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INTERVIEW OF

Witness

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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

7 My name is **HSGAC Majority**. I am a Senior
8 Investigative Counsel on the Committee. Thank you very
9 much for being here today.

10 **Witness**: Thank you, ma'am.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: This interview was requested by
12 Committee Chair Gary Peters and Ranking Member Dr. Rand
13 Paul, as well as Subcommittee Chair Richard Blumenthal and
14 Ranking Member Ron Johnson, as a part of the Committee's
15 investigation of the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt
16 on former President Trump, and the U.S. Secret Service
17 planning in advance of and response related to the events
18 in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13th.

19 On July 25, 2024, Chairmen Peters, Blumenthal, and
20 Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested a voluntary
21 transcribed interview with Secret Service personnel,
22 including you, Special Agent **Witness**.

23 We will provide introductions and then explain how
24 today's interview will proceed. Can you please state your
25 name for the record.

1 **Witness** : **Witness** .

2 **HSGAC Majority** : Counsel, can you please state your name
3 for the record.

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** **Witness Counsel** representing Special
5 Agent **Witness**

6 **HSGAC Majority** : As I mentioned, my name is **HSGAC Majority**
7 **HSGAC Majority** for Chair Peters. And here with me today is **HSGAC Majority**
8 **HSGAC Majority**, Senior Investigator, and remotely we have our
9 Chief Counsel and Chief Investigative Counsel, **HSGAC Majority**,
10 and our Deputy Chief Counsel, **HSGAC Majority** .

11 I'll turn it over to Ranking Member Paul's office.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Good afternoon. My name is **HSGAC Minority**
13 **HSGAC Minority** and I'm with Ranking Member Paul, HSGAC minority.
14 I'm joined by my colleagues **HSGAC Minority** and **HSGAC Minority**
15 **HSGAC Minority**

16 **PSI Majority** : **PSI Majority** here with PSI majority
17 Chairman Blumenthal.

18 **PSI Minority** : Good afternoon and thank you for your
19 time. My name is **PSI Minority** . I'm with the Permanent
20 Subcommittee on Investigations with Ranking Member Ron
21 Johnson. I'm joined here today with my colleague, **PSI Minority**
22 **PSI Minority** he is counsel, and remotely is **PSI Minority** ,
23 Chief Counsel.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : The reporter is going to create a
25 verbatim record of what we discuss. With that in mind, and

1 as I'm sure you're familiar, please respond to questions
2 verbally because the reporter cannot properly record any
3 nonverbal responses. Do you understand?

4 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: This interview is unclassified. So if
6 the questions call for any information that you know to
7 implicate classified national security information, please
8 state that for the record, as well the reason you
9 understand it to be classified. And once you have
10 clarified, to the extent possible, please respond with as
11 much unclassified information as you are able. And if we
12 need to have a classified session, in one form or another
13 later, we can arrange for that. Do you understand?

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

15 **HSGAC Majority**: It is the Committee's practice to honor
16 valid privilege claims as an accommodation to a witness
17 when those claims are made in good faith and are
18 accompanied by a sufficient explanation so the Committee
19 can evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to honor the
20 privilege, the Committee will weigh its need for the
21 information against any legitimate basis for withholding
22 it.

23 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to
24 any future discussions of the Committee, and we reserve the
25 right to request your participation in future interviews or

1 compel testimony, if necessary.

2 If you need to take a break, other than the breaks we
3 will offer at the end of each hour, please let us know.

4 If you have any questions about what we are asking, or
5 if you do not understand our questions, please let us know.
6 We are happy to clarify. question a different way. Do you
7 understand?

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

9 **HSGAC Majority**: You are also required to answer
10 questions before Congress truthfully. Do you understand
11 that?

12 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: This also applies to questions posed by
14 congressional staff in an interview. Specifically, 18 USC
15 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false,
16 fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations in
17 the course of a congressional investigation. This statute
18 applies to the statements in this interview. Do you
19 understand?

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

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there any reason you are unable to
22 provide us today with truthful answers to our questions?

23 **Witness** : No.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: We would ask that you not speak about
25 what we discuss in this interview with anyone outside of

1 who is in the room today in order to preserve the
2 integrity of our investigation. We also ask that you not
3 remove or make copies of photographs of exhibits that you
4 will be shown today. Do you understand?

5 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: We will provide counsel with a copy of
7 this transcript and an errata expeditiously following this
8 interview. Do you or your counsel have any questions
9 before we begin?

10 MR. **Witness Counsel** We have none.

11 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

12 MR. **Agency Counsel** **[REDACTED]** Deputy Chief Counsel,
13 U.S. Secret Service. Something for the record.

14 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland
15 Security have made available to the Committee, consistent
16 with requests from the Chairman, information and records
17 that would not be publicly released. This includes
18 information and records covered under the Privacy Act,
19 personnel, and other privacy information, for official use
20 only, intelligence and law enforcement sensitive records,
21 and raw intelligence information.

22 While the Secret Service and the Department have made
23 this information and records available to the Committee, we
24 continue to assert that such information and any discussion
25 of such information is not intended for public disclosure.

1 The Secret Service and the Department are not
2 waiving any protections, and for the purposes of
3 administrative efficiency and to promote constructive
4 dialogue during this transcribed interview, are making this
5 assertion at the outset so as to preserve all assertions
6 and protection from the public release or disclosure of
7 information or records used or discussed during this
8 interview.

9 The transcript and any attachments are protected from
10 dissemination to the same extent as documents and
11 information are. Please consult with the Secret Service
12 and the Department prior to any public release or
13 disclosure.

14 The Secret Service and the Department have not
15 consented to, and we were ensured that there would not be
16 any audio or video recordings of this interview. If the
17 Committee intends to make any records please let us know.

18 The agencies understand the interview will, however,
19 be transcribed by a court reporter. Thank you.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you, Mr. **Agency Counsel** In response to
21 what you just stated, I want to make clear that the Senate
22 and Committee will govern our work. We are bound by those
23 rules alone. We do intend to produce a public report as
24 part of our investigation, including relying on the info
25 that we learn here today. Per our Committee practice, we

1 will provide relevant excerpts in advance, and we will
2 also provide an opportunity to provide any factual
3 corrections.

4 I'd like to first begin today's interview by asking if
5 you've taken any notes, either before the rally, at the
6 rally, or since the rally.

7 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am, I have taken notes.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Counsel, I would ask that those notes be
9 produced to us. We have not received copies of those.

10 MR. **Witness Counsel** All right. I'll take that under
11 advisement.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you share when you received the
13 notes?

14 MR. **Witness Counsel** I cannot. I will let you know by
15 probably Monday or Tuesday, at the latest, of next week.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you provided a copy of those notes
17 to DHS and Secret Service?

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** Nobody is asking for these notes.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: I'd like to just state, on the record,
20 that the Committee has requested notes from Special Agent
21 **Witness** prior to this interview. We have made clear that
22 those notes and any documents and memorialization that
23 Special Agent **Witness** has related to this investigation are
24 integral to our investigation and also essential to
25 effectively conducting this transcribed interview here

1 today. We are very limited in what we are able to ask
2 you today because we do not have a complete production of
3 documents, and we do not have your notes that you have
4 provided. So we will likely need to have a follow-up, and I
5 want to put that on the record.

6 I'd also just like to pause. I know our Chief Counsel
7 and Chief Investigative Counsel is on the line. I want to
8 see if there is anything else he would like to add.

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** So are you saying you directly
10 communicated with **Witness** and requested notes from her?

11 **HSGAC Majority**: No, no. We have not directly
12 communicated with your client. We have --

13 MR. **Witness Counsel** This is the first we've heard of this.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: So what I wanted to put on the record is
15 that we have directly communicated with DHS --

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** For this.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Correct. And --

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** I understand that there's a public trust.
19 I understand the role Congress has in representing the
20 public, and we will do what we are obligated to do, in a
21 diligent way. So I want to thank you.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank, and we will follow up.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: And with that our Committees would like
25 to first start by asking you to give an overview of your

1 role and responsibilities for the Butler rally. We will
2 then start with the majority staff asking questions for an
3 hour. We will pause, and then turn it over to our
4 colleagues, who will then ask questions for an hour.

5 But first, please provide an overview of your role and
6 responsibilities for the Butler rally.

7 **Witness**: On July 13th I was assigned as a site
8 agent from the Donald Trump Protective Division. Normally
9 the lead of the detail, the Trump protective detail, they
10 send an agent from our division to assist with the field
11 office, in this case a local field office in Pittsburgh for
12 the Secret Service, as a liaison from DTD leadership, in
13 this case the Donald Trump supervisors, to meet their
14 expectations doing the advance work.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Special Agent **Witness** How long have you
16 been with the Secret Service?

17 **Witness**: A little over five years, ma'am.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And in what positions?

19 **Witness**: As a Special Agent I have been assigned to
20 multiple tasks and assignments, to include lead agent for
21 previous visits, site agents, [unclear] agent,
22 transportation agent. So I have served in multiple
23 assignments for advance and protection taskings.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you part of the regular detail for
25 former President Trump, or were you assigned just for this

1 rally?

2 **Witness** : No, ma'am. I've been with the Donald
3 Trump Protective Division since June 4, 2023.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: How many events have you secured before,
5 as a site agent?

6 **Witness** : To include previous advances from the
7 field office? So I came from the Miami Field Office where
8 protective assignments are on a daily basis. I probably
9 would say like on a weekly basis we get protective
10 assignments. I've served as the lead agent for Secretary
11 of Homeland Security Mayorkas in **LES** I was the lead
12 agent for that visit. I also served as a site agent for a
13 visit to **LES** from Vice President Harris about two
14 years ago. I've also served as a lead agent for the
15 President of **LES** during the Summit of the Americas in
16 Los Angeles, California, in 2022. I've also served as the
17 lead agent for the President of **LES** during the United
18 Nations General Assembly in New York, in 2022, as well as
19 other, numerous other site agents or leads agents for
20 **LES** for POTUS in foreign countries, to include
21 **LES** and also **LES** in foreign countries as
22 **LES**

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. And without getting into
24 specifics, approximately how many times in your career
25 throughout the Secret Service have you served as a site

1 agent?

2 **Witness** : Estimated numbers? I would say maybe
3 eight or ten.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : And approximately how many times
5 throughout your career at Secret Service have you served as
6 a lead agent?

7 **Witness** : Around maybe six or eight. It could be
8 more because I don't have a rough number.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Roughly.

10 **Witness** : Estimated number, yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : So I'd like to focus on July 13th and
12 the advance planning before that. You were the site agent
13 for that event. Correct?

14 **Witness** : Correct. Site agent from the Donald Trump
15 Protective Division.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : And what does that mean? What was your
17 role that day -- or not that day. What was your role and
18 responsibilities as a site agent, to secure the event?

19 **Witness** : Absolutely. For introduction purposes, in
20 the Secret Service, at least to my experience, to my
21 knowledge, it is not common to send a site agent or a lead
22 agent for a former President, but in our protective detail
23 it is a **LES**

24 **LES** leadership, to include supervisors, to
25 send, you know, to have someone available, a lead agent or

1 a site agent, assigned to specific visits, especially
2 during the campaign season, because obviously they would
3 like to have eyes on and get, you know, the most accurate
4 information and have someone from the detail with direct
5 knowledge during the event, so that way they can provide
6 any insights, if needed, or anything that we can assist the
7 field office with information from, expectations from the
8 detail.

9 So on July 13th I was the site agent assigned for this
10 visit, from the Donald Trump Protective Division, to assist
11 with the Pittsburgh Field Office.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: When you mention it's common that the
13 Donald Trump Protective Division assign site agents to his
14 events, how long has that been happening? Is that
15 something that recently started taking place, or is that
16 something that's been in place for years?

17 **Witness**: I'm going to say since probably since he
18 decided to run as a candidate for President again. So I'm
19 going to say maybe roughly about a year ago.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: And we understand on that day you were
21 the site agent but there was a site counterpart, Senior
22 Special Agent **Site Counterpart**.

23 **Witness**: Correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: What is the distinction between your
25 role and responsibilities and the role of the site

1 counterpart?

2 **Witness** : My role and responsibilities, again as a
3 site agent from the Donald Trump Protective Division, is to
4 serve as, again, as a liaison to the field office, to meet
5 the Donald Trump Protective Division leadership
6 expectations. More of the responsibilities, it's more like
7 have a better understanding of the inner perimeter. So we

8 **LES**

9 **LES**

10 **LES** , in case that we have an emergency, how to
11 react and how to proceed during an emergency situation, so
12 it's more into that.

13 The roles of the field office site agent, it is my
14 understanding that they focus more on the counterpart,
15 communications with local counterparts, to include law
16 enforcements, more like in the outer perimeter, focus on
17 the outer perimeter, to include like manpower, positioning,
18 you know, for post-standers, and stuff like that.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And I'd like to follow up on the
20 perimeter that you just brought up. But before we get
21 there, what is the distinction between your role as a site
22 agent and the lead agent of the July 13th rally, Special
23 Agent **Lead Agent** ?

24 **Witness** : The site agent focuses more on that
25 particular site, to include communications, pretty much

1 assisting the site agent from the local field office with
2 communications, with the campaign staff, the venue staff,
3 obtaining information to how to better secure a site once a
4 site is designated or established.

5 The lead agent is focusing more on overall details
6 during the visit, **LES**

7 **LES**

8 **LES**

9 **LES**

10 or just one site. So the lead agent pretty much is in
11 charge of the entire visit, from wheels down to wheels up.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you in charge of security at the
13 Butler Farm Show site that day?

14 **Witness**: Not individually. When a site is in
15 charge it's more like a consensus, because once we are --
16 they have assigned a site agent, it's a joint
17 responsibility, from DTD site agent to the local field
18 office site counterpart.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you help me break that down a
20 little? You mentioned who is in charge of security for the
21 Butler Farm Show that day, for the rally that day, it's a
22 joint responsibility between --

23 **Witness**: Correct. From the planning phase to the
24 execution, as the site agent, as the site agent from Donald
25 Trump Protective Division, the site agent from the local

1 field office, they also have a local field office
2 supervisor and also a special agent in charge.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: And when you say the site agent from the
4 local field office, is that the same as the site
5 counterpart. Are you referring --

6 **Witness**: Yes --

7 **HSGAC Majority**: -- to Special Agent **Site Counterpart**

8 **Witness**: -- **Site Counterpart** Correct.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And what is the chain of command
10 in terms of who is in charge of the planning and securing
11 the event that day?

12 **Witness**: As far as like a point of contact, the
13 site agent is the primary point of contact for any issues,
14 for any planning and execution during the event. But from
15 the chain of command, again you have the site agents -- in
16 this case Senior Agent **Site Counterpart** was the site counterpart.

17 **ATSAIC** was a supervisor from the local field
18 office. And Special Agent in Charge **SAIC Pittsburgh**, the Special
19 Agent in Charge from the Pittsburgh Field Office in charge
20 of the overall overseeing of the visit. And the lead
21 agent, Agent **Lead Agent**, the lead agent for the
22 Pittsburgh Field Office.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: So in terms of decision-making, can you
24 walk me through the hierarchy of approval of who is making
25 the decisions?

1 **Witness** : I cannot say that the site agents make
2 any decisions. Obviously, again, we are the primary point
3 of contact for the planning and execution to have the
4 communications between the campaign staff, the venue staff,
5 and to bring to supervisors' attention any issues, concern.
6 And up through the chain of command, again, normally on the
7 site advances, the site agent communicates to the lead
8 agent, in this case **Lead Agent**, to make more like
9 consensus decisions, whether we need additional support,
10 additional assistance, whether we need to address a
11 situation or an issue, anything for that matter. And then,
12 obviously, we get with the supervisors, in this case,
13 **ATSAIC** was the supervisor from the Pittsburgh Field
14 Office, all the way up to the Special Agent in Charge, **SAIC Pittsburgh**
15 **SAIC Pittsburgh**

16 **HSGAC Majority**: So specifically with regard to the
17 decisions you make as a site agent, do you determine the
18 amount of support needed from state and local law
19 enforcement?

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

21 **HSGAC Majority**: As the site agent, do you determine the
22 amount of support needed from Secret Service?

23 **Witness** : As a consensus decision, yes, along with
24 the site counterpart and the lead agent. Yes, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And you mentioned that is a consensus

1 decision with Special Agent [Site Counterpart] and [Lead Agent] .

2 Who ultimately signs off? Who is the ultimate decision-
3 maker there?

4 [Witness] : Meaning as far as the paperwork approval
5 or assets approval?

6 [HSGAC Majority] : Correct. Who is --

7 [Witness] : During the advance we have to work on
8 paperwork submission, to include site diagrams, site post
9 assignments for post-standers, manpower justification. We
10 work together as a team, and we submit that information to
11 the lead agent, which -- ultimately we will send that
12 information to OPO, in this case the Operational Protective
13 Sections and Headquarters.

