, on this particular  
8       assignment, prior to that day, this team and I were going to then roll from Pittsburgh to  
9       the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.   So we were going to continue on  
10      traveling together for probably the next [REDACTED] weeks had the event not happened.

11              Q     Got it.   And -- but there are instances in which you -- well, let me ask you  
12      this.   Had you worked with this particular group of people before?

13              A     No.   This was our first assignment for the campaign.

14              Q     Okay.   Before my time runs out, let me just go through one more exhibit.  
15      Can we put up majority exhibit No. 2, which we Bates stamped 4544?

16                               [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 2  
17                               was marked for identification.]

18                      BY [REDACTED]

19              Q     I'll put my glasses on again.   Can you see that okay?

20              A     Yes.

21              Q     And I think this is the email exchange.   First one is on July 11th.   And it's a  
22      little bit hard for me to read, but it says, "Good evening everyone.   As you now -- as of  
23      now, you should all have your flights to Pittsburgh, if you're continuing on to Milwaukee,  
24      those flights as well.   You should have -- you should also have reporting instructions and  
25      hotel info for the Pittsburgh visit.   If you haven't received your flight information or

1 reporting instructions, please let me know."

2 And it's -- the subject line is, "CNOS Jump Team #3." That was your jump team,  
3 right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And this is an email from you -- again, that -- your name is blacked out, but  
6 the [REDACTED] is the indication --

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q -- to the HSI who would be on the jump team, right?

9 A Yes, I'm familiar with the email.

10 Q Got it. And then the next email up, this is the day -- the morning of the  
11 event. And you say, "Team, if I haven't heard from you at this point, I'm assuming you  
12 are here in Pittsburgh with no issues. Let's plan on meeting in the lobby of the hotel at  
13 0915, per the reporting instructions for site two. I will have lapel pins and extra  
14 radios/surveillance kits if anyone needs one. If you have any questions about your  
15 assignment, please don't hesitate to ask." You also say you need a ride.

16 So this is -- you're now just checking in to make sure that everybody's in place.

17 A Yes, to make sure -- during this time, from the 11th to the 12th, people were  
18 traveling from all different areas of the U.S., so it's not unusual not to have heard from  
19 somebody. They could be in the middle of airline travel. I believe on this visit as well,  
20 skipping ahead to -- for the sake of time --

21 Q Right.

22 A -- we had one agent who had been replaced, but I had not received the  
23 information that he had been replaced with a different agent. So he was included in my  
24 email chain; however, he was not on my team.

25 Q Got it. He was the one who says upfront -- at the top, that he's not in the

1 United States, and that -- he says --

2 A Yes.

3 Q -- someone has made a mistake. Okay.

4 Was that --

5 A Yes. He had been replaced by a different agent who I met that day.

6 Q And you were not informed of that prior to this email exchange?

7 A No, I was not.

8 Q Is that something that happens routinely or on occasion in your prior  
9 protective detail functions?

10 A It's unusual. However, given that this was the first launch for us in the  
11 campaign, it's not unusual for there to be miscommunications when there are numerous  
12 events going on at the same time. There was -- we had a full team. The person that  
13 replaced him was there. I just didn't have his contact information until that morning,  
14 and we ironed it out.

15 Q Got it. And I'll just -- one last question. Did anything about this -- the fact  
16 that you learned that one of the agents you thought was assigned was, in fact, not  
17 assigned, there had been a mistake made, and there was a new agent you hadn't met yet  
18 or even by email, did that give you any concern about your ability to do your job that day?

19 A No.

20 Q Okay.

21 [REDACTED] That -- I'm over time, so I'm going to stop there. And we'll take a  
22 5-minute break, and then we'll turn it over to the minority to resume with questioning.  
23 And we can go off the record.

24 [Recess.]

1 [12:07 p.m.]

2 [REDACTED] Hearing no objections, I will go back on the record at 12:13 [sic].

3 This is [REDACTED], investigative counsel for the minority.

4 Good afternoon, Senior Special Agent. How are you?

5 [REDACTED] I'm well. Thank you. How are you?

6 [REDACTED] Oh, nowhere I'd rather be.

7 EXAMINATION

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q So I have a couple questions, but my colleague asked most of the ones I had.  
10 I just want to kind of go through a couple things they asked about, and then we'll lead  
11 into a little bit more of the day of.

12 So the first is the general CNOS campaign. When they assign you guys a role, is  
13 it, "Hey, who wants to help out," or sort of, "Everyone in the Secret Service, here's what  
14 you're doing, here's your [REDACTED] weeks," you know, you're kind of voluntold? How does that  
15 work?

16 A So, in the year leading up to the campaign, there's a solicitation that's sent  
17 out. You can rank your preferences for the campaign. If you get, you know, three or  
18 four or five options, rank them in order of your preference for what you want for your  
19 campaign assignment.

20 And during that time, there's also campaign training. For example, I went to  
21 New Jersey for CNOS training prior to going out to the campaign.

22 I was aware that I was going to be a jump team leader several months in advance,  
23 received all the equipment that I needed to do the job, shipped to my office. So I was  
24 aware, trained, ready to go for that assignment.

25 Q Got it.

1           And would it be fair to expect that as a senior special agent, someone who's been  
2 around the Secret Service for a while, that you would be assigned some sort of role every  
3 4 years during campaign season?

4           A     Yes.

5           Q     All right.

6           And I think you mentioned, this was your first event with this jump team, correct?

7           A     This was my first event for the campaign, period.

8           Q     Got it.

9           A     I had done no campaign assignments prior to that.

10          Q     Understood.

11          And then this group of folks who you would have been with, they would've  
12 been -- you would've been the team jumping around to different sites for those █ weeks  
13 or so, right?

14          A     That was the understanding, yes.

15          Q     And, you know, we've seen some of your emails in advance. It seems like  
16 most of the time -- or most of the week prior, it was sort of logistics coordination; there  
17 wasn't anything substantive. Is that right?

18          A     Yes.

19          Q     And then the last question I had on that -- I think you said this, but my  
20 apologies. Would you just be doing Trump events or going to other protectees at  
21 different sites, doing different things, as needed?

22          A     So, typically, based on my experience in the prior campaign, the jump teams  
23 would be supplementing sites for all of the campaign nominees other than a sitting  
24 President or Vice President.

25          Q     Right. You said those folks would just be Secret Service. Is that right?

1 A Yes.

2 Q All right.

3 In terms of the division of roles, how typical would it be that a jump team leader  
4 would also have, you know, a seemingly important role like protective intelligence agents  
5 at the site? Is that typical?

6 A Protective intelligence is one of the standard posts at all sites. There are a  
7 few that are standard at every site. The posts vary based on the size of the site and the  
8 nature of the event; however, that's one of the standard for every.

9 Being that other agencies don't do protective intelligence investigations for our  
10 protectees, that assignment typically goes to a Secret Service agent, either a jump team  
11 leader or if we have post-standers from the Secret Service post-standing pool. But that  
12 assignment typically does not go to an outside agency.

13 Q Got it. Bottom line, a manageable dual role, in your take?

14 A Yes.

15 Q All right.

16 You talked a bit about the intelligence briefing. You said it was different and  
17 briefer. I want to drill down just a little bit.

18 First of all, so all of the intelligence you would receive in advance of an event, you  
19 said, would go from headquarters through [REDACTED] to you. You would never reach out,  
20 as the site agent. Is that right?

21 A Not as a post-stander, no. That's not my role.

22 Q Got it.

23 And you said, in prior events, you had given a briefing when you were the lead  
24 advance agent. Is that right?

25 A Doing protective intelligence advance, yes, that was typical in my district and



1 of my assignment, to send an email briefing protective intelligence to the post-stander  
2 prior.

3 Q What kind of things would be in there?

4 A Any known demonstrations. The amount of media coverage the event had  
5 received. Any local intelligence regarding, let's say, local lookouts. If Pennsylvania  
6 State Police knew of somebody in the area that perhaps did not have a direction of  
7 interest towards our protectee but was a nuisance or a threat to other people in the area,  
8 those types of things would be included just in an overall intelligence brief.

9 Q So threats, anything that the folks on the ground would need to be aware of.

10 A Yes.

11 Q Would that ever have a [REDACTED] aspect to it?

12 A Not typically, no.

13 Q Have you ever seen a [REDACTED] e brief?

14 A No, not related to any events that I've done protective intelligence for.

15 Q Got it.

16 And then, you know, taking a step back, had you received a brief in this case  
17 saying, "[REDACTED]" how would that  
18 have changed your behavior on that day, if at all?

19 A For protective intelligence, [REDACTED], particularly for [REDACTED],  
20 that's not something that the protective intelligence agent would be looking out for.  
21 That would fall under [REDACTED].

22 Typically, what we're looking for is persons with an unusual interest. If someone  
23 were to show up at a main mag checkpoint, for example, with a greeting card, saying,  
24 "Former President Trump is my husband, and he's abandoned me, and I want to give him  
25 this Valentine's Day card"; someone that believes him to be their father; or -- you know,

1 these are all typical things that I've experienced. People show up at the White House all  
2 the time with things for the President or the Vice President, thinking they have a personal  
3 relationship.

4 Q Huh.

5 A Anything like that. Anyone that were to try and come into the site with a  
6 weapon or make a threatening statement directed at the protectee.

7 So, typically, protective intelligence at the site is just that: threats or intelligence  
8 that's developing within the site. It really doesn't address specifically [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED].

10 Q Got it.

11 And to the extent a threat like that were relayed, would I be right in thinking the  
12 protective intelligence advance agent would then have to coordinate with  
13 whichever -- you know, in this case, [REDACTED] -- to help dispense that  
14 information and figure out how to plan from there? Is that fair?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay.

17 Moving on, then, to the morning of the 13th. And, then, just sort of an overall  
18 question: From having read your mission assurance review and kind of understood a  
19 little bit of your role that day, is it fair that you were initially focused on kind of getting the  
20 jump team in place and then moved on to the PI side? Or how did you view those roles  
21 going into that day in terms of where your focus was?

22 A As you mentioned earlier, it was a dual role for me that day as a jump team  
23 leader. One of the other jump team leaders was assigned to a post at the airport. I  
24 had his team as well as my team. The [REDACTED] jump team leader was at the site but he was  
25 in an exterior post.

1           So, as far as an immediate point of contact for issues such as "how do I change my  
2   radio channel" or "my surveillance kit's not working," I was the person on hand to assist  
3   with those issues for all his personnel.   So I was balancing that as well as responding to  
4   calls for protective intelligence.

5           Q    Got it.

6           And just because it seems like most of your day -- well, let me ask you this.   How  
7   much interaction did you have with your jump-standers?   Did they need a lot -- or the  
8   post-standers on the jump team.   Did they need a lot from you throughout the day?

9           A    I checked in with them all multiple times throughout the day.   Not so much  
10   a matter of need; just being available, checking in, making sure they had what they may  
11   have needed.   If they needed a restroom break or, you know, some relief from standing  
12   in the sun, being that I wasn't a fixed post, I was able to help provide that relief.

13          Q    Was the number -- in your take, the number of his agents across the board,  
14   from your team and others, was it sufficient for the role they were playing that day?

15          A    For the crowd size -- we had approximately 15,000 people, and there was no  
16   mechanism for crowd control.

17          For example, I spent a bulk of the day assisting with medical call-outs because I  
18   had a golf cart and was paired up with State Police.   Multiple times throughout the day,  
19   we drove past the crowd and saw people passing out or near passing out from heat  
20   exhaustion.   And we would pull them out of the crowd, put them on the golf cart, drive  
21   them up to the medical tents for medical attention.

22          Lost children.   There was a mother in the crowd that felt her daughter had been  
23   touched inappropriately by another attendee.   We attempted to assist with that.

24          There was a lot of crowd control.

25          Had there been a mechanism of crowd control provided, I think it would've

1 relieved some of that burden on the post-standers.

2 Q To the extent, though, they were there, how did the his team do, from your  
3 perspective?

4 A I thought they were excellent. Given what they had to deal with in totality  
5 and given the weather conditions and the size of the crowd, I think they were absolutely  
6 excellent.

7 Q Great.

8 I want to now -- I think I've asked most of the questions that my colleague  
9 covered, so I want to move forward a little bit.

10 First of all, your partner at PSP, Trooper [REDACTED] can you talk about what your  
11 understanding going into the event of that relationship and that working back and forth  
12 would be?

13 A Typically, the way that works is, you work in tandem and throughout the  
14 event. So he has communication with Pennsylvania State Police, who was  
15 supplementing the Secret Service for that.

16 For example, if a protest group were to line up outside the venue along the  
17 motorcade route and impede motorcade traffic, that would typically be first observed by  
18 State Police, and then that would be communicated through the [REDACTED] or through  
19 Trooper [REDACTED] directly to me. And then that's something I would report either through  
20 the [REDACTED] or to Special Agent [REDACTED] so that the motorcade on approach would  
21 be aware that there may be an impediment and change their route.

22 Or if it's a hostile crowd, for example, if they're throwing things or -- things like  
23 that.

24 So things outside the site that the police would have intelligence on would be  
25 passed through him to me.

1 Q Did you have an understanding that he was your conduit to local police, as  
2 well, or just PSP?

3 A As -- and I'll kind of save everybody some time going forward.

4 Q Sure.

5 A The only local law enforcement I was aware of, at any time, that was  
6 supporting the event was Pennsylvania State Police. I was unaware that there were any  
7 other law enforcement agencies supporting that day.

8 Q Can I just clarify on that -- and this may be -- I'm not sure if you're able to  
9 answer this. Was that because you didn't think there was anyone else or just no one  
10 told you who else was doing what?

11 A I was never briefed on any other interaction. I knew that there was an EMS  
12 component, emergency medical service component, in the [REDACTED]; and  
13 Pennsylvania State Police. I was unaware of any other law enforcement agencies that  
14 were participating that day. I was not told and I was unaware that they were there.

