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INTERVIEW OF

C-UAS Advance Agent
[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. SECRET SERVICE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 HSGAC Majority This is a transcribed interview of Special
3 Agent Witness It is being conducted by the Senate
4 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and
5 the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

6 This interview was requested by Committee Chairman
7 Gary Peters, Ranking Member Rand Paul, as well as
8 Subcommittee Chairman Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member
9 Ron Johnson. This is a part of the Committee's
10 investigation of the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt
11 on former President Trump, and the U.S. Secret Service
12 planning in advance of and response related to the events
13 in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024.

14 On July 25th, Chairmen Peters, Blumenthal, and Ranking
15 Members Paul and Johnson requested voluntary transcribed
16 interviews with U.S. Secret Service personnel, including

17 **Witness**

18 We will provide an explanation of how today's
19 interview will proceed, and before doing so I would now ask

20 **Witness** if you would please state your name and your
21 title for the record.

22 **Witness** My name is Special Agent **Witness**

23 HSGAC Majority And I'd ask if counsel would now enter
24 their appearance.

25 MR. Agency Counsel **Agency Counsel**

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes. **Witness Counsel**-- I'm sorry.

2 MR. **Agency Counsel** Go ahead, Larry. Sorry.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay. That's okay. This is **Witness Counsel**

4 **Witness Counsel** as in **Witness Counsel** And I am
5 outside counsel for **Witness**

6 MR. **Agency Counsel** **Agency Counsel** Attorney Advisor for
7 the Secret Service.

8 **HSGAC Majority** There are four offices conducting this
9 interview today, and we will now introduce ourselves.

10 My name is **HSGAC Majority** I am the Chief Counsel and
11 Chief Investigative Counsel for Chairman Gary Peters on the
12 full Committee, the Senate Homeland Security and
13 Governmental Affairs Committee. And I am joined by my
14 colleagues **HSGAC Majority** Senior Investigative Counsel, and
15 **HSGAC Majority** Senior Investigator, both for the majority.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Good afternoon. Thank you for coming
17 in. My name is **HSGAC Minority** I am Chief Counsel for
18 Ranking Member Paul for HSGAC minority, and I'm joined by
19 my colleagues, **HSGAC Minority** and then **HSGAC Minority**
20 who will also be asking questions, as well.

21 **PSI Majority** This is **PSI Majority** Senior Counsel
22 for PSI Chair Richard Blumenthal.

23 **PSI Minority** Good afternoon, sir. My name is **PSI Minority**
24 **PSI Minority**. I am the Deputy Staff Director for Ranking
25 Member Ron Johnson on the Permanent Subcommittee on

1 Investigations. I am joined today with my colleagues,
2 **PSI Minority** Chief Counsel, and **PSI Minority** our
3 Counsel.

4 **HSGAC Majority** During the interview we will try to ensure
5 we limit the number of people asking questions and follow-
6 ups so you can be sure to direct your responses to the
7 people asking the questions. And should you have any
8 questions about that follow-up we are happy to make sure
9 our questions are clear. Should you not understand the
10 questions, please ask us to revise them and we'll be happy
11 to do so.

12 We will proceed in approximate one-hour blocks of
13 time, and we will take breaks afterwards, but if at any
14 time you feel the need for a break we're happy to
15 accommodate. Just let us know.

16 The reporter is going to create a verbatim record of
17 what we discuss today, and with that in mind, as I'm sure
18 you're familiar, please respond verbally, because reporters
19 cannot properly record a nonverbal response. Do you
20 understand?

21 **Witness** I understand.

22 **HSGAC Majority** This interview is unclassified, so if the
23 questions call for any information that you know to
24 implicate classified information please state for the
25 record that the question implicates classified information,

1 and do your best to articulate the questions that do so.
2 And once you have clarified, to the extent possible, please
3 respond with as much unclassified information as you are
4 able to publicly convey. If the need arises for a
5 classified session to address anything that may be
6 classified, we will arrange to do so at a later date. Do
7 you understand?

8 **Witness** Yes, I understand.

9 **HSGAC Majority** The Committee's practice is to honor valid
10 common law privilege and claims as an accommodation to a
11 witness when those claims are made in good faith and
12 accompanied by a sufficiently explicit explanation. When
13 deciding whether to honor the privilege, the Committee will
14 weigh its need for this information against a legitimate
15 basis for withholding it.

16 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to
17 any future discussions of the Committee, and we reserve the
18 right to request your participation in a future interview,
19 should we need to do so.

20 You are required to answer questions before Congress
21 truthfully. Do you understand?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** This also applies to questions posed by
24 congressional staff in this interview. Specifically, 18
25 USC 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false,

1 fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations in
2 the course of a congressional investigation, including your
3 statements today. Do you understand?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Is there any reason you are not able to
6 provide truthful responses today?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **HSGAC Majority** We would ask that you not speak about what
9 we discuss in this interview with anyone outside of who is
10 in this room today, in order for us to preserve the
11 integrity of our investigation. We also ask that you not
12 remove or make any copies of the photographs or exhibits.
13 Do you understand?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** We will provide your counsel with a copy of
16 the transcript following the interview and an opportunity
17 to make any factual corrections.

18 Do you have any questions before we begin?

19 **Witness** No, sir.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Counsel?

21 **MR. Agency Counsel** No.

22 **HSGAC Majority** We would like to begin today's interview by
23 asking you first to give an overview of your roles and
24 responsibilities as they relate to your role at Secret
25 Service and the events on July 13th at the Butler rally.

1 This is with respect to your planning and security efforts
2 at the event.

3 **Witness** I'm a Special Agent in the Donald Trump
4 Protective Division. I am a shift agent on Shift **LES** As an
5 additional duty I have -- I am in the Counter Unmanned
6 Aerial System Program. And on July 13th, in Butler,
7 Pennsylvania, in that capacity as a Counter UAS, it was the
8 reason for my being there.

9 **HSGAC Majority** My colleague, **HSGAC Majority** will now proceed
10 with questions.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Special **Witness** my name is **HSGAC Majority**
12 **HSGAC Majority**. I'm a Senior Investigator for Chairman Peters on
13 the Committee. Thank you again for being here. As **HSGAC Majority**
14 mentioned, we're going to go around the table with each of
15 the different offices asking questions, and I'll start with
16 the majority before we take a break in about an hour.

17 Can you tell me how long you've been with the Secret
18 Service?

19 **Witness** I've been with the Secret Service
20 approximately four years.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And have you been on FPOTUS protective
22 detail since then?

23 **Witness** I've been on Donald Trump's protective
24 detail for approximately one year.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And what did you do with the Secret

1 Service before that?

2 **Witness** I was assigned to the Chief Field Office.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And what did you do in the Chicago Field
4 Office?

5 **Witness** I was a Criminal Investigator.

6 **HSGAC Majority** So how long have you been responsible
7 for CUAS capabilities with the Secret Service?

8 **Witness** For approximately three months.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And that's all for FPOTUS Trump?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have someone you regularly report
12 to?

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Who is that?

15 **Witness** My supervisor interest rate **ASAC DTD**.

16 **HSGAC Majority** How do you spell his last name?

17 **Witness** His last name is **ASAC DTD**.

18 **HSGAC Majority** That's Special Agent **ASAC DTD**?

19 **Witness** Assistant Special Agent in Charge **ASAC DTD**

20 **ASAC DTD**

21 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And is he on former
22 President Trump's detail as well?

23 **Witness** Yes, sir, he is.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have anyone that reports to you?

25 **Witness** No.

1 HSGAC Majority You said you were on Shift [REDACTED]. Is that
2 right?

3 Witness That is correct, yes.

4 HSGAC Majority How many shifts are there for former
5 President Trump?

6 Witness For President Trump himself there's three
7 shifts -- [REDACTED]

8 HSGAC Majority And roughly how many team members are on
9 Shift [REDACTED]?

10 Witness There's approximately [REDACTED].

11 HSGAC Majority So you regular work with those [REDACTED]
12 agents. Is that right?

13 Witness Yes.

14 HSGAC Majority Was Shift [REDACTED] in its entirety at the
15 Butler rally?

16 Witness No.

17 HSGAC Majority So was it a combination of Shifts [REDACTED]
18 through [REDACTED] at the Butler rally?

19 Witness [REDACTED] shift was working with former President
20 Trump at the rally.

21 HSGAC Majority I see. So you were there in your
22 capacity as CUAS responsibilities?

23 Witness Yes, sir.

24 HSGAC Majority Understood. Can you give us a sense of
25 your work schedule? So are your shifts regular?

1 **Witness** No, they're not.

2 **HSGAC Majority** How does that work generally?

3 **Witness** So there's normally a **LES** shift, an
4 **LES** shift, or I guess it's called **LES** shift, and
5 then there's the **LES** shift. And then we rotate
6 through those.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have a regular shift, morning --
8 or day versus night?

9 **Witness** Approximately **LES**,
10 but then there's times where, to fill a position you work
11 out of that rotation.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have regular days off?

13 **Witness** No.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Roughly how many days off would you say
15 you had, either per week or per month?

16 **Witness** **LES**

17 **HSGAC Majority** Per week or per month?

18 **Witness** I'm sorry. **LES**

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. But they're not regular
20 days of the week?

21 **Witness** No, they're not.

22 **HSGAC Majority** How far in advance do you know which
23 days you'll have off?

24 **Witness** Approximately a week before.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And I imagine you do a fair

1 amount of travel?

2 **Witness** Yes, sir.

3 **HSGAC Majority** What was your schedule like in the week
4 leading up to the July 13 rally?

5 **Witness** To the best of my recollection I was in
6 Bedminster, New Jersey, and then I had, I believe, a couple
7 of days off. I believe it was two days off. And then I
8 traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

9 **HSGAC Majority** When did you travel to Pittsburgh?

10 **Witness** I traveled to Pittsburgh on July 11th.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So that would've been Thursday the 11th?

12 **Witness** I couldn't tell you.

13 **HSGAC Majority** But two days before the rally?

14 **Witness** Yes, sir.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any involvement in planning
16 for the July 13th rally?

17 **Witness** Could you ask that question one more
18 time?

19 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any involvement in planning
20 for the rally, in any capacity?

21 **Witness** Just for the UAS, counter UAS role.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Were you part of the Secret Service
23 advance team for that site?

24 **Witness** So I would be considered an advance for
25 Counter UAS.

1 **HSGAC Majority** And can you walk us through what that
2 advance planning for CUAS entailed?

3 **Witness** Sure. So typically, for counter UAS, we
4 usually visit the site the day before the visit, and we're
5 looking for locations to **LES** the counter UAS system, and
6 getting a general understanding of the site and the plan
7 that's in place, and the location for me to work at,
8 essentially to where I will detect drones.

9 **HSGAC Majority** So you said you usually visit the site
10 the day before. Did you do that in this case?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** So was that the 12th that you went to
13 the Butler rally site?

14 **Witness** Yes, sir.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And you said you usually identify a site
16 for the CUAS technology. Did you do that in this case?

17 **Witness** I'm sorry?

18 **HSGAC Majority** Did you identify a site for the CUAS
19 technology at this rally?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah. And what was the location that
22 you had selected?

23 **Witness** The location was approximately southeast
24 of the stage, a couple of hundred yards away from the
25 stage. That's the best description I can give.

1 **HSGAC Majority** So that was on the opposite side of AGR
2 building, roughly. Is that right?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. What information did you rely on
5 ahead of the rally to plan? Were you given any documents?

6 **Witness** I was given the Site Survey, and that's
7 usually handed out the day before the rally -- or excuse
8 me, a visit. In this case, the rally.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Did you attend any briefings before the
10 rally?

11 **Witness** Yes, I did.

12 **HSGAC Majority** What did you attend?

13 **Witness** On the 13th there was a 10:00 briefing
14 concerning the site and the security plan. And I also, at
15 that time, I gave a couple of notes to the post-standers on
16 that day regarding my role and the assistance I needed from
17 them.

18 **HSGAC Majority** What assistance did you need from the
19 post-standers?

20 **Witness** So what I asked the post-standers is if
21 they see a drone to notify the Security Room.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Had you ever been to Butler before that
23 week?

24 **Witness** No, sir.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And you said you attended the 10 a.m.

1 briefing at the rally site. Is that right?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** So is it fair to say you were at the
4 site all day?

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And were you at that CUAS location that
7 you described, being southeast of the stage, for the whole
8 day?

9 **Witness** No, sir. So I was there initially,
10 following that 10:00 post-stander brief. However, I was
11 having issues with the counter UAS system and so I moved
12 locations in an effort to try to get it up and running and
13 have it active. It turns out, so I then moved to a
14 location adjacent to the Security Room, which was north of
15 the stage. And that's where I was at for the remainder of
16 the day.

17 **HSGAC Majority** The Security Room, you said north of the
18 stage?

19 **Witness** Yes, sir.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So that would be on the AGR side of the
21 stage?

22 **Witness** No, sir. That's -- I'd like to correct
23 that. It's to the 12 o'clock of the stage. So I believe
24 it's north. Yeah, I would have to look at a map. But I
25 want to say it's north, but --

1 **HSGAC Majority** So -- sorry. Go ahead.

2 **Witness** It's directly straight ahead from the
3 stage, as you're speaking at the podium.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. You said you identified
5 issues with the CUAS system. Could you elaborate on that,
6 what issues you encountered?

7 **Witness** Sure. So once I connect the system and
8 get it -- and have it set in its location, I am able to see
9 whether it's active, and it was not showing as active. And
10 then I went through troubleshooting procedures to try to
11 get it active. That proved to take me a few hours.

12 **HSGAC Majority** So what time did you first encounter the
13 issue when it wasn't active?

14 **Witness** So I can, approximately 11:30, I'd say, I
15 probably called someone to -- for assistance for the -- to
16 help me walk through the troubleshooting process, or see if
17 they had any -- you know, he was more experienced with it,
18 to see if he's run into this issue before. It's the first
19 time I've encountered this system not becoming active. And
20 so it must've been shortly before 11:30.

21 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. Did you say this was your
22 first time with this system, in general, or this was the
23 first time you found the system to be inactive or not
24 operating?

25 **Witness** No. First time I've had the system not

1 become active.

2 **HSGAC Majority** I see. So you've worked with this
3 system before this rally?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. So the solution to it being
6 inactive was to move it to a different location. Is that
7 right?

8 **Witness** That was not the solution. Eventually,
9 at the end, after we found out what the trouble was. But
10 it was a solution that I thought would've helped, at the
11 time.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And did it help?

13 **Witness** No, it did not.

14 **HSGAC Majority** So then can you walk us through what
15 happened once you moved locations?

16 **Witness** The system continued to -- so once I
17 moved the location I reconnected everything, tried to get
18 it active again. It still did not become active. A couple
19 of people that I spoke to, that I phoned to try to assist
20 me with troubleshooting, but eventually it did not become
21 active until approximately 4:33. So when I called
22 Assistant Special Agent in Charge **DTD 2nd Sup.** to let him know
23 that it was active.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And do you have an understanding of what
25 enabled it to become active and working?

1 **Witness** I think I do. So I'll walk you through
2 the process, if I may. So once I noticed the system was
3 becoming inactive, or not becoming active, I contacted a
4 member of my detail who had more experience with it. So he
5 gave me some ideas and troubleshooting to do to the system.
6 And then ultimately he gave me the number to a **C-UAS HQ**
7 **C-UAS HQ** from D.C. I believe he's Secret Service Counter
8 UAS person that's in charge of the program. And so I spoke
9 to him.

10 He gave me the number to **LES** Tech Support,
11 and I spoke to them several times throughout the day. And
12 I worked with them, with the Tech Support personnel, at
13 length, trying to get the system up. The Tech Support
14 person told me that the system, that they can see the
15 system, so I assumed it was a software issue. They told me
16 they were restarting the system automatically -- or excuse
17 me, remotely. They pushed updates to the system, but
18 nothing seemed to be working.

19 Sometime after 2 p.m., after troubleshooting for a few
20 hours, I contacted ACAS **DTD 2nd Sup.** who was the second
21 supervisor that day, and I let him know that the system was
22 down and it doesn't look like we're going to be coming up,
23 it was going to be coming up. So after contacting him --
24 let me add in there, I also let Special Agent **Site Agent** who
25 was the site agent that day, let her know that the system

1 was down. I continued to troubleshoot it myself, just to
2 the best of my abilities, turning it on and off,
3 reconnecting stuff.

4 At some time after 4 p.m., I get a call back from Tech
5 Support and says that another person from **LES** Tech
6 Support had looked at it, had looked at my system that was
7 connected, and it looked like two boxes -- please don't ask
8 me what these boxes are; it's beyond me -- but two boxes
9 were not talking to each other, and to try to change out an
10 Ethernet cable between those two boxes, that connected the
11 two of them. I looked around the Security Room and did not
12 find an Ethernet cable. I then went to the offstage
13 announce area where the audio-visual personnel were at. I
14 explained to them that I needed an Ethernet cable. I
15 grabbed that. I switched out the cables, and shortly after
16 the system became active. And at 4:33, I contacted ASAC
17 **DTD 2nd Sup.** to let him know that the system was active.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And you said you contacted Special Agent
19 **Site Agent** Can you remember when that was?

20 **Witness** No, I don't recall. I believe it was
21 before I contacted ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.**

22 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And we'll circle back to these
23 CUAS issues. I just wanted to make sure I cover everything
24 about the planning at the beginning of the rally.

25 In terms of the security perimeter of the rally, does

1 the location of the perimeter affect what you do for CUAS
2 in any way?

3 **Witness** No, sir, I don't believe so.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware of the location of the
5 perimeter?

6 **Witness** Yes, sir, I was.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Who told you where the perimeter was or
8 what the --

9 **Witness** I had looked at the site diagram, and in
10 conversation on the 12th, walking through the perimeter --
11 or excuse me, the site -- walking through the site, I knew
12 what the site was, and essentially the boundaries of the
13 site and where certain assets were going to be located.

14 **HSGAC Majority** But your responsibilities for CUAS
15 extend beyond the perimeter. In other words, you're
16 looking for drones outside of the perimeter as well as
17 inside the perimeter?

18 **Witness** Absolutely. Yes, sir. So for that day,
19 the FAA has approved a temporary flight restriction zone of
20 two nautical miles from 0 feet to 1,000 feet for UAS
21 systems.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Does that mean someone from the Secret
23 Service contacted the FAA before the rally about that zone?

24 **Witness** Yes, sir. We routinely make requests for
25 TFRs, temporary flight restriction zones, when former

1 President Trump is visiting locations.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Similar to my question about how the
3 perimeter affects your work, do any structures outside of
4 the perimeter, such as the AGR building, affect how you do
5 your job for CUAS? In other words, did you consider those
6 buildings or did you need to consider those buildings?

7 **Witness** No, sir. And something regarding the
8 flight restriction zone, so I mentioned it was two nautical
9 miles from 0 to 1,000 feet AGR, or above ground level. And
10 it was specifically from 4:20 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. was the
11 times of the restrictions.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Why did the TFR start at 4:20 p.m. as
13 opposed to earlier or throughout the whole day?

14 **Witness** I believe it's from -- they're
15 calculating it from when President Trump will be on stage.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know when that request was made
17 to FAA for that TFR?

18 **Witness** No, sir. I do not make those requests.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any concerns about the
20 perimeter or the location of the AGR buildings?

21 **Witness** No, sir.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And going back to your arrival, you said
23 you attended the 10 a.m. briefing. Do you recall what time
24 you arrived at the site?