14 [HSGAC Majority] : Who is that?

15 [Witness] : OPO.

16 [HSGAC Majority] : But who specifically?

17 [Witness] : [Lead Agent] , the lead agent.

18 [HSGAC Majority] : So you and Special Agent [Site Counterpart] work
19 together to determine the amount of support needed from
20 Secret Service, and then you submit that to Lead Agent
21 [Lead Agent] Is that correct?

22 [Witness] : Yes, ma'am. Correct.

23 [HSGAC Majority] : Do you know who [Lead Agent] submits
24 that request to?

25 [Witness] : Directly to OPO and the headquarters.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And do you know who from OPO, in this
2 instance, made the decision about what resources were
3 provided and denied?

4 **Witness**: Not by name, ma'am.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: I'd like to put on the record we'd like
6 to follow up with DHS and ask for that individual's name.

7 **Witness**: But just for clarification, as a DTD, the
8 Donald Trump Protective Division representative, I normally
9 submit paperwork directly to the DTD Operations Section,
10 which then normally are in constant communication with OPO,
11 as well, from headquarters.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. As a site agent, do you
13 determine the posts for where Secret Service is posted,
14 where state and locals are posted?

15 **Witness**: For this particular assignment, in working
16 along with the field office counterpart, the field office
17 counterpart will be directly in charge of assigning the
18 amount of post-standers needed, or local law enforcement
19 needed.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: And in this case that would be Special
21 Agent **Site Counterpart**?

22 **Witness**: **Site Counterpart** Correct. Yes, ma'am.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: As a site agent, do you determine the
24 perimeter of the event?

25 **Witness**: Not individually, ma'am. It is, again, a

1 consensus of the decision, made basically doing the
2 advance work. Once -- I just want to make sure there is
3 clear understanding. When the campaign staff selects a
4 site for a campaign event or for any other type of event,
5 normally the initial walkthroughs, that's when, you know,
6 normally we have a site counterpart, and the lead agent,
7 just to have a better understanding on the site, the
8 landscaping, whether it's an outdoor event, an indoor
9 event. In this particular situation we have an outdoor
10 event, so normally it's a consensus decision based on the
11 landscaping and local assets available, or resources
12 available to support this visit.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And when you say consensus decision, are
14 you referring to a joint decision --

15 **Witness**: A joint decision.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: -- between you, Special Agent **Site Counterpart**,
17 and **Lead Agent** ?

18 **Witness**: Correct, to include supervisors, because
19 obviously we cannot make decisions or final decisions
20 unless we consult with, in this case, a GS-14, which is the
21 field office supervisor.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: And that is Special Agent in Charge
23 **SAIC Pittsburgh** ?

24 **Witness**: **ATSAIC** and Special Agent in Charge
25 **SAIC Pittsburgh** .

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And are your consensus decisions --
2 when I say "your" I'm referring to you, Special Agent
3 **Site Counterpart**, and **Lead Agent** -- are those documented
4 anywhere?

5 **Witness**: Not necessarily, because during the
6 advance we just initiate basic communications, just to have
7 like a better understanding of site designation, the
8 surroundings, obviously vulnerabilities, and other things
9 that we have to take into consideration before we make any
10 decisions or move forward during the advance. So those are
11 the type of things that we address at the very beginning,
12 normally during the initial walkthrough, which in this case
13 happened on Monday, July 8th.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Had you been to Butler, Pennsylvania,
15 before?

16 **Witness**: No, ma'am. That was the very first time.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you rely on any prior assessments or
18 plans from a prior trip to Butler, Pennsylvania?

19 **Witness**: No, ma'am. We receive information and we
20 see historical documents, just for situational awareness.
21 But no, we have to create documents in full advance for
22 every event.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: I'd like to learn more about the
24 documents that you, and any other consensus documents that
25 you and your colleagues create in the advance planning for

1 the rally. We understand these documents to include the
2 Preliminary Survey. Is that correct?

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

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And who was responsible for that
5 document? Who was the lead?

6 **Witness** : The lead agent is **Lead Agent** , to
7 oversee the full package, and once completed, submit the
8 final product to OPO for approval.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: We understand there's a Manpower
10 Request. Who leads that?

11 **Witness** : The Manpower Request is the lead agent,
12 and in this case Agent **Site Coordinator** and Agent **Lead Agent** work
13 on the manpower justification, to include post-standers and
14 the assets needed, to include magnetometers, Secret Service
15 magnetometers, and stuff like that.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: And I also understand there is a
17 Manpower Brief, Technical Security Division Outdoor Site
18 Survey, Site Security Diagrams. Are there any other
19 documents that I have not mentioned that you or your
20 colleagues generated as part of the advance planning for
21 the Butler rally?

22 **Witness** : As the site agent for the Donald Trump
23 Protective Division, our primary focus is on the site
24 diagram, because normally prior to the visit we have to
25 brief -- normally it's a virtual meeting with the detail

1 leader, in this case Special Agent in Charge **DTD SAIC** ,
2 or the DSAC, Deputy Assistant in Charge, **Dept Asst Agent in Charge** ,
3 from the Division. We normally have to provide them with a
4 virtual meeting to brief site specification, site specifics
5 to include local assets, Secret Service assets, protectee

6 **LES**

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9 any concerns or any issues, obviously.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'm showing you what's been marked
11 as Exhibit 1. It's an Aerial Diagram of the site.

12 [Exhibit No. 1 was
13 marked for identification.]

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Is this a document Secret Service
15 created?

16 **Witness**: No, ma'am.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you seen this document before?

18 **Witness**: Not this particular one. I did create the
19 site diagram for the Secret Service. That was ultimately
20 forwarded to DTD, Donald Trump Protective Division
21 Operations Section for approval and review.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was ultimately responsible for
23 determining the perimeter that day?

24 **Witness**: I may say it was a joint decision, again,
25 with the final word would come from the Pittsburgh -- it

1 would be like a decision of the Pittsburgh Field Office
2 leadership, to include Supervisor and Special Agent in
3 Charge.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And we are trying to -- is there a
5 document that you or your colleagues created that documents
6 the perimeter, the inner perimeter, or the middle
7 perimeter, and the outer perimeter?

8 **Witness**: In the Site Diagram we have -- I mean, not
9 specifically named as the inner perimeter, outer perimeter.
10 But what is depicted on the site is normally covered from
11 the inner perimeter, where the post-standers will be
12 positioned, to include local law enforcement, which is
13 normally, the assets that we normally have on the outer
14 perimeter to assist with any issues on the outside.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: We'd like to get a better understanding
16 of where the perimeters were. So looking at Exhibit 1,
17 could you circle a rough estimate around where the inner
18 perimeter was for that event?

19 **Witness**: Mm-hmm. Sure. The inner perimeter is
20 normally considered those surrounding the stage, in this
21 case, or normally where the protectee will provide the
22 remarks. So this particular situation it'll be --

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'll pass this document around, but
24 I'll let the record reflect that the inner perimeter
25 includes both barns where Hercules 1 and Hercules 2 are

1 stationed, as well as the stage and the surrounding area.

2 Can you circle, and understand this is a rough
3 estimate, where the middle perimeter was for that event?

4 **Witness**: Middle perimeter I would say --

5 [Pause.]

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Is the middle perimeter where the
7 magnetometers are?

8 **Witness**: Could be. I mean, again, it depends on
9 the location and the landscaping of each particular site.
10 Normally some sites are a little bit smaller. Again, it's
11 different from if it's an indoor event or an outdoor event.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'll pass it around, but for the
13 record, the middle perimeter is slightly larger than the
14 inner perimeter. Could you circle roughly where the outer
15 perimeter of the event, what that includes?

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

17 [Pause.]

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'll pass this around, but the outer
19 is larger than the inner, but my understanding is the outer
20 perimeter, as you drew it, does not include the AGR
21 building. Is that correct?

22 **Witness**: Correct, ma'am. In this particular case I
23 just want to make sure. The reason why -- and again, once
24 the campaign staff establishes a site, in this case we, as
25 a joint advance, we normally have -- that's the reason we

1 have kind of the walkthrough to make sure what are our
2 limitations, to include residential area, if we have an
3 airport. So that's why we are in constant communication
4 with staff what will be part of an advance. So for this
5 particular advance you have a fence line alongside the
6 Butler Farm Show. You have a residential area, and an
7 airport, and also you have a main road, which obviously is
8 not considered part of the event.

9 So for this particular situation, no, the AGR,
10 anything beyond the fence line of the Butler Farm Show was
11 not considered part of the event.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And with this blue pen, can you mark
13 roughly -- I understand there were a number of
14 magnetometers -- but can you mark where the magnetometers
15 are, so we understand the limitations around the area that
16 is essentially secured?

17 **Witness**: So magnetometers right here.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And were there any magnetometers along
19 the fence line in front of the AGR building?

20 **Witness**: No, ma'am.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Was the blue line where you marked,
22 which is alongside Evans City Road by the EMS station, the
23 only entrance for the event?

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

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And was there a secured fence line that

1 secured off the other areas on Meridian Road and the
2 surrounding areas of Whitestown?

3 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am. I can mark in blue where
4 those fence lines are, because it was a double fence line
5 surround --

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay, great.

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

8 [Pause.]

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Great. Thank you. And who was
10 responsible for the area outside the outer perimeter?

11 **Witness** : For this visit, we have local law
12 enforcement support to include the Pennsylvania State
13 Police and Butler County Sheriff's Office, Butler and
14 Beaver County ESU, Emergency Support Units. So for the
15 outer perimeter, we agreed in the advance to have the
16 Pennsylvania State Police and also the personnel from the
17 Sheriff's Office assigned to blocking intersections for

18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Who was responsible for determining
21 where those post-standers, the Pennsylvania State Police
22 and sheriffs, where the post-standers would be stationed?

23 **Witness** : **PSP Officer in Charge** and **PSP Lieutenant**
24 from the Pennsylvania State Police in conversation with
25 myself and Agent **Site Counterpart** and **Lead Agent**, make

1 determinations where police were needed during the visit.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Did the perimeter that was set that day,
3 and the three variances of the perimeter -- the inner, the
4 middle, the outer that you just described, and the process
5 you were involved in to delineate the perimeter -- did that
6 perimeter contribute to problems that occurred later that
7 day?

8 **Witness**: I'm not sure if it led to the particular
9 situation that developed later that day, but I can assure
10 that there was police, local state police along the fence
11 line. It was part of the coordination during the police
12 walkthrough that we conducted on Thursday, July 11th, when
13 we walked the perimeter, to include the inner perimeter and
14 the outer perimeter, to have local police, in this case
15 marked police vehicles in the inner perimeter, inside the
16 fence line, and outside the fence line, just in front of
17 the AGR building.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: But who was responsible for securing the
19 AGR building? You mentioned the post-standers in front of
20 the AGR building, but there were no post-standers
21 surrounding the AGR building or near Whitestown Road. Who
22 was responsible for securing the AGR building during the
23 event?

24 **Witness**: No one in particular brought up to my
25 concern, or to our concern, anything related to the AGR

1 building, specifically, or any other of the buildings
2 that were in the area.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: What was your understanding of how the
4 AGR building would be covered that day?

5 **Witness**: It wasn't until Thursday, July 11th, when
6 I received the Report Survey from the Counter Snipers with
7 Secret Service, where they were including the AGR building
8 as part of the event, in this case just to have local
9 counter snipers inside the AGR building. That was the
10 first notification or first, you know, knowledge, having
11 knowledge that the AGR building would be utilized for that
12 particular reason, just to have the local counter snipers
13 in that position for that day during the visit.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you surprised to hear the local
15 counter snipers were inside the building as opposed to on
16 the roof?

17 **Witness**: Yes. It was discussed with part of the
18 counterparts, but normally, for this particular, let's say
19 assignment, where normally sometimes we can provide
20 suggestions. But we rely on Secret Service, in this case,
21 Secret Service representatives, which as the subject matter
22 experts, to make those types of decisions, whether you're
23 going to have a counter sniper, which is normally on the
24 rooftops, or whether you're going to have particular team
25 inside the building.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: And you mentioned you can't provide
2 suggestions. What do you mean by that.

3 **Witness**: I would say maybe like why having a
4 counter sniper inside the building instead of a rooftop.
5 But for this particular visit, it was brought up to my
6 concern that the reason why they were having a local
7 counter sniper inside the AGR building was because they
8 would have direct line of sight with that rooftop that day.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: What was your understanding of the
10 patrol around the AGR building?

11 **Witness**: Again, it was never brought up to my
12 attention that the police will have specific assignments
13 around the AGR building. Again, we have numerous amount of
14 support from the local police, local counterpart, law
15 enforcement, to include Pennsylvania State Police and the
16 Sheriff's Office, for blocking intersections, for access
17 control to the site, or to specific area. But for this
18 particular building, again, with all the buildings around
19 the -- in the area, so it wasn't specifically mentioned who
20 was going to be in charge of patrolling the AGR building,
21 or who was going to be inside or outside the building. It
22 was never discussed or brought up to our attention.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Did that concern you?

24 **Witness**: Not particularly, because again, once we
25 have designated an inner perimeter and an outer perimeter,

1 anything outside of that inner perimeter, it's more like
2 local law enforcement decisions if there's any issues or
3 anything that needs to be brought up to Secret Service
4 concern, in this case, a site agent or a lead agent, or one
5 of us involved.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you recall a conversation where you
7 were approached by local law enforcement, you and other
8 Secret Service agents were approached by local law
9 enforcement during the July 11th walkthrough, and they
10 raised concerns about the AGR building?

11 **Witness**: They did brought up some concerns about
12 the AGR building. Like they talk about like buildings on
13 the outer perimeter for that matter, yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And do you recall that was a local law
15 enforcement officer that came up to you and specifically
16 raised concerns about the AGR building?

17 **Witness**: When they ask specific questions, there
18 was nothing confirmed for that day, but it was -- I was
19 told by **Butler ESU Asst. Comm** -- I can't remember his name -- but one of
20 the local --

21 **HSGAC Majority**: **Butler ESU Asst. Commander 1** ?

22 **Witness**: **Butler ESU Asst. Commander 1** correct -- that it would be part
23 of the -- that will be providing tactical support and also
24 counter sniper support. So that they will be in that area,
25 and from the emergency, the ESU unit, from Butler County,

1 for that day.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: But did you know specifically where they
3 would be, where they would be around the AGR building?

4 **Witness**: No, because they would never say
5 specifically where exactly. When they said AGR building,
6 my understanding would be like inside and outside the AGR
7 building.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: And do you recall a conversation on
9 Thursday, July 11th, with local law enforcement, where they
10 made it clear they did not have the manpower to lock down
11 the AGR building?

12 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am, not to lock it down. Yes.
13 Correct.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And who was there during that
15 conversation? You, who else?

16 **Witness**: I can't recall, because normally when we
17 have these type of walkthroughs it will be myself, **Site Counterpart**
18 **Site Counterpart**, and **Lead Agent**, for the most part.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: What was your response, or **Lead Agent**, or
20 **Site Counterpart**, when local law enforcement made it clear they did
21 not have the manpower to lock down the AGR building?

22 **Witness**: At that time it was discussed with them
23 that the ESU unit, in this case the Butler ESU, Emergency
24 Support Unit, **Butler ESU Asst. Commander I** will be assisting with the outer
25 perimeter, for that matter, for the AGR building in that

1 day.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Who discussed that with **Butler ESU Asst. Commander**?

3 **Witness**: We did it in the police meeting. I mean,
4 at the very end of the police meeting we discussed that
5 that would be planned throughout the week. But it was
6 never -- I never received like an operations plan from them
7 or anything that would say that we're going to be
8 specifically in that building, and inside or outside of the
9 building. We never received confirmation for that.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: So you did not know how the AGR building
11 was going to be covered prior to the July 13th rally.

12 **Witness**: Other than the counter snipers, no, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And you also knew that the local law
14 enforcement did not have the manpower to lock down the
15 building. Correct?

16 **Witness**: It was brought up to our attention that
17 the local Pennsylvania State Police won't have the manpower
18 to secure the building.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And what steps did Secret Service take
20 to make sure there would be sufficient coverage of that
21 building?

22 **Witness**: For this particular visit, again, we were
23 not only concerned about the AGR or --

24 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm not talking about other concerns.
25 I'm saying local law enforcement came up to you and

1 specifically -- when I say "you" I meant you and your
2 colleagues that were there, **Lead Agent**

3 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : -- and specifically said they did not
5 have the manpower to lock down the building. So knowing
6 that, what steps did Secret Service take to ensure that
7 building was covered?