15 Q Got it. So, going into that, I mean, is it fair, then -- you're saying, on the  
16 13th, you thought the only two agencies there were PSP and you all. Is that right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay.

19 A That was my understanding.

20 Q Understood.

21 And then the route in terms of communications was, you would give anything you  
22 knew to Trooper [REDACTED] he would give anything he knew to you; you would pass it to  
23 [REDACTED] who would get it up into the [REDACTED]. Is that right?

24 A Either at the site -- so, at the site, the post-standers -- the site starts first,  
25 typically, for an event like this. We were up and running at the site long before wheels

1 down at the airport, the motorcade departed, anything like that. So any communication  
2 we had at the site between us and local police would've gone through the [REDACTED]  
3 at that time.

4 I would've reached out for Agent [REDACTED] via telephone --

5 Q Okay.

6 A Until they were up and running at the airport with wheels down and the  
7 motorcade departing, I would not communicate [REDACTED] with the detail or Agent

8 [REDACTED]

9 Q Okay.

10 And, then, you know, before we get into more of the details, I want to get a  
11 sense -- you also mentioned in your MAR a little bit about some of the uniformed PSP  
12 troopers --

13 A Yes.

14 Q -- that you were with that day. Do you recall their names and what their  
15 roles were?

16 A I do not recall their names. There were a number of uniformed troopers in  
17 and throughout the site providing crowd control and assistance for us.

18 Q Got it. So their role was within the site as opposed to being outside?

19 A I believe it was both. I was only ever inside the site. Those were the  
20 officers that I interacted with.

21 Q Were you aware of any [REDACTED] PSP units outside of the site --

22 A I was not.

23 Q -- heading into the day?

24 A I was not.

25 Q Okay. Did you ever become aware of them, or no?

1           A    I do not know. I have heard after the fact that there may have been there,  
2 but I wasn't aware at the time, no.

3           Q    Perfect.

4           And, yeah, just to sort of level-set on that, you know, I'm sure you've seen  
5 coverage of this and --

6           A    Uh-huh.

7           Q    -- seen lots of different things. I think we're really focused on what you  
8 knew that day. Otherwise, I'll make it clear. So I appreciate that.

9           That morning or, really, any time, you know, leading up into the day, was there  
10 any discussion that you had about the AGR building?

11          A    No.

12          Q    All right. What about lines of sight from outside the event to the event?

13          A    No.

14          Q    All right. Did you have any discussion with counter-snipers about any of  
15 their concerns or what they were looking at going into the day?

16          A    No.

17          Q    All right. And any areas in particular that were highlighted as  
18 vulnerabilities or other things that, hey, we want you to keep an eye out for this type of  
19 thing?

20          A    No.

21          Q    So, then, getting to that day then very specifically, when did you first meet  
22 with Trooper [REDACTED]

23          A    Shortly after all of the posts were -- all of the agents were posted up. I  
24 believe we briefed at [REDACTED] It would've been between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I  
25 believe.

1 Q Got it. And did you guys -- I mean, you were supposed to be together, so  
2 you didn't exchange radios or anything, did you?

3 A No. We were together the entire time, with a few brief exceptions.

4 Q And do you recall any sort of concerns he had or any expectations he had, or  
5 how did those initial conversations go, about, "Hey, here's what we're going to do  
6 today"?

7 A Our primary concern on the day was the crowd, the amount of people in the  
8 venue. From an intelligence perspective and based on what I knew going into the event,  
9 that was the biggest threat.

10 Q Understood.

11 A Couple more questions before we start getting into the 5-o'clock-and-later  
12 timeframe.

13 So I understand you had a golf cart, and that was to help facilitate movement  
14 around inside the site. Is that right?

15 A Yes. It was a very large site.

16 Q And is it fair to say that, basically, your goal that day was to kind of go from  
17 point to point, wherever you were needed -- you mentioned crowd control -- just sort of  
18 roving, to the extent you were required to supplement someone else in a various area?  
19 Is that right?

20 A That and general overwatch. We spent a lot of the day, you know,  
21 observing the crowd, driving around, taking in the environment, walking around the  
22 stage, a roving -- like, what you would call, like, a roving patrol.

23 Q Got it.

24 You know, looking at some of the photos, it seemed like the crowd was kind of  
25 right in that middle area. If you had to go from, say, the northern side of the crowd



1 along the fence line to the southern side, would the route have been behind the stage  
2 and around, or how would you have gotten from one area to the other? And then how  
3 long would that have taken?

4 A It would have been behind the stage and around.

5 At one point, we did have a call from an agent posted at the press riser. That  
6 was the mother that had reported her child had been touched. And we attempted to  
7 get to her. The press riser was surrounded on all sides by attendees. We drove the  
8 golf cart as far into the crowd as we could, parked it, and then continued on foot, and it  
9 took us several minutes to get to that post-stander to answer her questions.

10 Q What about routes to leave the event? And tell me if this isn't something  
11 you would discuss, but, I mean, did you ever have a conversation of, "Hey, if we need to  
12 go outside the middle perimeter to the outer area, you know, here's how we do it, here's  
13 how long that'll take"?

14 A No.

15 Q Okay. Is that something that, as a PI agent, you would ever think you  
16 would have to do, to go outside the perimeter, or you're pretty much focused on staying  
17 inside that secured area?

18 A The only reason I would go outside the perimeter is if someone were  
19 detained or acting -- for example, if someone had -- let's say there was a drone operator  
20 that was observed outside the perimeter. Then I would leave the site to go interview  
21 that person.

22 There was never any discussion on how that would happen.

23 Q Got it.

24 Did you have a -- so -- and, then, just to clarify on that, had you had to go outside  
25 the perimeter from, let's say, the stage area, what would've been the quickest route that

1 day?

2 I mean, obviously it depends on where you're going --

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q -- but let's say the AGR building.

5 A That's -- that's a good question. I can't tell you exactly how I would get  
6 over there. I probably -- I would've relied on Trooper [REDACTED] to get me there, based on,  
7 you know, he had parked in a parking lot behind the stage. I rode in a rental car with  
8 other post-standers and was parked on the opposite side of the venue, away from that  
9 area.

10 I guess in an emergent situation, I would've jumped the fence, across the grass,  
11 and jumped another fence to get over there, or, you know, if I was in a less emergent  
12 situation, would've jumped in a car with my counterpart and driven.

13 Q Got it.

14 And you mentioned his car. So his car is already parked behind the stage? Was  
15 that where kind of the lot was?

16 A There was a lot behind the stage where he was parked, yes.

17 Q All right.

18 His role that day, was it sort of parallel to yours, in that he's a roving patrol sort of  
19 getting input from his leadership on where to go?

20 A So all direction and input that he got came from me, in coordination with his  
21 leadership. So his role was to support me and to work in tandem with me for the event.

22 Q Understood. And he had a radio to PSP as well, I assume?

23 A Yes. Radio and cell communication.

24 Q Was his radio an earpiece one, or were you hearing it when it would go off?

25 A I don't remember.

1 Q That's fine.

2 And then briefly I want to talk about your radio. So what was the initial  
3 post-stander channel? Was that [REDACTED]

4 A I believe so. Um, no. No. I believe the -- the shift typically works on  
5 [REDACTED] I believe we were on [REDACTED] at one point. I'd have to go back and look at my  
6 instructions.

7 Q Do you know what you ended up on?

8 A I think we ended up on [REDACTED] I'm --

9 Q And when you --

10 A -- not sure.

11 Q Sorry. Go ahead.

12 A Yeah, I'm not sure. I'd have to go back and look.

13 Q That's fine. But once you're on that, are you scanning, or, you know, that's  
14 your channel and that's what you're hearing?

15 A I was not scanning. I was only monitoring post-stander radio traffic at the  
16 site.

17 Q Okay.

18 Let's move forward, then, to, you know, about, let's say, 5:20. In looking at what  
19 you told the [REDACTED] you said the perimeter started breaking down a bit, you had to go assist.  
20 Is that right?

21 A Yes. The later it got in the day, the crowd began to take apart the bike  
22 rack. So it would've been to the stage-left area. If you're facing the stage, to the right,  
23 if you're facing from the stage out to the crowd, to the left, there was a row of bike racks  
24 to contain the crowd. They were taking the bike rack apart and spilling into a roadway.

25 The issue with that that I saw being a concern is, that roadway was a direct route

1 to where the motorcade would be arriving and parking, which is why the bike rack was  
2 there, to keep the crowd out of that roadway.

3 So, getting closer to the time when the event was to begin, we started driving  
4 along that bike rack, repairing it, putting it back together, and instructing people to  
5 remain on the inside.

6 There were also, you know, some medical issues where people had pushed up  
7 against the bike rack and were trying to exit, feeling sick, where we would open up the  
8 bike rack, pull them out, and remove them from the venue out to the medical tents.

9 Q Is that something -- just to help calibrate me, is that something that you  
10 would've felt the need to radio up to the site agent or the security room about? Or is  
11 that just something you're dealing with because that's the wood you have to chop in front  
12 of you?

13 A We had hundreds of medical call-outs throughout the day that EMS was  
14 responding to. That's not typically something I would put out over the radio.

15 The site assist agent was in the area, and we had a verbal discussion face-to-face  
16 about my concerns with the crowd breaking through that bike rack. She was there on  
17 the side with us. There were uniformed troopers -- as many personnel as we could get  
18 to try to reinforce that barrier.

19 Q You say "site assist." That was Senior Special Agent [REDACTED]. Is that right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay.

22 Did you ever get a call -- other than Mr. Crooks, did you ever get a call about any  
23 other suspicious individuals?

24 A Not that I recall, no.

25 Q Okay.

1           When was the first time, then, that you heard or received notice about anything  
2       regarding Mr. Crooks?

3           A     We received -- and when I say "we," Trooper [REDACTED] and I received  
4       information -- and I believe we both received it right about the same time, him from his  
5       contact with State Police, me from [REDACTED] -- that there was an individual  
6       outside the venue, along the fence line, with a rangefinder. There was no physical  
7       description, only "a person with a rangefinder, on the fence line, outside the venue."

8           I believe Trooper [REDACTED] told me that it was one of the local tactical teams that  
9       was reporting that. So we grabbed one of the uniformed troopers. He and Trooper  
10      [REDACTED] and I, the three of us, on a golf cart drove around the stage through the parking lot  
11      to try to get to the area stage-right, where the tactical teams were staged, where they  
12      were holding, to make contact with that team and figure out what they saw and where  
13      this person was located.

14          Q     Got it.

15          I want to pause you just to make sure I'm tracking. So, first of all, about what  
16      time was this, do you recall?

17          A     I believe -- and forgive me; it's been nearly 4 months -- it was about, like,  
18      5:30, 5:45, like, between 5:20 and 5:45 when we first got word that there was someone  
19      outside the venue with a rangefinder.

20          Q     And from your recollection, you heard it over the radio from [REDACTED]  
21      [REDACTED]?

22          A     It could've been. I had an earpiece in one ear and Trooper [REDACTED] speaking  
23      to me in the other ear. Between the two of us, we got the information at the same  
24      time. And we jumped on the golf cart to move to that side of the stage and find out  
25      what was going on.

1           Q    And from, you said, the fence line.   Was it understood that we're talking  
2   about the fence line near the AGR building?

3           A    So, at the time, I was in the stage-left, crowd-right area.   I had not been  
4   over on the other side of the stage in this particular area yet.   So we were really trying to  
5   figure out how to even get over to this fence line.

6           We didn't encounter the first fence until we crossed through the parking lot.   We  
7   went as far as we could until we came upon the chain-link fence.   And then we drove  
8   along the chain-link fence up until we came to a locked gate, where there was a  
9   uniformed trooper with a patrol car outside the gate and the local tactical teams.

10          From that spot, there was 20 yards of grass and then a second chain-link fence  
11   and then an industrial complex, where I later learned the AGR building was.   At the time,  
12   I didn't know anything about AGR or what that was over there.

13          Q    Yeah, I maybe asked it in a poorly worded way.   When you heard, though,  
14   that there was someone suspicious with a rangefinder near the fence line, did you know  
15   that generally those were the fences they were talking about?

16          A    Not until we got over there.

17          Q    Got it.

18          A    We knew where the tactical team reporting it was, and --

19          Q    Got it.

20          A    -- that's where we were responding.

21          Q    Understood.   Okay.

22          And so then you go from your position stage-left behind the stage to the fence line  
23   and then take a left so you're kind of going west?   Is that right, to your recollection?

24          A    I believe so.   So we were coming up on the stage-right area, driving along  
25   that first interior fence line.   And that was the first time that I was aware of that

1 complex outside the venue.

2 And as we were driving up the fence line, I could see half a dozen to 10, maybe 12,  
3 people all along the fence line with cell phones and cameras, trying to get a look at the  
4 venue. Again, this is along the second fence line --

5 Q Right.

6 A -- outside of the interior venue fence line.

7 Q Got it.

8 All right. So then back to, you were saying, you pull up. You had the three folks  
9 with you -- Trooper [REDACTED] and one of the uniformed folks. And you met another  
10 Pennsylvania State trooper. And they were within the middle ground; is that right?

11 A They were outside the venue fence line. There was a gate that had a chain  
12 and with a padlock.

13 Our attention was to go outside the venue to that industrial area. However, we  
14 got to this locked gate; no one had a key. So, at that point, we are talking with the local  
15 tactical team and the uniformed trooper with the vehicle, asking them what they've seen,  
16 where is this person.

17 The person was not along the fence line at that time. It was unknown where  
18 they were. There was no physical description other than "a person with a rangefinder,  
19 possibly long hair." I believe it was a white male. We had no other information, and  
20 he was not visible at that time.