25 **Witness** Probably 30 minutes before then.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Where were you the night before, so
2 Friday, the 12th?

3 **Witness** I can't remember the city, but I was
4 within a 30-minute drive.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall what you did that night,
6 before the rally?

7 **Witness** Yes. So I sent out emails to the team,
8 that needed to be aware of the counter UAS, and we're going
9 to get alerts in the event that there was a drone. And
10 explaining that they will get messages or alerts on their
11 phones, and the need for some of them, specifically PI or
12 Protective Intelligence, agents or the CS, or Counter
13 Sniper Response agent to respond in the event that we
14 detected an operator.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Were you made aware of any intelligence
16 about any threats ahead of the rally, so threats either to
17 the rally in particular or to former President Trump?

18 **Witness** I do not recall any specific threats to
19 that event. We routinely get notices of threats.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have any concerns ahead of the
21 rally?

22 **Witness** No, sir.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Now shifting back to the CUAS
24 technical ability, can you describe, in layman's terms, how
25 this works? Now I understand some of this you're not going

1 to be able to speak to, but what you can speak to, can you
2 describe how the CUAS system generally works?

3 **Witness** Sure. So I would set up a system, and
4 then when a **LES**
5 **LES** there a site, a
6 **LES**, that would point out the location of the drone and
7 the **LES**, so on a **LES** image. And
8 through those means we would engage with the operator, you
9 know, have an interview with them.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So is this a detection system as opposed
11 to a **LES** or a mitigation system? Are those two
12 different things?

13 **Witness** They are different things, yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And what you're describing was the
15 detection system only. Is that right?

16 **Witness** Correct.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Was there a **LES** or
18 mitigation system in place at that rally?

19 **Witness** No, sir, there was not.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Does Secret Service CUAS Program have
21 the detection -- or sorry -- **LES** and mitigation
22 programs, as well?

23 **Witness** Yes, sir, we do. So we have **LES**
24 **LES** which are essentially **LES**, that would
25 **LES**.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe what kind of protectee
2 events use both of the systems, so both being detection and
3 **LES**? So when do you usually use both, or either, for
4 that matter?

5 **Witness** So Donald Trump Division has a **LES**
6 number of **LES**, or the **LES**, also known
7 for. And so the **LES** came off the **LES** that
8 day. So I did not have it, but someone -- it was in the
9 **LES**. And in the event there was a drone at the time,
10 or the drone was detected, that **LES** would've been
11 deployed.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Oh. So the **LES** capability was at
13 the rally site and was available for use?

14 **Witness** During Donald Trump's visit, yes, while
15 he was there. Because before he arrived it was not there,
16 and once he left it was not there.

17 **HSGAC Majority** I see. It stays with the **LES**?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority** I see. But you weren't responsible for
20 operating that system.

21 **Witness** Correct. I was not.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know who was responsible?

23 **Witness** I do not know.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Is that how it generally works, the
25 detection is someone, you or someone your equivalent, but

1 the **LES** system is someone else in the **LES**
2 **Witness** Yes. Or if we have an additional **LES**
3 **LES** or **LES** at the site, then it will be used --
4 then I will partner up with them. But the detection action
5 is separate than the **LES** action.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And does the **LES** action rely on
7 the functionality of the detection system? In other words,
8 if the detection system was not work, like it was initially
9 for you, does that render the **LES** system inoperable?

10 **Witness** No, sir.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And how does that work? They're able to
12 use the **LES** system -- again, to the extent that you
13 can talk about this -- they're able to use the **LES**
14 system without your detection system?

15 **Witness** Yes, sir. So if they see something that
16 shouldn't be there, that we know to not be a friendly
17 drone, then they will be -- and it's identified as a
18 threat, then it will be taken down.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Thanks. Were there any
20 redundant or backup systems for the detection system?

21 **Witness** No, sir, there was not. There are other
22 systems in the Secret Service, but at the time DTD, or
23 Donald Trump Division, did not have one.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Is it common to have a backup detection
25 system at protectee events?

1 **Witness** One more time, sir.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Is it common to have a backup or
3 redundant detection system present at these protectee
4 events?

5 **Witness** I wouldn't say common. There are times
6 there are and times there are not. So DTD had, at the
7 time, just the **LES** detection systems. We now have
8 another system that mitigates and detects, sort of a more
9 capable system. But we did not have that organic to DTD, so
10 at times when we went on visits, if TSD, Technical Security
11 Division, can support, they would provide another system,
12 **LES**.

13 **HSGAC Majority** You said you now have another system.
14 Is that something that Secret Service has adopted since the
15 July 13th rally?

16 **Witness** It's something that DTD has recently
17 received, that we just got. But it's been in the Secret
18 Service before then.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And again, DTD is Donald
20 Trump Detail?

21 **Witness** Yes, sir.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And what system is this, the one that
23 DTD just received?

24 **Witness** **LES**

25 **HSGAC Majority** **LES** And is that another detection

1 system?

2 **Witness** Yes, sir. It's both detection and
3 mitigation.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Oh. But the one that you were using is
5 only detection. Is that right?

6 **Witness** Correct. Yes, sir.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So this new one is a backup detection
8 system but it also has mitigation, which is redundant, not
9 in a bad way necessarily, but in addition to the mitigation
10 system in the **LES**. Is that right?

11 **Witness** Yes, sir.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

13 I want to hand you a document. This is being marked
14 Exhibit 1.

15 [Exhibit No. 1 was
16 marked for identification.]

17 **HSGAC Majority** This document does not have Bates stamps
18 but it's the TSD Outdoor Site Survey. Are you familiar
19 with this document?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Were you involved in creating it?

22 **Witness** No, sir, I was not.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. You see that first page, under
24 "UAS Countermeasure Deployed," towards the bottom? It
25 says, "**LES**."

1 **Witness** Yes, sir.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Is that the system that you were working
3 on, that you had issues with? That's the **LES** system.
4 Is that right?

5 **Witness** The **LES** system I was working,
6 and the **LES** is -- I believe it's the **LES**
7 that was coming off the **LES**

8 **HSGAC Majority** I see. Are they both manufactured by
9 the same company, as far as you're aware?

10 **Witness** I couldn't tell you that, sir.

11 **HSGAC Majority** But the company that you said you had
12 called to troubleshoot, that was **LES**?

13 **Witness** Yes, sir.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Does the **LES** detection
15 system rely on public local cell networks to operate?

16 **Witness** I believe it does, sir.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if the **LES**
18 mitigation system relies on local cell networks?

19 **Witness** No, sir, I don't believe it dos.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So when you said you had issues with it
21 and you'd spent, I think you said a couple of hours trying
22 to troubleshoot -- is that right?

23 **Witness** Yes, sir.

24 **HSGAC Majority** You said you eventually determined that
25 the Ethernet cables needed to be changed, and after you did

1 that it seemed to be operational?

2 **Witness** Yes, sir.

3 **HSGAC Majority** There's been a lot of reporting, as I'm
4 sure you're aware, about issues with the CUAS system not
5 being able to connect to the local cell networks. Is it
6 your understanding that that had any involvement in the
7 system not functioning that day?

8 **Witness** I have no idea where that came from, and
9 that -- to my knowledge, it had nothing to do with the

10 **LES** not working.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So your understanding is that it was
12 simply an Ethernet cable issue that caused the technical
13 system not being able to communicate with itself. That's
14 what you were told by the troubleshooters?

15 **Witness** Yes, sir.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Did they mention anything, "they" being
17 the company, **LES** staff support, did they mention
18 anything about cell network connection?

19 **Witness** No, sir, they did not.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And sorry. You said 4:33 was when you
21 called Special Agent --

22 **Witness** **DTD 2nd Sup.**

23 **HSGAC Majority** -- **DTD 2nd Sup.** to let him know that it was
24 active.

25 **Witness** Yes, sir.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have any sense of what effect the
2 inoperability had, up until that point? In other words,
3 what, if any, effect on the security or operations of the
4 Secret Service at the rally site that day, how that was
5 affected by the CUAS not working until 4:33?

6 **Witness** No affect that I'm aware of. Yeah.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Have you had any technical issues like
8 this in the past with this system?

9 **Witness** No. This was the first time I had any
10 issues with the **LES**. And if I can add, I just
11 want to say that the temporary flight restrictions began at
12 4:20 p.m.

13 **HSGAC Majority** So presumably that means individuals
14 were legally allowed to fly drones before then, over the
15 rally site?

16 **Witness** Yes, sir.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And between 4:20 and 4:33, when they
18 weren't allowed to, you didn't have at least this technical
19 capability in place. Is that right?

20 **Witness** Yeah, approximately 4:33. That's when I
21 called **DTD 2nd Sup.** I believe I spoke to **Site Agent** before that, to
22 let her know that it was active.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Were you in contact with
24 any state or local law enforcement about CUAS coverage or
25 technical capabilities?

1 **Witness** Yes, sir. On the 12th I spoke to
2 Pennsylvania State Police Lieutenant -- I forget his name
3 at the time -- **PSP Lieutenant** I believe, **PSP Lieutenant** So
4 typically I will ask the local law enforcement if they are
5 flying any drones, and the reason for my doing that is so I
6 can White List a drone, so that we know that it's friendly,
7 you know, and to coordinate the launching place and where
8 they're going to launch at and to, so I can communicate to
9 the Security Room, to put out to the rest of the post-
10 standers that there was going to be a friendly drone up.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And when you say White List, that's a
12 technical capability? As soon as you detect it in the
13 system it tells you if that's on the White List?

14 **Witness** Right. It'll tell you that it's a
15 friendly drone, or a known drone.

16 **HSGAC Majority** That's only if you preprogram it to know
17 that ahead of time?

18 **Witness** Yes, sir.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And turning back to Exhibit 1, that TSD
20 Outdoor Site Survey, if you look on the first page, at the
21 bottom, under "Summary of Threats and Vulnerabilities," it
22 says, "The site is located in an open farm area and is
23 vulnerable to possible drone attacks with a limited amount
24 of CUAS equipment on-site." Do you see that?

25 **Witness** Yes, sir.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Now did you write that?

2 **Witness** I did not, no.

3 **HSGAC Majority** What's your understanding of what that
4 means in this scenario? So what was limited about the CUAS
5 equipment at this event?

6 **Witness** Possibly what he was referring to is our
7 not having the **LES** system available to us, which I
8 requested on the 10th, and an additional **LES** or **LES**
9 **LES** at the site, separate from the one coming off the
10 **LES**

11 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. What is **LES**?

12 **Witness** **LES** is that second system that I was
13 speaking to earlier. It mitigates -- it detects -- it both
14 detects and mitigates drones.

15 **HSGAC Majority** This is the one that DTD has since
16 gotten?

17 **Witness** Yes, sir.

18 **HSGAC Majority** So you had requested that on the 10th?

19 **Witness** Yes, sir.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Was that request denied?

21 **Witness** Yes, sir, it was.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know why it was denied?

23 **Witness** I believe it was due to availability. It
24 was being used elsewhere.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Was there a specific person who denied

1 that request?

2 **Witness** So I can tell you who I spoke with. I
3 don't know who had the authority to deny or locate that.
4 It was TSI **TSD Advance Agent**

5 **HSGAC Majority** So you had said earlier that you didn't
6 have any concerns ahead of the rally. Does that include
7 what you just described? In other words, knowing that you
8 didn't have **LES**, you didn't have any concerns, even
9 though you had requested that?

10 **Witness** Yes, sir. So that would have been the
11 first time that I had the **LES** at a rally, if we did have
12 it, which we didn't.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry. Say that again. That was the
14 first rally that what?

15 **Witness** That we would've had the **LES** system.
16 And I guess if I said I had no concern, I want to correct
17 that. I did mention a concern to ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup** on the 12th,
18 which was the hours of the TFR zone.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe what that concern was?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir. So the Temporary Flight
21 Restriction was from 4:20 to 6:15, and my concern is that
22 they try to pinpoint when -- what I believe, to the best of
23 my knowledge, pinpoint when President, or former President
24 Trump would be on stage. However, President Trump always -
25 - excuse me -- sometimes runs late, arrives late at a site,

1 and sometimes goes longer than the allocated time. My
2 concern was that the TFR would expire during the time that

3 **LES** was onstage. So I explained that to ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.**

4 **HSGAC Majority** And was the TFR expanded as a result of
5 your concern?

6 **Witness** No, sir, it was not.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know why?

8 **Witness** I do not know, sir.

9 **HSGAC Majority** You had mentioned that you requested
10 **LES**, but I think you said this would've been the first
11 rally for former President Trump where **LES** would've been
12 deployed. Is that right?

13 **Witness** No. So the first time it would've been
14 at a rally that I was at, at a site that I was at.

15 **HSGAC Majority** I see.

16 **Witness** There have been sites where **LES** system
17 was used at a President Trump rally.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And why did you request it?

19 **Witness** For addition -- because I knew of its
20 enhanced capabilities and for security.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Is it your understanding that **LES**
22 uses different technical capabilities than the **LES**
23 system that you used?

24 **Witness** Yes, sir, it does.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And in layman's terms, can you just

1 describe how it works differently?

2 **Witness** Sure. If I can? So it has capabilities
3 of -- whereas the **LES** system, I would describe it
4 as passive, just detecting something. With the **LES**
5 system it is more active, and I can **LES**, **LES**
6 **LES**.

7 So it's more of an active role that you would be able to
8 take.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And you've used this technology before?

10 **Witness** Not prior to the 13th. I have since
11 received training on the **LES** system. So if it would've
12 came -- if the **LES** system would've came to Butler on the
13 13th, there would also have been a person who would operate
14 it. It would be more than just the system.

15 **HSGAC Majority** But had you taken training on it
16 previously?

17 **Witness** Previously to the 13th? No. We didn't
18 have it, so it's not a system that we had to use.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Right. I'm just trying to understand.
20 If you had requested it without using it before, how would
21 that have worked? You said there would've been someone on-
22 site that could've helped you operate it?

23 **Witness** No. I wouldn't have been the operator of
24 the system. Somebody from TSD would've came to operate it.

25 **HSGAC Majority** I see. And you would've stuck with

1 LES .

2 **Witness** On that system. Yes, sir.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. So you were basically
4 requesting an additional asset, another agent to operate
5 that system, that other system, **LES**

6 **Witness** I was more focused on the **LES** system,
7 but yes, it would've come with a person to operate it.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And is there anything else
9 you can tell us about why you made that decision to request
10 that? I understand it was an additional capability, but
11 was there anything in your mind that made you conclude that
12 additional capability would be beneficial?

13 **Witness** No, sir. So I was speaking to TSD
14 **TSD Advance Agent** -- oh, excuse me, TSI **TSD Advance Agent** -- on the 10th, and
15 we were conversing about the site. I believe he told me
16 that he had a location for me to set up. He asked me if
17 there's anything that I needed. I believe he mentioned
18 that he might have a **LES** I told him yes, we need the
19 **LES**. And he asked me, I believe, about the **LES**
20 I requested that, as well. Ultimately, those were not
21 available. But it wasn't a specific threat or a
22 circumstance of why I wanted to request it. It was just
23 the additional security of it.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And if your system became
25 operational roughly, a little bit before 4:33 -- I know you

1 said that's when you started notifying, or you had already
2 notified [Site Agent] and then at 4:33 you sent another
3 notification about it being operational -- do you recall
4 roughly where you were in about the hour preceding that?
5 Was that at the second location, at the 12 o'clock, where
6 you'd moved to?

7 **Witness** Yes, sir. I was, yes, at the location
8 **LES** to the Security Room.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall observing any drones being
10 flown around that time, either seeing or hearing any drones
11 being flown around that time?

12 **Witness** No, sir.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if any Secret Service
14 systems detected any drones being flown at that time?

15 **Witness** No, sir.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Did you later become aware that drones
17 had been flown at that time?

18 **Witness** On that day? No.

19 **HSGAC Majority** There's been reports that Mr. Crooks had
20 flown a drone around that time. Are you aware of those
21 reports?

22 **Witness** I'm aware through news sources that FBI
23 reported that they believed there was a drone, but to my
24 knowledge, at that time I did not know of a drone flying on
25 that day.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe for us -- I certainly
2 don't have familiarity with drones -- when your system is
3 activated and the system is detecting drones, roughly how
4 often are you personally able to observe the drone at the
5 same time? In other words, is the technology **LES**

6 **LES**

7 **LES**

8 **LES**

9 **Witness** Depending on the location of where the
10 drone takes off, if it's within **LES** you would
11 probably **LES**. But normally it would be -
12 - the system picks **LES**. And
13 then we can **LES** which **LES**
14 from, and **LES**
15 **LES**. But yeah, it depends on where the
16 drone is at.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe any drones that day
18 being flow, again, either see them, hear them, or pick them
19 up on your CUAS system?

20 **Witness** There was a drone detected after the
21 event. It was a local police flying drones for the
22 purposes of clearing the site.

23 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to hand you another document.
24 This is being marked Exhibit 2. So this starts at Bates
25 631. It goes 631 to 634, and it's also Bates 640.

1 [Exhibit No. 2 was
2 marked for identification.]

3 **HSGAC Majority** These appear to be either texts or
4 emails between 8:07 p.m. and 9:13 p.m. on July 13th. These
5 messages say things like, **LES** , " **LES** et
6 cetera. After each page I've added a page, which is a
7 picture of a map. So each of these Bates numbers has a
8 Google Maps link, and when you click that Google Maps link
9 it brings up a location on Google Maps, marked by a red
10 flag. So I've included that after each one.

11 So for example, Bates 631, when you turn the page,
12 that image of the map is from the link on Bates 631, and
13 likewise thereafter.

14 These appear to be locations over or near the Butler
15 rally site.

16 **Witness** Sure.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Did you receive these alerts?

18 **Witness** I received one alert. Yes, so I received
19 one alert on the system, and then I also had it set up for
20 text messages, and received those text messages of these
21 alerts on my government phone.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Who else received them?

23 **Witness** I do not recall at this time. There was
24 a number of people that I set it up to receive these
25 alerts.

1 **HSGAC Majority** So you set up a system to send these
2 alerts out to certain recipients?

3 **Witness** Yes, sir.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And who generally receives them?

5 **Witness** The supervisors, the site agent, the
6 persons doing the response, so it would've been the PI,
7 Protective Intelligence, person, and I believe I set it up
8 at this time for the Counter Sniper Response, as well, on
9 that day.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Are these alerts the local police drone
11 that you just described earlier?

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** They are.

14 **Witness** Yes, sir, to my knowledge. Yes, sir.
15 They coincide with the time that local police asked me to -
16 - if they could fly drones. We got the FAA on the phone.
17 They checked with me to ensure that it was fine for them to
18 fly drones. And yeah, then once the police told me that
19 they were done flying, there was no more reports of drones.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So all of these alerts, Bates 631
21 through 640, as far as you're aware, were for one drone
22 flown by local PD?

23 **Witness** I believe it was more than one. It was

24 **LES** -- I'll have to look at these carefully, but I
25 believe it was more than one. I believe it was three. Two

1 agencies, two police departments. I want to say Beaver
2 County and possibly Butler County, or Butler Township, to
3 the best of my knowledge.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then shifting gears to UAS,
5 in other words, drones flown by the Secret Service, do you
6 have any involvement in that capability?

7 **Witness** Donald Trump Division doesn't have any
8 **LES**.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know what protectee details do
10 have that capability?

11 **Witness** I don't want to speculate. I don't know.
12 I will assume that Presidential Protective Division have
13 those capabilities, but I don't know for certain.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Has DTD since received **LESLES**
15 capabilities?