8 **Witness** : Since it was on the outer perimeter, we
9 did not discuss or plan for having a post-stander or having
10 any other asset other than the local counter sniper, once
11 they decided to have a local counter sniper inside the
12 building for that day.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of any follow-up from that
14 conversation of efforts Secret Service took to make sure
15 that building was adequately covered?

16 **Witness** : Not to my knowledge, unless other members
17 of the team, from the advance team, discussed it with
18 somebody else, not from my knowledge.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And in your view, did a lack of coverage
20 at that building contribute to the problems that occurred
21 later that day?

22 MR. **Witness Counsel** All right. First of all, it's not been
23 established that there was a lack of coverage. She said
24 that others may have supplemented it, others may have
25 covered it. You're assuming a fact that's not been proven.

1 It's an awkward question, and I'm going to direct her not
2 to answer that question. There's no evidence that there
3 was a lack of coverage on that day.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Look at Exhibit 2, the Site Diagram.
5 [Exhibit No. 2 was
6 marked for identification.]

7 **HSGAC Majority**: And looking at the AGR building on
8 Exhibit 2 --

9 **Witness**: This one?

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes, Exhibit 2, the Site Diagram. We're
11 looking at page 2 of 3. It's not Bates stamped. You see
12 the AGR building right here. Correct?

13 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there any coverage around the AGR
15 building? We're not talking about within the fence line
16 that you already drew. Do you see any coverage around the
17 AGR building?

18 **Witness**: No, ma'am.

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** On this particular document, this Exhibit
20 2? There are many, many other site plans and other
21 documents.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: I understand. I'm asking about that
23 particular --

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm just telling you, though, that there
25 are in existence. So let's --

1 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm asking about that specific
 2 document.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** This particular document -- this
 4 particular document, not referring to whether there was
 5 coverage or not generally, does that show something that is
 6 a nexus to your question?

7 **Witness**: No.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Well, if I can ask the question --

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** Of course.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: -- which she answered, that other than
 11 the post-standers in front of the AGR building, which is
 12 delineated by a fence line, there is no other coverage of
 13 the AGR building in that document. Correct?

14 MR. **Witness Counsel** In this document.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes.

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** Is that accurate?

17 **Witness**: Correct.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And I'm marking Exhibit 3. This is the
 19 Pennsylvania State Police Operations Plan.

20 [Exhibit No. 3 was
 21 marked for identification.]

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Have you seen this document?

23 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Looking at this document, turning to
 25 page Bates stamped 47, looking at this document and the AGR

1 building, we see the same post-stander coverage here --

2 **LES** Looking at the AGR building, is there any
3 coverage of the AGR building in that document?

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

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And referring back to Exhibit 1, that
6 you drew, is this a document you saw before the July 13th
7 rally?

8 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: This is a document from local law
10 enforcement that we received, that depicts coverage of the
11 Butler ESU on the event. Do you see any coverage around
12 the AGR building? Or tell me what you see?

13 MR. **Agency Counsel** The one thing Agent **Witness** has raised
14 said she --

15 MR. **Witness Counsel** She's never --

16 MR. **Agency Counsel** -- yeah, she's never seen this.

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** It's the first time she's -- you're
18 asking her --

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. So you've never seen this before?

20 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** No. She had nothing to do with it.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: But you mentioned previous that you were
23 aware that Butler ESU were placing snipers in the building.
24 Correct? Inside the AGR building.

25 **Witness** : Not specifically snipers, but they would

1 have personnel in the surrounds of the AGR building.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: So based on all the documents that
3 you've seen --

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** That you have showed her --

5 **HSGAC Majority**: -- that we've showed, and --

6 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- and many other documents --

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Well, I'm going to ask. I'm going to
8 ask. I had asked you other planning documents -- the
9 Preliminary Survey, the Manpower Request -- none of those
10 have diagrams of the site. Correct?

11 **Witness**: Correct, ma'am.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: So based on the documents created for
13 this event that show where there is coverage, it's clear
14 there's a lack of coverage at the AGR building. Is that
15 right?

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** Hold it. These are not all the documents
17 that were, quote, "created for this event," end quote.
18 There are many others. If you're talking about these
19 particular documents, these exhibits, as identified, then
20 she can attest to what these show.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: And I've --

22 MR. **Witness Counsel** But there are many, many other documents
23 that show something a lot different.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Mr. **Witness Counsel** --

25 MR. **Witness Counsel** The opposite.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Mr. **Witness Counsel** respectfully, I have asked
2 if there are other documents, and my understanding is
3 Special Agent **Witness** has said, no, there's no other planning
4 documents that were created.

5 **Witness**: That was brought up to my concern.
6 Submitted to myself? No.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: So --

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** To her.

9 **Witness**: To myself.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And so --

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** If that's true, based on your
12 recollection --

13 **HSGAC Majority**: So based on what you know, and as the
14 lead site agent, did a lack of coverage around the AGR
15 building contribute to the problems that occurred that day?

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm not going to have her answer that.
17 You can't -- you're relying upon a few narrow set of
18 documents. There are many, many other documents which show
19 something radically different, that show there was
20 coverage. So how can you say that there was -- if there
21 was -- that these show that because there's no coverage
22 that it contributed?

23 **HSGAC Majority**: I'll have two --

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** There was coverage.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: I'll have two follow-up questions. One

1 is for --

2 MR. **Witness Counsel** [Inaudible.]

3 **HSGAC Majority**: I appreciate the concern you're raising.

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** The question is no inappropriate.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: I have two follow-up questions. One is
6 for DHS. We have not received any documents that show that
7 there's coverage of the AGR building. We would ask that --

8 MR. **Agency Counsel** All right. Yeah.

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** Do you want to say something? I mean --

10 MR. **Agency Counsel** No. I --

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- we can go outside and talk for a
12 little bit.

13 MR. **Agency Counsel** No, I was just going to say, for Secret
14 Service, you said the Department, for Secret Service
15 really, I believe in other interviews we have, and you have
16 shown other witnesses' exhibits and diagrams that match
17 that show otherwise.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Which ones specifically?

19 MR. **Agency Counsel** Ones that we have provided to you.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: So we are not -- we have not received,
21 to my knowledge, documents that show the AGR building was
22 covered, from DHS and Secret Service. We have limited time
23 period today --

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** Can we go off the record --

25 MR. **Agency Counsel** Can we go off the record, if that's

1 okay. I can --

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Well, I'd like to say one thing first.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** Well, there's a counter sniper --

4 **HSGAC Majority**: If I can first --

5 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'd just like to say, there's a counter
6 sniper advance showing clearly that the AGR building was
7 covered. You know, other documents, by other components
8 that show the AGR building was covered. Many.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: So if I could pause, and moving forward,
10 if I can first ask the question. We understand --

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** Can I show you something?

12 **HSGAC Majority**: If we can hold for one moment, I just
13 want to discuss. If I can first ask the question and then
14 you can object afterward. We will note your objection. We
15 will follow up afterward. I anticipate there will need to
16 be another interview, because there are documents that we
17 have not received. But I'm happy to go off the record
18 briefly --

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** Please.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: -- for us to discuss.

21 [Recess.]

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Back on the record.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** So did you have this?

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes.

25 MR. **Witness Counsel** So why aren't you asking her about this?

1 **HSGAC Majority**: We will determine the questions that
2 we're asking.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- restricted to these documents, and you
4 have this document, which shows exactly the opposite of
5 what you're --

6 **HSGAC Majority**: My intention was not to restrict her to
7 documents. We have not received a full and complete
8 production of documents. We are still trying to understand
9 the parameter. So what I would like to say is, to your
10 knowledge -- to your knowledge -- other than the snipers,
11 was there any coverage, other than the local snipers, was
12 there any coverage around the AGR building?

13 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you aware that the snipers inside
15 the AGR building were behind guns that were approximately
16 three to four feet behind windows, without a visual of the
17 AGR roof?

18 **Witness** : No, ma'am, because we were not assigned to
19 that particular building.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was assigned to that building?

21 **Witness** : I cannot attest to that. But in the
22 visit, I was -- my role was primarily to remain in the
23 inner perimeter for the arrival and departure of the
24 protectee that day.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was responsible for ensuring

1 interoperable communication systems that day?

2 **Witness** : It was -- you mean communications, in
3 general?

4 **HSGAC Majority** : What communications systems were used on
5 July 13th?

6 **Witness** : We utilized the encrypted radios inside
7 the Security Room, where we have post-standers, Special
8 Agent in Charge **SAIC Buffalo** . Normally we have -- in the
9 Security Room we have made the determination to have the
10 most senior agent within the Secret Service in the Security
11 Room, to ensure we have good communications with post-
12 standers and others involved, in this case the local law
13 enforcement.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : And you mentioned the individual in
15 charge of communications for Secret Service, that was
16 **SAIC Buffalo** ?

17 **Witness** : **SAIC Buffalo** .

18 **HSGAC Majority** : **SAIC Buffalo** ?

19 **Witness** : **SAIC Buffalo** , **SAIC Buffalo** .

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you. Were you on the
21 communications system that day, the Secret Service
22 communication system?

23 **Witness** : Meaning inside the building?

24 **HSGAC Majority** : Were you on any Secret Service radio
25 frequencies?

1 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am. I was on radio frequency
2 **Channel** which is normally the one that operates the chief
3 agents from the Donald Trump Protective Division, and also
4 was scanning the post-standers' radio frequency, which
5 transitioned. We switched from **Channel** to **Channel** later on that
6 day.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you have any insight into the local
8 radio station, radio frequencies, that day?

9 **Witness** : Meaning that if I was scanning local law
10 enforcement radio frequencies?

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes. Either were you on those
12 frequencies, as well, would you scan those frequencies, did
13 you have any insight into the radio frequencies that the
14 locals were communicating on.

15 **Witness** : No, ma'am. Normally we have a local
16 counterpart inside our Security Room to ensure that we have
17 good communications or some sort of communications with our
18 local counterparts, along with the Secret Service.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you aware that at 5:42 p.m. a local
20 law enforcement officer announced on one of the local radio
21 frequencies that there was a suspicious individual with a
22 rangefinder that was identified, and later lost sight of?

23 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: When did you become aware that there was
25 a suspicious individual with a rangefinder?

1 **Witness** : To be honest with you, as one of the
2 site agents at the site, my initial notification was the
3 shots being fired at 6:11. That was my initial
4 notification. I did not receive not a single phone call,
5 not a single text message, nothing about an individual or
6 any suspicious activity or incident. Because normally we
7 will respond with a response agent. In this case we have
8 **LES** assigned for protective intelligence to assist with any
9 suspicious individuals. We had a CS response, counter
10 sniper response. We have another, **LES** other additional
11 relief agents. We have a total of, at a minimum, **LES**
12 agents from Secret Service available to respond to any
13 suspicious activity if that was the case.

14 So like I said, at 6:11, my notification was shots
15 being fired.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : How did you learn shots were being
17 fired?

18 **Witness** : Because I heard the shots being fired. I
19 mean, prior to that, obviously, the only communications
20 that went through the radio was I heard a male voice -- I
21 cannot identify who was that person -- I heard radio
22 traffic saying that the locals were dealing with a
23 situation at the three o'clock position. They did not
24 specify whether it was a heckler or a disruptive person
25 from the general public. They only said -- the only thing

1 that came through the radio traffic was local police
2 dealing with a situation at the three o'clock position.
3 That was the same communication that Special Agent in
4 Charge **DTD SAIC**, the detail leader for Donald Trump that
5 day, heard through the radio.

6 At that point it was around 6:09 when he instructed me
7 to go and find out what was going on at three o'clock -- at
8 the three o'clock position. So at that point I moved a
9 little closer --

10 **HSGAC Majority**: I apologize for interrupting. So it was
11 at 6:09 when you were instructed to figure out what the,
12 quote/unquote, "situation" was?

13 **Witness**: I cannot say if it was specifically 6:09.
14 It between that, around that time, maybe 6:09, 6:10, when I
15 was instructed. We heard the radio transmission that there
16 was something going on at the three o'clock, and that's
17 when I was instructed by the detail leader to go find out
18 what was going on.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was that?

20 **Witness**: **DTD SAIC**, Special Agent in Charge from
21 the Donald Trump Protective Division.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Was there a local counterpart in the
23 Secret Service Security Room that day?

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

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Who was it?

1 **Witness** : You mean from the Secret Service Counter
2 Sniper Response?

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Let me clarify. Was there a local
4 counterpart, someone on the local radio systems, on the
5 local radio frequencies, that was in the Secret Service
6 Security Room that day?

7 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am. I cannot attest for a specific
8 name, but there was personnel, from the times that I went
9 inside and outside the building, that it was personnel from
10 the Pennsylvania State Police and from the Sheriff's
11 Office.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Special Agent **Witness** my name is **HSGAC Majority**
13 **HSGAC Majority**. I'm a Senior Investigator with Senator Peters on
14 the Committee. Just a few follow-up questions about my
15 colleague's line of questioning. You were saying earlier
16 about a lot of decisions were -- I think the word you used
17 was "consensus" decision, between yourself and Agents
18 **Site Counterpart** and **Lead Agent**. Is that right?

19 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Was it clear, among the three of you,
21 who was making decisions, such as where the perimeter would
22 be and what kind of assets were being requested to cover
23 things such as the AGR building?

24 **Witness** : Yes, sir. In that particular case it
25 would **ATSAIC** as the forward team supervisor local,

1 from the local field office, for the final decisions
2 whether we needed additional support, per request.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: So **ATSAIC** was signing off on
4 decisions. But was it clear to you who, among the three of
5 you, were making those recommendations up to **ATSAIC**
6 **ATSAIC**

7 **Witness**: It will be, in this case, **Site Counterpart** as
8 the local -- the site counterpart for the -- from the local
9 field office. I respond to the Donald Trump Protective
10 Division. The Pittsburgh personnel respond to the
11 Pittsburgh Field Office leadership for this particular
12 matter.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And regarding the decision about where
14 the outer perimeter was, did you or Agents **Site Counterpart** or **Lead Agent**
15 consider placing the AGR building within the outer
16 perimeter? In other words, did you consider placing the
17 perimeter north of AGR, to include AGR within that
18 perimeter?

19 **Witness**: No, sir, because again, just if I can
20 refer, **LES**

21 **LES**

22 **LES**

23 **LES**

24 **LES**

25 **LES** So everything pretty much

1 surrounding the venue, the site, was pretty much
2 considered a line of sight or a vulnerability.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: My understanding is the AGR building is
4 roughly 200 yards from where the stage was. Did that not
5 present a particular vulnerability or a particularly
6 heightened threat, compared to the other vulnerabilities
7 you just mentioned?

8 **Witness**: It was considered a vulnerability, but we
9 were going to have some coverage to include Hercules 1,
10 Hercules 2, the counter snipers from Secret Service, and
11 local counter snipers are at different clock positions. We
12 agreed that, you know, that it was going to be secure, or
13 at least monitored from an elevated position for this
14 particular matter.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: You mentioned line of sight. Are you
16 aware of whether there were any line of sight
17 vulnerabilities that U.S. Secret Service counter snipers
18 flagged?

19 **Witness**: Other than what was depicted on the
20 survey, on the Counter Sniper Survey, no, sir.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know how those line of sight
22 vulnerabilities were mitigated?

23 **Witness**: Line of sight meaning elevated positions
24 or from a ground level?

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Either.

1 **Witness** : We made sure that for the ground level
2 positions that we brought heavy equipment for that day, to
3 include -- we have rental trucks, we have heavy machinery
4 to include tractors, large screen have direct coverage from
5 the stage, and also from the tree lines that were
6 surrounding the fence line on the site. And for the
7 elevated positions, we designed Secret Service and local
8 counter snipers at different clock positions for that day.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: And the heavy equipment, and I think you
10 said trucks, that you had to mitigate the line of sight
11 issues, were you able to use those heavy equipment and
12 trucks, or were --

13 **Witness** : Yes, sir, and I was part of the discussion
14 during the final walkthrough with -- the second supervisor
15 walkthrough with **DTD 2nd Sup.** from the Donald Trump
16 Division detail and from **DTD Campaign Sup.** that was
17 another, a secondary supervisor doing the walkthrough on
18 Friday, July 12th.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: You weren't prevented or overruled in
20 using any of those heavy equipment or trucks to mitigate
21 line of sight issues?

22 **Witness** : No, sir.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And regarding the coverage of the
24 AGR building -- so you said that your understanding was
25 that the AGR building was covered by the local counter

1 snipers. How does it generally work? Because my
2 understanding is you're saying that because the AGR
3 building was outside the perimeter, you and your Secret
4 Service colleagues made clear to the locals that it was
5 their responsibility to cover it. Is that right,
6 generally?