21 Q You hadn't received a picture yet at that point.

22 A Not yet.

23 Q All right.

24 And the local tactical team, were they inside the secure area with you? Is that  
25 what you're saying?

1 A They were.

2 Q So you guys are all kind of joined at that fence line --

3 A Yes.

4 Q -- with most of you on one side and others on the other side of that gate.

5 A As far as I knew at that time, it was just public on the other side of the gate.

6 I was unaware of any law enforcement presence on that second fence line outside the  
7 venue.

8 Q Got it.

9 A There was nothing visible.

10 Q Were you talking with officers, though, who were within the two fence lines  
11 at that point?

12 A I was talking to the local tactical team within the venue on the inside of the  
13 fence line and then a uniformed trooper stationed just outside the fence line at that gate.

14 Q Got it.

15 All right. Tell me where it goes from there, then.

16 A So, in standing there and scanning that industrial complex area, I did notice  
17 two marked patrol cars. They were too far away from me to determine, you know, what  
18 agency. I could just see they were police cars.

19 So I looked at Trooper [REDACTED] and I asked him -- I said, "Do you know who that is  
20 over there? Who's in those cars?" And he said he didn't know. And I said, "Can you  
21 call and find out if anyone is over there that can go look for this guy?" And he got on the  
22 phone and started making phone calls.

23 I then turned --

24 Q I'm sorry --

25 A Go ahead.



1 Q Let me ask real quickly, where were those cars located?

2 A They were parked -- if I was standing stage-right against the fence looking  
3 directly at the other fence line, they were behind the buildings, to the right.

4 Q In a parking lot?

5 A Just parked -- they looked like they were parked on a -- two marked units. I  
6 didn't know who they were, if they were there to support us. It just looked like there  
7 was some sort of police car over there. Which is why I asked Trooper [REDACTED] to make  
8 contact with his agency and figure out if they had any people on that side of the fence.

9 Q And I'm sorry if I'm being dense here. I'm trying to figure out -- so these  
10 cars were not within the fence line; they were on the other side of the second fence?  
11 Or where were the cars? My apologies.

12 A They were parked outside the venue --

13 Q Outside --

14 A -- in that industrial complex.

15 Q Got it. But not -- were they in the parking lot, or were they in the grass,  
16 somewhere else? Do you recall?

17 A They were further away from a parking -- I didn't see a parking lot. All I saw  
18 was a fence line and buildings and grass.

19 Q Got it.

20 A I wasn't able to see a parking lot with cars from where I was standing.

21 Q Got it. Okay.

22 I interrupted. My apologies.

23 A That's okay.

24 Q Please continue then.

25 A He was on the phone, trying to make contact with anyone in that area.

1 Again, at that time, I was unaware of any law enforcement assigned to cover those  
2 buildings.

3 I then noticed the counter-sniper teams were in place on an elevated position  
4 behind the stage. I then went through my paperwork, found the contact information for  
5 the counter-sniper advance agent.

6 I contacted him, asked if his teams had seen this person, if they were aware,  
7 number one, of a person on the fence line with a rangefinder. He stated they were. I  
8 asked if they had seen him or knew where he was. They didn't know where he was at  
9 that time.

10 I then told him, "If you find this person, if he becomes visible, call me, and we'll go  
11 interview him." My intention was to leave the venue and make contact with that  
12 person and question them at that time, were they encountered.

13 Q All right.

14 When you were over on that side sort of stage-right, did you ever encounter  
15 Special Agent [REDACTED]

16 A Not at that time, no. He was not in that area with me, no.

17 Q Okay. When did you first encounter him? Was it after you went back  
18 stage-left?

19 A At that time -- so when we went back to the stage-left area, he was in that  
20 area, yes. And that was when we spoke face-to-face.

21 Q Got it.

22 Briefly, then, taking a step back, so you're having this conversation along the fence  
23 line. Does Trooper [REDACTED] ever leave you?

24 A So, at that point, I had concluded my phone call with the counter-sniper  
25 advance agent. There was no visible person; no one knew where this person was. So

1 we determined that we were going to go ahead and go back over to the other side of the  
2 stage and resume crowd control unless we'd gotten word that this person had been  
3 located.

4 As we were driving back to the stage-left area through the parking lot, Trooper  
5 [REDACTED] asked me to stop the cart and told me his vehicle was there in the parking lot. He  
6 offered to get in his vehicle and drive that fence line to look for this person.

7 I agreed. I thought that was the best use of manpower at that time, for us to  
8 split up. So the uniformed trooper and I continued in the golf cart to that stage-left  
9 area, and Trooper [REDACTED] got in his vehicle and drove the fence line looking for this  
10 person.

11 Q Got it.

12 And before we get back to stage-left, when you were near the fence line, did you  
13 ever see a bike or a backpack that was in that area with the general public?

14 A There were numerous people. There were bikes. A woman rode by on a  
15 horse with a flag. There were all manner of things over there.

16 Q Got it.

17 And when you were out there, again, just to clarify, you didn't have -- beyond  
18 Trooper [REDACTED] you were coordinating with PSP. Is that right?

19 A No. Everything --

20 Q Okay.

21 A Everything I shared with PSP or received from them came through him at  
22 that time.

23 Q Got it. And are you hearing anything about the suspicious individual, either  
24 through your radio or through other sources? And is that something you're in  
25 communication with Secret Service folks about?

1           A    At that time, all we knew was there was someone seen on the fence line  
2 with a rangefinder. There was no other information being passed.

3           Q    Got it. So you didn't -- going back to the time where you returned  
4 stage-left, up until that point, you hadn't received any further information about this  
5 individual?

6           A    No.

7           Q    All right.

8           So let's go back then. So you go back stage-left. It's you, it's the uniformed  
9 trooper. You have the golf cart. You returned stage-left. Do you remember  
10 approximately what time you got back?

11          A    I would say it was between 5:45 and 6:00. Maybe -- it just -- the amount of  
12 time that it took to drive back over there was probably about 5 to 7 minutes.

13          And then I encountered Agent [REDACTED] There were additional uniformed  
14 troopers. Again, we were all standing there monitoring the crowd, trying to keep them  
15 in the barricade.

16          I communicated with Agent [REDACTED] about what we had seen and heard about  
17 this person. He was also aware that there was a person with a rangefinder on the fence  
18 line. He didn't have any more information than I had.

19          And then he received a picture. Agent [REDACTED] then gave me the picture via  
20 text message. He shared the picture with me. Okay, now we have a picture of who  
21 we're looking for. That was all the intelligence we had at that time.

22          I then texted that picture to Trooper [REDACTED] so he was aware of who he was  
23 looking for. I also texted the picture to Agent [REDACTED] with a brief update, "Person seen  
24 outside the venue with a rangefinder," which was all the information we had at that time.

25          Q    At that point, was former President Trump on the stage yet, do you recall?

1           A    I am not sure if he was on the stage yet.   He was either being announced or  
2   he was getting ready to come on stage.   The event was underway.   At the time we had  
3   the picture, he may have been on stage.   I'd have to go back and look at the timeline.

4            Shortly after I received the picture and texted it to Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
5   Trooper [REDACTED] returned to my side stage-left.   He hadn't found the individual.

6            Shortly after that, it was communicated both through video and face-to-face  
7   communication that there was someone on the roof of the AGR building.

8           Q    Yeah.   And I want to get into that.   I just want to make sure I'm  
9   understanding leading up to that.

10          A    Uh-huh.

11          Q    So, first of all, when Trooper [REDACTED] returns, what's your impression or what  
12   is your general sense of who was then looking for Mr. Crooks?

13          A    Trooper [REDACTED] returned and said he hadn't seen him.   I made sure he had  
14   the photo so he knew who we were looking for.

15               And I believe at that time it was communicated to me that that photo was  
16   provided by local law enforcement, either tactical or someone.   I assumed it was the  
17   group that we had spoken to previously.

18               I was under the impression that local law enforcement and/or the counter-snipers  
19   were keeping an eye out for this person.

20               There was no more intelligence at that time until the next information that we  
21   received.

22          Q    Did you get from Special Agent [REDACTED] where he had gotten that picture  
23   from?

24          A    I believe he said it came from a local counter-sniper team.

25          Q    All right.   To your knowledge, was information about that picture or any of

1 the things you had learned at that point, was that ever brought back to the radio room,  
2 other than -- well, let me ask you that.

3 A The security room was aware that there was someone outside the venue,  
4 because Trooper [REDACTED] was in communication with his local counterpart in that room.

5 I also received information from the security room that the trooper in the security  
6 room was advising this person may be on foot heading towards a Sheetz. At the time, I  
7 didn't know what Sheetz was. I later learned that was a gas station in Pennsylvania. It  
8 was believed at that time the person was on foot, possibly leaving the area.

9 Q Got it.

10 Do you ever have any communication with the site agent throughout this time  
11 period, Special Agent [REDACTED]

12 A No, I did not.

13 Q All right.

14 And I want to briefly -- I think you mentioned hearing about Mr. Crooks being on  
15 the roof. I want to just briefly talk about your interaction with Special Agent [REDACTED]

16 So talk about the first time that day that you received any communications from  
17 him.

18 A I received an email when he arrived at the site, advising that he was there  
19 and telling me that cell phone communication was the best way to get a hold of him.

20 Q Okay. Would that have been a typical interaction? Like, would you have  
21 expected him to reach out to you earlier or be in more communication, or is that just sort  
22 of the nature of how these things typically work?

23 A It depends. It's not unusual. When he arrived, there was no intelligence  
24 to pass. I wasn't overly concerned.

25 Q All right.

1 A So it's not unusual.

2 Q And you said you sent him the picture. And remind me, did you know  
3 where he was going -- where he was at that point?

4 A I had not spoken to him. I had not met him. I had only email exchanges  
5 up to that point.

6 Going back after the fact and looking at my phone logs, I realize I called him. I  
7 didn't remember at the time that I had called him. And then after I called him, there  
8 was obviously no phone communication, because I didn't speak to him.

9 Then I sent the text message updating him on the situation as I knew it.

10 But, no, there was no interaction with him face-to-face or via radio prior to that.

11 Q And then remind me, what did he say in response to you, in response to you  
12 sending that information?

13 A I got a text saying the person was on foot heading towards the Sheetz.

14 Q And did you have any understanding of what he was doing at that point or  
15 what he was expecting?

16 A No. I had no idea where he was or what he was doing.

17 Q So, at that point, is it fair to say, basically you told him what you found out  
18 from your perspective; the next thing you'll do with him is, if you have an update, you'll  
19 pass it to him?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. Did you have any expectations of what he would give to you?

22 A No.

23 Q All right.

24 [REDACTED] I have about 5 minutes left, and I think, you know, the next part  
25 will probably be a little bit more in depth. So let me hand it over to my colleagues, see if

1       they have anything to follow up on.

2               Counsel?

3               [REDACTED]

4               Q     Hi there.   Can you hear me?

5               A     Yes.

6               Q     Okay.   Great.   Just a few quick questions.

7               Going back to your conversation at the fence line when you encountered that  
8       locked gate, was there ever a discussion of leaving the venue through that gate with the  
9       local law enforcement officers?

10              A     There was.   I asked if anyone had a key to the gate, if there was any way to  
11       get out.   At that time, no one had a key.   The only way to leave the venue would've  
12       been to climb the fence or to get in a car and drive onto a public road and leave the  
13       venue completely.

14              Q     Did any of the officers, to your recollection, reach out to anyone to inquire  
15       about, you know, where the key might've been?

16              A     I don't remember.

17              Q     And the tactical team that you had chatted with, the local one, do you  
18       remember if that was a QRF team or a CAT team, out of curiosity?

19              A     I don't.   I know it was a Pennsylvania State Police team.   They were in  
20       tactical gear.   And they were behind the risers, in the stage-right area, at that time.

21              Q     Gotcha.

22              Going back to the conversation that you had with [REDACTED] where you  
23       exchanged -- you had met up and exchanged information, including the photo of  
24       Mr. Crooks, do you recall exactly what info you conveyed to [REDACTED] about, you know,  
25       what you knew?



1           A    I asked him if he had -- if he was aware of the person outside the fence line,  
2           and basically briefed him on what I knew:  Someone was seen outside the fence line  
3           with a rangefinder.  No more information at that time.

4           And then he advised he'd been in contact with the counter-sniper team and  
5           provided me a photo.

6           Q    So, when you had that conversation, you specifically used "outside the fence  
7           line"?

8           And the reason why I ask is, Special Agent [REDACTED] had believed that Crooks  
9           was inside of the fence line based off a conversation he had with the security room.

10          A    Okay.  I don't know if I said "outside."  I believe I would have.  If I said  
11          "inside the fence line" -- I don't believe I would've given that description, because they  
12          were outside the venue.

13          Q    Okay.

14          Thank you.  That's all I have on my end.

15          A    Of course.

16          BY [REDACTED]

17          Q    All right.  We have a few minutes left.

18          So why don't we just get to the point where you said you were standing stage-left  
19          and you heard someone was on the roof.  So, first of all, where did you hear that from?

20          A    I don't remember if I heard it through the radio or if I heard it face-to-face.  
21          President Trump was on stage at that time, I believe.  A lot of crowd noise, a lot of AV  
22          noise.

23          And the information was, "Someone was on the roof of the AGR building,"  
24          not -- there was never confirmation it was the same person.  So, at that time, the  
25          assumption is, this is a new individual that's on the roof.  It wasn't, "Hey, we see the guy;

1 he's on the roof." It was just, "Someone is on the roof."

2 At that time, I was with Agent [REDACTED] He and I discussed, "Okay, do you  
3 know where the AGR -- where is the AGR building? What is the AGR building?" We  
4 had no idea where that was.

5 We were also communicating with my counterpart, Trooper [REDACTED] and  
6 uniformed Pennsylvania State Police to try and determine where this location was and  
7 how we were going to get there to encounter this individual.

8 Q Got it.

9 And, you know, you may not have been looking at your watch, but is there any  
10 way for you to timestamp this, either specifically or in relation to when shots were fired,  
11 when you first heard that someone was on the roof?

12 A From the time I received the photo to the time we got the information that  
13 someone was on the roof, to the time of the first shot, which struck the hydraulic lift next  
14 to where I was standing, was less than 10 minutes.