16 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Are you aware of whether Secret Service
18 received any offers from local or state law enforcement to
19 provide drones for the Butler rally?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir. So the Pennsylvania State
21 Police lieutenant that I spoke with on the 12th, informed
22 me that -- so my reason for me to speak with him was to --
23 again, I'll reiterate that I wanted to know if they were
24 flying drones, if they were flying drones, that I needed to
25 know, you know, to White List them. But he then -- and

1 then he -- because I was -- from what I understood, he was
2 coordinating -- the Pennsylvania State Police was
3 coordinating with other local agencies who had -- who were
4 supporting the site, and he was a point of contact.

5 So I asked them if they were flying drones. He said
6 that we're not planning on flying drones later, and then he
7 said he was going to check with someone else. I believe it
8 was -- I don't want to speculate who it was. It was a CERT
9 team. And he checked with them and he says -- he told me,
10 confirmed they're not planning on flying drones unless we
11 want or need them. But because of my role of counter UAS,
12 or detecting drones, I didn't -- I was not in a position to
13 say yes, bring them on, just because the -- I didn't want
14 to make a separate security plan from what was there,
15 already in place. It was not my role to bring on other
16 assets that were not within my scope of detecting drones.

17 **HSGAC Majority** So the said, "We're not planning to fly
18 any unless you ask for them, or if you need them." But are
19 you aware of whether any local or state law enforcement
20 actively requested to be able to fly drones, and that
21 request was denied by the Secret Service?

22 **Witness** Not to my knowledge, no.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Or not just fly drones themselves, but
24 did they request to provide that capability to Secret
25 Service, and Secret Service denied that request?

1 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. You mentioned the additional
3 capability that DTD has gotten since this rally. Are you
4 aware of any other Federal agencies who have since provided
5 assistance or started providing assistance for CUAS
6 capabilities since that Butler rally?

7 **Witness** I know secondhand for locations where we
8 go to, for example, the border, the National Guard or other
9 agencies have other counter drone systems available, so
10 they have provided assistance. But not -- so like a
11 specific site, but not like a help that comes organic to
12 DTD that we own and operate.

13 **HSGAC Majority** But there aren't other Federal agency
14 assets traveling with DTD, moving forward, to assist with
15 CUAS, that you're aware of?

16 **Witness** Not that I'm aware of.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Moving forward on the timeline,
18 where were you when shots were fired?

19 **Witness** I was in the Security Room.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And again, that was at the 12 o'clock,
21 roughly?

22 **Witness** I'm sorry?

23 **HSGAC Majority** Was that at the 12 o'clock?

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Describe what you observed when shots

1 were fired. Did you know where the shots were coming from?

2 **Witness** No, sir, I did not. I was inside the
3 Security Room building.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And when did you come out of the
5 building?

6 **Witness** I didn't come out of the building for, I
7 would say a few hours afterwards. It was -- during the --
8 after the shots were fired, it got very busy in the
9 Security Room, and I was assisting the Security Room agent
10 with communications. I was just doing anything I could to
11 assist at that time, from the Security Room. There were a
12 lot of persons coming in, medics, asking questions. But
13 yeah, I was primarily in the Security Room. At one point
14 in time the Security Room agent asked me to take over
15 communications, and so then after that I was essentially
16 fixed at the radios.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And when did you take over
18 communications?

19 **Witness** I can't give you an exact time. Maybe --
20 it was after the shooting. I don't want to speculate what
21 time.

22 **HSGAC Majority** So if you were in the Security Room you
23 didn't observe Secret Service counter snipers firing their
24 weapon or any other law enforcement firing their weapon?

25 **Witness** No, sir.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
2 colleagues to see if they have any follow-up at this time.

3 **HSGAC Majority** So going back to the timeline, what time
4 did you initially try to set the system in motion?

5 **Witness** It was after our 10:00, immediately after
6 our 10:00 post-stander brief.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Was there a time period in which the plan
8 anticipated the system being operational, and if so, what
9 was that time period supposed to be?

10 **Witness** I would've set it up and left it in place
11 for the duration of the visit. So from after the meeting
12 to, the event would've been over.

13 **HSGAC Majority** So the event was anticipated to begin at 6
14 p.m., approximately, on July 13th, and according to your
15 plan, the system, if operational, would have been
16 operational at least eight hours in advance. Is that
17 right?

18 **Witness** It would've been operational -- yes,
19 eight hours is correct, and yes, I don't know exactly but
20 following the 10:00 meeting it would've been operational
21 for the duration.

22 **HSGAC Majority** In your planning efforts for events like
23 this, in general, is there a time period specified for
24 which you want these systems to be operational, and if so,
25 is that recorded anywhere, in any surveys or any documents?

1 **Witness** No, sir, not that I know of. My practice
2 is to set it up in the morning, following the brief.

3 **HSGAC Majority** What are the purposes for which the system
4 is supposed to operate for? In other words, what threats
5 is it supposed to guard against?

6 **Witness** That would be drones, **LES**
7 **LES** drones, that **LES** would use.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And what could those -- what threats could
9 those drones pose at an event like this?

10 **Witness** Well, they can pose a surveillance
11 threat, where they're looking into the site. They can
12 **LES**, like **LES**,
13 you know, **LES**, like just, you
14 know, **LES**, or it can **LES**
15 itself.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And so setting aside those two subsequent
17 threats you identified and focusing on the first, the
18 surveillance component, that piece of it is something, time
19 length wise, is important to guard against in advance of
20 the actual protectee's presence. Is that a fair statement
21 to make?

22 **Witness** Yes, that is.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And that would've been the purpose for
24 which you would've had it operational eight hours in
25 advance of the event that day?

1 **Witness** Yes, sir.

2 **HSGAC Majority** So you said at approximately 11:30 you made
3 your first call to ask for assistance when it was not
4 working. Is that right?

5 **Witness** Yes. That's correct.

6 **HSGAC Majority** You didn't say who it was to. Who was that
7 call to?

8 **Witness** That was to **IPO**

9 **HSGAC Majority** Who is **IPO** ?

10 **Witness** He is a, I believe it's ISP personnel.
11 Excuse me -- IPO is the acronym, IPO.

12 **HSGAC Majority** What's IPO?

13 **Witness** I believe it's Investigative Protection
14 Officer.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And you stated just now that this is the
16 first time you have ever experienced a CUAS system not
17 working, that you've been operating. Is that right?

18 **Witness** Yes, that's right.

19 **HSGAC Majority** But you asked **IPO** if he had ever
20 experienced any problems before with the system. Is that
21 right?

22 **Witness** Well, I asked him if he knew how to
23 troubleshoot it, to get it active.

24 **HSGAC Majority** You did not ask him if he had had any prior
25 experience with a system not working, to your memory?

1 **Witness** No. No. It was specific to the problem
2 I was having at the time with it.

3 **HSGAC Majority** To your knowledge, did you speak to anybody
4 on that day, or prior to that date, who shared instances of
5 CUAS systems not working?

6 **Witness** No. To my knowledge it's always worked.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So when it did not work, and you called
8 him, what did he say in response to your questions.

9 **Witness** He -- I believe he asked me to restart
10 it, check the connections. It wasn't a long conversation.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And for the time period from 11:30 to 4:30,
12 when it did start to work, during that time period who else
13 at the event, security, within Secret Service, knew that
14 the system was not working?

15 **Witness** That would've been Site Agent **Site Agent** and
16 ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.** and I believe -- I believe I didn't tell the
17 Security Room agent that it was not working, but he might
18 have known, as well, just from my running around, back and
19 forth, and on the phone with Tech Support.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ever relay to Special Agent **Site Counterpart**
21 that the system was not working?

22 **Witness** Special Agent who?

23 **HSGAC Majority** **Site Counterpart**

24 **Witness** No, I did not.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware that **Site Counterpart** was working

1 at this event?

2 **Witness** Yes, I was.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ever relay to Special Agent **Lead Agent**
4 that the system was not working?

5 **Witness** No, I did not.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And were you aware she was working at this
7 event?

8 **Witness** She was working the event but she was not
9 at the site.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And did you ever relay to TSI **TSD Advance Agent** that
11 the system wasn't working?

12 **Witness** I don't believe I did, no.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ever relay to any of the Counter
14 Sniper Team present at the event that the system wasn't
15 working?

16 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And did you ever relay to any of the
18 Counter Assault Team members that the system was not
19 working that day?

20 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

21 **HSGAC Majority** If you did not relay to these entities,
22 would you have expected somebody else to relay that, or
23 would it be somebody else's responsibility to do so?

24 **Witness** The only person I would've expected to
25 relay that is ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.** to the working shift that was

1 coming off the plane.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge, did ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.**
3 relay that?

4 **Witness** He didn't need to because it became
5 active prior to wheels down.

6 **HSGAC Majority** To your knowledge, did you or anyone you
7 relayed this information to notify any of the local law
8 enforcement entities, either Butler, Beaver, Pennsylvania
9 State Police, or otherwise, that the system was not working
10 during this time?

11 **Witness** Not to my knowledge, and I did not, no.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Has there been a post analysis done of this
13 system to confirm that the problem suspected, the cables
14 you suggested, were, in fact, the cause of it not working?

15 **Witness** Not to my knowledge, no.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Is an analysis like this being done?

17 **Witness** Not to my knowledge, sir. It's active
18 and working now.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Did you test the system at any time prior
20 to when you started to try and set it up on the 13th?

21 **Witness** So I had pulled down the system from
22 Bedminster, and I had it in my possession. I last used it
23 in Bedminster, and it was -- and that was -- and it was
24 working in Bedminster, and so I did not set it up or test
25 it prior to the 13th, before Bedminster.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Special **Witness** thank you. I just
2 have a few additional follow-up questions. On July 10th
3 you mentioned that you put in a request for a **LES**
4 **LES**. How did you put in that request?

5 **Witness** It was telephonically.

6 **HSGAC Majority** To whom?

7 **Witness** To TSI **TSD Advance Agent**

8 **HSGAC Majority** And what would he have done with that
9 request, if you know?

10 **Witness** He would've made that request to
11 supervisor, I would imagine.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And you mentioned that request was
13 denied. Why was it denied?

14 **Witness** I believe it was due to availability.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know what the other **LES**

16 **LES** were being used for?

17 **Witness** No, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Majority** You mentioned you spoke with a
19 Pennsylvania State Police officer. I want to clarify
20 whether we have the correct name. Is it Lieutenant **PSP Lieutenant**

21 **Witness** I believe that's his name, yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority** **PSP Lieutenant**?

23 **Witness** I cannot spell his name.

24 **HSGAC Majority** There was a planning meeting that Secret
25 Service held on July 8th. Were you at that planning

1 meeting?

2 **Witness** No, ma'am, I was not.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Why not?

4 **Witness** I had duties elsewhere, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Majority** On the day before the rally, on July
6 12th, you mentioned you raised concerns to Special Agent in

7 Charge **DTD 2nd Sup.** Can you talk --

8 **Witness** Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Or excuse me, Assistant Special Agent in
10 Charge **DTD 2nd Sup.** regarding the hours of the TFR. Did you
11 raise concerns about the TFR starting too late? Should it
12 have started earlier?

13 **Witness** I would've -- well, would have liked for
14 it to start earlier and to last longer.

15 **HSGAC Majority** How did Assistant Special Agent in
16 Charge **DTD 2nd Sup.** respond to those concerns?

17 **Witness** He asked me if there was a grace period
18 afterwards, after the TFR expired.

19 **HSGAC Majority** How did you communicate these concerns
20 to ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.**

21 **Witness** I spoke to him in person at the site, on
22 the 12th.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Did he say he could provide, or he could
24 extend the TFR?

25 **Witness** No, ma'am. I don't know if he has that

1 ability.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Were there any limitations he mentioned
3 about the narrow window for the TFR?

4 **Witness** No, ma'am, he did not.

5 **HSGAC Majority** On July 13th, you mentioned you attended
6 a 10 a.m. briefing. Can you share more about that
7 briefing?

8 **Witness** Sure. It's a post-stander brief that is
9 typically held the day of a visit, and includes the -- it's
10 called a post-stander brief because the persons standing
11 post attend the brief. They're giving a general review of
12 the events that day, of the site, the security plan, and
13 just general information throughout the day. And then at
14 that same meeting I gave a -- you know, identifying myself,
15 and told them what my job was, and, you know, asked them
16 if, you know, to help me identify drones if they see one,
17 if someone would see one.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Who led the briefing?

19 **Witness** The briefing was led by Special Agent

20 **Site Agent**

21 **HSGAC Majority** Did anyone at the briefing -- our
22 understanding is Secret Service, state, and local law
23 enforcement were in attendance. To your knowledge, did
24 anyone at the briefing raise concerns regarding the AGR
25 building as a threat or vulnerability?

1 **Witness** No, ma'am.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Moving forward in that day, you
3 mentioned between 11:30 and 4:33 you were trying to
4 troubleshoot the **LES** --

5 **Witness** **LES**

6 **HSGAC Majority** --**LES** When you called Tech Support,
7 was this a main line you called, or was this a government-
8 designated line?

9 **Witness** I believe it was a main line.

10 **HSGAC Majority** How long did you have to wait to receive
11 tech support from **LES** ?

12 **Witness** I would say it was initially not instant.
13 I had to -- I left a voicemail at first, and then some
14 minute later they called me back. I wouldn't say it was
15 long, but it was not instant initially. But once I started
16 communications with them, they would answer when I picked
17 up. I called them multiple times throughout the day, or
18 throughout that time.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Approximately how long did it take to
20 get in touch with an individual from **LES** --

21 **Witness** **LES**.

22 **HSGAC Majority** -- **LES** who could actually help
23 you? Twenty minutes? Thirty minutes? Can you give us an
24 estimate on how long you waited?

25 **Witness** Hard to say, ma'am. I don't think it was

1 longer than an hour. It wasn't an hour, but --

2 **HSGAC Majority** Did you record your actions to
3 troubleshoot the inoperable **LES** system at the
4 time?

5 **Witness** What do you mean by record, ma'am?

6 **HSGAC Majority** So did you record, when the system
7 wasn't working, the steps that you took when you called
8 Special Agent **IPO**, when you then called the
9 Washington, D.C., office. Did you record the steps you
10 took and when you took them to troubleshoot the failed
11 system?

12 **Witness** No, I did not. I mean, just what's in my
13 call history.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And when tech failures like this occur,
15 is there a backup plan in place if there is not another
16 system?

17 **Witness** No, ma'am. We have a **LES** number of
18 these systems, and that was the one available.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Let's take a five-minute break.

21 [Recess.]

22 **HSGAC Minority** All right. I'm **HSGAC Minority** with
23 the minority. Thanks for being here. We're going to jump
24 around a little bit, but I want to start with introducing
25 Exhibit 3, which is a map of the area, to get a better

1 sense of where you were positioned, where you were located,
2 first location, then where you moved, just so we can
3 visualize the locations.

4 [Exhibit No. 3 was
5 marked for identification.]

6 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

7 **HSGAC Minority** So you can take a minute to look at that
8 map, and then if you could X where you were originally, the
9 first position, and then if you could hold that up so we
10 can see it, and then I'll ask you to do the same for the
11 next position.

12 **Witness** So I believe that I'm off the map for the
13 initial position here. Let me orient myself. I'm sorry.
14 I believe I'm off the map for my initial position, but I
15 can tell you where my second and last location was.

16 **HSGAC Minority** So we'll need a more zoomed-out map to
17 see where you were in your first location?

18 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Can you point out to me where you were
20 located -- it's not on the map -- so I can see what
21 direction, and so our team can try to get a more zoomed-out
22 photo.

23 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. I believe it's right around
24 this location here, down to the left here.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then the second location?

1 **Witness** I'm sorry, ma'am. I was looking at the
2 wrong squares here. I apologize. I see where we're at
3 now. So we're right here. We have a good map. Should I
4 pass this down to you?

5 **HSGAC Minority** Yes.

6 **Witness** Okay.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you marked it?

8 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. There's an X.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Oh, here, I see it. Okay. So kind of
10 in this circular area, oval area, what looks like it would
11 be behind where Hercules 1?

12 **Witness** Yes, in the circular areas, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And so that's where you were in the
14 second location. That's the second, after you were
15 experiencing some difficulties?

16 **Witness** So that's the first location, by the
17 circular area.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Oh, okay. So behind Hercules 1 is where
19 you initially set up.

20 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And the second location?

22 **Witness** Was -- sure. Thank you. Let me orient
23 myself here.

24 [Pause.]

25 **Witness** Thank you.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so that first location, is
2 that Concession Road, that was in the Outdoor Site Survey,
3 it initially said that you were going to be located, the
4 **LES** and **LES** were going to be located on
5 Concession Road? Is that the first location, or did you
6 have to end up moving? I know it's not labeled there.

7 **Witness** Yeah, I believe Concession Road is the
8 permanent location in the vicinity, **LES** to the
9 Security Room, right where it says -- it has that red
10 circle there.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay. Thank you. So you
12 mentioned that you've been a CUAS operator for about three
13 months. Is that correct?

14 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And with the Trump detail the whole
16 time, for those all three months?

17 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you were at Bedminster before
19 this event?

20 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Minority** You had a couple days off in between?

22 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what were you doing at
24 Bedminster?

25 **Witness** I was bringing down the **LES**

1 system that was in place at the time.

2 **HSGAC Minority** So can you help me understand? Is this
3 **LES** system, is it a fixed -- is it a **LES**
4 asset, where there's only **LES**, like the **LES** you
5 said it's a **LES** that they have to keep on them because, you
6 know, it's a physical thing. Is it the same thing with the
7 **LES**?

8 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. It's **LES** in quantity,
9 and there's a permanent location where it's set up, and
10 then, well, before this event, it was at one permanent
11 location where it was set up, and then every other place
12 would be jumped around, or moved around to different sites.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And where was the permanent location?

14 **Witness** At **LES**.

15 **HSGAC Minority** **LES**. So it was at Bedminster
16 before. Do you know how long it had been there?

17 **Witness** It was before -- I set it up before
18 former President Trump's visit there, and I took it down
19 after. But I can't tell you exact days.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

21 **Witness** I don't remember exactly.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And what's the process for setting it up
23 and taking it down? How does it actually operate?

24 **Witness** So it comes -- so what we did is we

25 **LES** -- it

1 doesn't come that way -- so that we're able to move it more
2 freely, or travel with it more freely, and we can **LES**
3 **LES**, as **LES**. So it's **LES**,
4 a little bit larger than a **LES**.

5 So I would unpack that, set everything up, connect the
6 different components, and then I would check to make sure
7 it's active or receiving, communicating. And that would be
8 the extent of it.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And how does it actually work? I don't
10 know this technology, so if you can just tell me in
11 layman's terms. Does it use sensors? Is it through the
12 internet? Is it connecting to radio frequencies?

13 **Witness** Yeah. There's things about the system
14 that I don't understand, and to the best of my knowledge it
15 has something to do with cell towers, but I can't tell you
16 exactly what it is.

17 **HSGAC Minority** But it hooks up -- you mentioned the
18 Ethernet cable was between the systems. So it was internal
19 to the systems. It's not external. You don't need
20 internet to run this system?

21 **Witness** No, ma'am, I don't.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so when you were at
23 Bedminster, you were there in your role as a CUAS operator.

24 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you were taking down the

1 **LES** . Do you recall how long it had been there?

2 **Witness** Can you ask that one more time?

3 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall how long the **LES**

4 had been at Bedminster before that?