7 **Witness**: In general, yes. Again, other than our
8 concerns on the outer perimeter, once we establish a site,
9 and honestly that's a discussion along with the campaign
10 staff and Secret Service and local counterparts, that's
11 when we come up with decisions whether a site, you know,
12 where the perimeter will be, the inner perimeter, and the
13 outer perimeter.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And generally speaking, how does this
15 generally work at these kinds of events with a structure
16 outside the perimeter that needs to be covered by local law
17 enforcement partners? What is the extent of your direction
18 to the local law enforcement about how they should cover
19 it? Is it a matter of simply telling them that they're
20 going to cover it, or do you normally give specific
21 instructions about what assets you want them to deploy and
22 use to cover that structure?

23 **Witness**: It varies from site to site, again,
24 whether if it's an indoor or outdoor event. In this
25 particular case for an outdoor event, yes, it would be a

1 discussion from the local counterparts whether they are
2 going to provide resources or assets to cover a specific
3 location or a specific building. And then once that's been
4 decided or confirmed to provide details about how they --
5 whether they're going to secure it or how they're going to
6 provide for support or planning, including the operations
7 plan.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Were there any -- in terms of requested
9 assets or resources, were there any Secret Service assets
10 or resources that either your or Agents **Site Counterpart** or **Lead Agent**
11 requested that were not fulfilled or provided?

12 **Witness**: No, sir. Everything was approved upon the
13 final submission of paperwork. The only thing that was a
14 change, if it was in the amount, the number of
15 magnetometers, which we requested 13, and only 10 were
16 approved. But that did not affect our screening process or
17 time or anything.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: And the same question about the locals.
19 So were there any assets or resources that Secret Service
20 requested from their local or state partners that were not
21 provided?

22 **Witness**: No, sir. Everything was provided and
23 approved, as discussed.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Were there any resources at all that you
25 or Agents **Site Counterpart** or **Lead Agent** requested that were unavailable?

1 **Witness** : Not that I'm aware of. Not that I can
2 recall.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: And going back to the discussion about
4 the Site Security Room, is another word for that the
5 Command Center or Command Post? Are we talking about the
6 same thing?

7 **Witness** : In the Secret Service, the Command Post
8 and the Security Room are two different titles. Normally
9 we will have a Command Post designated **LES**
10 **LES**
11 **LES**
12 **LES** -- we decided to have just a
13 Security Room, in this case, on the site, for this venue.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: So the Security Room is where you have
15 the local counterpart?

16 **Witness** : Correct. We will conduct all the
17 communications and anything that we need to conduct
18 communications there.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And you mentioned that you were
20 receiving communications, or at least the plan was that if
21 there were any communications that the locals needed to
22 relate to Secret Service it would go through that local
23 counterpart in the Site Security Room?

24 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you ever receive any such relayed

1 information? I know you said you didn't get any
2 notification about the suspicious person at the three
3 o'clock, other than the counter sniper alert. But did you
4 ever receive, throughout the day, any relayed information
5 from the locals through that Site Security Room?

6 **Witness**: No, sir, because even I can recall -- and
7 again, I provided, from previous visits, screen shots of my
8 phone log for that day and also screen shots of text
9 messages that did not go through that day. I was in
10 communications with personnel from the Secret Service on
11 board the plane of the protectee on the way to the site,
12 that I was not getting good coms or good reception with my
13 phone. And on that day, when, I believe it was around
14 4:30, 4:35, when they asked me for an update, the most
15 recent update, and other than medical issues, which it was
16 in the hundreds, other than medical issues with the general
17 public, issues maybe with bike racks, and trying to make
18 sure that we have good security around the magnetometers,
19 there was no other issues or concerns that were brought up
20 to my attention, by text message or radio traffic or phone
21 call. Nothing.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: And in your experience doing these kinds
23 of events, of roughly this size of attendees, is that
24 common to not hear any suspicious person reports over the
25 radio?

1 **Witness** : This was like one of those times that I
2 have like this type of audience for the purpose of our
3 event. My last visit was in Conway, South Carolina, with
4 an audience of approximately 7,000 people. From what I've
5 seen, not only as a site agent but as a chief agent, is
6 I've seen several heckler situations, when you have someone
7 disruptive in the public. And normally the host committee
8 will take care of that situation.

9 But other than **LES** , or what we consider
10 **LES** subjects with a specific interest
11 to the protectee, no, we have not seen any other
12 suspicious, other than what I just mentioned.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And regarding communications, did you
14 have any issues or problems communicating that day in any
15 way, whether it was radio, cellphone, you know, email,
16 calls, texts, any communication challenges that day?

17 **Witness** : Not really. I remember, like I said,
18 walking around the site, back and forth, again, dealing
19 with situations, the magnetometers, making sure that
20 everything was running smooth back there around the stage
21 area, set for the arrival, making sure that there were no
22 issues. But other than just having a lot of radio traffic,
23 it was more like radio traffic for medical situations,
24 needing medical units, or passing information to the
25 Security Room for that matter.

1 Other than that, I didn't have any issues until
 2 maybe at the very last moment, and I said prior to the
 3 arrival, when I told Site Counterpart [REDACTED], Agent Site Counterpart [REDACTED] that my
 4 primary rate of frequency will be on Channel [REDACTED] because at that
 5 point, for the arrival, I will be the one leading the
 6 detail, in this case the protectee and the shift agents
 7 from arrival to departure. So Site Counterpart [REDACTED] will remain on
 8 the primary radio frequency of that, of the Channel [REDACTED].
 9 Because I remember her saying that the she was not able to
 10 scan multiple radio frequencies at the same time.

11 PSI Majority [REDACTED]: A couple of quick questions to end the
 12 session. PSI Majority [REDACTED] with PSI majority. In your roles
 13 in setting up the perimeter for the event and laying out
 14 the assets, do you have any oversight of where counter
 15 drone equipment would go, or setting up anything to do with
 16 drones?

17 Witness [REDACTED]: I have had discussions with Agent C-UAS Advance Lead [REDACTED]
 18 C-UAS Advance Lead [REDACTED] from the DTD, Donald Trump Division, which was the
 19 CUAS agent assigned for that day. And I remember him
 20 seeing him setting up the equipment approximately 11, 11:30
 21 a.m., near to the -- LES [REDACTED] the Security Room,
 22 LES [REDACTED], LES [REDACTED]
 23 LES [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 24 LES [REDACTED]
 25 LES [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

1 LES

2 PSI Majority : And were you aware that there were
3 issues getting that equipment to become operable?

4 Witness : Yes, sir. I remained in constant
5 communication with Agent C-UAS Advance Lead throughout the day, and I
6 was informed about the situation and trying to get updates.
7 And I know for that day he was in communication with the
8 supervisors. I cannot say by name who specifically. But I
9 remember him saying that he's been in communication with
10 the supervisor, advising of the current status of that
11 piece of equipment for that day. And also with the
12 company, LES and ended up saying that it was a
13 software issue that they could not fix at the time.

14 PSI Majority : Did you notify anybody else about
15 these issues, above you?

16 Witness : Other than the supervisors, to include the
17 Security Room, GS-15, or in this case SAIC Buffalo, no, other
18 than supervisors.

19 PSI Majority : Thank you.

20 HSGAC Majority : I think we have hit the hour so we will
21 go off the record. Thank you for your time, and when we
22 come back on -- oh, Ranking Member Paul's office will ask
23 questions. Thank you.

24 Witness : Thank you, ma'am.

25 [Recess.]

1 **HSGAC Minority**: This is **HSGAC Minority** again for
2 HSGAC minority. Thank you for being here. I just wanted
3 to start, we talked a little bit about your notes. Did you
4 produce your notes at all to the Secret Service?

5 **Witness**: No, ma'am. I received a request actually
6 last night.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay, to produce them?

8 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am. My notetaking. Yes, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And you haven't produced them
10 yet.

11 **Witness**: I do. Yes, ma'am.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: And have you produced your notes to
13 anyone else other than your counsel? The FBI? Anyone
14 else?

15 **Witness**: No, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Have you produced your text messages or
17 any screen shots to the Secret Service?

18 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am. To the Inspection Section of
19 the Secret Service.

20 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you recall what date?

21 **Witness**: I had two interviews, the one being last
22 week. I think it was August 13th.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay.

24 **Witness**: And maybe I had the other one two weeks
25 prior before that, when I was in Bedminster, New Jersey.

1 So maybe around July 20th or 21st.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And do you recall how many pages
3 or screen shots, or how many you produced?

4 **Witness**: I submitted those through email, so I can
5 just take a quick look and see the specific amount of
6 attachments that I have.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Sure. That would be great.

8 [Pause.]

9 **HSGAC Minority**: And if you want to, we can come back to
10 that, if you're having trouble finding it.

11 [Pause.]

12 **Witness**: It was approximately, maybe eight screen
13 shots attached to the email.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And do your recall what the
15 screen shots were of?

16 **Witness**: Conversations with the chief leader for
17 that day, **Shift Chief**, with the protectee. He was part
18 of the traveling shift personnel coming with the protectee,
19 and also with **Lead Agent**, the lead agent, and **Site Counterpart**
20 **Site Counterpart**. And also with ATSAIC **DTD 2nd Sup.**, supervisor from
21 the Donald Trump Protective Division.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Great. Did you receive any
23 information related to threats against former President
24 Trump prior to the July 13th event?

25 **Witness**: No, ma'am. The only advisory that we

1 received was from the PID, the Protective Intelligence
2 Division. Normally those are common for every visit.
3 Normally we receive a bulletin with any information or any
4 advisory information in regards to a specific visit, but
5 not for this one. It came back with negative results, as
6 no threats or no other issues or concerns prior to the
7 visit, that was brought up to my knowledge or the rest of
8 the team.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So the Protective Intelligence,
10 you said --

11 **Witness**: Division.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: -- Division, provides information. How
13 do they typically provide that information?

14 **Witness**: Via email. They do their own research
15 through, I would say, multiple intelligence channels, with
16 other agencies, and they compile any information and then
17 put it together **LES**, and then they will
18 send that to the lead agents and the advance team.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Is that called a Protective Intelligence
20 Brief? Is there a formal -- or it's just --

21 **Witness**: Yeah, normally they would call it a
22 Protective Intelligence Brief, yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: So you did not receive one prior to the
24 July 13th rally.

25 **Witness**: Yes, we received one via email. Yes,

1 ma'am.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And was it a separate email from
3 other surveys and documents?

4 **Witness**: Yes. It was just a specific email from
5 PID with this advisory. Yes, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And I don't think we have that
7 document. I have not seen that.

8 **Witness**: We have it here as part of my print --

9 **HSGAC Minority**: That would be great if you could share
10 that.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Could we go off the record briefly?

12 [Recess.]

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Great, and I just want the record to
14 reflect, as part of **HSGAC Minority** questioning, we recently
15 learned of a number of documents with notes. I understand
16 counsel for Special Agent **Witness** has not yet had an
17 opportunity to review those, and is not in a position to
18 turn them over as part of our request. So let me just turn
19 it over to you. Mr. **Witness Counsel** if you could just say what you
20 previously said.

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes, yes, yes. We intend to honor your
22 request for documents, and we will do so diligently.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And our understanding is, if necessary,
24 especially Agent **Witness** for us to ask that you come back so
25 we can ask questions about the documents we do not, you and

1 your counsel are willing to do so. Is that correct.

2 MR. **Witness Counsel**: That's correct.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. We appreciate it. And **HSGAC Min**
4 **HSGAC Minority**, I apologize.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: All right. Thank you. This is helpful.
6 I was actually -- that is exactly what I was looking for.
7 So we do not have this document, but it does appear to be a
8 Protective Intelligence Report prior to the July 13th
9 rally. It's dated July 8th, and it's titled, "Open Source
10 Findings for Candidate Donald Trump's Visit to Pittsburgh,
11 Pennsylvania."

12 This appears to be an open source report. Is that
13 typically what you receive, or are there -- if there were
14 to be any classified information regarding a threat to a
15 protectee, what kind of report, or how would that be
16 communicated?

17 **Witness**: From my experience, from past visits,
18 that's normally the document that we receive from the
19 Protective Intelligence Division, unless there's another, I
20 mean, something that might be a little bit classified.
21 Then that would be addressed in a different manner. But
22 from previous experiences, that's normally the document
23 that we receive from the Protective Intelligence Division.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: So if there were classified information
25 that needed to be relayed, how would that be delivered?

1 Have you ever received classified information related to
2 protectee?

3 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: So you've never received any classified
5 threat information?

6 **Witness** : Not that I can recall, no.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So you have never been informed
8 about any Iranian threats to Donald Trump?

9 **Witness** : We have received some information,
10 specifically from the Donald Trump Protective Division
11 leadership, but not every detail. But yes, we have been
12 informed and notified about an active threat.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Can you provide a little bit more
14 detail?

15 **Witness** : That matter, I'm not sure if that's an
16 answer I can provide. It may disclose some classified
17 information. But I know that they have said about possible
18 drone attack.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Possible drone attack. So do you recall
20 how you were provided that information about a possible
21 drone attack on former President Donald Trump?

22 **Witness** : I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question?

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you remember how that was
24 communicated to you? Did someone tell you that? Were you
25 provided that in a briefing?

1 **Witness** : It's been provided verbally and also
2 during briefings and also via email. Yes, ma'am.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: And when you received that information
4 were you in a secure facility? I'm just trying to
5 understand if it was classified or not.

6 **Witness** : **LES**
7 **LES** . Like let's say we're back in
8 West Palm Beach, **LES**
9 **LES** So they sometimes they put it out
10 in a briefing, you know, to be aware of your surroundings
11 because of, you know, this type of threats.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: So it sounds like it was unclassified.

13 **Witness** : To some extent, yes.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Is there any reason -- and I'll
15 ask this of Secret Service counsel -- that she can't go
16 into further detail about the threat if it's unclassified,
17 in this setting?

18 MR. **Agency Counsel** If you recall, only if you recall
19 discussions that you did not receive in a SCIF, if you even
20 were in a SCIF or anything --

21 **Witness** : No, not in a SCIF environment. Correct.

22 MR. **Agency Counsel** But if you just recall anything, to the
23 best of your recollection, you can discuss that.

24 **Witness** : Okay. Yes, absolutely. Other than,
25 again, receiving an active threat, like from the Iranian

1 government, a possible drone attack, LES

2 LES

3 that's pretty much some of the details that we have
4 received.

5 HSGAC Minority: Do you recall when that was?

6 Witness: It was possibly, I can say maybe when I
7 first reported to the detail, and that was back on June 4,
8 2023.

9 HSGAC Minority: Okay.

10 Witness: So maybe a little over a year ago.

11 HSGAC Minority: And is that the only threat information,
12 Iranian threat information, that you've received since
13 you've been on the detail?

14 Witness: To our knowledge, within the detail. Yes,
15 ma'am.

16 HSGAC Minority: Okay. Do you know if -- so there was a
17 rally July 9th in Doral, Florida.

18 Witness: Yes, ma'am.

19 HSGAC Minority: You were not at that event.

20 Witness: I was not involved in that event.

21 HSGAC Minority: Do you know if Secret Service
22 communicated to the Trump campaign July 9th, prior to that
23 rally, that there was credible intelligence of threats
24 against Trump?

25 Witness: Not that I'm aware of, ma'am, no, since I

1 was not part of that. But I'm not aware of any
2 information, specific conversations or communications
3 within the campaign staff or anyone in the leadership.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: Is this the first time you're hearing
5 about that potential communication? Am I the first person
6 to have said that to you?

7 **Witness**: That I can recall, yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Were you aware that FBI arrested
9 someone the day before the Butler rally for plotting an
10 assassination of a political or government official on U.S.
11 soil?

12 **Witness**: I heard about it in the news articles just
13 recently.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: So was it after the event?

15 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Is that something you would've
17 expected to be aware of in terms of in your role?

18 **Witness**: Absolutely. As a site agent or lead agent
19 assigned, you should have any intelligence or any
20 information pertaining to an active threat to a particular
21 protectee, absolutely, in case that we need to take, you
22 know, take additional measures, or maybe plan for
23 additional assets or additional resources for that
24 particular matter. Of course.

25 **HSGAC Minority**: If you would've had that kind of

1 information prior to the event, would you have
2 potentially changed the site security plan or made
3 adjustments to how the security measures were planned out,
4 depending on the information?

5 **Witness**: I mean, I will say that, as just common
6 sense, but for just my particular perspective, being
7 assigned to this site, normally you either volunteer or you
8 just get selected for these particular advances. I enjoyed
9 doing advances, even when I was in the Miami Field Office.
10 I never had any issues with those. I never had any issues
11 in the past, or there's nothing negative, you know, in
12 previous visits.

13 But something that I know that was kind of more like a
14 gut feeling, obviously, as soon as I got to the site, it
15 was my first impression, like wow, like how staff -- and
16 I'm saying staff because they are the ones who obviously
17 conduct these campaign visits, they select the sites, and
18 they are the ones who basically made the decision, this is
19 the site that we're going to use, that we're going to be,
20 you know, for this particular visit.