15 Q Got it. And that's sort of the best you're able to place -- you know, you  
16 have a picture; shot; somewhere in that period was when you heard "roof"?

17 A Yeah. We were in the --

18 Q Are you able to say about --

19 A Go ahead.

20 Q Sorry. Go ahead.

21 A We were in the process of trying to mobilize to go over to that area to find  
22 the person when the shot rang out. It was minutes.

23 Q Got it. So minutes from when you first heard "someone's on the roof,"  
24 AGR, trying to figure out where that is, until shots fired.

25 A Yes.

1 Q Some time less than 10, but more than seconds.

2 A Less than 10 from the time we got the photo and we knew who we were  
3 looking for.

4 Q Right.

5 A Then information about the roof. So, from the time we heard someone  
6 was on the roof to the first shot, minutes.

7 Q Got it.

8 A Fewer than 5.

9 Q And I know you said you don't recall whether you heard the roof call-out  
10 being over your radio or from someone else?

11 A No. It could've -- I'm not sure which ear the information came in. My  
12 radio was one ear; I was talking to people through the other. Somehow I received the  
13 information, "Someone is on the roof."

14 Q Got it.

15 My last question then: Before shots fired, did you ever hear anything over the  
16 radio from Secret Service, either "Locals are working something" or anything from the  
17 security room, about this issue?

18 A No.

19 Q All right.

20 [REDACTED] I am at time. I appreciate the majority's indulgence. And we  
21 will take a quick 5-minute break and then come back.

22 All right. We're off the record at 12:58.

23 [Recess.]

24 [REDACTED] We can go back on the record at 1:08.

25 BY [REDACTED]

1 Q Ma'am, I'd like to go back to the first time that you were made aware of a  
2 suspicious person at the event.

3 You testified earlier that you didn't hear any reports of a suspicious individual.  
4 [Technical difficulties.]

5 [REDACTED] I can repeat my question if that's helpful.

6 [REDACTED] That would help. Thank you.

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q When you first learned that there was a suspicious person, that was the only  
9 suspicious person that you were aware of that day, correct?

10 A "Suspicious person" meaning, yeah, that -- possibly acting unusual or of a  
11 protective intelligence nature, yes.

12 Q Okay. And you testified that you were made aware of a suspicious person  
13 around 5:30, 5:45, correct?

14 A Yes, in and around that time.

15 Q Okay. And when you were made aware of that suspicious person, where  
16 were you physically located?

17 A The stage-left area.

18 Q And you were assisting with the issue at the bike racks, correct?

19 A Yes, with crowd control.

20 Q Okay.

21 And then the Uniformed Division officer that ultimately joined your golf cart with  
22 Trooper [REDACTED] to go over to the fence line in front of the AGR building, was that  
23 uniformed officer with the Secret Service or was that officer with Pennsylvania State  
24 Police? Do you recall?

25 A Pennsylvania State Police.

1 Q And why did that uniformed officer join your golf cart?

2 A I don't recall at the time. I think we were grabbing extra hands to help go  
3 look for this person, and he was available to assist.

4 Q Okay.

5 I'm going to introduce majority exhibit 3.

6 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 3  
7 was marked for identification.]

8 BY [REDACTED]

9 Q Thanks for your patience. This is majority exhibit 3. This is the  
10 Pennsylvania State Police operations plan.

11 We are going to go to page 4, which includes a map of the Butler Farm Show  
12 grounds with Pennsylvania State Police postings.

13 A Okay.

14 Q Do you recognize this map, ma'am?

15 A I do not.

16 Q Had you received the Pennsylvania State Police ops plan at any point prior to  
17 the event?

18 A No.

19 Q I'm going to refer to this map, ma'am, as just a reference for us to go  
20 through the movements from when you first learned of a suspicious person while you  
21 were dealing with the issue at the bike rack.

22 A Okay.

23 Q So you testified earlier that, to get to the fence line near the industrial  
24 complex buildings that you described earlier, you testified that you went behind the stage  
25 and behind the barns, correct?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay. And, then, when you arrived at the fence line, there were two fence  
3 lines, correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q In Pennsylvania State Police Trooper [REDACTED] interview, he testified that he  
6 was with you; the uniformed officer, who was identified as Corporal [REDACTED] Trooper  
7 [REDACTED] and other PSP troopers were at Trooper [REDACTED] post, which I can represent to  
8 you is Post 5 on the Pennsylvania State Police ops plan, number 5.

9 Do you see number 5 on the exhibit, ma'am?

10 A I do.

11 Q Does that accurately reflect where you recall being located around the fence  
12 line area?

13 A Yes. I would assume that was the uniformed trooper who had the marked  
14 unit that was at the locked gate.

15 Q Thank you.

16 And just to go back to the fence line, can you describe the fences that you  
17 encountered? I --

18 A Yes.

19 Q -- recall you testifying that one of those fences was chain-locked. Can you  
20 clarify which fence was chain-locked?

21 A So it was a chain-link fence that ran, using this map, I would say  
22 approximately from position 6 to 5. I didn't travel in the direction of number 6, only  
23 towards number 5. It was approximately 6 feet in height, typical chain-link fencing.  
24 And it was a chain-link gate that was chained and padlocked at that position, number 5.

25 Q And that was the first fence that you encountered --

1 A Yes.

2 Q -- in going to that post? Okay.

3 A Yes.

4 Q And did you make it through that first fence?

5 A No.

6 Q No.

7 How did you understand that the PSP troopers and the local entities beyond the  
8 second fence arrived at where you were when you met with those folks?

9 A I don't understand the question. Beyond what fence? The trooper on  
10 position 5?

11 Q Yes.

12 A I don't know. I didn't ask him how he got to his post.

13 Q Okay.

14 And around that time, a local TAC member -- I can represent to you that's a local  
15 ESU member -- approached your group and gave you the information about the  
16 suspicious person with the rangefinder, correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Can you go into more detail on what information was delivered to you by  
19 that ESU member?

20 A That I recall -- and this was a verbal conversation, so it may not be  
21 100 percent accurate -- there was a person outside the fence line, with a rangefinder,  
22 looking at the stage.

23 There was not a specific physical description that I remember, as far as height and  
24 weight and age. If I had to speculate, I would say probably white male with long hair. I  
25 believe at some point someone described him as, quote/unquote, "crazy-looking,"

1 meaning, I would assume, unkempt, with long hair.

2 That was -- at best, I can tell you that's what was passed to me at that time.

3 Q Thank you.

4 Do you also remember that local ESU member informing your group that the ESU  
5 team had lost track of that person 25 minutes prior to your interaction?

6 A I don't remember a timeframe, only that he was not visible in the area at  
7 that time I responded.

8 Q Okay.

9 Did the ESU member show you a picture of the suspicious person they were  
10 looking for at this time?

11 A No.

12 Q Did he show anyone in the group that you were with a photo of the  
13 suspicious person that they were looking for?

14 A Not that I'm aware of, no.

15 Q Upon receiving that information from the local ESU member, did you  
16 observe Trooper [REDACTED] contact two undercover PSP members that were located around  
17 the Sheetz building and direct them to head towards the AGR building?

18 A I observed him on the telephone, after I asked him to determine if we had  
19 any local police assets in that area. I don't know who he contacted or what the  
20 conversation was. I do know that he was on the phone with someone.

21 Q Okay.

22 Trooper [REDACTED] testified in his interview that this phone call that he had with the  
23 [REDACTED] members of PSP was around 5:47. Do you recall that that conversation that  
24 you observed was around that time?

25 A That sounds right.



1 Q Okay.

2 A We were over there for a number of minutes trying to determine where this  
3 person was.

4 Q Okay.

5 Did PSP Trooper indicate to you in any way that he had made this contact with PSP  
6 undercover members near the Sheetz building and directed them to start moving towards  
7 the AGR building?

8 A No, I don't recall him telling me the results of the conversation, just  
9 that -- what I would assume is that he had people looking for him.

10 Q Okay.

11 A We didn't directly discuss who he spoke to and what the plan was.

12 Q Understood.

13 So, at approximately 5:47 p.m. on July 13th, you had been briefed by the local ESU  
14 member regarding a suspicious individual with a rangefinder that local partners were  
15 searching for, correct?

16 A Yes. Yes.

17 Q Okay. And, at that time, did you inform the security room that there was a  
18 suspicious person with a rangefinder and that local partners were looking for him?

19 A No. I was under the impression at that time that the security room was  
20 already aware.

21 Q Okay. And how would they have been made aware? Would that have  
22 been through PSP [REDACTED] or the other PSP members that were around Post 5 when that  
23 interaction occurred?

24 A PSP [REDACTED] was in contact with the counterpart in the security room, with his  
25 agency. So my assumption was, that information was being discussed in the security

1 room. I had nothing new to add to it at that time, so I didn't make any contact with the  
2 security room on my end. My assumption was, that was being shared with Secret  
3 Service personnel.

4 Q I know that we're going to get into your conversations with Agent [REDACTED] in  
5 depth in a moment here, but I believe that your first interaction with [REDACTED] was around  
6 6:00 p.m., correct? And then, you know, in the 13 minutes between 5:47 and 6:00 p.m.,  
7 can you describe your movements from that Post 5 in front of the AGR building?

8 A Of course.

9 My first communication with Agent [REDACTED] on that day was an email that I  
10 received, notifying me that he was on the property, that he had arrived at site 2, and to  
11 reach out for him via cell phone.

12 After we were at that number 5 position, Trooper [REDACTED] made his phone call, I  
13 made my phone call to the counter-sniper team. We spent a few more minutes over  
14 there looking and then determined we were going to drive back around to our prior  
15 location.

16 We stopped in the parking lot. Trooper [REDACTED] exited the golf cart and got into  
17 his vehicle and then left the venue to go assist in looking for this person.

18 Trooper -- I think you said [REDACTED] was the uniformed trooper?

19 Q Corporal [REDACTED]

20 A Corporal [REDACTED] and I continued in the golf cart back around through the  
21 parking lot behind the barns over to the stage-left area, where I encountered Agent  
22 [REDACTED] and passed the intel that I had, compared notes with what he had.

23 And we resumed our position in the stage-left area at that time until I received the  
24 photograph of the individual, which I then passed to Agent [REDACTED]

25 Q Okay.

1           [REDACTED] I'm going to pause there and yield to my colleagues.

2

BY [REDACTED]

3           Q    Hi. This is [REDACTED]. I'm using [REDACTED] computer. There's  
4 technological issues on mine.

5           I just wanted to walk through -- so, after you received a message from Agent  
6 [REDACTED] that he had arrived at the site, this being your first communication with him that  
7 day, and then you said you recalled a -- or you later recalled making a phone call to him,  
8 do you know approximately what time you made that phone call?

9           A    The phone call was just prior to my text message. Initially, I didn't  
10 remember calling him until I was retaining my cell phone records and I saw that there was  
11 a -- I believe it was a 60-second phone call.

12           I didn't remember speaking to him. So the assumption on my part is that I didn't  
13 reach him via telephone, which is why I sent the text message.

14           Q    Okay. So I can assert to you that he said that the phone call was about  
15 6:05. The text messages are about 2 minutes later.

16           And then I think he said that you did speak on the phone, that you relayed the  
17 information about a suspicious person on the phone during that phone call.

18           A    Okay.

19           Q    But it's your assertion that you don't remember any phone call with him?

20           A    I don't remember speaking to him. Again, there were numerous  
21 conversations going on at the same time. I really don't remember that conversation. I  
22 remember sending him the picture and the information that I had.

1 [1:22 p.m.]

2

BY [REDACTED]

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Q Okay. So we'll pull up the exhibit with those texts for my colleague to go through. And while we're doing that, I'm just going to go -- just a couple more questions about [REDACTED] Were you aware that this was his first time serving this intel agent role?

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A No.

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Q Okay. Did it -- did his performance during that day strike you at all that he -- I guess you had limited conversations with him, so maybe the answer is no, or that he needed guidance in any way, or did you provide him with any guidance on how to carry out his responsibilities that day?

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A So typically the way this interaction works between a protective intelligence advance and protective -- a site PI agent is that guidance comes from the advance agent to the post stander working site PI. I was unaware it was his first time. That was never communicated to me.

15

As far as guidance, I was unaware he needed guidance. I had never worked with him before. I had no way of knowing this wasn't typical for him as far as his role.

17

Q Sure. Okay. So we're going to walk through those text messages. And then just one more question from me. Were you aware that, while you were having this conversation, [REDACTED] understanding was that he was waiting for you to get more information in order for him to do something or report the information up?

21

A No. My intention and understanding at the time was I was reporting whatever information I had to him. And, again, at that time, all the information I had was that photo and was in that text. I had no other information other than that.

24

Q Sure.

25

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] it's all yours.

1 [REDACTED] Okay. Great. Thank you.

2 Special Agent [REDACTED] so we're going to focus a bit on the [REDACTED]  
3 communication a little bit more. And we can put up -- is it -- have we already offered  
4 this exhibit in, majority exhibit No. 3?

5 Okay. So this will be --

6 [REDACTED] I have not seen it yet.

7 [REDACTED] Is this No. 3?

8 [REDACTED] Yeah.

9 [REDACTED] So this is exhibit No. 3.

10 [REDACTED] This is 4.

11 [REDACTED] This will be a series -- 4, 4. Okay. Sorry. Majority exhibit No. 4.

12 This will be a series of text exchanges that you had with Special Agent [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] Majority Exhibit No. 4

14 was marked for identification.]

15 BY [REDACTED]

16 Q So you had -- you've already said that you didn't know about his experience  
17 level with PI, and I think you testified earlier that the amount of information that you got  
18 from him as the advance PI person was less than what you are used to for what you do  
19 when you have a similar role in [REDACTED] right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. The day of the event, July 13th, did you have -- the first time you  
22 heard from Special Agent [REDACTED] was the 6 p.m. text message, I think, that's right here in  
23 front of us. Is that your best recollection?