5 **Witness** Approximately a week, to the best of my
6 knowledge.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And does the Trump detail only
8 have **LES** ?

9 **Witness** No. We have **LES** .

10 **HSGAC Minority** How many?

11 **Witness** We have **LES** .

12 **HSGAC Minority** **LES**? And I'll skip to the **LES**

13 **LES** . How many **LES** does the Trump detail
14 have?

15 **Witness** **LES** .

16 **HSGAC Minority** And to your knowledge, how many **LES**
17 **LES** does the Secret Service have?

18 **Witness** I have no idea, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** A large number? Do you have any sense?
20 No.

21 **Witness** I don't want to guess, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever worked any other details,
23 or do you have any knowledge about how many **LES**
24 are typically deployed to another detail?

25 **Witness** No, ma'am.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then do you have any idea how
2 many LES there are within the Secret Service?

3 Witness I have no clue, ma'am. No.

4 HSGAC Minority Do you know if there was an LES
5 at the Doral rally on July 9th?

6 Witness I believe there was, ma'am.

7 HSGAC Minority Were you working that rally, by any
8 chance?

9 Witness No, ma'am, I was not.

10 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do you know who the counter UAS
11 operator that worked the July 9th rally was?

12 Witness I would have to guess, ma'am. I don't
13 know for sure.

14 HSGAC Minority And so the July 9th rally had a
15 different LES than the one that was taken down
16 from Bedminster. Is that correct?

17 Witness Yes, ma'am.

18 HSGAC Minority Okay. So that's where two of them were.
19 Do you know where the other one -- was the other one the
20 permanent one that was at LES?

21 Witness Yes, ma'am.

22 HSGAC Minority Okay. Thank you. And so, again, you
23 said you weren't at the Doral event.

24 Witness I was not, no.

25 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do you have a security clearance?

1 **Witness** Yes, ma'am, I do.

2 **HSGAC Minority** What level?

3 **Witness** Top Secret.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Top Secret. How often do you encounter
5 classified information in your position?

6 **Witness** Not very often.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall when the last time was?

8 **Witness** It was some time ago, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Prior to your role as a CUAS operator?

10 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. How would classified information
12 be used for a CUAS operator? I mean, is that something
13 that is necessary for them to know, what kind of threats
14 there are, what kind of classified threats there are for a
15 protectee event?

16 **Witness** So I would assume it would be a specific
17 threat, yeah.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Are you aware of any specific
19 threat that was relayed by the Secret Service, according to
20 media reporting prior to the July 9th rally?

21 **Witness** No, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Minority** You're not aware. Okay. Are you aware
23 of --

24 **Witness** I'm sorry. Did you say July 9th?

25 **HSGAC Minority** July 9th, at the Doral event.

1 **Witness** No, ma'am.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. You're not aware of any threat
3 that was relayed to Donald Trump's detail prior to the
4 Doral event on July 9th?

5 **Witness** You said media?

6 **HSGAC Minority** I'm saying this is media reporting.

7 **Witness** From the media.

8 **HSGAC Minority** I'm asking if you're aware of any --

9 **Witness** So on a daily basis I get informed of
10 threats.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And are those threats always
12 unclassified then, because you said you didn't --

13 **Witness** They are For Official Use Only, I
14 believe.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So did you receive -- when was
16 the last time you received a threat related to protectee
17 Trump?

18 **Witness** If I check my phone it was probably
19 yesterday.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you ever informed of any
21 threats against Trump related to UAS, counter UAS?

22 **Witness** No, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Minority** You've never been informed of any drone-
24 related threats against the President?

25 **Witness** No, ma'am.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. So in January 2022, the Iranian
2 Supreme Leader posted a video on their website, and it
3 appears to depict an assassination of Trump, using a drone
4 strike on his golf course. You've never heard of that
5 video?

6 Witness No, ma'am.

7 HSGAC Minority Okay. You've never seen that video?

8 Witness No, ma'am.

9 HSGAC Minority Secret Service has never told you about
10 any specific drone-related threats against your protectee?

11 Witness Drone-related? No, ma'am.

12 HSGAC Minority Any other threats?

13 Witness That I can recall. Sure. Of Iranian
14 threats, sure.

15 HSGAC Minority Iranian threats?

16 Witness Yes.

17 HSGAC Minority Do you recall when you received
18 information related to an Iranian threat?

19 Witness No, ma'am. Not a specific date, no.

20 HSGAC Minority So within the last three months?

21 Witness Possibly within the last three months. I
22 can't tell you for sure.

23 HSGAC Minority So you started with the Trump team, as a
24 CUAS operator, in the last three months?

25 Witness Yes, ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Since you started as a CUAS operator,
2 have you received any information about an Iranian threat?

3 **Witness** I don't recall specifically if it was
4 before or after, you know -- to clarify, I'm still a shift
5 agent. I do counter UAS as an additional duty. So I just
6 wanted to clarify, it's not my sole job.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And on the shift, would you be informed
8 of all kinds of threats?

9 **Witness** Sure.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And how often are shift detail members
11 informed of threats?

12 **Witness** On a daily basis.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Daily basis. Okay. And so you're not
14 sure if you were briefed on the Iranian threat before or
15 after you started as a CUAS operator.

16 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you aware that on July 12th,
18 an individual was arrested for planning and plotting an
19 assassination attempt on U.S. officials?

20 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Is this the first time you're hearing
22 about that today?

23 **Witness** There are multiple -- so there's multiple
24 threats of -- let me explain myself properly. On a daily
25 basis, on a routine basis, there's -- we get reports of

1 persons getting arrested for threats. Specifically to the
2 Butler site on July 12th, I don't recall.

3 **HSGAC Minority** So are you familiar with Iran's desire
4 and capabilities to conduct operations against U.S.
5 officials on U.S. soil, generally?

6 **Witness** Yes, ma'am, I am.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Are you familiar with Iran's
8 drone capabilities?

9 **Witness** Not specifically. I do know they use
10 drones.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Does the CUAS system, the **LES**
12 **LES**, that was operational -- it was operational. Is
13 that correct, on July 13th at the Butler rally?

14 **Witness** Yes. Sometime after 4:33, or around 4:33
15 it was operational.

16 **HSGAC Minority** The **LES**? I'm switching now
17 to the --

18 **Witness** Yeah, the **LES** From my knowledge, it
19 was, yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And when we're talking about it
21 was operational, since it was in the **LES** and it
22 **LES** with the **LES**, there was no **LES** on-
23 site at the Butler rally outside of the **LES**. Is that
24 right?

25 **Witness** Correct, yes.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. So does that LES , does
2 it have the ability to mitigate a drone that could
3 potentially cause a drone strike?

4 Witness I do not know specifically, ma'am.

5 HSGAC Minority Okay.

6 Witness It would have to depend on the type of
7 drone it is, and if it's -- yeah, I couldn't -- I can't
8 answer that question, ma'am.

9 HSGAC Minority And what kind of drones can the LES
10 LES defend against?

11 Witness Sure. I think it's designed for, to the
12 best of my knowledge, it's designed for LES
13 LES , not LES such as one
14 that would be used by LES potentially.

15 HSGAC Minority And what about the LES , the other
16 system you referred to earlier?

17 Witness I'll have to guess, ma'am. I don't know,
18 but I would imagine not.

19 HSGAC Minority And the LES and the LES
20 LES , are those the only CUAS systems that were
21 deployed that day?

22 Witness Yes, ma'am.

23 HSGAC Minority Not just Secret Service. Any other part
24 of coverage?

25 Witness To my knowledge. Yes, ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Are there other capabilities that
2 Secret Service has outside of those systems?

3 MR. **Agency Counsel** Some of those may be classified.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Are there some that are not
5 classified?

6 MR. **Agency Counsel** Not that I'm aware of.

7 **Witness** And I'm not aware of them either. I'm
8 not sure.

9 **HSGAC Minority** So the Secret Service did not operate
10 any classified drone CUAS systems at the Butler site, but
11 there are systems that exist within Secret Service,
12 classified systems.

13 **Witness** Potentially.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you were the only CUAS person
15 at the event, the only person responsible for handling the
16 CUAS?

17 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you worked completely alone
19 in that role?

20 **Witness** So I would rely on other persons in the
21 site. If we had detected a drone I would rely on other
22 persons on the site.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And those, would that be Protective
24 Intelligence?

25 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. Protective Intelligence and

1 Counter Sniper Response.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And who was the Protective Intelligence?

3 Was there one person or multiple?

4 **Witness** So Protective Intelligence would've been
5 one person paired up with a local police officer.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And who was that person?

7 **Witness** I don't remember, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know who the local person
9 was?

10 **Witness** I don't, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then the Counter Sniper
12 Response Teams, do you know how many there were?

13 **Witness** There's one, ma'am, paired up with local
14 police.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And who was that person?

16 **Witness** His name was **PII** **CSRT Agent**

17 **HSGAC Minority** **PII** **CSRT Agent**

18 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And what's his position?

20 **Witness** Special Agent.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Special Agent. Had you worked with him
22 before?

23 **Witness** No, ma'am. This was the first time. I
24 met him first on July 13th.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know who he was paired with,

1 if it was state or --

2 **Witness** It was a local police officer. I do not
3 know his name.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And the Counter Sniper Response Team,
5 you mentioned earlier that they may have a role if a drone
6 is detected?

7 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Can you explain that in more detail?

9 **Witness** Yes, ma'am. So in my role in detection
10 I'm setting, you know, a laptop, looking at a laptop
11 essentially, looking for alerts and looking for a drone to
12 **LES**. And for tracking purposes I want to
13 maintain and continue to look at it, whereas somebody, that
14 I can call, radios to, goes to find the operator. The
15 primary person would be a PI who would respond and initiate
16 a PI interview, you know, regarding why they're flying a
17 drone and what their intentions were, and such.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And did you notify anyone on any of
19 those teams about any drones that day, on July 13th?

20 **Witness** No. There were no drones detected prior
21 to the shooting, and the drones I was aware of, that were
22 up, were police drones. That was not necessary.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And those systems can detect all types
24 of drones? Are there specific company drones that are --

25 **Witness** Uh --

1 HSGAC Minority What type of drones, or what company --

2 Witness There's drones that -- it's limited in
3 its capabilities. It doesn't detect everything.

4 HSGAC Minority Does it only detect LES drones?

5 Witness I believe so, yes.

6 HSGAC Minority Okay.

7 Witness And certain types, not every LES drone.

8 HSGAC Minority Do you know what types?

9 Witness No, ma'am.

10 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do we know what type of drone
11 Crooks was flying, do you know?

12 Witness No, ma'am, I do not.

13 HSGAC Minority Okay. Did the CUAS system's perimeter,
14 did it include the AGR building?

15 Witness Yes, ma'am. It included LES
16 LES.

17 HSGAC Minority Okay. So if the system were properly
18 operational and someone was flying it over the AGR
19 building, that would've been detected if it was one of the
20 drones that the system was able to detect?

21 Witness If it's a drone that was designed to
22 detect, then it would've detected it, I can assume.

23 HSGAC Minority Okay. You mentioned, I think it was the
24 LES system. Is that right --

25 Witness Yes, ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** -- the one that you requested and were
2 denied?

3 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Is that right? And can you remind me of
5 the dates that you requested?

6 **Witness** That was on the 10th of July.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So that would be the day after
8 allegedly Secret Service informed the Trump detail of a
9 specific or a credible threat, so the 10th. I'm not asking
10 you to comment on that. I'm just saying it for the record.

11 The **LES** system, is that system used for the United
12 Nations General Assembly?

13 **Witness** I do not know that, ma'am.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know where else that
15 system is used within Secret Service?

16 **Witness** I know it is used, ma'am. I couldn't
17 comment on -- I know that it's used, but I can't comment on
18 where exactly it's used. I just don't have that knowledge.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if it's the President or the
20 Vice President's detail?

21 **Witness** I think I can safely assume, yes, but I
22 can't tell you for sure.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then are CUAS systems
24 deployed at **LES** , or is there a
25 threshold?

1 **Witness** No. It's primarily for **LES** events.

2 **HSGAC Minority** All **LES** events?

3 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

5 **Witness** To my knowledge, at all **LES** events
6 we've had a counter UAS system out there, whether it was
7 **LES** or **LES**.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And was the **LES** used
9 on July 13th?

10 **Witness** Not in Butler, Pennsylvania. No, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Was it used anywhere else?

12 **Witness** So it came in the **LES**, but it was
13 not deployed or used, because there were no drones.

14 **HSGAC Minority** So no drones were -- it did not -- the
15 **LES** didn't -- wasn't used at all.

16 **Witness** **LES**.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

18 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And you know that personally?

20 **Witness** I do not know that personally. I just
21 would've known --

22 **HSGAC Minority** Would it have been used --

23 **Witness** Yeah, if it was used I would've known
24 about it.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Would you have been the one who used it,

1 or could someone else have?

2 **Witness** No, ma'am. That would've been somebody
3 in the **LES** with the **LES** that would've used
4 it.

5 **HSGAC Minority** So is there someone specifically
6 assigned to that in the **LES** ?

7 **Witness** Yes. That person would've known that
8 they were assigned to use that **LES** .

9 **HSGAC Minority** Who was assigned to use the **LES**
10 **LES** that day?

11 **Witness** I believe it was the **LES** . I
12 don't recall who it was at the time.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did the **LES** or the
14 **LES** , did it move after the shooting, to the
15 hospital?

16 **Witness** I can assume it did, ma'am. I don't --
17 yes, it almost certainly did.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Which one, or both?

19 **Witness** So it was in the **LES** . It came in
20 the **LES** . I assume it left with the **LES** . I
21 never saw it.

22 **HSGAC Minority** The **LES** .

23 **Witness** The **LES** , right.

24 **HSGAC Minority** The **LES** ?

25 **Witness** Right. The **LES** was at the site.

1 HSGAC Minority So the LES did not move to the
2 hospital.

3 Witness Correct. It did not.

4 HSGAC Minority Do you move to the hospital?

5 Witness No, ma'am, I did not.

6 HSGAC Minority You stayed on-site?

7 Witness Yes, ma'am.

8 HSGAC Minority You stayed on-site? Okay.

9 Witness Yes, ma'am.

10 HSGAC Minority I'm going to turn it over to HSGAC Minority for a
11 couple of questions.

12 HSGAC Minority This is HSGAC Minority with Senator
13 Paul's office. I've got a couple of things here actually.
14 Deter, Detect, Defeat. Those are the three words that you
15 used as what I would probably characterize as the mission
16 of what you do. Am I correct on that?

17 Witness Sure, yeah.

18 HSGAC Minority You also talked about LES being
19 the Drone Detector. Am I correct about that, or the

20 LES? What are you using as LES?

21 Witness I guess the primary LES will be
22 the TFR in place that restricts individuals from flying a
23 drone during certain hours.

24 HSGAC Minority And detection?

25 Witness And detection it would be the LES

1 **LES** system.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And defeating?

3 **Witness** That would be the **LES** .

4 **HSGAC Minority** So without all three of those
5 components in place, you're not -- do you feel like you're
6 capable of accomplishing your basic mission statement that
7 it says that that's what you're there to do?

8 **Witness** So the **LES** , on its own, is
9 able to -- **LES** with the operator will be able to
10 **LES** if it's spotted by,
11 identified by another individual or the **LES** operator
12 himself or herself.

13 **HSGAC Minority** So if one of those systems goes down
14 then you're unable to complete your mission.

15 **Witness** I wouldn't say that.

16 **HSGAC Minority** So how valuable do you feel like the
17 CUAS systems are to the overall operational security of the
18 event?

19 **Witness** It's a vital component, just like a
20 security plan. You want to use all components of that
21 security plan.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So I'll go back, and I don't remember
23 which one. I think it's Exhibit 1. We spoke earlier about
24 the bottom of Exhibit 1 where it says "Summary of Threats
25 and Vulnerabilities." Am I correct that the purpose of

1 these assessments are to identify threats, vulnerabilities,
2 and risks, and to pass it along to people such as yourself
3 that would possess the capabilities to help mitigate those?

4 **Witness** Sure.

5 **HSGAC Minority** What kind of vulnerabilities did you
6 see with the possible drone attacks? Can you explain to me
7 what you considered a drone attack for this event?

8 **Witness** I don't know if I would use the word
9 "attack," but a drone --

10 **HSGAC Minority** I mean, it's in the report, is the
11 reason I brought it up, because they said "drone attacks"
12 was a specific vulnerability that was identified by TSI

13 **SD Advance Agent**

14 **Witness** Sure. So again, I don't know if I would
15 use that same word, "attack," but any drone flying within
16 the restricted zone, or even more so, flying over our site,
17 would be a potential threat that I would try to mitigate
18 and try to have **LES** and the person interviewed,
19 the operator, the handler, interviewed.

20 **HSGAC Minority** So you would probably use the word like
21 drone "penetration"?

22 **Witness** Yes, sir.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Something like that, where it
24 penetrates your perimeter --

25 **Witness** Yes, sir.

1 **HSGAC Minority** -- to where that would create a
2 vulnerability such as not just for a specific attack,
3 putting an explosive device or a chemical device on it to
4 disperse on the crowd, but something maybe to be used for
5 surveillance for an attack?

6 **Witness** Sure.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And you mentioned earlier about --

8 MR. **Agency Counsel** Oh, I'm sorry, real quick. Mr. **Witness Counsel**
9 apparently tried to phone in and couldn't be heard, so I
10 just wanted to raise that.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So let's pause a second.

12 MR. **Agency Counsel** I apologize.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And make sure that counsel for the witness
14 here can interject if he needs to. Mr. **Witness Counsel** can you
15 hear us now?

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes, I can.

17 **HSGAC Majority** All right. Do you have anything you need
18 to --

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** All right. So I -- no, I'm good. **Witness**

20 **Witness** let me know when you get back in the room, okay?

21 **HSGAC Majority** We are on the record and we are proceeding,
22 and **Witness** is in the room.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay. Thank you.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have anything you needed to add to
25 the record?

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** Do I?

2 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** No, not at this time.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And can you hear **Witness** I'll just ask
5 him to test.

6 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes.

7 **Witness** Sir.

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes, I can hear him.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. Go ahead.

10 **HSGAC Minority** I think you mentioned earlier about
11 local law enforcement offering to you, specifically, if the
12 need for UAS was there, they had the capabilities. Did you
13 pass that along to anyone, that they had that capability to
14 use if they needed it to maybe help cover a gap in
15 mitigation?

16 **Witness** I did not, no.

17 **HSGAC Minority** FBI Director Wray, in testimony, stated
18 that according to their reports, Crooks took a drone in the
19 air at about 3:50 p.m., flying it about 200 yards away, for
20 approximately 11 minutes. If the system was up, is this
21 something that is designed to detect, and the moment that
22 it comes live that you could send resources there to
23 interview the individual to determine what their motive was
24 or if, in fact, they were using a UAS?

25 **Witness** If it was a drone that it was

LES

1 **LES**, I could imagine it would've detected it. I don't
2 know what --

3 **HSGAC Minority** So in your experience, have you ever
4 been to an event that a drone was flown and it was not
5 detected, because it wasn't on the **LES**, I guess
6 would be the best way to say it?

7 **Witness** Sure. So no. So typically we will
8 detect drones **LES**. So
9 we have detected drones, and those would've been **LES**
10 **LES**, and then we will deploy the PI team to go
11 respond to those.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you mentioned that you let
13 the post-standers know that you were going to be having
14 this system available for them to be visually looking for
15 drones, as well, and if they see one to report it to you.
16 Correct?