21 So to my understanding, having the amount of threats,
22 not just the Iranian but just amount of threats, meaning
23 **LES** from subjects with unusual
24 interests to this particular protectee, obviously he is a
25 high-profile running candidate, nominee now, for the

1 presidency. So it shocked me, like just being out there.
2 They're planning to have a protectee with 15-, 20,000
3 people, in an outdoor event, when there's an active threat
4 for the drone attack. That was definitely one thing that
5 obviously raised my concerns, and I know everyone's
6 concerns. But it is not within the Secret Service's
7 decision to decide whether we are going to do this or not.
8 It's more like making sure that we have a good security
9 plan and a secure site for that matter. So yes.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: And were you aware that the drone
11 detection system was not operational part of the day?

12 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am, and that was passed on to the
13 leadership, as well.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: And were you concerned, given that you
15 had knowledge of a credible drone threat to Trump?

16 **Witness**: Correct. And even prior to having the
17 equipment set up, when we briefed post-standers to include
18 Secret Service and HSI agents from Homeland Security,
19 everyone involved in that briefing, we made sure that even
20 when we have a drone detection system, hopefully it will be
21 operational, to make sure that every post, whether indoor
22 or outdoor, to be aware of any situation or suspicious
23 activity, to include drone detection, **LES**

24 **LES** **LES**

25 **LES** So those are the types of

1 things that we normally brief, outside of the mitigation
2 assts that we have in place.

3 **HSGAC Minority**: And in your experience, has the **LES**
4 **LES** ever had difficulties, or not been operational
5 at an event?

6 **Witness**: Sometimes I do have -- there are some
7 issues. Obviously, technology, you know, you can't rely on
8 those 100 percent.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: But has that happened before, at an
10 event that you're aware of?

11 **Witness**: To my awareness it's been -- it's normally
12 up, I mean, because for resident security and stuff like
13 that we never counter issues other than, you know, quick
14 fix or something that could be repaired on time.

15 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Are you aware that Special Agent
16 **C-UAS Advance Lead** requested the **LES**?

17 **Witness**: Yes, ma'am. That was requested through
18 **TSD Advance Lead** from TSD, the Technical Support Division, and
19 that was discussed during one of the walkthroughs, to
20 provide additional assets, as well.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: And was that request granted --

22 **Witness**: I'm sorry?

23 **HSGAC Minority**: -- the **LES**

24 **Witness**: Yes, that was requested through **TSD Advance Lead**
25 **TSD Advance Lead** It was my understanding. I was told by **TSD Advance**

1 TSD Advance Lead that that would be provided as part of systems to
2 mitigate any drone concerns for that day.

3 HSGAC Minority: And that's different from the LES
4 LES . This is a separate system.

5 Witness : There's a LES for different --
6 I mean, from what I've seen, again, I'm not a subject
7 matter expert on equipment --

8 HSGAC Minority: Right.

9 Witness : -- but what I've seen, the LES
10 LES

11 LES

12 HSGAC Minority: So to your knowledge, that request was
13 granted.

14 Witness : Yes, ma'am. I never received any rejects
15 or denials.

16 HSGAC Minority: Okay. So to your knowledge, was the
17 LES operational that day, at the event?

18 Witness : I was not aware of any issues or -- I
19 mean, any concerns that it was not operational for that
20 day.

21 HSGAC Minority: Okay. When did you first become aware
22 that counter snipers were being sent?

23 Witness : I'm sorry?

24 HSGAC Minority: When did you first become aware that
25 counter snipers, Secret Service counter snipers, were being

1 sent to the Butler event?

2 **Witness** : July 9th. I believe it was Tuesday, July
3 9th, when we submitted a request. I had the discussion
4 with ATSAIC Supervisor **DTD 2nd Sup.** from the Donald
5 Trump Protective Division. In case we did not get counter
6 sniper support from the Secret Service, that was the very
7 first time, when I saw Counter Sniper Report Survey, in
8 case that I needed to work on some of the -- I mean, I've
9 never done it before. They wanted to have that document,
10 just in case.

11 But that same day, July 9th, Tuesday, DTD, Donald
12 Trump Operations Section, submitted a request, which I have
13 an email also, to the Counter Sniper Division, SOD, Special
14 Operations Division, and that same day we have a response.
15 We have a technician assigned for this visit.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so do you know who submitted
17 that request?

18 **Witness** : **DTD Ops** .

19 **HSGAC Minority**: And do you know why **DTD Ops**
20 submitted a request for counter snipers? Is that something
21 that is typically requested?

22 **Witness** : We normally request assets. For this
23 particular visit it is my understanding that that was the
24 very first time that a former President have counter
25 snipers from Secret Service granted, maybe because of the

1 type of event, with the type of audience, outdoor event
2 with 15-, 20,000 people. Maybe that was an additional
3 measure or enhanced security that they were trying to
4 provide.

5 **HSGAC Minority** : And I just have to note, as well, that
6 July 9th is also the same day that it's been reported that
7 Secret Service communicated additional threats to the Trump
8 campaign, before the Doral rally.

9 **Witness** : From my understanding, yes, ma'am.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Yah.

11 **Witness** : I don't know if that has anything to do
12 with that information. Again, I'm not familiar with --

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Right.

14 **Witness** : Yes.

15 **HSGAC Minority** : So, okay. And that is the first time,
16 you said, that you were aware of counter snipers being
17 requested.

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

19 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. You said earlier the local
20 counter snipers would be -- you were told local counter
21 snipers would be inside AGR, and that they would have
22 direct line of sight of the roof.

23 **Witness** : It wasn't until Friday, I believe it was
24 Friday afternoon, because we have the manpower walkthrough
25 with Special Agent in Charge **SAIC Pittsburgh** on Wednesday, and

1 that same Wednesday is the day that Technician [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] from the Counter Sniper Division traveled from
3 Washington to Butler, Pennsylvania. And that's the day
4 when we met up at the site. I believe it was Wednesday,
5 the 10th, July 10th, in the afternoon. And Thursday night,
6 maybe Thursday evening, that's when I received the
7 information about having the counter snipers' specific
8 locations for Secret Service and the local counter snipers.

9 [REDACTED]: And so who told you that the local
10 snipers that were inside would have direct line of sight of
11 the roof?

12 [REDACTED]: I don't think that we had that
13 conversation, so actually the day of the visit, that they
14 would have direct line of sight of the rooftop. But I
15 can't recall who specifically. It wasn't [REDACTED]. It wasn't
16 [REDACTED], no.

17 [REDACTED]: So you didn't get that information from
18 [REDACTED].

19 [REDACTED]: From him, no. Not from him.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you receive that information
21 from someone from Secret Service?

22 [REDACTED]: From Secret Service, but I can't recall
23 specifically where. It was maybe during the moment that I
24 was handling other issues at the site.

25 [REDACTED]: Do you remember if it was a male or a

1 female?

2 **Witness** : Possibly a male, because the females, it
3 was just me, **Lead Agent** and **Site Counterpart**, yeah.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Can we talk a little bit about
5 your interactions with **C/S Team Lead**. Did you do a
6 walkthrough of the site with him ever?

7 **Witness** : We met at the site. We discussed -- we
8 talked a little about obviously areas of concern, because
9 that was one of the main questions, like hey, I mean,
10 you've been here since Monday so any areas of concern that
11 you, you know, are aware of, other than to my concern,
12 things that we discussed obviously, other than rooftops and
13 buildings surrounding the site, the airport next to -- you
14 know, there was a small, private airport next to the site,
15 a residential area.

16 So we just went over some of the line of sight
17 vulnerabilities and also, at the ground level, elevated
18 positions. And at that point I think he just asked me for
19 access to the roof, and the barns, including the barns.
20 And that's when I provided the ground maintenance contact
21 from the venue, for him to have access to the barn, and I
22 saw him walking around. Normally they do their own.
23 Unless they need the site agent for something in
24 particular, they go out and they do their own survey or
25 report, you know, **LES**, and identifying any

1 possible threats or vulnerabilities around the site.

2 Same thing with **TSD Advance Lead**, TSD, from Technical
3 Support Division. They also were on the site the same day,
4 on Wednesday afternoon, and they also did their own, you
5 know, as far as like for sweeps. And so that way they can
6 determine for **LES**

7 **LES** They would like to know like a
8 perimeter, where specifically, so they can determine the
9 amount of that it will require for sweeps.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: And you said you saw him walking around
11 --

12 **Witness**: Yes. Both of them were --

13 **HSGAC Minority**: -- after you gave them access. Did you
14 see him actually get on the roof where Hercules 1 was
15 posted?

16 **Witness**: Yes. I saw him on the roof. Because I
17 remember walking back and forth from the Security Room and
18 also from other areas for planning and staging of
19 equipment. So I remember seeing him on top of the roof and
20 the barn.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Of Hercules 1.

22 **Witness**: Of Hercules 1.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you recall seeing him on top of the
24 barn roof where Hercules 2 was positioned?

25 **Witness**: Yes. I saw him walking back and forth.

1 Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Did he ever mention to you any line of
3 sight issues from those either locations?

4 **Witness**: Both of them, what was identified in the
5 paperwork, in the attachments, no. I mean, AGR building,
6 any other buildings and the surroundings, buildings near
7 the airport, to include hangars, empty buildings, empty
8 hangars, houses, different distance, yes. Other than that,
9 no.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Did he ever mention any obstruction from
11 the trees?

12 **Witness**: I can't recall if he actually mentioned
13 anything about the trees, but I could see -- you could see
14 visibly that the tree line, it had some obstacles. I mean,
15 even from the ground level you could see there was a tree
16 line covering some of, a part of the buildings, yes.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: And did you ever see him go on the roof
18 of the AGR?

19 **Witness**: Not that I recall or that I could see.
20 Maybe he did. Maybe he did not. But again, I was, on that
21 day, unless he needed me for something in particular, I
22 was, again, walking with staff, addressing other things.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: And then did you ever go on the roof of
24 AGR?

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

1 [HSGAC Minority]: Do you know if anyone else from Secret
2 Service did?

3 [Witness]: Not that I'm aware of, ma'am.

4 [HSGAC Minority]: Okay. Do you know why there was not a
5 Counter Surveillance Unit requested?

6 [Witness]: I believe -- I'm not sure if we talked
7 about it or just discussed it with the local field office,
8 in this case Pittsburgh advance team. I'm not sure if that
9 was mentioned or brought up. But no, I'm not sure about
10 the reason why specifically we didn't ask for CSU unit.

11 [HSGAC Minority]: And you mentioned earlier that there
12 were [LES] Secret Service agents that were available to
13 respond to suspicious activity that day. Do you mind
14 walking me through who those [LES] agents were?

15 [Witness]: If I can recall. We have Agent [Intel Advance Lead]
16 He was the protective intelligence assigned for this visit.
17 There was another agent assigned for PI response also. Let
18 me check my log here.

19 [HSGAC Minority]: Is it potentially Special Agent
20 [CSRT Agent] .

21 [Witness]: [CSRT Agent] was a CS Response, Counter
22 Sniper Response. [Protective Intel Agent], site PI, was [Protective Intel Agent]
23 [Protective Intel Agent] .

24 [HSGAC Minority]: Do you mind spelling that?

25 [Witness]: [Protective Intel Agent] .

1 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority: So she --

2 [REDACTED] Witness: She would be walking alongside Agent

3 [REDACTED] Intel Advance Lead .

4 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority: Okay. And then the other [REDACTED] LES

5 [REDACTED] LES

6 [REDACTED] Witness: CS Response, and then we have a relief
7 agent, as well, available to respond or to push agents who
8 take breaks.

9 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority: Okay. So do you know where the
10 protective intelligence agents were located?

11 [REDACTED] Witness: They were [REDACTED] LES
12 Normally, as a PI agent, you can assist with any -- again,
13 it could be a [REDACTED] LES or any, you know, anyone being
14 disruptive, from the general public, it could be from the
15 outside, in the outer perimeter, inside our perimeter.
16 Unless they're specifically doing a task, doing something,
17 they could be assisting with relief to other post-standers.
18 But for that day I remember them being inside the Security
19 Room, outside, [REDACTED] LES, because we
20 have golf carts for that day, to assist with any issues.

21 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority: And are you aware of them being
22 dispatched to investigate any suspicious activity at all?

23 [REDACTED] Witness: No, ma'am. Not that I recall, and not via
24 radio traffic.

25 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority: And what about the Counter Sniper

1 Response Team?

2 **Witness** : Same thing, ma'am. I was not aware of
3 them being dispatched. I remember seeing him in the
4 Security Room, I mean, at some point, but not that I'm
5 aware of, that he was being dispatched to address any
6 situation.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. I'm just going to ask a couple
8 more questions and then turn it over for my colleague,
9 **HSGAC Minority**, to ask a couple of questions before we give it to
10 PSI minority. What is your current employment status?

11 **Witness** : My current employment status?

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** Status?

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Status, yes.

14 MR. **Witness Counsel**: Status.

15 **Witness** : Status. Operational, fully operational.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you know who, from the Donald Trump
17 detail, has been placed on administrative leave?

18 **Witness** : No, ma'am. From the Donald Trump
19 Protective Division, assigned -- I mean, during the advance
20 it was myself and **C-UAS Advance Lead** as a CUAS, and **DTD 2nd Sup.**
21 **DTD 2nd Sup.**, the second supervisor from the details for this
22 visit.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: And so to your knowledge, no one from
24 the Donald Trump Protective Detail has been put on leave?

25 **Witness** : Not that I'm aware of.

1 HSGAC Minority: Okay. Are you aware of anyone from
2 the Pittsburgh Field Office being placed on leave?

3 Witness: No, ma'am.

4 HSGAC Minority: Okay. I'll turn it over to HSGAC Minority.

5 HSGAC Minority: Thank you. I've got a few questions
6 here. HSGAC Minority, Senator Paul's office. First,
7 because we had a little question, in your own words, define
8 coverage.

9 Witness: Define -- I'm sorry.

10 HSGAC Minority: Define --

11 MR. Witness Counsel: I'm sorry. What was the word?

12 HSGAC Minority: Define -- I'm sorry. My southern
13 accent is kicking in -- coverage. We had a really good
14 discussion on whether the AGR building was covered. What
15 is your definition of covered?

16 MR. Witness Counsel: Covered?

17 HSGAC Minority: Covered. C-o-v-e-r-e-d.

18 Witness: Right. Coverage.

19 MR. Witness Counsel: Okay.

20 Witness: Coverage by having someone assigned to a
21 particular or specific area, whether it's a local or just
22 having an individual assigned to a specific area of
23 concern, to protect or restrict access to a specific
24 location.

25 HSGAC Minority: So in your definition, and we return to

1 whether the AGR building was covered or not, would the
2 fact that Thomas Crooks exploited that roof be evidence
3 that it wasn't covered?

4 **Witness** : When events happened that day, yes, sir.
5 After the events that happened that day, yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : So I think we could assume that it's
7 not covered since Thomas Crooks was able to get up there.

8 **Witness** : Had access to the building? Yes, sir.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Thank you. Also, I'd just like to say,
10 would you consider yourself a subject matter expert on
11 security?

12 **Witness** : I'm not perfect but I'm pretty confident.
13 I'm pretty confident with the job that I do. Yes, sir.

14 **HSGAC Minority** : And I think your record would display
15 that too.

16 **Witness** : Yes, sir. Other than this event I've
17 never had -- in the five-plus years that I've been with the
18 Service I've never had any issues in the past with multiple
19 visits or protective assignments that I have in the past.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : So what type of specific advance
21 training have you had with the United States Secret
22 Service, outside the basic training that you received in
23 the academy.

24 **Witness** : The basic training, I just attended a
25 small detail training, which is normally to protective

1 detail training that you receive prior to going to PPD,
2 which is Presidential Protective Division, or Vice
3 Presidential Protective Division. I received a two-week
4 training in the James Rowley Training Center from PII
5 PII

6 HSGAC Minority: Excellent. And in the advance process
7 what's your responsibility?

8 Witness: I'm sorry?

9 HSGAC Minority: What is your responsibility when it
10 came to the advance process? What were you ultimately
11 responsible for? Why did they choose you?

12 Witness: For this particular event or from previous
13 years?

14 HSGAC Minority: July 13th.

15 Witness: For July 13, it would be to act as a
16 liaison for the Donald Trump Protective Division
17 leadership, to ensure that the local field office, in this
18 case the Pittsburgh Field Office, have a better
19 understanding of the leadership, supervisor's expectations
20 for this particular visit.