24 A Yes. I don't recall if it was a text message. I thought it was an email, but it  
25 could've been a text.

1 Q Okay. It might be an email.

2 A Okay.

3 Q I can't tell myself. It's some form of communication.

4 A Yeah, this was the first communication, yeah, the first communication I had  
5 received.

6 Q Got it. So the entirety of the prior -- the rest of the day prior -- the rest of  
7 the day before this, he didn't call you, he didn't text you, he didn't email you?

8 A No.

9 Q And did you find that to be unusual based on your experience dealing with PI  
10 and other events?

11 A That's not how I operated as a PI advance; however, everyone conducts their  
12 advances differently. Typically, were I doing an advance in the [REDACTED] district, I would  
13 call the site PI agent prior to wheels down, prior to departure to that location and ask for  
14 an update, what the crowd size looked like, any protests, any issues, things like that. I  
15 would ask for a briefing before departing the site.

16 Q All right. So when I -- it sounds like you would not have -- you  
17 would've -- in your practice, you would've reached out to the site PI had you been the  
18 advance PI, based on what -- how you handle advance PI?

19 A That's how I was trained to do it in the [REDACTED] office. That was our policy  
20 and procedure. Again, every office does it differently.

21 Q Understood. But in terms of when you've been site PI for other events, like  
22 you were for July 13th, is it routine or not routine for the advance PI person to not  
23 communicate with you at all until kind of the end of the day?

24 A I've experienced both methods of operation. Sometimes you get a call and  
25 heavy communication prior to and up to the event; sometimes you don't hear anything.

1 It really depends on the individual conducting the advance.

2 Q Got it. So it sounds like the training you received in [REDACTED] is to be -- to  
3 have communication, periodic communication to coordinate with the site PI person, but  
4 that doesn't sound like it's necessarily uniform training, based on your experience,  
5 with -- for all agents across field offices?

6 A Yes. That's been my experience.

7 Q Okay. So we'll turn to this email. And, again, it's at -- it's from -- we can  
8 tell it's from him to you because it says [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] "I'm here obviously, ha. Let me  
9 know if you need anything. I have an extra PI packet should we need it. Best way to  
10 reach out is my cell. Thanks."

11 Did you have any idea why he was saying, "I'm here obviously," and then had a  
12 "ha"? What does that -- does that mean anything to you?

13 A I think he was being funny, in that I -- I was obviously aware that the  
14 protectee was there at the site with the arrival of the motorcade and the, you know,  
15 amount of activity at that time. Perhaps he was referring to the fact that it was a  
16 redundant statement, that I should already know he was there. I'm guessing.

17 Q Okay. So -- you're guessing, right. But your -- your mental impression at  
18 the time and now is that what the "ha" was referencing that obviously I'm here because  
19 the motorcade's here?

20 A Yep, exactly.

21 Q Got it. So you knew that he was going to be in the motorcade before he  
22 arrived, or was that something you didn't know?

23 A Yeah, that's standard operating procedure for protective intelligence  
24 advance. [REDACTED].

25 Q Okay. So your expectation was, and this is what actually happened, was

1       that the advance PI would be with the motorcade?

2           A     Yes.

3           Q     So there's nothing unusual about that from your perspective?

4           A     No.

5           Q     And then he says, "Let me know if you need anything. I have an extra PI  
6       packet should we need it." What is a PI packet?

7           A     A PI packet is a -- it's like an envelope with paperwork, forms that would be  
8       filled out in the event that an interview would be done. We have standard interview  
9       forms [REDACTED]  
10      [REDACTED], things like that.

11          Q     Got it. And when he asks you this -- or when he said, "I have an extra PI  
12      packet should we need it," do you know if he was aware of the suspicious person at this  
13      point?

14          A     I do not believe he was aware, and I don't think the timestamp on that is -- I  
15      believe that was received earlier in the day. Being that I traveled and my emails  
16      were -- I think the times were adjusted for Pacific Standard Time or Mountain Standard  
17      Time after I left Pennsylvania, I believe I received that a little bit earlier in the day than  
18      that.

19          Q     Well, it says it's at 6 o'clock p.m. --

20          A     Yeah.

21          Q     -- which is about the time the motorcade arrived.

22          A     Was it? Okay. I know the time changed for some of my communications,  
23      on my cell phone at least.

24          Q     Yes. There are some emails --

25          A     Okay.



1           Q    -- or some communications where it's clearly the time had not shifted for  
2   whatever reason --

3           A    Yeah.

4           Q    -- to Eastern Standard Time -- or Eastern Daylight Time, I guess it would've  
5   been.

6           A    Okay.

7           Q    But this one appears to be, in your recollection, is the first time you saw  
8   him -- or you understood that he was traveling the motorcade and that this is a reference  
9   to him arriving at the site with the motorcade, right?

10          A    Yes.   Then that makes sense, yes.   That was the first --

11          Q    Okay.   So --

12          A    -- and only communication that day.

13          Q    Okay.   And he says, "Best way to reach out is my cell."   So now at 6 p.m.,  
14   you were aware of this suspicious person who had a range finder at that point, right?

15          A    Yes, I was aware there was a suspicious person with a range finder.   I don't  
16   believe -- I don't know the exact timeline off the top of my head.   I don't believe I had a  
17   photo at that time.

18          Q    Got it.   But you were aware of that information at that -- at this time, even  
19   if you didn't have the photo.

20          A    Yes.

21          Q    And he says, "Best way to reach out is my cell," right?

22          A    Yes.

23          Q    Do you recall if you called him at this point when you got this email from  
24   him?

25          A    Going back and looking at my records afterwards, I saw the record of the

1 phone call. As I stated earlier, I don't remember the phone conversation, but looking  
2 back, I did call him --

3 Q Okay.

4 A -- at some point.

5 Q And when you were looking back at your -- got it. And when you were  
6 looking back at your phone records, could you tell how long the call was or if it was  
7 answered?

8 A I believe it was a minute and 50 seconds.

9 Q Okay. So it sounds like it was -- it sounds like that there was a conversation  
10 of some sort based on that length of time?

11 A Yes. And I -- again, I don't have an explanation, but I don't remember the  
12 conversation. It was probably either brief or -- I really don't recall the conversation.

13 Q Okay. Why don't we go to the next page of this exhibit.

14 There we go. Now, this is 7 minutes later, and this is a email, it looks like, or it  
15 could be a text.

16 A This is a text.

17 Q It's a text, it looks like.

18 A Yes.

19 Q This is a text, right. From [REDACTED] to you, right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So this is from [REDACTED] to you. And he says to you on text, "Command post  
22 PSP trooper said he may be walking towards Sheetz," right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. And let's go to the next one.

25 And almost simultaneously, if you look back -- actually, go back to the prior one

1 just so that you can see the time. It's almost like you have overlapping texts, because it  
2 says -- it's at 6:07:23 seconds that he sends you the, "Command post PSP trooper said he  
3 may be walking towards Sheetz." And then you see the next text, which is you to him,  
4 only it's 2 seconds later, right?

5 So probably these are overlapping texts, because I don't think you could write -- I  
6 mean, you tell me, but I don't know if you could write that text and send it in 2 seconds?

7 A No. I think we were texting each other simultaneously.

8 Q Got it. Okay.

9 A I learned after the fact that he was in the security room at that time. When  
10 I was messaging him I didn't know where he was, so it looks like we were sharing the  
11 same information at the same time, from what I can see.

12 Q Okay. So you actually anticipated my question. You didn't know where  
13 he was at the time?

14 A I did not know.

15 Q Is there a standard -- from your experience, is there a standard spot that a  
16 advance PI person is usually located at an event?

17 A When I worked PI advance personally, [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED].

19 Q Got it.

20 A By [REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED].

22 Q Got it. So you're not necessarily or maybe not even usually at the -- in the  
23 security room when you're doing advance PI?

24 A Not unless it is in [REDACTED].

25 Q Okay. And is that based on the training that you received that as the

1 advance PI you should be [REDACTED]?

2 A It is my understanding from my training and experience that the PI advance  
3 agent is responsible, as I said, [REDACTED],  
4 and that it's responsibility of the site PI [REDACTED].  
5 Unless there's something specific that they require the advance agent for, it's not typical  
6 for the advance agent to stray too far away [REDACTED].

7 Q Got it. Okay. So you didn't have any reason to think at the time he was in  
8 the security room?

9 A No, I would not have assumed that, no.

10 Q Got it. Okay. So it looks like -- well, he's telling you about the command  
11 post PSP says he's heading toward the Sheetz, and you're simultaneously texting him,  
12 "Subject outside venue along fence line seen with a range finder."

13 Did you understand when you saw these texts and you sent these texts that you  
14 guys were talking about the same person?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Did you have any doubt on that at all at the time?

17 A No. That was my understanding.

18 Q And did you have any doubt that he thought -- this is only from your  
19 protective. You can't be in his head, obviously. But did you have any doubt that he  
20 thought, based on your perspective, that you guys were talking about the same person?

21 A No. I would be -- I was under the assumption we were discussing the same  
22 person. I can't speak to what his understanding was.

23 Q Understood. But from your perspective -- you had not informed him -- you  
24 had not informed him there were two or multiple suspicious people, correct?

25 A No.

1           Q    Okay.  And you don't know if someone else told him that, but you had not  
2   told him that?

3           A    No.  This was the only suspicious person I was looking for, the only thing I  
4   communicated.

5           Q    Okay.  And it's -- obviously, here it says, "Subject outside venue along fence  
6   line seen with a range finder."  And we've -- you've looked at your records and seen that  
7   there was a phone call that lasted a little bit over a minute with him, and that proceeded  
8   this text.  Do you recall if this was the first time that you told him that the person, the  
9   suspicious person had a range finder, or do you think it was -- it was all -- it was consistent  
10  with what you'd said on the phone?

11          A    I don't remember the phone conversation.  So at this time and up until  
12  recently, this was my understanding, this was the only communication I had with him  
13  about the subject.

14          Q    Okay.  So we've gone through in some detail with the minority and also  
15  with my colleagues in the majority the -- you know, the efforts you made with others in  
16  the golf cart to seek out the person who had been identified by the tactical units as being  
17  a suspicious person, right?

18          A    Uh-huh.

19          Q    And that -- you have to say yes or no, just so the record can --

20          A    Oh, I'm sorry.  Yes.  Yes.

21          Q    And so at that point -- so you had known for roughly, call it, 20, 30 minutes  
22  at this point, that the suspicious person had a range finder, right?

23          A    Yes.  I would -- yes.

24          Q    And, in fact, let me ask you this.  If you had been -- and this is based on  
25  what happened that day.  You tell me how you would've -- how you reacted.  Why did

1     you think that it was important to go out and search for this person in the golf cart with  
2     others based on the information you had heard?   What was the reason for that?

3           A     The description of the range finder was unusual.   There were a number of  
4     people in that same general area where I understood that person to be with cameras and  
5     phones and other issue -- and other devices.

6           Q     Okay.

7           A     Someone with a range finder is unusual, which prompted me to want to find  
8     and interview this person.

9           Q     Got it.   And so it was the range finder that was the critical factor in you  
10    taking the step of, hey, let's go find the this person if we can?

11          A     Yes.   That was unusual, and I believed it warranted my attention.

12          Q     Had you ever been involved in a prior event where a person with a range  
13    finder was deemed a suspicious person, that you can recall?

14          A     No.   No.

15          Q     Okay.   Had you ever been involved in an event before where a suspicious  
16    person was identified and the, you know, the agents or local police had gone to interview  
17    that person?

18          A     Yes.

19          Q     Okay.   And in this particular case -- in your experience, does the Secret  
20    Service or would you go and interview anybody who is designated just as a suspicious  
21    person?   That's the only information you had.

22          A     It would depend on several factors.

23          Q     Okay.

24          A     For example, if local law enforcement had contacted someone outside the  
25    venue, and by contacted I mean they had spoken, interacted with them and found

1 something suspicious about them, something unusual, something they felt warranted  
2 Secret Service attention, in that instance, I would speak to that person. If, for example,  
3 local law enforcement encountered somebody that was not suspicious to the point that  
4 they felt the Secret Service needed to be involved, I would not respond. I would rely on  
5 them to address that issue. If someone was vagrant and in the area where they  
6 shouldn't be, made no statements, no interest in the site or the protectee, I would rely on  
7 local law enforcement to ask them to leave.

8 Being that I'm not posted outside the venue in a roving capacity, my responsibility  
9 was interior, inside the venue. A lot of the dependence in that situation is on outside  
10 support to make contact with these people and to call us for anything they deem  
11 suspicious.

12 Q Okay. So I understand that there are -- you know, it's situationally  
13 dependent, but in this case the range finder was what made you think, hey, we've got to  
14 look for this person?

15 A Absolutely.

16 Q So -- and I know you don't recall the phone call, but we just saw the text that  
17 you sent simultaneously with Special Agent [REDACTED] talking about who you believe to be  
18 the same person, the person heading to the Sheetz, and you understood that he was  
19 talking about the same person you were talking about, the range finder.

20 Do you, based on your experience and based on how you conduct your -- you do  
21 your job, any reason why you believe you wouldn't have told him on the phone call that  
22 occurred before the text message that there was a range finder?

23 A No. That would've been the entire point of the phone call. Again, there  
24 were numerous people on that fence line, some of them acting strangely. I think I  
25 mentioned there was a woman on horseback with a flag.

1 Q Yep.

2 A It's not typical of something you would see at one of these events, so I  
3 certainly wouldn't mention that, because it didn't raise to the level of unusual or in a  
4 threatening manner. From the intelligence standpoint, the range finder would've been  
5 the critical piece of information.

6 Q And tell us, why were you telling Special Agent [REDACTED] this information  
7 about the suspicious person with the range finder at that point? Why were you telling  
8 him in particular?

9 A The chain of command, in my understanding, training, and experiences,  
10 would go from the site PI agent to the PI advance agent, and then they would be  
11 responsible for passing that information on further.