17 **Witness** Sure.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And you also, I think, gave testimony
19 that when the system went down, you never let these people
20 know that the system wasn't up. Am I correct?

21 **Witness** I let some people know.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Who did you let know, I mean like post-
23 standers.

24 **Witness** Post-standers? I did not tell the post-
25 standers, no.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Did you let the lead agent or site
2 agents know that it wasn't up?

3 **Witness** I let the site agent know.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So I guess my question is, it
5 would probably be valuable -- or this is more of a
6 statement than a question -- it would probably be valuable
7 information if these people would know if the system wasn't
8 up so that they could maybe be extra vigilant to see
9 something, say something?

10 **Witness** Sure.

11 **HSGAC Minority** It's what we teach -- see something,
12 say something. I just wanted to make sure that you did
13 report it to the lead or site, and they could've pushed
14 that down.

15 Two more things. I think somebody asked you if not
16 having this system affected the overall security of the
17 rally. And, I mean, for the record, did you say it did not
18 affect the overall security of the record -- I mean, of the
19 event?

20 **Witness** I want to say it did not -- it was
21 running from the time that former President Trump was at
22 the site and after he left.

23 **HSGAC Minority** But if the FBI Director is correct in
24 his assertions, not having this capability at 3:50 p.m.
25 would, in fact, be a huge impediment upon the security of

1 overall functions of the event. Correct?

2 **Witness** Yeah. If it was, in fact, flown, at 3:50
3 p.m., it would've been legal and permissible to do so at
4 that time.

5 **HSGAC Minority** That's all I have. Thank you.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Just a couple of really quick ones. The
7 cable that wasn't working on the **LES** --

8 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Minority** -- do you have that? Did you remove
10 that from the site?

11 **Witness** I believe we sent it back to **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **HSGAC Minority** You sent it back? So they're in
14 possession of it?

15 **Witness** I believe so.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Are they in possession of the entire
17 system that wasn't working that day?

18 **Witness** No. They're not. It continues to be in
19 use.

20 **HSGAC Minority** So it's been operational ever since?

21 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And then you were given a cable by
23 someone else?

24 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Do you have that cable?

1 **Witness** It's probably at **LES** somewhere,
2 ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Did the FBI ask to see the cable?

4 **Witness** No, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Either of the cables?

6 **Witness** No, ma'am.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Did they ask to see any of the portions
8 of that system?

9 **Witness** No, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

11 **PSI Minority** Hi, **Witness** My name is **PSI Minority**

12 **PSI Minority** I'm with Ranking Member Ron Johnson's office.
13 Thank you for your time, sir.

14 **Witness** Thank you.

15 **PSI Minority** I want to go back. We've talked a lot
16 about what happened on July 13th, but I want to just make
17 sure that the record is clear regarding the technical
18 difficulties that you had with the system. So if you
19 wouldn't mind just briefly walking us through and give us
20 the chronology of when you first noticed that there was an
21 issue and when you made the calls to the site agent and
22 other supervisors that day.

23 **Witness** Sure. And I will speak in general terms
24 because I don't remember specific times. But to the best
25 of my knowledge I'll explain what I went through. So

1 following the post-stander brief at 10:00, I went to the
2 first site, where I intended to install it. I set it up,
3 and once I noticed it was not working I contacted **IPO**
4 **IPO** and --

5 **PSI Minority** And **IPO** --

6 **Witness** IPO **IPO**, from DTD -- and asked
7 them, you know, if he knew what was wrong with it or if he
8 could help me at all.

9 **PSI Minority** Do you know the approximate time that
10 you contacted this individual?

11 **Witness** At approximately 11:30, 11:40.

12 **PSI Minority** Would you say it was immediate after
13 realizing that there's a technical issue?

14 **Witness** No, I wouldn't say immediately. I mean,
15 I tried to troubleshoot it myself, but some time after.
16 And then he gave me the number to **C-UAS HQ** from TSD,
17 Technical Security Division. I spoke to **C-UAS HQ**.
18 He gave me the number to Tech Support, and I contacted Tech
19 Support. Initially I had to leave them a voicemail.

20 **PSI Minority** Approximately what time did you leave
21 the voicemail?

22 **Witness** I can't give you an approximate time. I
23 don't know. I called them multiple times. I spoke to them
24 multiple times throughout that day.

25 **PSI Minority** Do you know, at this point, after

1 initially realizing that there's a problem, roughly how
2 long it's been at this point? Has it been an hour? Over
3 an hour?

4 **Witness** It's been over an hour.

5 **PSI Minority** Okay.

6 **Witness** So I was speaking to Technical Support.
7 When I finally got them on the phone they walked me through
8 some steps, you know, the typical turn it on, turn it off,
9 check the wires, check the cables, you know, did all that.
10 It just was not working. They would send -- they restarted
11 it themselves from over the air. They sent updates to it.
12 That's what they told me they were doing. I can't verify
13 it, but --

14 **PSI Minority** When they told you that they were
15 sending updates to the system, what was your reaction to
16 that?

17 **Witness** Uh, make it quick? No, no.

18 **PSI Minority** Let me rephrase. Is it common to have
19 to install an update to a system that is expected to be in
20 use the day of an event?

21 **Witness** It's never not worked before.

22 **PSI Minority** Has it happened before, where you've
23 had to install an update to a system the day of the event?

24 **Witness** No. It's never -- it's always been
25 operational. This is the first time I'm aware of that a

1 system was not becoming active.

2 **PSI Minority** Please continue.

3 **Witness** Okay. And so they restarted it. They
4 sent updates. And after maybe three phone calls they told
5 me that a technician had looked at it, and it appears that
6 two boxes are not speaking to each other -- and again, I
7 don't know anything about these boxes, but two boxes with
8 the **LES** system were not talking to each to her --
9 to try change the cable out. And so immediately after that
10 I grabbed a cable from the audio-visual teams that were
11 setting up for the event, and I connected it, and shortly
12 after it became active.

13 **PSI Minority** And that was around 4:30,
14 approximately?

15 **Witness** Yeah, approximately 4:30 -- 4:33 is when
16 I -- you know, the time hack that I use it to remember is
17 at 4:33 I called **DTD 2nd Sup.** to let him know that it was
18 operational.

19 **PSI Minority** And this was the ASAC that you called,
20 to let them now --

21 **Witness** Yes, sir.

22 **PSI Minority** -- that it was operational. And you
23 mentioned before that you also contacted Special Agent

24 **Site Agent** Is that correct?

25 **Witness** Yes. Yes. I let them both know that it

1 was down, and then I let them both know that it was back
2 up.

3 **PSI Minority** At approximately what time did you let
4 those two individuals know that the system was down?

5 **Witness** I don't want to guess, sir. It was a
6 couple hours of me being on the phone with Tech Support and
7 troubleshooting it myself.

8 **PSI Minority** And I think you mentioned before that
9 the expectation was that this system was to be operational
10 shortly after the initial briefing that morning.

11 **Witness** Yeah, I would've liked for it to be, yes.

12 **PSI Minority** How did you decide when you would
13 contact ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.** and Special Agent **Site Agent** to let them
14 know that the system was down? In other words, why did you
15 wait?

16 **Witness** Well, because I wanted to try to get it
17 up. I wanted to try to get the system up.

18 **PSI Minority** Did you contact them via phone or
19 email? Radio? Text?

20 **Witness** So ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.** I spoke to him on the
21 phone, and Special Agent **Site Agent** I would've contacted her
22 either in person or by phone.

23 **PSI Minority** And what was the reaction of ASAC
24 **DTD 2nd Sup.** when you informed him that the system was down?

25 **Witness** He informed me that I would be the

1 primary **LES** operator during the visit.

2 **PSI Minority** And what was your understanding of his
3 response?

4 **Witness** That once the **LES** arrived with the
5 **LES** I would be responsible for **LES** a
6 drone.

7 **PSI Minority** And Special Agent **Site Agent** response to
8 hearing that the system is down?

9 **Witness** I don't recall exactly. I believe I told
10 her I was still working through it and I was going to try
11 to get it up. But I don't recall exactly.

12 **PSI Minority** Understood. Did you inform anyone else
13 on-site that day that the system was down during the time
14 that it wasn't operational?

15 **Witness** To the best of my knowledge, I think the
16 Security Room agent knew. I don't remember if I, you know,
17 told him specifically myself or he just learned about it
18 afterwards. But yeah, I believe he knew.

19 **PSI Minority** And who was that individual?

20 **Witness** What I remember, his name is **SAIC Buffalo** He's
21 the Special Agent in Charge of Buffalo.

22 **PSI Minority** Is there any written policies or
23 procedures on who to report and how soon to report an issue
24 like this one if a system is not operable?

25 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

1 **PSI Minority** Do you believe that to the extent --

2 **Witness** I don't think one exists, but if it did,
3 it would be let the site agent know, let the second
4 supervisor know.

5 **PSI Minority** And in retrospect, do you believe that
6 the ASAC and special agent -- or, excuse me, the site agent
7 were informed at the proper time about the issues?

8 **Witness** Yes, sir.

9 **PSI Minority** I want to go to the issue with the two
10 boxes --

11 **Witness** Sure.

12 **PSI Minority** -- not talking to each other. And I
13 don't know the technical terms either. Who is responsible
14 for connecting those boxes together?

15 **Witness** I was.

16 **PSI Minority** And you mentioned before that you
17 weren't familiar with these boxes. Is that correct?

18 **Witness** I'm not familiar with their technical
19 operations. I'm familiar with the boxes.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. And just so I understand, was it
21 that there was a cord missing or the cord installed was not
22 functioning properly?

23 **Witness** The cord was not functioning properly,
24 from what I understand.

25 **PSI Minority** So in terms of your responsibilities

1 for connecting these two boxes together, you believe that
2 if you connect them with a certain wire then they should
3 function properly.

4 **Witness** Sure.

5 **PSI Minority** And that wasn't the case that day.

6 **Witness** Well, I connected the wires, the cable,
7 as I've always done and continue to do, and it just was not
8 working on that day. And we have since replaced it.

9 **PSI Minority** And you've never experienced that issue
10 before?

11 **Witness** Correct. I have not.

12 **PSI Minority** Have you ever experienced technical
13 difficulties before with the system, prior this event?

14 **Witness** No, sir.

15 **PSI Minority** So you've had no experience interacting
16 with Tech Support for this system before?

17 **Witness** No, sir.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go to the request
19 regarding the **LES** system that you mentioned before.

20 **Witness** Yes, sir.

21 **PSI Minority** When did **TSD Advance Agent** tell you that the
22 request was denied?

23 **Witness** It was after our initial phone call on
24 the 10th. I had two phone calls with him.

25 **PSI Minority** And you made the request on the 10th.

1 Is that correct?

2 **Witness** Yes, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** So you found out the same day that the
4 request had been denied?

5 **Witness** Yes, sir.

6 **PSI Minority** And do you know how long, how many
7 hours or minutes between making the request and finding out
8 that it was denied?

9 **Witness** I don't know, sir. Not long after.

10 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry?

11 **Witness** Not long after.

12 **PSI Minority** Okay. And did **TSD Advance Agent** explain to
13 you why it was denied?

14 **Witness** He did give me an explanation, and I do
15 not recall exactly. I believe it was being utilized
16 somewhere else.

17 **PSI Minority** Are you aware of other Secret Service
18 protectees having an event in the general area that day?

19 **Witness** Yes, sir. I believe it was the First
20 Lady having an event in -- at a casino nearby, or
21 relatively nearby.

22 **PSI Minority** Are you aware if, in her event, she had
23 a **LES** system in place?

24 **Witness** I do not know, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** Did anyone, **TSD Advance Agent** or anyone else,

1 say that the system that you requested is unavailable
2 because it's being used at the First Lady's event?

3 **Witness** I don't remember specifically what he
4 said, but yeah, I don't think he mentioned anything about
5 the First Lady. I don't want to guess. I don't know
6 specifically what he said, but he did explain a lack of
7 availability to me.

8 **PSI Minority** I want to turn now to another issue
9 that you raised regarding the event with the flight
10 restriction time.

11 **Witness** Yes, sir.

12 **PSI Minority** Is it TFR?

13 **Witness** TFR. Yes, sir.

14 **PSI Minority** Is it called flight restriction time or
15 is it --

16 **Witness** Temporary Flight Restriction.

17 **PSI Minority** Temporary Flight Restriction. When did
18 you raise the concern about that, about the length of that?

19 **Witness** That would've been on the 12th.

20 **PSI Minority** On the 12th?

21 **Witness** Yes, sir.

22 **PSI Minority** And who did you raise that to?

23 **Witness** To ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.**

24 **PSI Minority** And did the ASAC pass along your
25 concern to anyone, as far as you know?

1 **Witness** I don't know if he did or didn't, sir.

2 **PSI Minority** Did you ask him to?

3 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

4 **PSI Minority** But as far as you know, the request for
5 a longer period of time never occurred. Is that correct?

6 **Witness** I just want to clarify. I did mention
7 that we needed longer times, but -- that we should have
8 longer times during events, and I didn't receive anything
9 afterwards saying that it was extended.

10 **PSI Minority** How did you make that request to the
11 ASAC? Was it written --

12 **Witness** It was in person.

13 **PSI Minority** In person?

14 **Witness** Yeah.

15 **PSI Minority** Okay. And for other events that you've
16 worked that have the TFR, is that time usually just for
17 when the protectee is at the event, or is it for a longer
18 period of time?

19 **Witness** It's typically just for when the
20 protectee is at the event.

21 **PSI Minority** Understood. So in this instance, when
22 you made this request for this event, what made you want to
23 make that request for the July 13th rally, specifically?

24 **Witness** Just because I've seen it expire at other
25 events where he was speaking, and I wanted to have the -- I

1 would've preferred to have the TFR in place for the
2 duration of the time.

3 **PSI Minority** Who makes the request for the TFR?

4 **Witness** I believe it starts in our Operations
5 Section, and it goes to D.C., Special Operations Division,
6 and I believe then to the FAA.

7 **PSI Minority** And in this case do you know when the
8 request was made, the TFR request?

9 **Witness** No, sir, I do not.

10 **PSI Minority** Did you speak to FAA yourself about the
11 TFR request?

12 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

13 **PSI Minority** If, just generally speaking about TFR,
14 if a drone is spotted outside of TFR, how do you respond to
15 that, if at all?

16 **Witness** Yeah. If it's outside of the TFR I
17 typically would not respond unless it's -- unless it would
18 be **LES**. But typically it would not.
19 Or maybe in the route of the **LES** potentially. But we
20 would not respond outside of the TFR zone.

21 **PSI Minority** So if, in this case, the report is that
22 Mr. Crooks flew a drone in the area around 3:50 p.m., I
23 believe. That would've been outside of the TFR. Had your
24 systems been operable it may have spotted it, but could you
25 explain, in that specific case, what response would've

1 occurred?

2 **Witness** Sure. It may have spotted it, and if it
3 did spot it, being that it was outside of the TFR window, I
4 would've asked the PI personnel to respond and do a
5 consensual interview.

6 **PSI Minority** And PI is --

7 **Witness** Protective intelligence -- and do a
8 consensual interview. Again, but that would've been legal
9 for them to be flying at the time.

10 **PSI Minority** So you would've -- you personally
11 would've sent people to engage with whoever was flying the
12 device?

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **PSI Minority** And would you have had to report to
15 anyone up your chain of command or on the radios that you
16 took that action?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **PSI Minority** And who would you have had to report
19 that to?

20 **Witness** Potentially to, **Site Agent** was in charge of
21 the site, and ASAC **DTD 2nd Sup.** if it was during the time that
22 **LES** was -- actually, President Trump -- would have been
23 at the site.

24 **PSI Minority** I want to go to that point, which is if
25 something is detected during the TFR, what actions do you

1 take in that case?

2 **Witness** Sure. If it was during the TFR then
3 there would be a PI interview, and then it wouldn't be
4 consensual at that point. The person would be detained and
5 interviewed, questioned. And it would be made of record
6 with the Secret Service.

7 **PSI Minority** I believe you mentioned earlier -- and
8 please correct me if I'm wrong -- that the Pennsylvania
9 State Police offered to provide drones at this event. Is
10 that correct?

11 **Witness** Sure. So they did. But to give you
12 context, my mission there was to detect drones that were
13 coming into the site, that were unknown or unfriendly
14 drones. My job was not to build a security plan separate
15 from the security plan that was there. So my question to
16 them was, "Are you flying a drone?" Their question is,
17 "No, we're not flying a drone." And then they mentioned,
18 "We can fly a drone if you need or want it." I believe I
19 had a conversation with him on the phone over what do you
20 guys particularly use it for, and he said something about
21 overwatch, for search warrants. But yeah.

22 **PSI Minority** And approximate when was that
23 conversation?

24 **Witness** That was on the 12th.

25 **PSI Minority** The 12th. Did you communicate this

1 offer to anyone else in your chain of command?

2 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

3 **PSI Minority** Why not?

4 **Witness** I assumed that -- so I go out to the site
5 the day before the site. The rest of the advance team has
6 been there and has been in contact with the police for a
7 week prior to my arrival. So the plan that they had in
8 place is the plan that's going to go into effect. I wasn't
9 there to change the plan or add a different security plan.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to get to the plan that
11 you just mentioned in a moment, but a few other questions.
12 You mentioned that you were in the Security Room during the
13 July 13th event. Correct?

14 **Witness** Yes, sir.

15 **PSI Minority** Were there other local law enforcement
16 agents or officials in the Security Room?

17 **Witness** There was Pennsylvania State Police.
18 Pennsylvania State Police are the ones that I saw there all
19 day long. I believe there was paramedics or emergency
20 services personnel in and out of the room on that day, as
21 well, from the local side. And so yeah, I guess those were
22 the two that I've seen throughout the day, at least prior
23 to. It was filled afterwards, after the shooting.

24 **PSI Minority** What communications did you have access
25 to that day, whether it be radio, phone, text, email?

1 **Witness** So I have access to my phone and the
2 radios that were in the Security Room.

3 **PSI Minority** You had access to -- just so I
4 understand -- all the radio frequencies in the Security
5 Room?

6 **Witness** Yes, sir.

7 **PSI Minority** Did you hear or receive any
8 communications indicating issues at the AGR building?

9 **Witness** Yes, seconds before, yes.

10 **PSI Minority** Could you describe what you heard?

11 **Witness** Sure. And for context if I can back up -
12 -

13 **PSI Minority** Sure.

14 **Witness** -- to give you context. So approximately
15 5:50, Pennsylvania State Police guy, the gentleman that I
16 just mentioned, said they have a picture of a guy, that one
17 of the local snipers have a picture of a guy that was
18 suspicious. So I offered to the Security Room agent to
19 send out the CS response to the building, or to find the
20 individual. Let me back up. The PSP personnel,
21 Pennsylvania State Police guy, mentioned that he was in the
22 vicinity of the Sheetz -- a Sheetz gas station, that was a
23 ways away from our site. And so I mentioned to the
24 Security Room agent that he should -- we can deploy the CS
25 response guy to go speak to this individual. And he agreed

1 and he went to go look for him.

2 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. He went to -- just repeat
3 that last part again.

4 **Witness** Yeah. The CS response guy went to go
5 look for him. Let me back up a little bit more, actually.
6 And then the Pennsylvania State Police sent me a -- the
7 picture that they had of the individual. So I sent that
8 picture to the CS response, and then after sending him that
9 picture I called him on the phone, told him to try to make
10 contact with this individual. And he went out and he
11 responded. And, you know, the distance of the Sheetz gas
12 station and it was going to take him some time to get
13 there, but he was going out there. And the next update we
14 had --

15 **PSI Minority** Before you get to the next update can I
16 just unpack that, what you just said? I just want to make
17 sure that I understand. So approximately 5:50, you think -
18 -

19 **Witness** Yeah, approximately 5:50.