21 HSGAC Minority: So part of your job is looking for
22 areas that could be exploited by an assailant. Correct?

23 Witness: In this particular, for this particular
24 visit, and normal for DTD protective, for the Donald Trump
25 Protective Division site agents it's more like concern

1 about the inner perimeter, to include areas of concern as

2 LES [REDACTED]

3 LES [REDACTED]

4 LES [REDACTED]

5 **HSGAC Minority** : So you would have no responsibility at
6 all for assuring that a known vulnerability that has been
7 pointed out to you and other people of the AGR building
8 roof, that we've already said was not covered --

9 **Witness** : We could've --

10 **HSGAC Minority** : -- would you have any responsibility at
11 all in ensuring that that was adequately taken care of and
12 mitigated?

13 **Witness** : I will say in some part maybe yes, not
14 overall --

15 **HSGAC Minority** : Correct.

16 **Witness** : -- because again, I'm not the final
17 decision maker. I mean, I can make suggestions. I can
18 assist the counterparts with the local law enforcement.
19 But, I mean, in general I would probably just have
20 recommendations but not the final say, or specifically
21 responsible for defining a specific --

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Identifying and passing on.

23 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

24 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So the fence, we kind of touched
25 on that. You mentioned briefly about heavy equipment being

1 brought in, because when we're dealing with line of sight
2 we can either just eliminate the line of sight or cover the
3 roof.

4 **Witness** : Mitigate. Yes, sir.

5 **HSGAC Minority** : Yes, correct. Mitigate and eliminate.

6 **Witness** : Mitigate. Correct.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : On the fence line, why was there no
8 barrier or any type of covering placed on that fence that
9 would, in turn, if I'm not mistaken, probably have
10 discouraged people from congregating in the AGR area.

11 **Witness** : We had some pieces of equipment. Again, I
12 don't know the reason why we didn't get additional or just
13 specific numbers of heavy equipment. But I remember seeing
14 -- I mean, in conversations with staff and the venue staff
15 and also with the counterparts, to assist with line of
16 sight vulnerabilities and line of sight issues to include
17 whether sometimes we use school buses and other -- anything
18 that can assist, obviously, anything that can help. But
19 for that day we brought heavy equipment that was placed --
20 I remember seeing, it was like a red, heavy machinery,
21 quite big, that we -- I'm not saying we, but they placed
22 right in front of a gate, around the fence line.

23 And there was also Jumbotrons, large screens, the
24 bleachers. Sometimes we utilize those types of things for
25 line of sight concerns, but not sure why specifically there

1 was nothing covering from between the fence line and the
2 AGR building. But I know there was heavy equipment, maybe
3 not positioned in the right side of the AGR building, but
4 it was heavy equipment to mitigate access through one of
5 the gates, that was posted by local law enforcement.

6 **HSGAC Minority**: So you're part of the team that assess
7 the site, comes up with a plan on ingress, egress,
8 protecting the bubble and middle, outer perimeter, in that
9 area. And you're part of the decision-making team to say
10 whether this plan is good or it's not, it's acceptable or
11 it's not. Am I correct on that. To send on. Is your name
12 on anything saying that you approved of that?

13 **Witness**: No, sir. I mean, again, we can talk and
14 discuss, have discussions as a team, and in consensus, like
15 whether we can provide recommendations. But, I mean, the
16 final say in -- I mean, normally that's the reason why we
17 conduct a final walkthrough with supervisors, **LES**
18 **LES**

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Were you part of those final
20 walkthroughs?

21 **Witness**: Yes, sir. I was there with supervisor
22 **DTD 2nd Sup.** from the Donald Trump Protective Division,
23 and Inspector **DTD Campaign Sup.** from Inspections.

24 MR. **Witness Counsel**: I just wanted to clarify something in
25 your questioning, because you used the words "final plan"

1 or the word "plan." There are so many different
2 components that are composites of the plan, that she was
3 not familiar with or responsible for. I mean, there are
4 other components. So if you're talking about a broad-based
5 plan, a final plan, I'm not sure she can answer that
6 question, to say that she's involved with the overall
7 responsibility for a final plan.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Well, I guess my question would be what
9 do you consider a final plan then? Is it the plan before
10 the operation --

11 **Witness**: Well, when they call the final walkthrough
12 they are talking about, **LES**

13 **LES** **LES**

14 **LES**

15 **LES**

16 **LES** And that way the supervisors can make
17 decisions or adjustments to that plan in place.

18 **MR. Witness Counsel** Right. But the plan also includes who is
19 going to be, for instance, posted in vulnerable buildings.
20 On the roof? Is there a line of sight on the roof? Who is
21 posted there? Who is responsible for placing those
22 individuals there? That's part of the plan. The question
23 is, is she responsible for that?

24 **HSGAC Minority**: So she bears no responsibility? Then
25 why even have site agents there.

1 **Witness** : No. Normally that's not the way the
2 Secret Service operates, not from my experience from past
3 visits.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. I'll ask it this way. Did you
5 identify any gaps in the planning process that concerned
6 you? Is that fair?

7 **Witness** : All of them -- being an outdoor
8 environment, again, everything is a concern I had at that
9 point. I mean, we try to mitigate to the best of our
10 ability with assets and resources. But everything at that
11 point is considered a vulnerability.

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** And at some point her responsibility ends
13 and somebody else's responsibility begins. The question
14 is, we have to define those borders. That's what you're
15 here for. But she's not responsible for the overall plan.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : And I apologize if I inferred that.
17 Not at all, because it is a team process. But she had to
18 have some role of responsibility.

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yeah, yeah. And she's defined --

20 **Witness** : Right. Which is according to the Donald
21 Trump Protective Division, and my main concern is to have
22 secure inner perimeter for the shift agents to operate and
23 also to serve as a liaison from DTD expectations to the
24 local field office.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Thank you.

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** But she has no expertise on counter
2 sniping. I mean, she's not dealing with that. There are
3 other components that are dealing with that. Or the
4 Counter Assault Team. There are so many different
5 components. So I'm just concerned with the use of the word
6 "final plan." That's all. Let's focus on her narrow
7 purview.

8 **PSI Minority** : Hi, **Witness**

9 **Witness** : Hi.

10 **PSI Minority** : My name is **PSI Minority** . I'm with
11 the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations for Ranking
12 Member Ron Johnson. We have about 20 minutes left before
13 the end of this period, and I'm going to turn it over to my
14 colleague, **PSI Minority** , who is joining us
15 remotely.

16 **Witness** : Thank you, sir.

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** He's where? Oh, okay. He's in the
18 ether.

19 [Pause.]

20 **PSI Minority** : All right. Well, we're going to move
21 on, as we try to work out technical difficulties.

22 **Witness** , I want to go ahead and enter into the
23 record what will be Exhibit 4.

24 [Exhibit No. 4 was
25 marked for identification.]

1 **PSI Minority** : It's coming down your way.

2 **Witness** : Sure. Thank you.

3 **PSI Minority** : **Witness**, are you familiar with this
4 document?

5 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

6 **PSI Minority** : Could you describe what this document
7 is?

8 **Witness** : Normally the Preliminary Survey is what
9 consists of assets and specifications from the Secret
10 Service for the overall visit. In this case it would cover
11 any **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **LES**

14 **LES** And also

15 **LES**

16 **LES** to include **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **LES** like I
19 said, and **LES**

20 **LES**

21 **PSI Minority** : Is this type of document created for
22 all events involve Secret Service providing security for a
23 protectee?

24 **Witness** : Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** : Is this document important?

1 **Witness** : It is.

2 **PSI Minority** : Why?

3 **Witness** : Because it provides basically information
4 pertinent to the visit which if somebody needs to look at
5 something specifically they can look at it and find the
6 answer to what they may be looking for.

7 **PSI Minority** : Is the accuracy of this document
8 important?

9 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

10 **PSI Minority** : Why is that?

11 **Witness** : Again, I mean, in case someone needs to
12 refer to it and have a question, or if there's anything
13 that needs to be addressed they can look at this document
14 and see if it's, you know --

15 **PSI Minority** : So is it correct to say that people are
16 relying on this document to determine what type of security
17 --

18 **Witness** : When they look at it, yes.

19 **PSI Minority** : Just so I can finish the question.

20 **Witness** : Some people don't look at it, but yeah, if
21 they look at it, yes.

22 **PSI Minority** : Okay. But it --

23 **Witness** : Some people they don't, yeah, sometimes
24 they don't.

25 **PSI Minority** : But from your position and your

1 expectation, this document is important so that people
2 understand the type of security that is going to be
3 provided at any given event. Is that correct?

4 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

5 **PSI Minority** : Did you contribute to this document?

6 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

7 **PSI Minority** : In what way?

8 **Witness** : Specifically, for Site 2, Site Survey for
9 the Butler Farm Show.

10 **PSI Minority** : And just so we're clear on the record,
11 when you say Site 2, is that the reference to page 5 of 10,
12 where it says Site 2 of 2?

13 **Witness** : Let me see. Yes, sir. Page 5 of 10.

14 **PSI Minority** : How did you contribute to this
15 particular page?

16 **Witness** : Normally when we first have a visit, we
17 are assigned to a visit, obviously we access this document
18 through the **LES**

19 **LES** . **LES**

20 **LES** . And we normally try to have it
21 updated as much as possible. And multiple people may have
22 access to this document, to include site agents, the lead
23 agents, Donald Trump Protective Division, Operations
24 Section, they might have access and make adjustments, if
25 needed.

1 But normally we -- I mean, normally, from my
2 experience, I normally start LES
3 LES and then we try to keep it as accurate as
4 possible and then make adjustments if needed prior to the
5 final submission.

6 PSI Minority : From your position, is this document as
7 accurate as possible?

8 Witness : At the moment that it was submitted, yes.

9 PSI Minority : And when you submitted this document,
10 who did you submit it to?

11 Witness : Normally we LES
12 LES , and then the lead agent will have final
13 review, and we'll check on everything. It's pretty much
14 how you go by a checklist, and the lead agent in this case,
15 Lead Agent , will make sure that everything is filled
16 out, you know, as accurately as possible, and then final
17 submission to OPO or Operations Section, for final
18 approval, review and final approval.

19 PSI Minority : When was this document finally -- when
20 did this document receive final approval?

21 Witness : If I can look at my --

22 PSI Minority : Approximately.

23 Witness : I believe it was Friday at 10 that we have
24 a deadline, a timeline.

25 PSI Minority : And when did you submit your --

1 **Witness** : I remember submitting -- the Site
2 Diagram and the Preliminary Survey are part of the package,
3 what we call a package. So I don't remember sending the
4 Site Diagram around Wednesday or Thursday for review to
5 DTD, Donald Trump Operations Section.

6 **PSI Minority** : So you would've sent your portion of
7 the Preliminary Survey as well as the Site Diagram on the
8 same day. Is that what you're saying?

9 **Witness** : Normally, yes. Normally the Preliminary
10 Survey will take a little longer because, again, you are
11 just adjusting numbers and estimates just trying to give,
12 you know, have the most accurate information prior to the
13 final submission, even when things change last minute,
14 meaning like changes from coming from staff or local law
15 enforcement. But we normally try to keep it as accurate as
16 possible, until final submission.

17 **PSI Minority** : I appreciate that. I want to turn your
18 attention to one of the categories on this particular page,
19 page 5, and it's titled "C/S." Is that counter sniper? Do
20 you see that? It's on the left side of the page, three-
21 fourths of the way down.

22 **Witness** : I'm sorry.

23 **PSI Minority** : The category that's labeled "C/S."

24 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

25 **PSI Minority** : Is that counter sniper?

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **PSI Minority** : And it reads "two 2-man Hercules
3 elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock."

4 **Witness** : Correct.

5 **PSI Minority** : Is it your understanding that that is
6 the location -- that was the location of the counter
7 snipers on the July 13th event?

8 **Witness** : For Hercules, yes.

9 **PSI Minority** : So as far as you know that is accurate.

10 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** : I want to turn your --

12 **Witness** : And that was for the email from CS
13 Representative **C/S Team Lead** from the email, as well.

14 **PSI Minority** : Understood. And then you entered in
15 that information, based on his email. Is that correct?

16 **Witness** : So the time that I, until final
17 submission, yes.

18 **PSI Minority** : Okay. I want to turn your attention
19 now to the next category. It's on the right side of the
20 page, even a little further down. It's called "Other
21 Assets." Do you see that?

22 **Witness** : Correct.

23 **PSI Minority** : I want to turn to the second row in
24 that category, and it says "Two 2-man local CS team,
25 elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock, barn roof." Do you see

1 that?

2 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** Is that accurate?

4 **Witness** : Not to this document.

5 **PSI Minority** And I just want to be clear, I'm asking
6 you, on July 13th was that the position of that team?

7 **Witness** : For the local counter snipers, no. It was
8 briefed -- again, sometimes when we submit this paperwork
9 it obviously has to be as accurate as possible. But there
10 is anything that needs to be briefed offline, I'm going to
11 say once the paperwork is submitted, we normally brief
12 during the post-stander briefing to make sure that
13 everybody is aware of tactical assets or special tacticals
14 from local law enforcement. And that was briefed as part
15 of -- if there's any corrections or anything that needs to
16 be addressed prior to the visit, or even during the post-
17 stander briefing, which is what we did once we noticed that
18 there was some misinformation, or not, something that was
19 not correct, we make sure that we brief that during the day
20 of the visit to ensure that everybody is aware of tactical
21 elements or positioning of local assets.

22 **PSI Minority** When you filled out this document, did
23 you believe that that was the correct position of the local
24 sniper teams?

25 **Witness** : It was probably -- I mean, I was probably

1 not aware of any maybe corrections that needed to be made
2 prior to submitting it to the lead agent for final review.

3 **PSI Minority** But as far as you knew when you
4 submitted this, you thought that was accurate?

5 **Witness**: Again, when we fill out these document
6 sometimes it's late at night, so I probably missed
7 something, or it's something that maybe I noticed that I
8 needed to correct on the following day, and maybe it didn't
9 happen. But yes, I noticed it was not correct.

10 **PSI Minority** But again, this is a document that you
11 told me earlier that people would rely on for security.

12 **Witness**: Correct. Yes. And if there's something
13 that is not correct, until final submission we will brief,
14 as we did, during the post-stander briefing for the visit.
15 Like even if it's something that's spotted that was not
16 correct, of being part of the document, same thing with the
17 **LES** was not working that day. That even when we
18 have a drone detection system that was not operational, we
19 brief the post-standers to brief anything unusual, anything
20 that they may see, or anything that might not be probably
21 accurate in the paperwork, but we brief post-standers to
22 ensure that they have the most accurate information at the
23 time of the visit.

24 **PSI Minority** When you filled the paperwork out, did
25 you have an understanding of where the local sniper teams

1 were to be located?

2 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

3 **PSI Minority** And where was that? What was your
4 understanding?

5 **Witness** : Yes, sir. Per the email that I received
6 from local, I mean our technician, **C/S Team Lead**, from CS.

7 **PSI Minority** And where was that location?

8 **Witness** : At the ten o'clock and the three o'clock
9 position.

10 **PSI Minority** Of --

11 **Witness** : From the local counter snipers. Ten
12 o'clock position off the dais, off the stage, and the three
13 o'clock position inside the AGR building.

14 **PSI Minority** And the three -- okay. The three
15 o'clock inside the AGR building.

16 **Witness** : Inside the AGR building. Yes, sir.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to turn to Exhibit 2.

18 These are the Site Diagrams that we discussed earlier.

19 That's the one, yes. And we can turn to page 2 of that.

20 **Witness**, did you contribute to this particular Site
21 Diagram?

22 **Witness** : The Site Diagram? Yes, sir. That was
23 pretty much, as a DTD site agent assigned from the detail,
24 they want you to work on the Site Diagram for any
25 particular visit.

1 **PSI Minority** And so you, exclusively, contributed
2 to this document, as in, just so I can clarify for you --

3 **Witness** : Yes, sir. I'm the one --

4 **PSI Minority** -- you were the one that created this
5 document.

6 **Witness** : -- I'm the one creating the document, and
7 then passing it around to the team for final -- I mean, for
8 additional review or concerns, yes.

9 **PSI Minority** Generally speaking, do people also rely
10 on this Site Diagram for security purposes?

11 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

12 **PSI Minority** Is accuracy of this diagram important?

13 **Witness** : Yes. It has to be reviewed by the lead
14 agent and the site counterpart from the advance team and
15 also from supervisors prior to the final submission, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** And when you submitted this document,
17 was it your understanding that it was accurate?

18 **Witness** : Yes, sir. I sent that up to the Donald
19 Trump Protective Division Operations Section for review.

20 **PSI Minority** I want to go to the category that says
21 "**LES** the second row. It says, "Two 2-man Hercules
22 elevated, 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock." Based on your
23 understanding of the location of those assets on July 13th,
24 is that accurate?

25 **Witness** : For Hercules? Yes. For the Secret

1 Service counter snipers, yes.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go to the next
3 category that says "Assets," five rows down.