12 Q Got it. So your understanding was you get the information -- if you're the  
13 person receiving the intelligence information or the information about a potential  
14 suspicious person, you transfer it to the advance PI, and he or she is the one who's going  
15 to disseminate it further to whomever needs to know about it?

16 A Yes, them along with the security room. As I stated earlier, I was under the  
17 assumption the security room was well aware of the situation being that I was getting  
18 information from personnel in that room.

19 Q Right. So you understood that the security room was contacting you, and  
20 they were telling you information that you obviously had not told them, so they were  
21 getting it from someplace?

22 A Yes. The Pennsylvania State Police representative in the security room was  
23 passing information. So my direct chain of communication for that intelligence would  
24 be through the security room and to my PI advance agent.

25 Q Okay. Do you recall -- and I know you don't remember the phone call, but



1 do you recall -- well, let me ask you this first. What was your level of, call it, anxiety,  
2 heightened awareness, anything at this point at, you know, 6:05, 6:07 timeframe with the  
3 fact that you were -- you had been informed that there was a range -- person with a range  
4 finder, suspicious person, that he was walking towards the Sheetz, you heard that from  
5 Special Agent [REDACTED] and, you know, all the information you were getting from local  
6 police, what was your level of concern at that point?

7 A My level of concern was based on the information I had, which was, number  
8 one, this person was no longer in -- visible in the area. To me, that's a mitigating factor.  
9 They're no longer on that fence line with the range finder. Number two, the  
10 information that this person was heading towards the Sheetz. The impression among  
11 myself and the troopers that I were working with was that this person was possibly  
12 leaving the area.

13 In that moment, my greatest area of concern, what I considered the biggest threat  
14 to the protectee was the crowd, the immediate crowd in front of the protectee. I never  
15 had any information to indicate the person with the range finder did anything other than  
16 look at the venue.

17 Q Okay.

18 A That would've been my first question had I encountered them is, why do you  
19 have a range finder? What is your intention?

20 So at that time, absent a weapon or threatening statement or a threatening  
21 gesture or movement, all I had was someone was looking at the venue through a range  
22 finder.

23 Q Got it. So you don't recall hearing anything at any point prior to the  
24 shooting about this person running behind the AGR building?

25 A No.

1           Q    And you don't recall hearing any other -- a concern that would be the  
2           opposite of what -- you thought it was a mitigating issue that he may -- might have left  
3           the vicinity, that's why he could no longer -- he was no longer in sight, why he was -- and  
4           you heard he was heading to the Sheetz.   You didn't hear anybody say, we've actually  
5           lost sight of this person and we're concerned that we've lost sight of him.

6           A    And what I --

7           A    I did not --

8           Q    And I know you said you --

9           A    Yeah.

10          Q    -- you said you heard that people had lost -- that lost sight, but I'm  
11          wondering if you heard anybody suggest, in sum and substance, that they were  
12          concerned about the fact that they lost sight of him.

13          A    I don't recall hearing the word "concerned," no.   And, again, at that time --

14          Q    Do you recall anything like that, you know --

15          A    I don't recall.   At that time, I certainly was anxious to the level that I want  
16          to know where this person is, I want to talk to them and figure out what their intention is.  
17          Did I understand the totality of the threat posed at that time, no, not based on the  
18          information that I had.

19          Q    Okay.   And when -- and, again, I know you don't recall the conversation you  
20          had, the phone call you had with [REDACTED] but do you have any recollection of what his  
21          reaction was, his level of concern at that point, even if you don't remember the  
22          conversation itself?   Do you have any impression about how he was reacting?

23          A    If I had to speculate or recreate the conversation, I would assume it would  
24          have been something like, hey, are you aware there was someone spotted outside the  
25          venue with a range finder, that we're actively looking for them, we don't know where

1 they are. If we have more information, I'll let you know. That is typically -- if I were to  
2 go back in time, that is what I would have passed to him at that time.

3 Q Okay. So from your -- again, this is just -- you can just tell us what your, you  
4 know, best recollection is, but you don't have a recollection of like a heightened  
5 awareness, a heightened concern that rose to the level of, call it anxiety, about this  
6 person when you were talking to [REDACTED]

7 A No. Not at that time.

8 Q Not at that time, right. Okay.

9 And you mentioned that, in your experience, the AI advance is -- I'm sorry, the PI  
10 advance -- AI advance -- PI advance is supposed to -- is near the detail -- the protectee  
11 and near the detail. Did you have an understanding that if you passed information on to  
12 the advance PI about a particular issue, a suspicious person, that the advance PI would be  
13 the person who would, because he's near the protectee, would inform the detail about  
14 that?

15 A In my experience, when I have been in the role as site PI -- or the PI advance  
16 agent, and I have been at a site and I have received intelligence of this nature, I would  
17 pass it to the advance team that was in my general area. That would've been the lead  
18 advance agent and/or the site agent. I would also have passed it to my field office  
19 supervisor who was typically in and around that group as well, having arrived in the  
20 motorcade.

21 There's -- the lead advance agent travels in the motorcade. The site agent, who  
22 would've been Agent [REDACTED] prior to arrival changes radio channels to the channel of the  
23 detail and goes over to the arrival/departure area. From the time the protectee arrives  
24 to the time the protectee departs, [REDACTED].  
25 That's their role.

1           When I've been a PI advance agent, you are also in that group of people. I have  
2       passed information similar to what was received in this situation to those people.

3           Q     Okay. And I think you already answered this, but you don't recall hearing  
4       anything about a -- that the suspicious person or a person -- well, you did hear about this  
5       person being on the roof, eventually?

6           A     I heard that there was a person on the roof. I think it's --

7           Q     Right. But you --

8           A     -- important to note that I did not know it was the same person.

9           Q     Got it. Did you have a sense of, and I think you testified to this already,  
10      that you didn't really know where the AGR building was, right?

11          A     No. I had no idea it was in that same area.

12          Q     So when you heard about this other person on the roof, you were not sure  
13      or you didn't know that it was the same person, the same suspicious person with a range  
14      finder?

15          A     No. All I knew was there was someone on the roof of the AGR building. I  
16      didn't know what that building was or where it was located.

17          Q     Got it. And you also, because you didn't know where the AGR building was,  
18      you didn't know that the person on the roof was in the same vicinity as the area that you  
19      had been looking for the suspicious person?

20          A     No.

21          Q     Did -- when you heard that there was somebody on the roof, did you have, if  
22      you recall, did you have any concern that the person who had the range finder might be  
23      on the roof?

24          A     I did not at that time. I was processing it as new information, potentially a  
25      second person. It is not unusual for people to climb onto roofs of buildings to observe

1 protective events. For example, at an airport event, someone will climb on the roof of a  
2 parking garage with a camera to take pictures of the plane. Those are usually mitigated  
3 by counter sniper assets.

4 Q Got it. Okay. And when -- did you ever hear that the person on the roof  
5 had a gun, a weapon?

6 A No. I never heard mention of a weapon at any point.

7 Q Okay. Did you have a -- did you know when former President Trump was  
8 supposed to actually take the stage?

9 A I did. There was a timeline, a sequence of events in the site post  
10 instructions, the briefing that we received. I believe he was late in arrival in taking the  
11 stage. I don't recall the exact timeline of the day in reality, in real time. But, yeah, I  
12 was briefed the general time he was scheduled to be on stage.

13 Q Got it. And were you aware of any -- anyone suggesting or -- that he  
14 should be further delayed while we try to locate the suspicious person?

15 A No.

16 Q Were you surprised at all when he took the stage and at that point, at least  
17 as far as you knew, the suspicious person had not been located?

18 A No.

19 Q Were you concerned that he'd taken the stage while the suspicious person  
20 had not been located?

21 A Not at that time, no.

22 Q And did Special Agent [REDACTED] do you recall any kind of communication  
23 from him, phone call or anything else, where he was concerned about special -- about  
24 former President Trump taking the stage without the suspicious person having been  
25 located?

1 A No.

2 [REDACTED] How much time do I have left? I'm just asking my team here. I  
3 lost track of the time.

4 [REDACTED] We are at time. We each have about 10 minutes of questions  
5 left, so I don't think we'll need a full turn after this one, but we'll --

6 [REDACTED] Okay. Great. So I'll stop here.

7 [REDACTED] Yeah. We can go off the record.

8 [Discussion off the record.]

9 [REDACTED] Go back on the record.

10 Okay. Just clearing up some things that we had skipped. I'm trying to get my  
11 pages in order here.

12 [REDACTED] Yeah, you might want to turn on your video.

13 BY [REDACTED]

14 Q Sure. Okay. So just -- some couple things that we had skipped. So you  
15 attended the briefing in the morning on the day of the event, on the 13th, the Secret  
16 Service briefing?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Was everything covered in that briefing that you thought needed to be  
19 covered for that day? Like, did they cover any PI event -- any PI information or --

20 A I don't recall any PI information being briefed at that time. I really had no  
21 prior knowledge of the site or concerns before arriving. So as far as I knew, that was  
22 everything that needed to be briefed.

23 Q Okay. Is it standard for someone in a PI role to not have any familiarity  
24 with the site the day of the event? And understanding that you're pressed for time, but  
25 do you do like a full walk-through or anything like that?

1           A     So the post standers, it's typical for the post standers not to have any  
2     knowledge of the site prior to arriving.   We're usually from other areas of the U.S.  
3     Sometimes there'll be in-district post standers from the area, but it's typical not to have  
4     any prior knowledge.

5           Q     Okay.   If -- so when you arrived that morning, what time did you get there  
6     to the event?

7           A     It was [REDACTED] I believe was the briefing time.

8           Q     Okay.   And then -- so then after you were done with the briefing, it would  
9     have been about [REDACTED] right?   Did you --

10          A     That sounds right.

11          Q     Did you do a walk-through of the site once you got there?

12          A     The site agents will take the post standers to their posts and show them  
13     their post and give them a more specific briefing regarding their individual  
14     responsibilities.   I walked with the site assist agent as she posted the his post standers.

15          Q     Okay.   And then we had kind of skipped over comms.   We have -- I don't  
16     think we need to pull up the exhibit, but we have the communications from you to your  
17     jump team instructing them to change radio channels.   And then about 3 minutes later,  
18     you send an email to all the post standers instructing them to change, I believe, to [REDACTED]  
19     as well.

20          A     Uh-huh.

21          Q     Is that standard for the site PI to be the one distributing that information?

22          A     I was doing that in my dual role as the jump team leader, making sure they  
23     all had the appropriate radio channel and that they were geared up, because, again --

24          Q     Well -- okay.

25          A     -- this was their first time standing post with us, my first time working with

1       them.   So that's not typical of the site PI agent.   It's more typical of a jump team leader.

2               Q     Well, right.   Well, I understand you sending that to your text chain with  
3     all -- with your jump team, but I believe that we have -- we can pull up the exhibit if you'd  
4     like, but we have the email to, I think it was all of the post standers?

5               A     Uh-huh.

6               Q     So is -- was that also in your jump team role as a reason that you sent it to all  
7     of them?

8               A     Yes.

9               Q     Okay.

10              A     It's not typical of the role of a site PI agent.

11              Q     Okay.   And how did you -- where -- how did you get the instruction to  
12     change channels?

13              A     From the security room.

14              Q     Were you in the security room at the time?

15              A     I believe I was.

16              Q     Okay.   So that would've come from security room Agent [REDACTED]

17              A     Yes.

18              [REDACTED]   Okay.   If you want to go ahead with yours while I try to figure  
19     out my last ones.

20              [REDACTED]   Okay.

21              BY [REDACTED]

22              Q     Ma'am, I'll just go back to around 5:47 in the afternoon when you're at Post  
23     5 along the fence line by the industrial complex, which we know is AGR.   You mentioned  
24     that you observed Trooper [REDACTED] making a phone call, but then you also made a phone  
25     call at that time, correct?



1 A Yes.

2 Q And did you mention that that phone call was to CS counterpart sniper team,  
3 or did you mention that was [REDACTED]?

4 A No. That phone call was to the CS advance agent, the agent that was in  
5 charge of the counter sniper teams.

6 Q Okay. [REDACTED]? Does that name sound --

7 A Yes.

8 Q -- familiar?

9 A It sounds familiar.

10 Q And what -- can you describe your conversation?

11 A I was asking him for any intel or visual that his teams may have of that area.  
12 To be frank, I was looking for any information from anyone who had eyes in that area.  
13 They were in an elevated position, looking for any assistance I could find from a person  
14 that may have an idea of where this person went. When I observed the snipers in their  
15 post, it occurred to me they may know what's going on, and I called him. That was -- I  
16 had no reason to. It was just an idea that I had in trying to locate them.

17 Q Okay. And in your conversation with [REDACTED] the counter sniper team  
18 leader, did he mention or refer to at all putting out a be on the lookout, BOLO, message  
19 to the counter sniper team members or any other Secret Service personnel?

20 A I don't recall. Basically, I asked him if they had eyes on this person, if they  
21 knew where they were, and he said they did not at that time. And I asked him, if you  
22 find him or if he, you know, is visible, call me, let me know, and I'll go talk to him.

23 Q Okay.

24 A That was the nature of the conversation.

25 Q And then upon leaving that Post 5 in front of the AGR building, you traveled

1 around to get -- and you ultimately got into a position where you linked up with the [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED], correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And Corporal [REDACTED] was with you in the golf cart at that time, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And at that point where you met [REDACTED] did you ask him to provide a  
7 photo that he had received?

8 A I believe he volunteered it. We were comparing information.

9 Q Okay. And then what -- can you describe the typical role and exchange  
10 between a site PI agent and a [REDACTED] for an advance?

11 A [REDACTED] they -- as the site PI agent reports directly to the PI advance  
12 agent, a [REDACTED] agent would report directly to a CS advance agent. Their job is to  
13 respond to anything the counter sniper teams or the counter sniper advance agent sees  
14 or would call out as suspicious.

15 Somewhat of a similar role in that moment with that information, we were  
16 essentially working the same problem but for different reasons. Had this person been  
17 located once Agent [REDACTED] and I linked up and shared information, if that person had  
18 been located after the fact, we probably both would've responded and jointly interviewed  
19 him.