20 **PSI Minority** -- you receive a picture --

21 **Witness** Yes.

22 **PSI Minority** -- from an individual in the
23 Pennsylvania State Police?

24 **Witness** From the Pennsylvania State Police person
25 that was sitting in the Security Room.

1 **PSI Minority** And you received this picture from him
2 via email?

3 **Witness** Via text message.

4 **PSI Minority** And who was this individual that sent
5 you this picture via text message?

6 **Witness** I don't know his name. He was the
7 Pennsylvania State Police sergeant that was in the Security
8 Room throughout the entire day.

9 **PSI Minority** And he sent this picture to your
10 official Secret Service-issued phone?

11 **Witness** No. I asked him to send it to my
12 personal phone because our phones have issues with sending
13 out picture.

14 **PSI Minority** And so he sent this picture to your
15 personal phone.

16 **Witness** Yes, he did.

17 **PSI Minority** And what was the -- could you please
18 describe the picture that you received?

19 **Witness** Yeah. It was a picture of the
20 individual.

21 **PSI Minority** Just one picture?

22 **Witness** It was three pictures. Two different
23 angles of the individual and I believe it was a bike.

24 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry, the third picture?

25 **Witness** And a bike.

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did this person indicate how he
2 received these pictures?

3 **Witness** Yes. I believe he received it from CS
4 Response -- or excuse me -- the local snipers.

5 **PSI Minority** The local snipers?

6 **Witness** Yes, sir.

7 **PSI Minority** And at that point did you have any
8 indication where those local snipers were located?

9 **Witness** Yes, I knew where they were located.

10 **PSI Minority** Where were they located?

11 **Witness** In the AGR -- what I know now to be the
12 AGR building. I just want to point out that they mentioned
13 that he was in the vicinity of the Sheetz gas station.

14 That's where I asked the CS Response, Special Agent

15 **CSRT Agent** to go to.

16 **PSI Minority** The CS Response was Special Agent

17 **CSRT Agent** you said?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to ask you a few more
20 follow-ups before you move on, just to make sure that I
21 understand. So when you received these pictures and you
22 got the message about the Sheetz location, did you know
23 where these pictures were taken?

24 **Witness** No.

25 **PSI Minority** And once you received these images, did

1 you share the pictures with anyone else?

2 **Witness** No. Just with the CS Response.

3 **PSI Minority** And how did you share these images with
4 CS Response?

5 **Witness** I sent them to his government phone.

6 **PSI Minority** Via text?

7 **Witness** Via text, yes.

8 **PSI Minority** Not email. Text.

9 **Witness** Text, yeah.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. And approximately what time did
11 you send him those images?

12 **Witness** Approximately 5:51.

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. And how did you instruct this
14 individual -- Special Agent **CSRT Agent** is that correct? --
15 how did you instruct Special Agent **CSRT Agent** to go take a
16 look at this situation?

17 **Witness** Well, generally speaking, I told him that
18 this was a suspicious individual, and that was spotted by
19 local snipers, and we wanted him to detain him and
20 interview him, potentially.

21 **PSI Minority** And how did you communicate that to
22 him?

23 **Witness** Over the phone.

24 **PSI Minority** And where was Special Agent **CSRT Agent**
25 located at this time?

1 **Witness** I couldn't tell you. Somewhere on the
2 site, I assume.

3 **PSI Minority** Did you know if he was in proximity to
4 AGR and that location, or you didn't know?

5 **Witness** I did not know where he was at.

6 **PSI Minority** And in addition to receiving these
7 images, did you receive any other information about this
8 individual to indicate that he is suspicious?

9 **Witness** Yeah. So the PSP did mention that he had
10 a rangefinder on him.

11 **PSI Minority** And that was in his text message to
12 you?

13 **Witness** No. That was in person. He was sitting
14 in the Security Room.

15 **PSI Minority** Okay. I understand. Based on your
16 professional background and experience, to you, is that
17 suspicious for an individual to have a rangefinder?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **PSI Minority** And why?

20 **Witness** Well, a rangefinder would give you
21 ranges, you know, wanting to know distance to certain
22 locations from my, you know, military background, it tells
23 me -- it raises concerns of why somebody would want to know
24 certain distance around the site.

25 **PSI Minority** Did the PSP indicate to you how he

1 received these images and information about the individual?
2 Did he receive a text message? Did he receive a radio
3 communication? Both? Do you know?

4 **Witness** I can't tell you exactly how he received
5 it, but he had it on his phone, so I could assume he
6 received it to his phone, as well.

7 **PSI Minority** Do you still have these messages on
8 your personal device?

9 **Witness** Yes. Yes, I do.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. We would just communicate that
11 we would be interested in receiving that --

12 **Witness** Sure.

13 **PSI Minority** -- those message.

14 **Witness** Yeah. I made them available to Secret
15 Service, I believe. They probably turned them over to you
16 already. But yes, they're available.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. Thank you. I'm running out of
18 time, but if it's okay with everyone else I'd like to be
19 able to continue the next steps that occurred, unless
20 anyone else needs a break at this moment.

21 [No response.]

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. If you wouldn't mind continuing,
23 sir. After you informed the CS Response.

24 **Witness** Yeah. So CS Response went out, and I
25 believe, to my knowledge, PI also went out to try to locate

1 the individual. I did not speak to her, but possibly it
2 could've been the Security Room agent that did.

3 **PSI Minority** And who is that individual?

4 **Witness** SAIC Buffalo -- I don't remember his last name.

5 **PSI Minority** Okay. You mentioned this person
6 previously.

7 **Witness** Yes.

8 **PSI Minority** And how were you in communication with
9 these individuals as they went to this area?

10 **Witness** I was only in communication with the CS
11 Response, Special Agent **CSRT Agent** and it was by phone.

12 **PSI Minority** So did you remain on the phone with him
13 as he went to this location?

14 **Witness** No.

15 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did he -- was he giving you
16 updates or was he communicating with you in any way as he
17 was going to this location?

18 **Witness** I called him a few times. You know,
19 initially -- I called him a few times. I probably spoke to
20 him once or twice. The last time I spoke to him, for sure
21 that I remember, is a few minutes after, when the PSP
22 sergeant mentions that there's an individual on the roof,
23 on a roof. And then I called **CSRT Agent** and was able to
24 tell he's on a roof. I don't believe I told him
25 specifically what roof it was because I didn't know what

1 roof it was. The PSP sergeant later, I think he gave an
2 update seconds after that it was the AGR roof. I remember
3 looking at my phone for an AGR roof, or AGR building in the
4 vicinity of the Sheetz gas station. And it was seconds
5 after that he says AGR roof. I heard over the **Channel** radio
6 that, "Shots fired. Shots fired. Shooter down."

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. I just want to break down again
8 a couple of the things that you said. So you mentioned
9 that you were in contact with Special Agent **CSRT Agent** a few
10 times as he was responding. Are you able to tell us the
11 precise times that you called him?

12 **Witness** No. I couldn't tell you specifically
13 what time I called him.

14 **PSI Minority** Did you call him from your personal
15 phone?

16 **Witness** No, from my government phone. I don't --
17 yeah, I don't have -- from my government phone and to his
18 government phone. I don't have his personal phone.

19 **PSI Minority** Did you save your call records?

20 **Witness** Yes, sir, I did, and I made them
21 available to the Secret Service.

22 **PSI Minority** We would like those, as well. I
23 appreciate you for making those available.

24 **Witness** Yes, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** So did Special Agent **CSRT Agent** ever

1 call you to report to you, or were you the one taking the
2 initiative to call him?

3 **Witness** I believe I called him. After the event
4 I think he called me. But initially, if I can recollect
5 correctly, I was the one calling him.

6 **PSI Minority** And were you calling him after
7 receiving updates from the PSP about the location of the
8 individual?

9 **Witness** I think it was before and after. I
10 wanted to get updates on his progress, of where he was
11 going and locating him. And then I certainly called him
12 after, when PSP informed us that, or at least tried, that
13 he was on the roof.

14 **PSI Minority** Did you ever hear any communications
15 stating that an individual had a gun --

16 **Witness** No, there was --

17 **PSI Minority** -- and on top of the roof of AGR?

18 **Witness** No, there was no communication at all on
19 the Secret Service side about an individual with a gun.

20 **PSI Minority** Understood. But just to be specific
21 and clear on my part --

22 **Witness** Yes, sir.

23 **PSI Minority** -- did you hear any communications from
24 any radio frequencies?

25 **Witness** No, there was -- no.

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. And was Special Agent **CSRT Agent**
2 able to locate this individual?

3 **Witness** Yes, he did. Well, after the shooting he
4 made it to the roof, from my knowledge.

5 **PSI Minority** Prior to the shooting, do you know if
6 Special Agent **CSRT Agent** saw the individual on the roof?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Minority** You do not know if he saw him on the
9 roof.

10 **Witness** To my knowledge he did not see him.

11 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did you ever ask Special Agent
12 **CSRT Agent** if he saw an individual on the roof?

13 **Witness** After the event? No.

14 **PSI Minority** Could you describe what Special Agent
15 **CSRT Agent** looks like?

16 **Witness** He's a white male, athletic fit,
17 approximately 5'8", maybe, somewhere around 5'8". That's
18 the best description I can give.

19 **PSI Minority** Do you know the color hair?

20 **Witness** No, I don't remember his color of hair.

21 **PSI Minority** And did you personally carry radios
22 yourself that day?

23 **Witness** Yes, I did.

24 **PSI Minority** And these were Secret Service-issued
25 radios?

1 **Witness** Yes, sir, they were.

2 **PSI Minority** They were not local law enforcement-
3 issued radios?

4 **Witness** No.

5 **PSI Minority** Did you ever attempt to obtain local
6 law enforcement-issued radios?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Minority** Would it be typical for you to have
9 local law enforcement-issued radios?

10 **Witness** No, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** One moment.

12 [Pause.]

13 **PSI Minority** I think we'll take a break now, if that
14 works for everybody, and we'll go off the record.

15 [Recess.]

16 **PSI Majority** Thank you again for coming to answer
17 questions today. I just had a couple of quick questions I
18 wanted to ask to go back over, from the beginning. My
19 colleague with HSGAC majority, was asking about your
20 background, and I just kind of wanted to get a little bit,
21 flesh that out a little bit more.

22 Where did you go to college?

23 **Witness** I went to college at Mercyhurst
24 University in Erie, Pennsylvania.

25 **PSI Majority** And did you, after that did you serve

1 in the military or the police force?

2 **Witness** Yes. I was in the Army for 10 years.

3 **PSI Majority** And so how did you transition from the
4 Army to the Secret Service?

5 **Witness** I applied for the job.

6 **PSI Majority** What's typically the selection
7 criteria to work for the Secret Service?

8 **Witness** Generally you have to be a U.S. citizen,
9 not have a negative criminal record. Yeah, I've never
10 worked there as a recruiter so I can't tell you everything
11 that's a requirement.

12 **PSI Majority** I mean, I guess from a civilian
13 perspective I look at the Secret Service and it seems like
14 it would be like the Olympics of law enforcement. It's a
15 very highly regarded, respected organization. So I guess
16 my assumption, again as a civilian, is that only exemplary
17 candidates become Secret Service -- you know, join the
18 Secret Service. Do you know what skill it was or what you
19 were best at that made you a successful candidate?

20 **Witness** As much as I would like to think or say
21 something great, no, I don't think it's anything specific.
22 I think the model of Secret Service is to look at the
23 entirety of the person and their experience.

24 **PSI Majority** And so you said before you were
25 working for former President Trumps detail, that you were

1 working on criminal investigations in Chicago. Is that
2 accurate?

3 **Witness** Yes, that is accurate.

4 **PSI Majority** And how long did you work in that
5 role?

6 **Witness** I was assigned to the Chicago Field
7 Office for three years. I was there for two, for
8 approximately two years.

9 **PSI Majority** Did you do anything before that?

10 **Witness** Before that was training.

11 **PSI Majority** How long does training last?

12 **Witness** I believe there's three months training
13 in Georgia, with DHS, and then there's an additional four
14 months in the Rowley Training Center in Maryland.

15 **PSI Majority** And so why were you, do you know why
16 you were selected to work in criminal investigations?

17 **Witness** So generally that's the move you'll go to
18 from straight out of the Academy. You'll go to a field
19 office and do duties as a criminal investigator.

20 **PSI Majority** Was there a specific kind of
21 investigation you were beginning to specialize in, or did
22 they kind of, were you a generalist?

23 **Witness** No. I worked in the Financial Crimes
24 Task Force or Squad in Chicago, and then I moved to Task
25 Force, but I wouldn't say anything specific.

1 **PSI Majority** So do you know why you were assigned
2 to the Trump detail?

3 **Witness** There was an opening that was made
4 available to the Secret Service, and I applied, and I was
5 selected as one of the ones to go.

6 **PSI Majority** And you said that you were on the
7 Trump detail for a year, and in the anti-drone team for
8 three months. Is that correct?

9 **Witness** Approximately three months, yes.

10 **PSI Majority** And do you know why you were selected
11 for that role?

12 **Witness** No. My supervisor asked me if I was
13 interested, and I was, so then I was put in that role.

14 **PSI Majority** Did you receive any specialized
15 training?

16 **Witness** I received the hands-on training from IPO
17 **IPO** .

18 **PSI Majority** And do you know approximately how long
19 that hands-on training lasted for?

20 **Witness** It wasn't very long, less than an hour.

21 **PSI Majority** And so do you use a firearm? Do you
22 have a firearm in the field?

23 **Witness** Yes, I do.

24 **PSI Majority** What kind of firearm do you use?

25 **Witness** **LES**

1 **PSI Majority** If you were to deploy that weapon in
2 the field and it jammed, would you know how to clear that
3 weapon?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **PSI Majority** Were you trained in that?

6 **Witness** Yes, I was.

7 **PSI Majority** Were you ever trained in
8 troubleshooting the machine, the equipment used to detect
9 drones?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **PSI Majority** I guess that's kind of something that
12 I'm having a hard time understanding. I understand you
13 don't, you know, run the Secret Service, but, you know,
14 when you said that there were two boxes that don't talk to
15 each other, how many pieces of equipment? You said there's
16 a **LES** the equipment. How many
17 components are inside of that case?

18 **Witness** There's the two boxes, and there's four
19 antenna nodes, and that's the entire system.

20 **PSI Majority** And no one ever sat you down and
21 walked you through what all of the different pieces do or
22 give you like an in-depth discussion of how the system
23 works?

24 **Witness** I did. Again, **IPO** walked me
25 through it, explained to me how it worked.

1 **PSI Majority** For approximately an hour, you said.

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **PSI Majority** And was there anybody else at the
4 Butler site who was responsible for setting the machines up
5 or making sure that they were working appropriately?

6 **Witness** By machines do you mean the **LES**
7 system?

8 **PSI Majority** The equipment. Yes.

9 **Witness** Just me.

10 **PSI Majority** I think that is it for my questions.
11 Thank you.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Special **Witness** thank you again
13 for the time. I've got a few follow-up questions, and
14 apologies. We have covered some of these. I just wanted
15 to make sure I really understood what you said earlier.

16 **Witness** Sure.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Going back to the troubleshooting you
18 were doing with the CUAS equipment, you said you moved from
19 one location to the other. That was as part of your
20 troubleshooting. Is that right? You moved because you
21 thought that might help fix the problem?

22 **Witness** Yeah. I can't remember who it was -- I
23 don't recall exactly who it was that asked me if there were
24 satellites nearby, and I said yes, there were some
25 satellite trucks nearby. And so I moved location to get

1 further away from those satellite trucks that may be
2 interfering with the system.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And to clarify, I think what you said
4 earlier, mobile cell networks -- so in layman's terms the
5 public cell network -- I think there are two cell towers at
6 that site, whether it's Verizon, AT&T, et cetera, public
7 domain cell service had nothing to do with the
8 functionality of that CUAS system? It didn't rely on that
9 public domain cell network?

10 **Witness** If I said it didn't I want to correct
11 that. I think it does.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. My apologies.

13 **Witness** I'm not 100 percent sure, but I know the
14 system has a SIM card, so I think it does. I'm fairly
15 certain it does.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Okay, and apologies. I may be
17 misremembering what you said earlier. What is your
18 understanding of how the CUAS system interacts with the
19 mobile cell networks?

20 **Witness** I don't know how it interacts with it. I
21 believe that it does. The technical aspect of how it
22 communicates to it I don't know.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. But is it your understanding that
24 the equipment has to be connected to a mobile network in
25 order for it to be functioning?

1 **Witness** To like a -- I think it needs cell
2 signal, cellular signal, to my knowledge. So if that's
3 what you mean by mobile network, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** But you had said earlier that your
5 understanding was that the problem was the Ethernet cable
6 but not connecting to the cellular networks?

7 **Witness** Correct, yeah. So once I knew that it
8 was the Ethernet cable, or was told by Tech Support that it
9 was possibly the Ethernet cable, I immediately switched it
10 out and it seemed to be working. For the entirety of the
11 time before that there's some lights that come on, and they
12 were green, so I didn't think it was a connection issue.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And you said to your knowledge it
14 does require a connection to the cell networks to work. At
15 any point when you were troubleshooting did you happen to
16 note that it was not connecting to the cell networks?

17 **Witness** The only way for me to know if it's
18 connected is if it tells me it's active, and it was not.
19 It was not telling me that it was active, so I don't know.
20 It never tells me it's connected to a tower. It just tells
21 me whether it's active or not.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And it was inactive. That's what
23 you were trying to troubleshoot.

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And the thing that eventually solved it

1 was the Ethernet cable.

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** But you don't know whether and how the
4 connection to the cell networks played a role in it getting
5 reconnected. Is that a fair assessment?

6 **Witness** Yeah. I don't -- I don't think the cell
7 tower was the problem, just because shortly after switching
8 the Ethernet cable it became operational, so I don't think
9 it was the cell tower connection.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Acting Director Rowe recently
11 testified before our Committee and the Judiciary Committee
12 about this question, and Senator Grassley noted that the
13 Secret Service has told Congress that cellular bandwidth
14 problems was the cause of the equipment not being
15 operational. And in response, Acting Director Rowe said,
16 "Because of the connectivity challenge, as you noted, there
17 was a delay, and he" == being Crooks -- "flew his drone at
18 3:51." And Director Rowe said that "moving forward we are
19 leveraging resources from DHS and others to make sure that
20 we have dedicated connectivity so that we're not reliant on
21 public domain."

22 Do you have an understanding of what Director Rowe
23 means there by not relying on public domain for this
24 equipment?

25 **Witness** I can only be guessing, but so I don't

1 want to guess. I don't know what -- yeah, I don't know
2 what he's referring to.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. When you called the company --
4 sorry, **LES** ? --

5 **Witness** **LES** .

6 **HSGAC Majority** -- **LES** , did you call like a 1-
7 800 number and have to go through an automated system, or
8 did you have a direct contact that you called directly?

9 **Witness** It was a, I believe, an 888 number.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have to go through an automated
11 system to connect?

12 **Witness** I believe it just rang, and then there's
13 somebody who answered or who didn't.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Do you remember how long it took for you
15 to connect to someone, to start troubleshooting with the
16 company?