4 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

5 **PSI Minority** It says, "Two 2-man local CS team,
6 elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock, barn roof." Based on
7 your understanding of the location of local sniper teams on
8 the rally --

9 **Witness** : Yes, that was some information --

10 **PSI Minority** -- is that accurate?

11 **Witness** : -- that was packed from the Preliminary
12 Survey. Because there's been some updates to **LES**
13 and originally you were supposed -- you were able to create
14 diagrams with assets and create boxes. But now everything
15 is transferred from the Preliminary Survey to the Site
16 Diagram for Operations Section.

17 **PSI Minority** Could you explain -- it was
18 transferred, as in copied and pasted?

19 **Witness** : From the previous, the other document that
20 we just discussed --

21 **PSI Minority** Mm-hmm.

22 **Witness** : -- the Preliminary Survey, yes, it would
23 transfer from this document to the Site Diagram. In
24 previous, prior to this update, we would normally **[REDACTED]**

25 **[REDACTED]**

1 LES [REDACTED] but now it's just transferred from the
2 Preliminary Survey to the Site Diagram. So the same
3 information that will look here as Assets in the one that
4 we just discussed, it will transfer to the Site Diagram, as
5 well. And that's just automatically from [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Is this on the Site Diagram, is this
8 accurate, what I just read to you?

9 Witness [REDACTED]: Since the Site Diagram is part of the
10 Preliminary Survey, no, not until the moment of the final
11 submission.

12 PSI Minority [REDACTED] So you submitted two documents that
13 contained --

14 Witness [REDACTED]: It's kind of like a combined document. A
15 Site Diagram will tag along with the Preliminary Survey.

16 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Okay. You submitted multiple pages of
17 documents, multiple pages, with inaccurate information.

18 Witness [REDACTED]: Multiple pages --

19 PSI Minority [REDACTED] But these are separate pages. Correct?

20 Witness [REDACTED]: The Site Diagram is one document, and the
21 Preliminary Survey is just combined documents along with
22 the Site Diagram. So it's all part of it.

23 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Okay. But you appreciate that this is
24 not the same page as the one we spoke about earlier?

25 Witness [REDACTED]: It's not the same, but it's a combined

1 document.

2 **PSI Minority** And they both contain information that
3 is not accurate. Correct?

4 **Witness** : Until the final submission, yes.

5 **PSI Minority** The final submission?

6 **Witness** : The final submission of the paperwork, to
7 the lead agent for review.

8 **PSI Minority** So you're saying that there's something
9 that --

10 **Witness** : I created this document for the lead agent
11 to review, and the finally, after that review has been
12 conducted, then the lead agent will be the one submitting
13 it to OPO for final approval.

14 **PSI Minority** Have you seen the final document?

15 **Witness** : Yes. It was sent from DTD, from the
16 Donald Trump Operations Section attachment.

17 **PSI Minority** Is it your understanding that that
18 final document does not contain this information that you
19 have said is not accurate?

20 **Witness** : I can't recall if I saw this again.
21 Sometimes it's late at night, prior to the visit, when they
22 submit a complete package. Normally they try to send that
23 out as soon as possible, but sometimes it's later in the
24 day. And since we submitted the paperwork to the lead
25 agent, it was submitted to the OPO. So I recall looking

1 at, yeah, a final attachment, but it was my
2 understanding that was the package that was submitted for
3 approval.

4 **PSI Minority** And it's your understanding that that
5 did not contain the information that you had previously
6 submitted?

7 **Witness** : Not from the final email. I did not open
8 that attachment on the final --

9 **PSI Minority** So you don't know. You don't know if
10 it contained.

11 **Witness** : Not for the final. For the email that was
12 attached as the final email for the rest of the event that
13 was approved, no.

14 **PSI Minority** Okay.

15 **Witness** : But again, if something is not accurate on
16 the paperwork, we make sure that, again, even with the
17 numbers not saying anything particularly in regard to
18 assets, if there's anything that is off the document, we
19 will make sure that once we get the answer we will brief
20 post-standers and anyone involved on the day of the visit,
21 so that everyone is aware of current updates or current
22 situation about local assets, tactical teams, **LES**
23 **[REDACTED]** **LES** **[REDACTED]**, and
24 stuff like that.

25 **PSI Minority** Understood. And I think maybe for

1 completeness we should -- I should go ahead and
2 introduce Exhibit 5, which is the Site Post Instructions.

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

5 **PSI Minority** **Witness**, are you familiar with this
6 document?

7 **Witness**: Yes, I am, sir.

8 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go and turn to -- and
9 for the record, this is Bates 219 through 225 -- and I want
10 to go to Bates 224, please. And the category that says
11 "Counter Sniper." Do you see that category?

12 **Witness**: Yes, sir.

13 **PSI Minority** Under that category, the third row
14 states, **LES** 2-man Butler County ESU sniper teams
15 inside AGR building at 3 o'clock off dais."

16 **Witness**: Yes sir.

17 **PSI Minority** Is that location the accurate location
18 of where the local Butler County sniper team was
19 positioned?

20 **Witness**: To my understanding, yes, sir, the day of
21 the visit. Yes. I was not inside the AGR building. I was
22 not in the surroundings. But yes, that is my
23 understanding, that that was the location for **LES** in
24 this case the Butler ESU counter snipers.

25 **PSI Minority** So this document, from your

1 understanding, is accurate.

2 **Witness** : Yes. Correct.

3 **PSI Minority** Are you aware of any document created
4 by Secret Service that stated that local sniper teams would
5 be on the roof of the AGR building?

6 **Witness** : No. I did not see anything or was not
7 aware of any information about counter snipers being on the
8 rooftop.

9 **PSI Minority** Regarding your chain of command on the
10 Donald Trump Protective Division, who is your direct
11 report, your direct supervisor?

12 **Witness** : For the visit?

13 **PSI Minority** In general. If it's the same, I'm not
14 sure.

15 **Witness** : **DTD 2nd Sup.** was the secondary
16 supervisor from the Donald Trump Protective Division.

17 **PSI Minority** And who did he report to?

18 **Witness** : This supervisor?

19 **PSI Minority** Yes.

20 **Witness** : To Deputy Assistant Agent in Charge
21 **Dep Asst Agent in Charge**.

22 **PSI Minority** And his report, do you know?

23 **Witness** : **DTD SAIC**, the Special Agent in Charge of
24 the Donald Trump Protective Division.

25 **PSI Minority** Are you familiar with the level of

1 experience of members of Donald Trump's protective
2 detail?

3 **Witness** : In general, or --

4 **PSI Minority** In general, are they veterans of the
5 Secret Service, do you know?

6 **Witness** : Some of them, yes. Some others were
7 pretty much, I don't know if -- I mean, sometimes you can
8 have supervisors that might not be assigned to protective
9 details or protective assignments before. Some others come
10 from technical divisions. But in this particular
11 situation, yes, I think we consider that we have a pretty
12 good team of veterans and people that served in multiple
13 positions and have different experiences and past
14 experience.

15 **PSI Minority** Has DHS or the Secret Service
16 instructed you not to speak with Congress?

17 **Witness** : No. Not at all.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay.

19 **Witness** : Obviously, all the opposite to be
20 cooperative and be willing to help and assist with any
21 matters related to the July 13th events.

22 **PSI Minority** Including the production of your
23 records?

24 **Witness** : Correct. Yes, correct.

25 **PSI Minority** Okay. We are about an hour into this

1 period, so we can go ahead and take a break, if you
2 would like.

3 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** If she wants to complete an answer,
5 though? You had asked a question about whether the --

6 **Witness** : Because I know --

7 MR. **Witness Counsel** Hold it. Hold it -- whether the plan
8 included a presence on the roof of AGR. Is that what your
9 question was, right?

10 **PSI Minority** I'm sorry. I missed that.

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** You asked a question, whether the plan
12 included the presence of an operator on the roof of the AGR
13 building.

14 **PSI Minority** If any document produced by Secret
15 Service had indicated whether local counter snipers --

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** Would actually be physically present on
17 the roof.

18 **PSI Minority** Yes.

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay. I want you to complete that answer
20 for us.

21 **Witness** : For this case, for this particular matter,
22 according to documents from counter snipers with Secret
23 Service, this person would be inside the AGR building is
24 the reason why, because being inside in an elevated
25 position could have a direct line of sight of that rooftop,

1 meaning the AGR building, which is the one in question
2 for this visit.

3 **PSI Minority** Well, I know -- I just mentioned about
4 a break, but I want to follow up with that one.

5 **Witness** : Okay.

6 **PSI Minority** So you mentioned that they would have
7 line of sight. How would you know that?

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** Oh, what --

9 **PSI Minority** You're --

10 **Witness** : I was not inside the AGR building, but it
11 was brought up to my concern, to my knowledge, that the
12 reason why the AGR -- I mean, the ESU units were inside the
13 building, it was because they would have a direct line of
14 sight with that rooftop.

15 **PSI Minority** Well, who communicated that to you?

16 **Witness** : I can't recall by name specifically. I
17 can say it was not **C/S Team Lead** from the Counter Sniper
18 Team. But it was brought up with someone. I cannot recall
19 that day who it specifically was, that person.

20 **PSI Minority** So it's your testimony that someone in
21 Secret Service communicated to you that the local counter
22 sniper team would have line of sight of the roof of the AGR
23 --

24 **Witness** : Inside the AGR building, yes.

25 **PSI Minority** Let me finish the question -- would

1 have line of sight of the roof of the AGR building?

2 **Witness** : Of the AGR rooftop, yes.

3 **PSI Minority** And did anyone communicate to you what
4 the line of sight of the Secret Service agents on the barn
5 roof --

6 MR. **Witness Counsel** On which one?

7 **PSI Minority** The Hercules 1 and 2.

8 **Witness** : They would have just general vision of the
9 three o'clock position, obviously. There's a tree line,
10 elevated position, the tree line, with some coverage or
11 blockage to some buildings. But yes, they would have area
12 of responsibility of the three o'clock position.

13 **PSI Minority** So it was your understanding, on July
14 13th, that both local Counter Sniper Teams as well as
15 Secret Service Counter Sniper Teams would both have line of
16 sight of the AGR roof.

17 **Witness** : Yes.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. Now we'd like to go take a
19 break.

20 **Witness** : Thank you.

21 **PSI Minority** We'll go off the record.

22 [Recess.]

23 **HSGAC Majority** We are back on the record and just have
24 a few follow-up questions. I shouldn't say a few. We have
25 some follow-up questions for you.

1 **Witness** : Sure.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you again for taking the time. I
3 understand you were involved in advanced planning, and that
4 includes a number of different components. You talked
5 about the Preliminary Site Survey, the Manpower Brief, the
6 Manpower Request. Is there a Site Security Plan?

7 **Witness** : Site Security Plan from all Secret Service
8 or --

9 **HSGAC Majority** Yes, that you're aware of, that you
10 create?

11 **Witness** : Other than the Site Diagram, no. Normally
12 we do , the Preliminary Survey, and the Site
13 Diagram. That's normally the most common paperwork.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And other than the Technical Security
15 Division Outdoor Site Survey, were there any other threat
16 assessments that you or your colleagues created, that
17 you're aware of?

18 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Is there someone responsible for
20 reviewing the state and local operations plans?

21 **Witness** : From the Secret Service?

22 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

23 **Witness** : Not specifically. I mean, normally the
24 site agent and the lead agent would look at it, just for
25 situational awareness, as far as like what that operations

1 plan entails, to include personnel, LES [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] But other than that, no, ma'am.

4 HSGAC Majority We've showed you, I think, what has been
5 previously marked as Exhibit 3, which is Pennsylvania State
6 Police Operations Plan, and I just want to clarify. Is
7 that something you received prior to the July 13th rally?

8 Witness : For this particular visit, yes. Sometimes
9 they do send an Operations Plan. Sometimes they don't.
10 I'm just talking from previous experience. But for this
11 particular site, this is the only operations plan that I
12 got from Pennsylvania State Police, yes.

13 HSGAC Majority And who is responsible for reviewing
14 that plan, from Secret Service, in this particular
15 instance?

16 Witness : Responsible? I mean, they send it out to
17 the site agent, the lead agent, and we would just look at
18 it, again for situational awareness. But saying that
19 there's someone in particular responsible or that would
20 take a look at this, no. It's more for situational
21 awareness.

22 MR. Witness Counsel Does it go to OPO?

23 Witness : I don't believe if it was submitted to OPO
24 direct. Not from myself. I don't know if Lead Agent [REDACTED] or
25 Site Counterpart [REDACTED] or someone else sent it up to OPO for review.

1 **HSGAC Majority** If there were concerns about a state
2 or local operations plan that was submitted to you or the
3 lead agent that you're working with, what is the process to
4 address those concerns?

5 **Witness**: Any one of us will probably reach out to
6 the lieutenant in charge -- in this case the Chief
7 Commander. From my contacts it will be Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge**
8 **PSP Officer in Charge**, from the PSP, or Lieutenant **PSP Lieutenant**,
9 which was the two that I was in contact with for this
10 particular visit.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And I'm showing you what's been marked
12 as Exhibit 6. This is the Local Butler Operations Plan.

13 [Exhibit No. 6 was
14 marked for identification.]

15 **HSGAC Majority** Have you seen this document before?

16 **Witness**: No, ma'am. This is the very first time
17 that I see this document.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Did you, **Lead Agent**, or Special
19 Agent **Site Counterpart**, to your knowledge, ever request the local
20 Operations Plan from Butler County?

21 **Witness**: Unless they requested it directly to them,
22 no, not that I'm aware of. But normally if it's -- again,
23 once we exchange information, if there's anything that we
24 need to know or anything that we need to obtain from them,
25 obviously that's the reason why we exchange business cards

1 with email address or phone numbers. But yes,
2 obviously, it would be beneficial for everyone involved to
3 obtain this type of documentation, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** To your knowledge, was the AGR building
5 swept prior to the event?

6 **Witness** : Not that I'm aware of, ma'am, no. Per the
7 conversation with **TSD Advance Lead**, the TSD, **LES**

8 **LES**

9 **LES**

10 **LES**

11 **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **LES**

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14 **LES**

15 **HSGAC Majority** And there were **LES** post-standers, if
16 you refer to Exhibit 3, the diagram that shows the post-
17 standers inside the fence, on page 4, Bates stamped 47.
18 They are inside the fence. So near but obviously --

19 **Witness** : Correct.

20 **HSGAC Majority** -- access --

21 **Witness** : And it was part of during the police
22 walkthrough that we conducted on July 10th with the police
23 to have -- that was part of the discussion, to have a
24 police marked unit, marked vehicle, outside of the fence
25 line and one inside of the fence line, in case there were

1 issues from either side. Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And do you know who was responsible for
3 sweeping the AGR building?

4 **Witness** : No, ma'am. Not from Secret Service. Not
5 that I'm aware of.

6 MR. **Witness Counsel** Can I just ask -- can we go offline for a
7 second and ask a question of my client?

8 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, please.

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay.

10 [Recess.]

11 **HSGAC Majority** Back on the record.

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** She hasn't seen this document.

13 **Witness** : I mean, yes, I know I was shown the
14 exhibit previously, but yes, this is the first time that I
15 see this document discussed. As far as like Secret Service
16 sweeping or being in charge of the AGR building, no. From
17 the time that it was discussed, it was the ESU, the Butler
18 County ESU that was going to be in that building for that
19 day.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge, was there any
21 discussion of who would be sweeping the building?

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

23 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

24 **Witness** : Not to my knowledge.

25 **HSGAC Majority** You mentioned Secret Service sent a

1 Counter Sniper Response Team, [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] Special Agent CSRT Agent . Is that correct?

3 Witness : CSRT Agent was the counter sniper response
4 agent assigned for that visit.

5 HSGAC Majority And is a counter sniper response agent
6 paired with a local law enforcement agent?

7 Witness : Yes, ma'am.

8 HSGAC Majority And who was the local law enforcement
9 agent Special Agent CSRT Agent was paired with?

10 Witness : I can't recall by name, but it was my
11 understanding that he was going to be assigned with a local
12 law enforcement. From the time that I saw him in the
13 Security Room, inside the Security Room, it seemed like he
14 was linked with someone. Whether it was the local or
15 someone else, I'm not sure, but I remember seeing him
16 linked up with a local counterpart.

17 HSGAC Majority Were you aware that Secret Service
18 requested a Counter Surveillance Unit asset for the July
19 13th briefing?

20 Witness : No, ma'am, not to confirmation. I know we
21 discussed, we had some discussion, but not to, you know, to
22 the confirmation that there was going to be Counter
23 Surveillance Team.

24 HSGAC Majority Have you worked events that had Counter
25 Surveillance Unit assets there before?

1 **Witness** : And previous visits in the Miami Field
2 Office, yes, but not for Donald Trump, for the time being
3 in the Donald Trump Protective Division.