20 Q Thank you.

21 Is there any chain of command between the [REDACTED] agent and the site PI  
22 agent?

23 A Not a chain of command, more a sharing of a -- we had different  
24 responsibilities but a sharing of information. In this instance, because the person was  
25 outside the venue with a range finder, that's something that would be of interest to both

1 parties. Not your typical situation.

2 Q I can represent to you that that text exchange between Agent [REDACTED]  
3 and yourself occurred at or around 6:04 p.m. Does that sound accurate?

4 A It does.

5 Q After your exchange of information with Agent [REDACTED] did you in any  
6 way advise him to return to his post or position or to turn around or give any type of  
7 instruction about where his next movement should be with that information about the  
8 suspicious person with the range finder?

9 A I don't recall giving him any instruction, no.

10 Q At the point where you were with [REDACTED] and your exchange had ended  
11 about the suspicious with the range finder at that time, can you describe your  
12 movements? Did you go back with [REDACTED] towards the stage direction or did you  
13 go in a different direction towards the security room?

14 A We remained in the stage left area, along the bike rack, next to the crowd.

15 Q Okay.

16 BY [REDACTED]

17 Q I just have one question. Going back to your experience as an advance intel  
18 agent, is it standard for you in that role to, when you know that an event is coming up, to  
19 send a letter to the [REDACTED] alerting them that the event is happening and asking for  
20 them -- for any information that they may have pertinent to that event?

21 A Yes, that's standard as part of the PI advance agent roles and responsibilities.

22 Q And if you did not receive a response from the [REDACTED] to that letter, what would  
23 your next steps be?

24 A It's not typical to receive a response. It's more of a notification. You  
25 would usually only receive a response if they had adverse intelligence. No response, in

1 my experience, is interpreted as there's nothing to pass, everything is okay.

2 Q Okay. And then the morning of the event, would you contact headquarters  
3 just to make sure that there is no information developed?

4 A Yes. It's typical for the PI advance agents to call the [REDACTED]  
5 and ask for an update prior to the arrival.

6 Q Okay. And then just jumping back to what my colleague had gone through  
7 with your conversation with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. So you're stating that you  
8 don't recall giving him any instruction. Do you remember having any conversation with  
9 him about, we have other units looking for the suspicious person, you can return to  
10 where you were previously?

11 A I don't recall that specifically. I believe -- and this was a verbal  
12 conversation, so I believe I would've given him the same information I would've given  
13 Agent [REDACTED] what I knew and what I had done at that point to assist in  
14 locating -- reaching out to counter sniper, local law enforcement, like, we have people  
15 looking for him. I don't remember giving him any direction as far as where to post.

16 Q Okay. And then just some closings. So when -- you're exchanging this  
17 information, you're back by the hydraulic lift, shots are fired, you see the spray going on,  
18 and then afterwards you -- it's my understanding that you were kind of helping  
19 coordinate the response. I believe, were you also working with the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] to  
20 try to organize everything?

21 A That was after the fact.

22 Q Right.

23 A So after the shots and the shooting and the protectee was evacuated from  
24 the venue, then my role became more of a crime scene response role as far as evacuating  
25 the crowd, maintaining the integrity of the scene, coordinating with the [REDACTED] and turning

1 the scene over to them.

2 Q Okay. Did you convene in the security room with the other agents a few  
3 hours later?

4 A Convene?

5 Q It's my understanding that a few hours later, like once everybody had left,  
6 that the agents that were still present all reconvened in the security room before they  
7 were relieved?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. Did you talk -- were you talking to any of the other agents about  
10 their experiences that day?

11 A The other post standers?

12 Q Yes.

13 A I believe we discussed where their posts were, what they knew or what they  
14 had done. For example, I had, you know, two post standers on the press riser. We  
15 cleared all of the press out of the venue. We asked them to leave their cameras behind.  
16 So I stopped by, spoke to them, asked them if they were okay, if they had enough food  
17 and drink, if they needed to use the restroom, because they were going to have to stay  
18 there and hold their post and watch that equipment until crime scene response agents  
19 from the FBI relieved them of their post.

20 So things like that; I checked in with the post standers, the ones that could come  
21 off post. We had one that had some blood evidence at his post. I instructed -- you  
22 know, asked him if he was okay, what he had done, where this had come from, and asked  
23 him, you know, to hold his post, things like that.

24 Q Okay. Did anyone that you speak to see a member of local law  
25 enforcement take a shot at the suspect, at Crooks?

1 A No, no one -- no one that I spoke to.

2 [REDACTED] Okay. I think that is all that I have, unless you want to ask --

3 [REDACTED] No. Yield.

4 [REDACTED] Yeah, I just have a couple more questions, and then I'll --

5 [REDACTED] Go ahead.

6 [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 BY [REDACTED]

8 Q So just going back to when you were -- you know, you were first notified of  
9 the suspicious person with the range finder and you went out looking for that person in  
10 the golf cart with the other law enforcement, did you contact -- you didn't contact Special  
11 Agent [REDACTED] to tell him about the suspicious person at that point, right?

12 A Not at that time. I was focused on trying to locate this person. I didn't  
13 have any more information other than a person outside the venue with a range finder. I  
14 was -- I wouldn't have reported to him until I had more information.

15 Q Okay. And did you -- was there -- did you have any protocol to inform any  
16 other special agents who were present in a supervisory capacity at the site about the fact  
17 that you were -- I think you'd left your post at that point to go search for this person?

18 A So my post is a roving post. It's not a fixed post. I was still inside the  
19 venue. If I were leaving the venue, if I were to have gotten in the truck with Trooper  
20 [REDACTED] and left the venue to drive that fence line, I would have informed the security  
21 room that I was leaving the venue.

22 Q Right.

23 A There was a supervisor at the site that day. I interacted with him in the  
24 security room only. I would not have reached out for him directly. I would've reached  
25 out to the security room.

1 Q Got it. So you -- your recollection is that when you first learned of the  
2 suspicious person with the range finder and went to look for him, you didn't specifically  
3 tell another special -- another member of the Secret Service that you were looking for a  
4 person with a range finder?

5 A No. There was -- no, I didn't tell anyone else --

6 Q Okay.

7 A -- other than my counterpart with local law enforcement who was with me.

8 Q Your -- right, your counterpart.

9 A There was no information passed at that time.

10 Q Got it. Okay. But it did become -- your impression subsequent to that  
11 and before the shooting was that the security room was aware of the suspicious person  
12 regardless of how they had learned of it?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. And my last question, then I'll -- we can take a break and then hand  
15 it over to the minority, is -- I'll make a representation to you about what Special Agent  
16 [REDACTED] has told this task force. He said that when you were communicating with him  
17 about the suspicious person and the range finder, he didn't pass that information on to  
18 anyone in the security room because he believed he was waiting for you to confirm  
19 something about this person.

20 Was that your understanding at the time, that he was waiting for you to confirm  
21 something, or were you passing information on to him for purposes of him to deal with it  
22 however he felt fit?

23 A At the time I communicated with Agent [REDACTED] I did not know where he  
24 was. I did not know who he was around or what information he had. My intention at  
25 that time was to pass everything I knew up the chain of command to the next person

1 involved in the protective intelligence role.

2 Q Got it. So to be clear, you were not -- it wasn't your understanding that he  
3 was waiting on you to do something more or tell him additional information. You were  
4 giving him the information you had, and he was supposed to do with it what he was  
5 supposed to do with it?

6 A I -- yes. I have no -- I can't speak to what he was thinking or understanding,  
7 only that --

8 Q No, I'm only asking what you understood.

9 A Yes.

10 Q I'm only asking what you understood.

11 A Only that I have this information, I need to pass it up the chain of command.  
12 That's all I really was thinking in that moment.

13 Q Understood. And he didn't say to you anything like, well, get me more  
14 information and then I'll figure out what to do with it?

15 A I don't recall that, no.

16 [REDACTED] Okay. All right. I think that's all I have. Anybody on the majority  
17 side have any additional questions?

18 [REDACTED] No. We're good. Off the record.

19 [REDACTED] All right. Should we take a short -- yeah, off the record.

20 [Discussion off the record.]

21 BY [REDACTED]

22 Q All right. So my colleagues over there have very kindly asked most of the  
23 questions we have, so hopefully we will be able to get you out of here quickly.

24 I just want to follow up briefly. When you guys first are leaving stage left to drive  
25 behind, go to that first fence line, help me understand, what's the level of urgency at that



1 point for you all? Is this just, hey, weird thing, or are we just kind of ratcheting up the  
2 chain?

3 A Had there not been mention of a range finder, if it had just been there are  
4 people along this fence line looking at the venue, I probably would not have responded.  
5 The mention of the range finder, it wasn't urgent at that point, but it was unusual enough  
6 that I felt, hey, I need to go over there and take a look at this.

7 Q Got it. And --

8 A Does that answer your question?

9 Q No, I think it does, yeah.

10 A Okay.

11 Q And from your perspective, you are under the impression that the security  
12 room is already aware of that, right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And was that --

15 A My counterpart was in contact with his representative in the security room.  
16 The impression is that the security room is communicating this, they're aware, that's why  
17 we're responding.

18 Q Got it. So you hadn't heard directly from Secret Service about this at this  
19 point, right? You just heard it through PSP?

20 A I believe so, yes.

21 Q And I think you just said this, but just help me to make it clear. What was  
22 your reasoning for then not passing that back through to Secret Service at that point?

23 A At that point, I did not have any information beyond what was being told to  
24 me.

25 Q Got it.

1           A     So my intention at that point was to investigate that information, see what  
2     else I could learn.   If I learned anything more concerning or additional, for example, the  
3     person is being detained, I'm now leaving the venue to go talk to them and figure out why  
4     they have a range finder, I would have passed that.   I didn't glean any more information.  
5     At that point, I'm under the assumption they already know what's going on; I have  
6     nothing additional to add.

7           Q     Got it.   That makes sense.   And as you said, that's -- you're trying to  
8     preserve sort of the hierarchy of you're passing things up, passing things down, and don't  
9     want to necessarily put out too much.   Is that fair?   Or put out things already people  
10    have?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     Okay.

13          A     At this time, this is only what I am doing, and I am a cog in a much larger  
14     operational function, so there were multiple things going on at that time beyond just  
15     what I was doing.

16          Q     Makes sense.   All right.   And you met Corporal [REDACTED] at the fence line.   Is  
17     that right?

18          A     No.   He was stage left.

19          Q     Okay.

20          A     So when Trooper [REDACTED] and I got on to the golf cart, we grabbed -- there  
21     wasn't enough room for four adults on the golf cart.   We grabbed one extra set of hands  
22     to go and help us look.

23          Q     All right.   And then I want to take it back.   The first time then -- and, again,  
24     just confirming -- when was the first time post -- or let's say around the 16 -- or 1800  
25     timeline where you met Special Agent [REDACTED] about what time was that?

1           A    That was after I returned to the stage left area.   It would've been right  
2 around 1800.

3           Q    Got it.   And my sense is from -- you were asked a specific question, you  
4 don't have any sort of hierarchical role.   You guys are just in different functions, and  
5 you're kind of collaboratively trying to find Mr. Crooks?

6           A    As far as a hierarchy goes, we're exactly the same.   We're both post  
7 standers.

8           Q    Yeah.

9           A    We have different missions.   Agent [REDACTED] and I had worked together  
10 and separately throughout the day, sharing the golf cart, roving through the site,  
11 addressing issues.   But, no, I had no hierarchy as far as ordering him or giving him  
12 instruction regarding his post.

13          Q    Got it.   And then did you stay with -- was he nearby you stage left from  
14 when you return to that area until the shot, or when did you --

15          A    Yes.

16          Q    -- separate from him?   Okay.

17          A    He was with me until the shooting started, and after the shooting was over I  
18 lost track of him.

19          Q    Understood.   Did -- I want to talk about folks outside the perimeter.   First  
20 of all, were you aware of any Secret Service personnel that were outside the perimeter?

21          A    I was not.

22          Q    Okay.   Have you ever worked with a counter surveillance unit before?

23          A    I have.

24          Q    Would those folks be outside the perimeter?

25          A    [REDACTED].

1 Q Okay.

2 A I was not aware that they were being used. I don't believe they were used  
3 at this site.

4 Q That's our understanding, as well.

5 A Okay.

6 Q Had they been there, would these have been the folks who, hey, there's this  
7 issue outside the fence line. As you said, it takes a while to get out there. Would this  
8 have been the role they would have fulfilled?

9 A I believe someone earlier mentioned Trooper [REDACTED] contacting an  
10 [REDACTED] unit at the Sheetz and asking them to go look. That is typical of what our  
11 counter surveillance team would do. To be clear, I would not, as a post stander, contact  
12 them and direct them to do that. They would be monitoring radio traffic on their own  
13 and would hypothetically take that action, but it would be a similar role, yes.

14 Q Got it. And you just said, and I think this is making sense to me, you would  
15 basically report what you see, what you had heard to the security room, site agent,  
16 whomever, and then they would direct that CSU agent. Is that fair?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. As a post stander, you had said there would be some situations  
19 where you potentially would go outside the perimeter. Is that right?

20 A As a site PI person.

21 Q Got it.

22 A Now, as a typical post stander with a fixed post, you would not leave the  
23 venue. The posts that would typically leave the venue would be a [REDACTED] post or a  
24 site PI agent. Most posts would not -- that would be considered abandoning a post.

25 Q Help me understand then in what types of scenarios a site PI agent, the role

1     you filled in that regard, when would they go outside the perimeter, and would that be  
2     standard? Is it normal practice? Help me understand that.

3           A     For example, in this specific scenario, and I'm speaking only hypothetically,  
4     had that person with the range finder been on the fence line when I responded to that  
5     Post 5 area, visible and had been detained by local law enforcement, let's say there was a  
6     trooper standing on that fence line, they walked up to the guy and said, "Hey, what are  
7     you doing? This is weird. Stay here. I'm going to have Secret Service come interview  
8     you." At that point, Trooper [REDACTED] and I would have gone to a vehicle, probably his  
9     vehicle, and driven over to that location, and we would have interviewed that person.  
10    That is the function of a site PI agent.