17 **Witness** It was not immediately, but it -- again,
18 I would have to be guessing. I don't know exactly, but it
19 wasn't immediately, but I did get ahold of them fairly
20 quickly.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And did you personally have any problems
22 with cell service, either your personal cellphone or your
23 work cellphone, that day?

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And what were those problems?

1 **Witness** It was just trouble making phone calls,
2 trouble sending text messages and receiving text messages.
3 And this was only apparent after the event. I don't recall
4 any issues before that.

5 **HSGAC Majority** After the event, you mean later that
6 night?

7 **Witness** Later that night, yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** So you didn't have any issues with
9 either your work or personal cellphone during the day or
10 leading up to the shots fired or in the immediate aftermath
11 of the shots fired? You didn't have any issues with cell
12 service?

13 **Witness** In the aftermath, yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** How soon after the aftermath?

15 **Witness** Yeah, I want to say almost immediately
16 afterwards.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And were those issues on your personal
18 cellphone or your work cellphone?

19 **Witness** My work cellphone.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And what did you struggle with --
21 sending texts? Phone calls? Emails?

22 **Witness** Just making phone calls. Phone calls is
23 what I remember. I think I tried to send a text message to
24 one of the shift and it wasn't going out.

25 **HSGAC Majority** You had stated earlier that when you

1 were in the Security Room with the PSP sergeant and he had
2 the photos of a suspicious person, you had asked him -- I
3 think you said you had asked him to send it to your
4 personal cellphone. Is that right?

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And I think you said the reason for that
7 is that you had problems with photos on your work
8 cellphone. Can you elaborate what those problems were?

9 **Witness** Yeah. I don't think they're problems.
10 They're inherent issues with security systems that are
11 built into the phones, where it has trouble sending out
12 pictures.

13 **HSGAC Majority** So this is a general capability problem
14 that you're describing --

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** -- rather than a problem with cell
17 service at that particular site, on that particular day.
18 Is that right?

19 **Witness** That's correct.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So you don't generally use your work
21 cellphone to send or receive photos, at least via text. Is
22 that right?

23 **Witness** Yes, generally through email, not text.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And the reason you asked the PSP
25 sergeant to send to your personal cellphone is because it

1 would just be easier, as opposed to giving him your email?

2 **Witness** Faster, yeah. I wanted to get it to him
3 faster.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Do you generally have to send or
5 receive photos in the course of your work at events like
6 this? Is that generally --

7 **Witness** No.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Oh. This was unusual to receive this
9 photo of the suspicious person?

10 **Witness** I'm trying to recall another time that I
11 received a -- yeah, no. What I can remember, I don't think
12 I've ever received a picture of a suspicious person.
13 Normally that is received by email, a specific threat,
14 probably the day of or the day before a visit, and it's by
15 email.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And you had said that you had
17 talked about sending out the CS Response Team to
18 investigate the suspicious person. Is that right?

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Who did you suggest that to?

21 **Witness** To the Security Room agent.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Meaning the Secret Service agent in the
23 Security Room?

24 **Witness** Correct.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Is that your responsibility, or is that

1 just an idea you had to suggest? In other words, was it
2 your responsibility to send out CS response, or you just
3 had an idea to suggest that?

4 **Witness** It was not my responsibility. I just
5 wanted to suggest it.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. My understanding is that CS
7 Response works with the CS teams in position, and that day
8 on the barn roofs. Is that right, they generally
9 coordinate with the CS agents or officers?

10 **Witness** Correct. Yeah, that's correct.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know why the CS teams or the CS
12 team leader, didn't do that? In other words, why they
13 didn't send out the CS Response Team?

14 **Witness** So I'm not sure if -- yeah, I don't know
15 why he didn't speak to them. But I just want to clarify.
16 The ones who I was told that received, or took those
17 pictures was the local CS, which would be different from
18 Secret Service CS.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. So you're not aware of
20 whether the Secret Service CS was even aware of the
21 suspicious person at that point.

22 **Witness** Correct. I'm not aware.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And it was Special Agent

24 **CSRT Agent** --

25 **Witness** Yes, he was the CS Response.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have a sense, and apologies if
2 you said this already, do you have a sense of what he
3 found, what he determined when he went out to investigate?

4 **Witness** He never -- from what I understand he did
5 not locate the shooter until after the event, after the
6 shooting.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Did he relay anything to you about the
8 presence of other law enforcement, state or local, out over
9 there by the AGR, who may have also been looking for the
10 suspicious person?

11 **Witness** No, he did not.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And going back to the CUAS equipment,
13 did you say whether state or locals had CUAS capability
14 that day? I know we talked about them offering drones if
15 Secret Service needed it, but did they have CUAS
16 capabilities there that day?

17 **Witness** To my knowledge they did not.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And if something goes wrong with
19 the detection system, the CUAS system, is there any kind of
20 protocol for like a last resort, in other words, like a
21 communication out to the post-standers saying, "Hey, we've
22 got this capability down and I need you to get extra
23 vigilant looking for drones," or anything like that. Is
24 there a protocol in place if the functionality is not up
25 and running?

1 **Witness** There's no protocol in place. In
2 retrospect, that's something I probably should have done.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And is there any kind of protocol for a
4 test run of this equipment, either the day before or the
5 morning of, you know, well in advance of when it's supposed
6 to be operational?

7 **Witness** So when I would take equipment out I
8 would test it before traveling, and so normally I would
9 test it. But me being the person that last used it and
10 bringing it down from Bedminster, I knew that it was
11 operational and working.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And when was the last time you used it?
13 You said at Bedminster?

14 **Witness** Bedminster, yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And when was the last time you used it
16 there?

17 **Witness** I don't recall the date. It was a couple
18 of days before.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. If a drone is detected and
20 brought down with the second system, the system that
21 actually brings the drones down, whose responsibility would
22 it be to go recover the drone?

23 **Witness** It will be the nearest post-stander,
24 depending on where the system goes down. If it's within
25 the site -- if it's somewhere outside the site, I'm not

1 sure that we would recover it. We'd be more interested in
2 speaking to the operator and him flying it and delivering
3 the drone to their location.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Are you aware of any Secret Service
5 protocols or policies that were deviated from or not
6 followed that day?

7 **Witness** Not to my knowledge, sir.

8 **HSGAC Majority** All right. I think that's all I have.
9 I will turn to my colleague.

10 **HSGAC Majority** You mentioned asking Agent **CSRT Agent** to
11 respond.

12 **Witness** Yes, sir.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Who would have been the individual who
14 would've communicated that to him, if not you?

15 **Witness** It would have been the Security Room
16 agent.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And who was that?

18 **Witness** It was **SAIC Buffalo** -- I don't know his last
19 name.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Did he have radio communications on him, to
21 your knowledge.

22 **Witness** I'm sorry. Could you repeat the
23 question?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Did this individual have radio
25 communications capabilities?

1 **Witness** Yes, sir, he did.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And you don't know where he was at this
3 moment.

4 **Witness** He was located in the Security Room. He
5 was in charge of communications, receiving and
6 disseminating information.

7 **HSGAC Majority** But you're the one that ended up asking
8 **CSRT Agent** to go out.

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** In response to one of my earlier questions
11 about the reason you need two UAS, you said that one of the
12 threats to mitigate against is the threat of surveillance.
13 Is that an accurate assessment of what you said?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And that's because surveillance can be a
16 threat to the protectee at some point.

17 **Witness** Sure. Yes, sir.

18 **HSGAC Majority** You also said that the 3:50 flight of this
19 drone, that is reported to be the time Crooks flew the
20 drone, would've been legal because the Temporary Flight
21 Restriction was not operating at that time. Is that an
22 accurate statement?

23 **Witness** That is correct. Yes, sir.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Isn't it also accurate, however, to say
25 that legal or not, it was still a threat that this drone

1 was flown at this time?

2 **Witness** It could've been a potential threat. I
3 wouldn't have classified it as a threat.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Why is that?

5 **Witness** So for a threat, for it to be -- for me
6 to classify it as a threat, it needs to be a danger to our
7 protectee, which it wasn't.

8 **HSGAC Majority** It wasn't, or that wasn't something you
9 were able to determine at that time, on the 13th?

10 **Witness** So a -- I'm trying to explain myself. So
11 a threat -- it's more imminent than something suspicious.
12 At the time, if it was at 3:50 that it was flown, it
13 would've certainly been suspicious, and something that it
14 would've been responded to with a -- and the operator of
15 the drone would've been engaged in a consensual interview
16 to find out what their intentions were. But it wouldn't be
17 a threat.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And this interview would've occurred
19 because the capabilities of the CUAS allow you to detect

20 **LES** ?

21 **Witness** Potentially, yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority** So among the things that went wrong that
23 day, would you assess that inoperability of this system for
24 the hours that you described, that eight-hour period, as
25 one of the things that went wrong?

1 **Witness** Yes, absolutely.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Was **SAIC Buffalo** the special agent in
3 charge of the Security Room?

4 **Witness** I believe that's correct.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what time did you enter the
6 Security Room again? Can you remind me?

7 **Witness** Probably approximately 9:30 that morning.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. You entered the Security Room and
9 then remained there, or --

10 **Witness** No, I was in and out a lot.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I guess in relation to the
12 shooting, so you were already in the Security Room prior to
13 the 5:50 notification that we discussed a little bit
14 earlier.

15 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Prior to that, how long had you been in
17 the Security Room?

18 **Witness** Hard to say, ma'am. I was in and out a
19 lot, trying to --

20 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if it was before or after
21 Trump took the stage?

22 **Witness** It was before he took the stage.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Before he took the stage. Okay. And
24 while you were in the Security Room, who did you see come
25 in and out of the Security Room? You mentioned there were

1 a lot of people coming in and out.

2 **Witness** Yes. So before the event it was a place
3 where post-standers can grab water --

4 **HSGAC Minority** Just, so leading up, right up until that
5 5:50 moment, do you recall who was in the Security Room at
6 5:50, when that notification came through?

7 **Witness** Yeah. The ones that I can be certain
8 that were there was the Pennsylvania State Police sergeant
9 that was there the entirety of the day, the Security Room
10 agent, and myself.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And that's it? So there were only three
12 people in there?

13 **Witness** There was probably more people there. I
14 can't remember who they were, or who they are. They were
15 folks in and out of the room there.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And the lead site agent, **Lead Agent**
17 she was not in there?

18 **Witness** No. So the lead travel for the entire
19 visit, she would not have time to be there.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Just even right up to that 5:50.

21 **Witness** So the lead -- right, no.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

23 **Witness** That would not have been her position.
24 Her position would've been leading towards the cars, in a
25 position leading towards the cars.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was there any discussion while
2 you were in the Security Room from the 5:50 moment up until
3 shots fired about either -- well, I guess, first, delaying
4 the protectee from taking the stage? We'll start with
5 that.

6 **Witness** No, ma'am.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Was there any discussion about removing
8 him from the stage once he took the stage?

9 **Witness** Removing President Trump?

10 **HSGAC Minority** Right.

11 **Witness** No, there was not.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Due to the fact that there was someone
13 that they were looking for.

14 **Witness** No.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So there was a Counter Sniper
16 Response Team who was looking for the individual.

17 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** That communication was sent out to them
19 around 5:50?

20 **Witness** I believe 5:51.

21 **HSGAC Minority** 5:51. Do you know approximately what
22 time Trump took the stage?

23 **Witness** It was after that. I don't remember
24 exactly what time.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And between that time, after you made

1 that initial communication, were you communicating with
2 them frequently? I know you discussed a couple updates.
3 But, I mean, were you pretty focused on remaining updated
4 on that?

5 **Witness** I'm sorry. Could you -- I'm trying to
6 understand who it is that you're referring to.

7 **HSGAC Minority** So I guess it's **CSRT Agent**

8 **Witness** **CSRT Agent** yes.

9 **HSGAC Minority** So approximately how many times did you
10 communicate with him from that initial 5:51 communication
11 until shots fired?

12 **Witness** I remember calling him multiple times.
13 Most of the times I did not get through. I think I got
14 through at least one time.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Did he sound out of breath? Did it seem
16 like he was running?

17 **Witness** He certainly was out of breath
18 afterwards. I don't remember before that.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so we talked about Counter
20 Response Teams. Was there a Counter Surveillance Unit
21 there?

22 **Witness** There was not. No, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And is that normal?

24 **Witness** Um --

25 **HSGAC Minority** Are there typically Counter Surveillance

1 Units assigned to these types of events?

2 **Witness** So there's events that have them and
3 there's events that don't. This one did not.

4 **HSGAC Minority** In your experience and being on the
5 Trump detail, how many events typically had Counter
6 Surveillance Units?

7 **Witness** I would have to guess, ma'am. I really
8 don't want to do that. There are some that do, some that
9 don't.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall the last event that you
11 were at that had a Counter Surveillance Unit?

12 **Witness** No, ma'am, I don't. Sorry.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Does the Counter Surveillance Unit, do
14 they have their own drones.

15 **Witness** No, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority** They don't?

17 **Witness** To my knowledge they do not.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you know why there wasn't
19 a Counter Surveillance Unit there that day?

20 **Witness** I do not know, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And Counter Surveillance Units, are they
22 typically assigned to an event or are they assigned, like
23 the Trump detail would have one for a set of movements or a
24 set of weeks.

25 **Witness** So Donald Trump Division uses Counter

1 Surveillance in the vicinity of his **LES**
2 Again, I don't know if I want to get into details of where
3 they're used, but they go to sites and the **LES**
4 **LES**

5 **HSGAC Minority** Is it threat specific?

6 **Witness** No, ma'am.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay, I might come back to that.

8 So can we go back to the **LES** You said that
9 you set up some alerts for folks to receive if, I guess, a
10 drone was detected. Is that right?

11 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Can you go -- you mentioned the
13 Protective Intelligence, Counter Sniper Response Unit, they
14 had alerts set up.

15 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Would they receive an alert if the
17 system wasn't online, or only if it detected?

18 **Witness** Only if it detected.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And is that something -- so they would
20 get proactive alerts. They didn't have to log into any
21 system?

22 **Witness** Correct.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And did any one reach out to you, that
24 you'd set up alerts for, to ask you if the system was live?

25 **Witness** No.

1 HSGAC Minority Okay. How did you bring the LES
2 LES system to the event?

3 Witness In a LES , in my LES .

4 HSGAC Minority Was it locked? Did it have a lock?

5 Witness No. It doesn't have a lock on it.

6 HSGAC Minority And then from the time that you removed
7 it from Bedminster, how did you -- how was that stored?
8 Where did you keep it in the days between the event?

9 Witness I believe it was just in the LES of
10 LES . There's a -- where we keep it.

11 HSGAC Minority So you didn't physically have it on
12 you're the entire time. You took it down from Bedminster,
13 you left it there --

14 Witness Yes.

15 HSGAC Minority -- and then did you have to go back to
16 pick it up for this event?

17 Witness Yes.

18 HSGAC Minority Do you recall what day that was?

19 Witness I don't.

20 HSGAC Minority Okay.

21 Witness It must've been -- yeah, I don't
22 remember. It was probably the day before I traveled.

23 HSGAC Minority And did anyone else, to your knowledge,
24 have access to that system?

25 Witness There's personnel that do have access to

1 the -- to our **LES** .

2 **HSGAC Minority** Secret Service personnel?

3 **Witness** Yes, Secret Service personnel, yes.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

5 **Witness** Inside **LES** .

6 **HSGAC Minority** And then how did you get from Butler, or
7 from Pittsburgh -- sorry, all these cities. I'm trying to
8 keep them all straight -- Bedminster to Butler?

9 **Witness** So through -- I believe that was
10 President Trump's protective -- or excuse me -- President
11 Trump's **LES** .

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you **LES** with the protectee to
13 the event?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you just carried the **LES**

16 **LES**?

17 **Witness** Yes, just like **LES** . Yes, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so you arrived with the
19 protectee. What time did he arrive that day?

20 **Witness** No, ma'am. So if I heard your question
21 correctly, you asked from Bedminster. So from Bedminster I

22 brought it back -- I brought it back to **LES** on the

23 **LES** . But when I traveled to Pittsburgh on
24 the 11th I brought it on the **LES** .

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So **LES** . So you

1 went from Bedminster to Mar-a-Lago, then to Pittsburgh.

2 You traveled from Bedminster to Mar-a-Lago on LES

3 LES ?

4 Witness From Bedminster to Mar-a-Lago, on LES

5 LES .

6 HSGAC Minority LES , sorry. And then --

7 I'm just trying to figure out, was the device on a

8 LES ?

9 Witness Yes, it was.

10 HSGAC Minority Okay. Was it LES ?

11 Witness Yes, it was LES LES .

12 HSGAC Minority Okay. And what LES was that?

13 Witness I don't recall, ma'am.

14 HSGAC Minority And was it locked?

15 Witness No, it's not locked, because LES

16 LES into it.

17 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then the SIM card. Do you
18 know if that SIM card was removed that day? You said that
19 the LES had a SIM card.

20 Witness Yes. It's in the system.

21 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do you know if anyone extracted
22 anything from that SIM card?

23 Witness No, I don't believe so.

24 HSGAC Minority Okay. The LES system that you
25 mentioned, do you know, is that a LES system? We

1 quickly looked online. It looked like Defense Logistics
2 Agency has lots of them.

3 **Witness** I believe it's a **LES** system.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what's the difference between
5 that -- what's the difference between military capabilities
6 and, I guess, the **LES** system??

7 **Witness** So the **LES** system detects --
8 it's just for detection, and the **LES** system allows you
9 to detect but also take over a drone, land it somewhere,
10 put it in hover, or just keep it away from a protective
11 bubble.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. When did you make your call log
13 and texts available to Secret Service? Do you recall?

14 **Witness** I remember, I believe it was the 30th or
15 the 31st, when I had a Mission Assurance briefing with a
16 Mission Assurance Team from Secret Service.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And so was that the first time that you
18 were interviewed or interacted with anyone from Secret
19 Service about this investigation?

20 **Witness** No. It was also with the FBI. So I
21 believe it sent them the pictures, as well.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was that at the same time, or was
23 it a different time?

24 **Witness** No, it was before.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Before.

1 **Witness** Yeah.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall when you interacted with
3 FBI?

4 **Witness** I believe it was the day -- I think it
5 was like two days after the event.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Two days. Okay. Were you interviewed
7 by anyone the night of the event?

8 **Witness** Not the night of the event. No, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then when you interviewed
10 with FBI, I guess that first time, was it a PSP-FBI
11 interview or just FBI?

12 **Witness** Just FBI.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And did you provide your phone, your
14 personal phone, to them, and did they take it, or --

15 **Witness** No. So it was a phone interview and I
16 provided, through text message.

17 **HSGAC Minority** For your personal and work phones?

18 **Witness** Just the pictures that was on my personal
19 phone.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Did you ever have to turn over either of
21 your devices to anyone?

22 **Witness** No, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Did FBI ever ask you for additional
24 follow-up documents?

25 **Witness** No, ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Did they ever ask you for your call log?

2 **Witness** No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority** For either phone, the work or cell?

4 **Witness** No, ma'am. I do not believe so.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Did the FBI ask you what your
6 interactions were in the Security Room leading up to the
7 shooting?

8 **Witness** I believe they did, yeah.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Did they ask you for any -- so they
10 didn't ask you for the call logs that corresponded to what
11 you told them?

12 **Witness** I don't believe I did.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what did you communicate to
14 FBI?