11           We would have interviewed that person based on the information of the range  
12    finder and to determine what his intention was in using that particular piece of  
13    equipment to view the stage. As I said before, at that point, I also would have notified  
14    the security room and Agent [REDACTED] that I was leaving the venue to interview somebody  
15    that had been detained by local law enforcement.

1 [2:22 p.m.]

2

BY [REDACTED]

3

Q Got it. Makes sense.

4

5 You know, hypothetically, again, you know, I want to ask you: If you had known  
6 in advance of intelligence that there was a long-range threat, do you think that would've  
7 affected your judgment, or, at that point, would you have been more focused on getting  
8 back to the crowd area? And if it's hard to say, that's fine as well.

8

A No, it's not hard to say. I'm trying to think of the way to phrase this.

9

10 Had I known that a [REDACTED] was a concern -- again, that was not my  
11 responsibility in intelligence-gathering. And, with that knowledge, hearing that  
12 someone had a rangefinder on the fence line, I would not have acted differently, being  
13 that they weren't there. Had they been stopped, had they been detained and held for  
14 me to talk, absolutely, I would've gone over there.

14

15 Had I known that was a threat, I might have -- prior to taking up that stage-left  
16 position, I might've positioned myself differently when the protectee takes the stage. I  
17 just mean that I might've been in the stage-right area instead, just to help.

17

But, again, that's not the role of protective intelligence, is not [REDACTED].

18

That's not my job. My primary concern, again, was the crowd.

19

20 Even with the intelligence I had at the time, the crowd is closer to the protectee;  
21 they're a bigger threat. [REDACTED]

21

22 [REDACTED]. There were a number of concerns in addition to the  
23 person with a rangefinder.

23

Q Understood.

24

25 Okay. I want to briefly -- you hear, "Someone's on the roof." I think you said,  
when you heard that, you hadn't connected that that was -- AGR was that building, that

1 industrial area, right?

2 A Uh-huh. I did not know what the building was.

3 Q Yeah. Were you able to figure that out with your colleagues before the  
4 shot went off? In other words, when the shot came, did you know where that concern  
5 of the roof was at that point?

6 A No.

7 Q Okay.

8 Briefly, Technician [REDACTED] were you aware that he had a picture of  
9 Mr. Crooks?

10 A I was not aware. I received the picture from the [REDACTED] agent, and he  
11 received it from a CS person. I can't tell you who gave it to him. But not directly, no.

12 Q Got it. So, yeah, when you spoke with him on the phone, he didn't  
13 mention, "Hey, I have a photo; we're good to go"?

14 A No, I don't recall that.

15 Q Okay. And you never had another conversation with him after that initial  
16 one, correct?

17 A No.

18 Q So your understanding from Trooper [REDACTED] briefly, on the security  
19 room -- so there was a PSP officer in that room?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And they were the ones who were kind of communicating [inaudible] went  
22 to you. Is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Is that co-location with locals, is that sort of your typical understanding of  
25 how these events are arranged?

1           A    Yes.  So, from a Secret Service perspective, [REDACTED]  
2           [REDACTED].  There is usually a representative from local law enforcement and  
3   EMS or fire in that room.  And any pertinent information is passed to the post-standers  
4   through the security room.

5           Q    And did you have -- other than what you've covered, did you have any other  
6   interactions with folks in the security room beyond Special Agent [REDACTED] and then what  
7   you got from the PSP officer?

8           A    I was in and out of the security room throughout the day.  So I interacted  
9   with the security room agent.  I believe I spoke to the site supervisor, field office  
10   supervisor, not about anything specific.  But I was in and out of the security room  
11   throughout the day.

12          I also communicated, you know, with the State patrol representative in the  
13   security room multiple times throughout the day face-to-face.

14          Q    I want to talk briefly, then, about some of the other agents.

15          The site assist, site counterpart, Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] did you have any  
16   interactions with her after, let's say, the 5 o'clock timeframe until the shooting?

17          A    She was in the stage-left area assisting with crowd control.  I spoke to her  
18   off and on.  I can't remember -- prior to the information about the person with the  
19   rangefinder.  I can't remember if I spoke to her after that.  I don't believe I did.  I  
20   know I saw her in that area before then.

21          Q    Okay.

22          What about the site agent, Special Agent [REDACTED]

23          A    The last time I saw or spoke to Special Agent [REDACTED] was prior to the  
24   motorcade arrival.  I gave her a ride on the golf cart to the arrival/departure area so she  
25   could prepare for the arrival of the motorcade.  I didn't speak to her or see her until



1 later that evening after everything was done.

2 Q And what about Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Did you interact with her at  
3 all?

4 A No, only through email correspondence prior to the event.

5 Q Got it.

6 And, you know, beyond what we've talked about, from any of those three, do you  
7 have a sense of, you know, I think, planning or otherwise brief that you would've  
8 expected from them that you didn't get or any other reflections on your interactions with  
9 them that you think would be helpful to share with us?

10 A Only that Agent [REDACTED] was not present at the site, that I was aware of, after  
11 the incident. It was my understanding that she traveled to the hospital with the  
12 motorcade and the detail, and was not there to assist in the coordination of assets with  
13 the FBI and turning over the crime scene.

14 Agent [REDACTED] was at the second -- so, after the incident, after the shooting, there  
15 were two crime scenes; there was the Butler Farm Show, and then there was the rooftop  
16 of the AGR building. Agent [REDACTED] was with the field office supervisor at the site.  
17 They were over dealing with the AGR building, where the shooter was down.

18 That left the remaining crime scene, the site itself with post-standers, unattended  
19 by a site agent. To me, that was not typical, and I assumed that role in addition to my  
20 other roles.

21 Q Got it. So, post-shooting, you would've expected Special Agent [REDACTED] to  
22 stay at the site, as the site agent, to help manage that followup. Is that right?

23 A That would be my expectation, being that I saw that area for the first time  
24 that day and had no special knowledge, no advance knowledge of anything going on  
25 there prior to my briefing from her.

1 Q Understood.

2 [REDACTED] Give me one moment. Let me see if my colleagues have any  
3 questions. I'm going to turn it over to one of them, so let me mute.

4 BY [REDACTED]:

5 Q Good afternoon, Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] Thank you for being here  
6 today.

7 I just wanted to go through a few questions regarding the protective intelligence  
8 role.

9 It is my understanding that the United States Secret Service is not considered part  
10 of the intelligence community, so it relies upon other entities in the IC to basically give  
11 the Secret Service intelligence. Is that correct?

12 A Not entirely.

13 As far as intelligence or data mining, the Secret Service doesn't go out and seek  
14 intelligence other than monitoring -- we have certain groups that monitor, for example,  
15 online activity, comments that are posted online.

16 So we do generate our own intelligence regarding threats, but that is not the full  
17 function of our Intelligence Division. It's more of a response rather than a proactive  
18 seeking of intelligence, if that makes sense.

19 Q That makes sense.

20 Sorry, just one moment.

21 Can you hear me fine now?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Great. We're having a few technical issues, but I think we've got it figured  
24 out.

25 So the role of the protective intelligence advance is to gather intelligence for the

1 specific event. And would that include credible ongoing threats to the specific  
2 protectee?

3 A The best way I can explain it is, the protective intelligence agent is from the  
4 Pittsburgh area, and his responsibility is the event that day.

5 There is a degree of overlap, in that threats to the protectee related to that  
6 specific venue and event. He would not be privy to or receiving, you know, all  
7 intelligence regarding all threats to the protectee, because he's assigned to the Pittsburgh  
8 office. His job is intelligence for this event, this day, with this protectee. He wouldn't  
9 be briefed on all threats towards that protectee in perpetuity.

10 Does that make sense?

11 Q Certainly. So not in perpetuity, but any threats that could come to fruition  
12 at an event, depending on site location, depending on the type of site that you were at,  
13 would likely be something they should have knowledge of?

14 A In theory.

15 I think what's being lost in the question here -- I understand what you're asking.  
16 It would be more directed towards that particular geographical location or event for that  
17 day.

18 For example, if there were intelligence about bad actors arriving at the  
19 Philadelphia airport or the Pittsburgh airport or in the State of Pennsylvania that may  
20 have some affiliation to a threat to that protectee, unrelated to that area but they're  
21 known to be in the area now, that's certainly something that would be passed.

22 But just the existence of a general threat via [REDACTED]? Not  
23 necessarily. That's not necessarily briefed to everybody at every stop for that protectee  
24 along the way.

25 Q That makes sense.

1           Now, the decision to send counter-snipers to this specific event, arguably, if that  
2   decision was made [REDACTED], would that not fall into  
3   the same umbrella that you're talking about, where that site, that day, there could be this  
4   concern, as evidenced by the counter-snipers being sent?

5           A    In theory, I would say yes.   But that's way beyond my scope of involvement  
6   for that day, way above my pay grade for that day.

7           Q    Yes.

8           A    But, in theory, I understand what you're asking, yes.

9           Q    Okay.

10          A    That would make sense, but, again --

11          Q    Totally understand --

12          A    -- I was just --

13          Q    -- that that was not your role.

14          A    Yeah.

15          Q    Just trying to get a better understanding of exactly what the protective  
16   intelligence advance does.   And in your career, with the jobs that you've had and the  
17   advances that you've done, your experience just is providing a lot of context here that we  
18   haven't heard before.   So we appreciate it.

19                Would you say that the protective intelligence advance has an affirmative duty to  
20   pass on timely intelligence to any relevant party?

21          A    That has been my experience, yes.

22          Q    And if there was timely intelligence to pass on, who, in your experience,  
23   would those relevant parties be?

24          A    In my role as the protective intelligence -- the advance agent in previous  
25   visits with other protectees, I would have passed that to the lead advance agent, to my

1 field office supervisor. And I would have relied on possibly the site agent if it were at a  
2 specific site. If it was overall general intelligence, I would -- to the lead advance agent,  
3 my field office supervisor, and I would rely on them to reach out to the detail specifically  
4 if that were needed.

5 Q Makes sense.

6 And then final question for me: If you were training a junior agent on the role of  
7 protective intelligence advance and what happened on July 13th came up as the scenario  
8 that you were walking through, from -- and I don't mean to say "20/20." You know, we  
9 have more information.

10 But, let's say, prior to July 13th, and this sort of scenario came up, where there  
11 was, you know, a suspicious man with a rangefinder at an outdoor event. In your  
12 21 years in the Secret Service, you've never seen a rangefinder, just a suspicious person,  
13 before.

14 So, if this scenario were to have come up, how would you train that junior agent  
15 on what their role/action should be, as the protective intelligence lead, from getting that  
16 information you from at either 6:05 in the phone call or 6:07 via text?

17 A My personal philosophy with regard to information like this is, I would rather  
18 tell everybody and have it be nothing than not tell somebody and have it be something.  
19 I would rather over-disclose in these situations.

20 And that's the advice I would give a junior agent. Even if you don't think it's  
21 important, even merely from a liability standpoint, you want to pass any and all  
22 information to everybody you can think of, to make sure every base is covered.

23 Q Thank you.

24 A That's just my personal opinion.

25 Q No, I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

1 I'm going to turn it back over to my colleague. I appreciate your time today.

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BY [REDACTED]

3 Q All right. So I realize you've gone through a number of these interviews,  
4 and we do appreciate your time. You know, one thing I just want to make sure we're  
5 clear on, is there anything we've covered today that you feel like you want to clarify or  
6 that maybe we've missed the beat a little bit on how we've asked the question that would  
7 be important for us to know?

8 A Nothing comes to mind right now --

9 Q Hold on one second.

10 I'm sorry. We had another technical issue. My apologies. Can you say that  
11 one more time?

12 A At this time, no, nothing comes to mind.

13 Q Okay.

14 What about from any other interviews or in the public narrative that you think  
15 you've seen or heard that you think is being misconstrued, again, to tell us as sort of a  
16 fact-finder on this? Anything stand out to you?

17 A I think from a perspective of wanting to make improvements or to avoid  
18 future situations such as this, you have to look at these events from a perspective of, if  
19 this were an outdoor concert venue -- let's say it was a concert and 15,000 people were  
20 attending the exact same event, it would be my assumption that the host of the concert,  
21 either the musical artist or the venue, would be responsible for providing some sort of  
22 crowd control.

23 I think anyone that's been at a large sporting event or a concert has seen people in  
24 "Event Security" polos, the yellow-polo people that make sure your tickets are  
25 appropriate and you're in the right seats and no one is rushing the stage.

1           For these events, a lot of that responsibility -- for example, medical response,  
2   general crowd control, passing out water, breaking up fights -- falls to local law  
3   enforcement and the Secret Service.   And I think that is a misuse of our role at these  
4   events.   And it takes away from our ability to respond to things.

5           I'm not speaking as to whose responsibility that should be, but I'm telling you it  
6   doesn't exist at this time.

7           And I think if a group of people is going to host a 15,000-person rally, they should  
8   be responsible for providing some sort of measure of general crowd control outside of  
9   the scope of the Secret Service or the local police.

10          Q    Got it.

11          Well, I appreciate that feedback and the helpful sort of way you've guided us  
12   through some of these things and, again, for what you did that day.

13          ██████████ Counsel, I see your -- do you have something, or -- okay.

14          Well, we don't have anything else.   Again, I really do appreciate your time.

15          ██████████ you guys got anything over there?

16          ██████████ I don't believe so.

17          Anybody, anything else on our end?

18          ██████████ No, sir.   All good.

19          ██████████ All right.   Great.

20          ██████████ Thank you so much, Special Agent.

21          ██████████ We also want to thank you.   Thank you for your time today.

22          ██████████ I appreciate that.   Thank you.

23          ██████████ Take care.

24          [Whereupon, at 2:42 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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