15 **Witness** I communicated mostly what I testified
16 here today, you know, my actions throughout the day. I
17 think they asked me when I was aware of this individual,
18 what were my actions afterwards, where I was located.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Did FBI know you were in the Security
20 Room at that 5:51 time and that you were involved in the
21 communications prior to the interview?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know how they found that out?

24 **Witness** I told them.

25 **HSGAC Minority** But prior to your interview. Did they

1 already know that? Because I don't that we -- we didn't
2 know exactly where you were located prior to our discussion
3 today.

4 **Witness** I don't know if they did or didn't. I'm
5 not sure. That day, there were FBI agents there and ATF.

6 **HSGAC Minority** There were FBI agents there that day?

7 **Witness** After the event. Yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Were there any FBI agents there before
9 the event?

10 **Witness** No, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Minority** What about ATF agents?

12 **Witness** There were ATF agents there after the
13 event.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And what about before?

15 **Witness** No, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did the Security Room have any
17 security cameras, surveillance, like just, you know, a
18 corner camera or anything?

19 **Witness** I'm not sure, ma'am. I couldn't tell
20 you.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if the Security Room
22 communications were logged in any way, recorded in any way?

23 **Witness** No. We did not have that capability
24 then.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you've never turned over your

1 phone to anyone, either phones.

2 **Witness** No, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did the FBI ask you any questions
4 that we haven't ask you today?

5 **Witness** No. You were a lot more through than the
6 FBI.

7 **HSGAC Minority** How long was your interview with the
8 FBI?

9 **Witness** Hard to say, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Shorter than this conversation?

11 **Witness** Shorter than this.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And it was over the phone. Have you
13 been interviewed in person by FBI?

14 **Witness** No, ma'am.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Have you been interviewed, other than
16 you said Mission Assurance, you've interviewed with them.
17 Have you interviewed with anyone else in Secret Service?

18 **Witness** No, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Have you direct supervisors asked you
20 any questions about the event, the day of?

21 **Witness** No, ma'am.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Have you spoken to Special Agent
23 **CSRT Agent** since?

24 **Witness** No, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Minority** No? Had you worked with him before?

1 **Witness** No, ma'am. This was the first time I met
2 him, on the 13th.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you haven't spoken since?

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **HSGAC Minority** You mentioned the Protective
6 Intelligence agent. Do you recall the name?

7 **Witness** I don't, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority** But it was a woman?

9 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Had you worked with her before?

11 **Witness** No, ma'am.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And you did not communicate directly
13 with her, or you did?

14 **Witness** Outside of an email that I sent her on
15 the 12th, I did not communicate with her, that I remember.
16 I mean, I might have on some other issue.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall what the email that
18 you sent her on the 12th said?

19 **Witness** It was regarding the TFR and actions in
20 the event there was a drone. Yeah, regarding the TFR and
21 actions in the event there was a drone during the visit of
22 the President.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so just going back real
24 quick, so the documents, so it sounds like FBI has some
25 documents or some text messages, photos, of yours that you

1 turned over. When did you turn over that to Secret
2 Service?

3 **Witness** I believe it was the 30th or 31st, during
4 the Mission Assurance, or after the Mission Assurance
5 interview. They asked for it, and I gave that to them.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'll just note for the record
7 that we do not at this time have those documents, even
8 though we've requested them. That is not you. I just
9 wanted to state that for the record.

10 Why were you asked to take over communications in the
11 Security Room?

12 **Witness** Well, I believe the reason was because
13 there was a lot of entities there in the room. There was
14 FBI, ATF, and locals. And so the Security Room agent
15 wanted to be able to engage with them while they needed
16 assistance with the communications and relaying on the
17 radio, so I took over that, and he was engaged with those
18 personnel.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And that was after the event.

20 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Minority** But you were the one who communicated to
22 **CSRT Agent** or **CSRT Agent** about the individual --

23 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Minority** -- the suspicious individual, prior, at
25 about 5:51. So can you elaborate on why you were the one

1 to make that communication as opposed to SAIC Buffalo

2 **Witness** I was trying to be helpful. I don't
3 know. I don't know why it was me.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Do your recall what SAIC Buffalo was doing
5 at that time?

6 **Witness** He was speaking on the radios, relaying
7 information.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And to your knowledge, was SAIC Buffalo
9 aware of the suspicious individual?

10 **Witness** Yes. Well, as far as I'm concerned he
11 knew, because when I found out he was there, in close
12 proximity to me.

13 **HSGAC Minority** I'm assuming -- I have no way to
14 visualize how big the room was, but --

15 **Witness** It was a decent sized room, maybe half --
16 yeah, I don't want to speculate and guess how big the room
17 was. But it was a decent sized room.

18 **HSGAC Minority** But you're pretty confident that he
19 would have been able to hear the communication about the
20 suspicious individual.

21 **Witness** Yes, and if he didn't hear it in person,
22 or himself, I told him, concerning my conversation with him
23 afterwards, immediately following, about the CS Response
24 going out. He would've known after that.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you have any --

1 **HSGAC Minority** I just have one follow-up question. I
2 don't know if it's been asked, but how long does it take to
3 set the system up? So once you get it **LES** and
4 **LES**, how long does it take to get it up and
5 running?

6 **Witness** Approximately 30 minutes.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

8 **HSGAC Minority** I have some more. Did you have **LES** up?

9 **Witness** No, I did not.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Do you have **LES**?

11 **Witness** I do.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Why didn't you have it up? My
13 understanding is it basically tracks locations of the
14 agents, you can report things.

15 **Witness** Sure. So if I would've had **LES** up it
16 would've identified me as shift, and being in a location
17 where it would've confused other people of why I was there
18 as a shift.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if **CSRT Agent** had **LES** up?

20 **Witness** I do not know.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Typically, would the Counter
22 Surveillance, or the Counter Sniper Response Team have **LES**
23 up?

24 **Witness** I don't think it would be typical. No,
25 ma'am.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Is **LES** something that you have to like
2 physically go in and turn it on, or is it kind of always on
3 the background? How does it work?

4 **Witness** You have to turn it on. It's an
5 application on your phone that identifies you and your
6 role. And usually it's teams, special teams, and the shift
7 will be on **LES**. Yeah, so it will be, for example, a
8 Counter Assault Team, maybe that's traveling with us, the
9 shift will have it, or at least one member of the shift
10 will have it. Yeah, I don't think it would be typical for
11 CS Response to have it, though.

12 **HSGAC Minority** If someone has it on, would there
13 geolocation be tracked?

14 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So if **CSRT Agent** did have it on,
16 you could see --

17 **Witness** I don't know if he did or didn't.

18 **HSGAC Minority** But if he did have it on, his location
19 would be tracked somehow on this app.

20 **Witness** Yes, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you mentioned satellite
22 trucks. Do you know why the satellite trucks were in the
23 area?

24 **Witness** I think they were livestreaming the
25 event.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then have you ever been --
2 have you ever worked an event where the protectee was
3 delayed from making a movement due to some kind of threat?

4 **Witness** No, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

6 **PSI Minority** **Witness** **PSI Minority** with
7 Senator Johnson's office. One quick sort of follow-up
8 question and then I want to really focus on your time in
9 the Security Room.

10 **Witness** Sure.

11 **PSI Minority** Did Agent **CSRT Agent** have red hair?

12 **Witness** I have no idea.

13 **PSI Minority** Was he in a suit or in uniform on that
14 day?

15 **Witness** He was wearing a raid vest.

16 **PSI Minority** He was in a raid vest. Okay.

17 **Witness** Yeah.

18 **PSI Minority** So going back to your time in the
19 Security Room, and I really want to focus on that 5:50
20 forward time frame.

21 **Witness** Sure.

22 **PSI Minority** So 5:50, PSP alerts you that they got a
23 text message saying there's a suspicious individual,
24 rangefinder. It's mentioning the AGR building and saying
25 "headed towards Sheetz." Is that right?

1 **Witness** I'm sorry. Could you repeat that again?

2 **PSI Minority** 5:50, PSP sergeant relays to you that
3 they got a text message with pictures of a suspicious
4 individual who was using a rangefinder, near the AGR
5 building, headed towards Sheetz. Is that right?

6 **Witness** That's not right. So they mentioned that
7 a suspicious individual was detected. They took a picture
8 of him. And he was walking in the vicinity of the Sheetz
9 gas station. There was no communication of the AGR
10 building at that time.

11 **PSI Minority** No mention of AGR building.

12 **Witness** No.

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. So when you get that message
14 about the Sheetz, I know you deploy Agent **CSRT Agent** to go
15 look up. You talk to **SAIC Buffalo** in the Security Room. Is there
16 a discussion at that point to send out a radio
17 communication to the Secret Service staff and to the other
18 individuals on the Secret Service radio channel saying,
19 "Hey, we got a report of a suspicious individual with a
20 rangefinder near the event"?

21 **Witness** I did not know. Are you asking me if I
22 did?

23 **PSI Minority** I'm asking if there was a discussion
24 between the folks in the Security Room who were with you.
25 Did you talk with **SAIC Buffalo** and say, "Hey, should we send out a

1 radio communication, Secret Service-wide here, and say hey,
2 we have this report"?

3 **Witness** There was no discussion of that. That's
4 something that will be put out normally by the Security
5 Room agent. Yeah, he wouldn't have to discuss that with
6 me.

7 **PSI Minority** Do you know, did ^{SAIC Buffalo} do that?

8 **Witness** I don't know for sure.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. Was there a discussion or did
10 ^{SAIC Buffalo} alert the counter snipers who were on the roof about
11 the report of a suspicious individual with a rangefinder?

12 **Witness** I know that he was on the radio
13 communicating, putting out information about the suspicious
14 individual. I don't know -- I don't remember exactly what
15 it was that he said.

16 **PSI Minority** So he did put out a radio communication
17 about the suspicious individual after -- around that 5:50
18 time frame.

19 **Witness** I believe he did.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. Was there a specific discussion,
21 or did anyone notify Agent ^{Site Agent} at 5:50, the site lead, to
22 say, hey, we have a report of a suspicious individual with
23 a rangefinder?

24 **Witness** I don't know, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** Was there a discussion, or did anybody

1 specifically notify -- I believe you said it was Assistant
2 Special Agent, or Assistant Special Agent in Charge

3 **DTD 2nd Sup.** Is that correct? Is that how you say his name?

4 **Witness** **DTD 2nd Sup.** Correct.

5 **PSI Minority** **DTD 2nd Sup.** Was there a discussion about
6 notifying him about the reports of a suspicious individual
7 with a rangefinder?

8 **Witness** No, sir.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. Moving forward in time here a
10 little bit. When, approximately, do you recall hearing
11 that there was an individual on a roof?

12 **Witness** It was seconds before -- a very short
13 time before the shots were fired.

14 **PSI Minority** Okay. When you hear about a suspicious
15 individual on the roof, is there a discussion? Is there an
16 effort to push that out, Secret Service-wide, to say, hey,
17 we have a report of an individual on a roof?

18 **Witness** So what I did was I tried to contact
19 Special Agent **CSRT Agent** let him know, to look on a roof
20 somewhere, to be looking up. And I'm -- I don't know what
21 Special Agent -- excuse me -- the Security Room agent put
22 out on the radio. I was trying to contact **CSRT Agent** at the
23 time.

24 **PSI Minority** Are you near him when you hear this,
25 about the individual on the roof? Are you near the

1 Security Room agent?

2 **Witness** Yes, I am.

3 **PSI Minority** So do you recall hearing him saying out
4 over the radio, "We have a report of an individual on the
5 roof"?

6 **Witness** I don't specifically recall whether he
7 did or didn't. He was putting out information.
8 Specifically if it was on the roof, I don't know.

9 **PSI Minority** Do you know if anybody, specifically
10 the Security Room agent, said, "Hey, we should alert the
11 counter snipers about a report of an individual on the
12 roof"? Or did you mention, "We should alert the counter
13 snipers to an individual on the roof"?

14 **Witness** Actually, let me back up a second. I
15 think he would've put it out because he had mentioned
16 something about the suspicious individual being at the
17 three o'clock position. So I'm pretty sure that was the
18 Security Room agent.

19 **PSI Minority** So I just want to make sure I'm clear
20 on this. Your recollection is the Security Room agent
21 broadcast out over the radio that there's an individual on
22 a roof at the three o'clock position.

23 **Witness** I believe so. I can't be certain, but I
24 believe so.

25 **PSI Minority** Okay. Was there any discussion at that

1 point that you should alert the detail agents who were
2 surrounding the President that an individual had been
3 identified on the roof?

4 **Witness** So I want to clarify something. When --
5 it was only a very short amount of time from when I -- were
6 told that he was -- there was an individual on the roof.
7 And when I initially heard that there was an individual on
8 the roof, I tried to look for a roof in the vicinity of the
9 Sheetz gas station, and never -- it was the roof where the
10 local snipers were located, which was the three o'clock.

11 And then when we got further clarification from the
12 sergeant -- and again, this is a very short time period
13 between -- that it was the AGR roof, at least in my mind,
14 and where I was looking, was looking for a building called
15 AGR in the vicinity of the Sheetz gas station. Never was
16 it, in my mind, a building adjacent to the stage.

17 **PSI Minority** I completely understand you're looking
18 around the Sheetz area. But I guess what I'm asking is as
19 this information is being relayed to you and the Security
20 Room from the Pennsylvania State sergeant, are you saying
21 to **SAIC Buffalo** or is anybody in the room saying, "We need to
22 alert the Donald Trump detail, who are behind him on the
23 stage, that we have identified somebody on a roof, in the
24 general vicinity of the rally event"?

25 **Witness** No. There was no discussion of that.

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
2 colleague for a couple of questions.

3 **PSI Minority** Just a couple of quick questions, sir.
4 I know that we are very limited on time right now. Has
5 anyone in DHS or Secret Service instructed you not to speak
6 with Congress?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Minority** The cable that you replaced to connect
9 the systems again, was that cable Secret Service property?

10 **Witness** No. It was a Trump campaign radio and
11 video, audio and video personnel.

12 **PSI Minority** Is that standard protocol to use a
13 cable that isn't Secret Service property in this case?

14 **Witness** No. I just wanted to get the system up.

15 **PSI Minority** Did you speak to any of the Secret
16 Service counter snipers that were at the event that day
17 regarding the shooting at the rally?

18 **Witness** No, sir, I did not.

19 **PSI Minority** And you mentioned that you are on the ^{LES}
20 shift?

21 **Witness** No. I'm ^{LES} shift.

22 **PSI Minority** You're ^{LES} shift. And ^{LES} shift was there
23 that day.

24 **Witness** Was working the event. Yes, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** Are you familiar with how long

1 individuals on the [REDACTED] shift have worked on former President
2 Trump's detail?

3 **Witness** It's varied, and no, I don't know
4 specifically.

5 **PSI Minority Witness** apologies. One last
6 question here. So I know we just talked through the alert
7 process and sending out communications over the radio.
8 Knowing what you know now, in your professional opinion, do
9 you believe it would've been prudent to alert either the
10 counter snipers or Donald Trump's detail to the specific
11 communication about an individual on the roof at the three
12 o'clock?

13 **Witness** Knowing what I know now, absolutely.
14 Knowing the shooter's location, yes. I want to also
15 clarify, there's always -- not always -- let me clarify.
16 It is very often suspicious individuals in the vicinity of
17 a site, especially former President Trump site. And it's
18 not a practice to call to the shift agents that there are
19 suspicious individuals in the site. They're focused on the
20 close-in threat. And there's personnel and teams that are
21 designated to handle threats outside. And that's what we
22 were trying to negotiate that day.

23 **PSI Minority** Understand. But somebody being up on a
24 roof, especially after a report of a rangefinder -- I know
25 you mentioned rangefinder earlier as raising a suspicion

1 level -- that sort of ups the ante, right?

2 **Witness** Well, in that roof specifically, where
3 ultimately the shooter was, yes. But if was Sheetz gas
4 station, I don't want to guess, but it's approximately a
5 mile away from what we thought where his location was.
6 Knowing what I know then, I would've done the same, not
7 contacted the shift, a person on a roof one mile away. I
8 don't think I would've alerted the shift for that and
9 declare -- it's not something I would've done, either the
10 Security Room or the site agent would've done that. But
11 knowing what I know now, a person on the roof immediately
12 adjacent to the stage, then yes, that's something that I
13 would've alerted the shift, or somebody should have alerted
14 the shift.

15 **PSI Minority** Thank you.

16 **HSGAC Minority** I just have one quick follow-up. Is
17 there anything that you did not answer fully or felt like
18 you couldn't answer fully because it may or may not be
19 classified?

20 **Witness** No, ma'am. My only concern was the
21 **LES** system and its capabilities. But no.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. **PII**: Is everyone still there?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Yes, we're still here.

25 MR. **PII**: Okay.

1 **HSGAC Majority** In addition to the shortcomings you
2 identified earlier about the operability of the CUAS
3 system, from your time becoming involved on July 11th
4 through the events you described just now, are there any
5 other shortcomings you could identify as it relates to
6 planning, communications, coordination, or anything else?

7 **Witness** So shortcomings, are you thinking --
8 would that include a lack of systems available, or --

9 **HSGAC Majority** Within anything that you, in your role, or
10 in your observation that day, believe contributed to the
11 attempt, or the ability?

12 **Witness** Yes, sir. So two things I'd like to
13 point out. First, I would've liked to have a **LES** system
14 there. I feel like that's a system that we were -- we
15 should have had out there. And secondly, I think there
16 were local assets that were -- excuse me -- local law
17 enforcement personnel that were at the site who we did not
18 have representatives for in the Security Room. That
19 would've helped greatly with communication.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And can you identify -- there were several
21 local entities. Can you identify which ones you did not
22 have in that room that would've been helpful?

23 **Witness** No, sir, because I'm not familiar with
24 exactly all the entities that were supporting. I could
25 probably name a few, but I don't know every single one.

1 But to my point is if there was a local entity there, there
2 should've been a representative in the Security Room.
3 Those are the two changes I would've hoped happened.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Who makes the decision about who is
5 represented in the Security Room?

6 **Witness** I will have to say the site agent,
7 possibly.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And just one more. Are you aware
9 -- so we talked about the **LES** system -- are you aware of
10 any other resources or equipment requests by the Trump
11 protective detail to Secret Service that were denied, not
12 provided in full, unanswered?

13 **Witness** I'm only aware of the ones I requested,
14 which was the **LES** system and the **LES**.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And were there any rumors about
16 any other requests that had been made, that you've heard?

17 **Witness** No, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So as my colleagues have stated, but I'd
20 like to address to DHS and Secret Service counsel --

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** Are we coming to an end? Are we coming
22 to an end on this, or what?

23 **HSGAC Majority** We are concluding after my comment right
24 now.

25 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay. Thank you.

1 HSGAC Majority For counsel, SA Witness has identified
2 images and communications that would be responsive to our
3 requests, which we believe we do not have. Those should be
4 provided to us, and we'd ask that you follow up with us and
5 let us know if you have them and when they are coming.

6 MR. Witness Counsel Okay.

7 HSGAC Majority This concludes our interview. Witness
8 thank you very much for your time today. We greatly
9 appreciate it.

10 Witness Thank you.

11 HSGAC Majority Counsel, we appreciate your time and
12 participation.

13 MR. Witness Counsel Thank you.

14 HSGAC Majority We would reiterate, we would ask you not to
15 communicate what you relayed in this room, to protect the
16 integrity of our investigation. And with that the
17 interview is concluded. Thank you.

18 MR. Witness Counsel Thank you, Witness

19 [Whereas, at 5:10 p.m., the interview was concluded.]
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