4 **HSGAC Majority** But you're familiar with --

5 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

6 **HSGAC Majority** -- the Counter --

7 **Witness** : With Operations. Yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Would a CSU asset have been helpful at
9 this event?

10 **Witness** : For this particular event? I'm going to
11 say yes. I mean, I know that we have a Protective
12 Intelligence Team responding, which in this case would be
13 also -- was probably -- I'm going to say the primary
14 contact to respond to an incident, something that might be
15 suspicious. So that way, I mean, if this was probably
16 brought up to our attention, we would probably have the
17 protective intelligence agents dispatched to address this
18 particular issue **LES**. That
19 would be the normal way to respond to a situation like
20 this. **[REDACTED]**

21 **[REDACTED]**,
22 **[REDACTED]**

23 **HSGAC Majority** And can I just follow up on that, the
24 CSU? Can you talk more about what role they perform, in
25 addition to responding to reports of suspicious persons?

1 Do they have any roving responsibilities?

2 **Witness** : CSU normally assigns **LES**
3 Depending on how many, obviously, are assigned, they are

4 **LES**

5 **LES**

6 **LES**

7 **LES** . Something that they
8 may probably respond and address right there, right on
9 time.

10 But yes, it's more like an **LES**
11 **LES** , and identifying suspicious activities or
12 issues.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Did you do a walkthrough of the event
14 site with any Trump campaign staff?

15 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am. That was the initial
16 walkthrough on Monday. That was actually what initiated
17 the events. That was conducted on Monday, July 8th, at 10
18 a.m., with **Campaign Staff Lead** from campaign staff.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall if **Campaign Staff Lead** or any
20 other campaign staff who were present on that day gave
21 input or raised concerns about the site, about potential
22 vulnerabilities?

23 **Witness** : No, ma'am, not at all. Once they select a
24 site, obviously we talk about -- it's more like a Secret
25 Service role to discuss line of sight issues and have that

1 conversation. But nothing like to their concern, other
2 than being, obviously, an open, an outdoor event, an open
3 field, surrounded by buildings and stuff, nothing was
4 brought up to our concern. To be an issue, I mean, that
5 could prevent maybe the visit happening.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware of any concerns about
7 placing additional equipment, farm equipment, trucks that
8 would, you know, hinder press shots?

9 **Witness** : I mean, absolutely. For a site like this
10 I could say maybe, like, I wish we could have everything
11 that we can. I mean, I know sometimes we operate with
12 minimum assets or minimum resources. I remember that local
13 law enforcement also filling or supporting another visit.
14 In this case it was the First Lady also being in the
15 Pittsburgh area. And I know they have resources,
16 obviously, to work with the First Lady's detail. So it was
17 kind of like a split operations or planning.

18 But again, I mean, I wish, for this type of event,
19 even if it's more like an outdoor event that we have, that
20 we can request and obtain everything that we can to ensure
21 a secure site.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And I just want to make sure I
23 understand. So to your knowledge was equipment offered and
24 then denied because of concerns about blocking a press
25 shot, to your knowledge?

1 **Witness** : No, ma'am. The only thing that we got
2 -- and I'm not going to say pushback from staff, and that
3 was in the final walkthrough with the supervisor **LES** .
4 It was more like they wanted to have like a shot, a
5 picture, a background view. But it was more like in the
6 ten o'clock position. That was nothing to do with the AGR
7 building, but it was more like in that area by nine or ten
8 o'clock, with the pond. And that's something that they
9 discussed in the presence of the supervisor, like we would
10 like to have a shot from this angle, but obviously we came
11 to an agreement that it was only a specific area to have a
12 good picture. But there would be some blocking vehicles in
13 between, I mean, not to interfere with the picture, but
14 there would be some blocking vehicles there for line of
15 sight concerns.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Former President Trump recently held a
17 rally, an outdoor rally, in North Carolina, where Secret
18 Service utilized protective glass. Was that something that
19 was discussed for the July 13th event, given all of the
20 line of sight vulnerabilities that were raised?

21 **Witness** : That's something that we would think of,
22 but again, for former Presidents we don't. There are some
23 certain things that we don't -- I'm not going to say that
24 we cannot request, but that we're not granted, just because
25 being a former President. Unless, again, this is

1 justification for this particular event, I would say my
2 own opinion that that definitely would be beneficial to
3 have protective glass, and that would be maybe an approach
4 or maybe a request that we could probably --

5 **HSGAC Majority** When you mentioned resources that
6 wouldn't be, or assets that wouldn't be granted, why
7 wouldn't they be granted? Is that a resource issue?

8 **Witness** : I cannot say for what's available and
9 what's not. I mean, obviously that's above my pay grade
10 but above my level, to my knowledge. But obviously, I
11 mean, there are some requests that are more like, I'm going
12 to say restricted or limited to other protectees, in this
13 case the President of the United States or the Vice
14 President, kind of like that.

15 **HSGAC Majority** I'd like to ask some follow-up questions
16 about the communications and the Secret Service Security
17 Room that day as well as the Pennsylvania State Police
18 Command Post that day. Was someone from Secret Service in
19 the Pennsylvania State Police Command Post that day?

20 **Witness** : No, ma'am, because that was not part of
21 the plan, the discussion. It was the opposite. It was
22 supervisor having the Security Room and having a person
23 assigned from each department inside our Security Room for
24 direct coms and clear understanding, so everyone is on the
25 same page in case something needed to be passed along.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Is that typical to not have anyone
2 from Secret Service in the state Command Post?

3 **Witness** : In this case, this was, I'm going to say,
4 uncommon, because normally we would have a Secret Service
5 Command Post and a Secret Service Security Room. In this
6 case it was just offered from the Pennsylvania State Police
7 that they offered to have a Command Post, kind of more like
8 a trailer, a mobile Command Post.

9 When I spoke with **PSP Officer in Charge** from PSP, from the
10 Pennsylvania State Police, it was more like to utilize that
11 trailer for line of sight at the ten o'clock or the three
12 o'clock position ground level. So it was more like for
13 covering. I know they offered to have a Command Post on
14 the site, and they say that they will utilize that trailer
15 also for their own communications and as a down room for
16 their own personnel. But it was never discussed to have a
17 Secret Service person inside that Command Post.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And I want to make sure I understand
19 what was present that day. So we have the Secret Service
20 Security Room --

21 **Witness** : Right.

22 **HSGAC Majority** -- and then the Pennsylvania State
23 Police Command Post.

24 **Witness** : Command Post at a different location.
25 Correct.

1 **HSGAC Majority** During the duration of the rally,
2 were you in the Secret Service Security Room?

3 **Witness** : I was in and out, because multiple radio
4 traffic needed the site agent to address multiple, I'm
5 going to say issues, throughout, like medical incidents,
6 additional sweeps for equipment, and additional personnel
7 that needed access to the site. Normally those are the
8 types of concerns that they would call a site agent for,
9 whether that person is going to get, you know, grant access
10 to them or issues at the magnetometers, whether you're
11 dealing with a special guest or a VIP that needs to be
12 addressed to campaign staff.

13 So I was in and out of the Security Room. I cannot
14 say that I spent a specific amount, an hour or two. I was
15 just basically in and out. Mostly when I have to address --
16 get optics from Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** for the drone detection
17 system, and that kind of stuff.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Within the Secret Service Security Room,
19 you mentioned Pennsylvania State Police officer as well as
20 a sheriff --

21 **Witness** : The Sheriff's Department. Correct.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Is the Pennsylvania State Police
23 Officer, is that Sergeant **PSP Site Liaison**?

24 **Witness** : I cannot say by name, because again, it
25 was multiple people, I mean, personnel working for that

1 day. I know when we did a walkthrough it was
2 approximately 40 to 45 police officers walking around,
3 which that's not common. Normally it's just one
4 representative from each department, but for that day it
5 was just many of them, like just from the Sheriff, from the
6 PSP, and same for the Security Room. I cannot say by name
7 who was there.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Is there a log that exists of who was
9 stationed in the Secret Service Security Room, both from
10 the --

11 **Witness** : Normally we do have a Security Room book
12 that is normally prepared by the local field office, and I
13 think I recall seeing one when **SAIC Buffalo**, when we had the
14 discussion of whether he had any questions or there were
15 any issues with the radio coms, which we noticed there was
16 an issue identified maybe, I might say maybe around 2:00 or
17 3:00, when we noticed. I was there at that time, and we
18 could hear -- we were utilizing radio frequency **Channel** for
19 post-standers and **Channel** for the shift detail. But we could
20 see some radio transmissions from the First Lady's detail,
21 **LES** .

22 And at that point that's when **SAIC Buffalo** decided to
23 make a phone call to the lead agent for the First Lady. And
24 it ended up being like they were utilizing the same radio
25 frequency. So at that point **SAIC Buffalo**, being the most

1 senior person inside the Security Room, made the
2 decision to transition -- to switch from radio frequency
3 **Channel** to radio frequency **Channel** for all post-standers. And
4 that was being put out through the radio, to make sure that
5 everyone was aware and to move from one radio channel to
6 the other.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And the log is who is actually stationed
8 in the Site Security Room or the Secret Service Security
9 Room that day. That would be called the security book?

10 **Witness** : It could be. If there was one for that
11 particular day it would probably be in the Security Room
12 booklet. Yes, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And just for the record, we will request
14 from DHS the security book from that day.

15 Do you know who the Sheriff official was who was in
16 the --

17 **Witness** : Sheriff? Well, my contact for the
18 Sheriff's Department was **Butler Co. Sheriff** . I believe he was -
19 - when I saw him, and maybe during the conversations that
20 we had, he was posted mostly in the motorcade route for the
21 arrival. **LES**

22 **LES**

23 **HSGAC Majority** And I want to make sure I have something
24 correct that you said earlier. You mentioned 40 to 45
25 people in the Security Room that day?

1 **Witness** : No, no. That was during the
2 walkthrough. That was during the police walkthrough.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

4 **Witness** : We had Beaver, Butler County personnel,
5 the Sheriffs, and PSP.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Approximately how many people,
7 understanding like you're in the room and then you're
8 walking out, but, you know, understanding there's a flow,
9 you know, what is the range of people that are in the
10 Secret Service Security Room on July 13th?

11 **Witness** : For this particular visit, since obviously
12 we have many departments of personnel working, it would
13 probably be no less, maybe, eight or ten.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And is that a typical number?

15 **Witness** : It depends on the size of, you know, the
16 type of visit, whether it's an indoor or outdoor event.
17 But for this event, because of the audience and, you know,
18 being a large event, you know, with high visibility, yeah,
19 it would be a common number.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Who decides who is stationed in the
21 Secret Service Security Room?

22 **Witness** : Normally there will be a Security Room
23 agent to ensure that the person that's supposed to be there
24 from each department is there, at all times, or at least
25 taking either breaks in between or ensure that someone from

1 each department is there.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Who was the Security Room agent that
3 day?

4 **Witness** : It was **SAIC Buffalo** .

5 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And is he the individual who is
6 in charge of the communications that day, monitoring --

7 **Witness** : He was monitoring the radios and in
8 charge, pretty much, of the Security Room. Yes, ma'am.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And is **SAIC Pittsburgh** also the individual
10 who is in charge of monitoring the state and local radio
11 frequencies?

12 **Witness** : I would say so, yes. Because he's the one
13 inside the room, so he --

14 MR. **Witness Counsel** Do you know in fact that's the case or
15 are you speculating?

16 **Witness** : Yes. I mean, by him, the person assigned
17 to the Security Room, is the person that's monitoring the
18 operations inside the Security Room, and monitoring the
19 radio frequencies, to include radio checks, yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** How was the room set up? Was it, you
21 know, small enough where you could hear someone talking on
22 the phone? How large was it? Can you kind of walk us
23 through what it looked like?

24 **Witness** : It was maybe like a room like this size
25 probably. I mean, you have like a table in the middle. I

1 was like a round table, rectangular table. It was, I
2 would say, pretty much about the same size, with chairs and
3 tables, like a round table, that you could place a
4 computer, radio, or anything that you needed to
5 communicate, operate that day.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And I want to ask a clarifying question
7 about the conversation that we talked about, where you
8 mentioned local law enforcement said they did not have the
9 manpower to lock down the AGR building. To your
10 recollection, when did that conversation occur? Did it
11 occur during the walkthrough on July 11th --

12 **Witness** : Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** -- that's when it occurred.

14 **Witness** : It was on the walkthrough. It was nothing
15 official. It was just on the walkthrough, just walking
16 around.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

18 **Witness** : And, I mean, we walked the inner
19 perimeter, the outer perimeter, and that's pretty much when
20 it happened, when walking along that fence line. And
21 that's when I have the confirmation from Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge**
22 from Pennsylvania State Police, that they will have a
23 marked unit, marked vehicle inside the fence line and one
24 inside to deal with any situations or any issues during the
25 visit.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Witness**, are you familiar
2 with Counter Assault Team LNO?

3 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And what is that?

5 **Witness** : CAT -- I mean, the acronym for CAT -- the
6 CAT doesn't always liaison between the Secret Service and
7 the local tactical team. They're pretty much, prior to the
8 visit, sometimes they do send a CAT advance or a Counter
9 Assault LNO for the events, but not for this one. I
10 remember being in contact with **CAT Advance Lead**. He was our CAT
11 team leader or CAT LNO for this visit. I remember sending
12 him some of the map diagrams from the local, from PSP,
13 since he wasn't there in person, so he can have at least a
14 visual of where he could possibly have the local tactical
15 team located for the day of the visit. What would be the
16 best location for tactical assets during the visit.

17 **HSGAC Majority** So there was no CAT LNO at the rally on
18 the 13th.

19 **Witness** : No. Not during the event. It was there
20 for the 13th. They were part of the traveling detail on
21 July 13th.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry. So you're saying there was an
23 LNO in the advance planning, in the lead-up to the 13th,
24 just not on the 13th? Is that what you're saying?

25 **Witness** : Yeah, there was a CAT team leader, CAT

1 identify, but they were not present during the events.

2 They were not on the site prior to July 13th.

3 **HSGAC Majority** I see. Is it your understanding that

4 **CAT Advance Lead** was an LNO?

5 **Witness** : No. He was just part of the CAT team,

6 yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Do you know if it was ever
8 contemplated or requested that there be an LNO at the 13th?

9 **Witness** : No, sir. Not that I was, not to my
10 concern. And it wasn't part of the discussions with --
11 these guys will be from the detail **DTD 2nd Sup.**, Supervisor
12 **DTD 2nd Sup.**.

13 **HSGAC Majority** You don't know why it wasn't requested?

14 **Witness** : No, sir.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Would it have been helpful or beneficial
16 that day?

17 **Witness** : I would say so, yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And why do you think so?

19 **Witness** : By having someone from Secret Service, and
20 in this case from the tactical element, yes, I believe that
21 it would be beneficial, because that way they would have
22 eyes on site, and that way maybe have a better approach or
23 better suggestions or recommendations for either Secret
24 Service or the local counterparts, in this case local law
25 enforcement tactical elements.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Regarding the report of
2 the suspicious person, I think you said earlier that you
3 never received that report, and the first time you ever
4 heard of anything --

5 **Witness** : Unfortunately not. I was -- and I put it
6 out there like this -- to my frustration, no, it was never
7 brought up to my concern, not a phone call, not a text
8 message, nothing about anything suspicious. Other than at
9 4:30, between 4:30 and 5:00, when I send my last text
10 messages to the chief leader on the plane, other than
11 medical issues and other minor issues with the crowd or
12 with the heat or the weather, there was no other concerns
13 or anything suspicious at that point to pass along to them.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Have you since become aware that
15 the locals were aware of a suspicious person?

16 **Witness** : Yes, sir. I found out later on,
17 obviously, after the events happened.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Should you have been made aware that
19 there was --

20 **Witness** : Absolutely, because I was the direct point
21 of contact to the detail leader, in this case, **DTD SAIC** .
22 So whether to allow the protectee to come off stage or get
23 him off the stage and stuff like that. I would be the
24 first person to notify the detail that it was not safe --
25 it was not safe to bring the protectee in or out.

1 **HSGAC Majority** I see. So you're part of the
2 decision-making process about whether to prevent the
3 protectee from coming on the stage or to take him off the
4 stage?

5 **Witness** : I would be the primary contact between --
6 with the detail leader or the chief agent. That's the
7 reason why it will probably be my primary radio frequency
8 would be **Channel** That way I can communicate directly with
9 the chief agents of the detail, the Donald Trump detail,
10 yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And we've heard a lot about the idea of
12 a suspicious person, and whether that is necessarily the
13 same as a threat. Can you talk generally about how you
14 analyze that kind of information? If you get a report of a
15 suspicious person --

16 **Witness** : Something suspicious, just someone that
17 may look odd. I mean, somebody may look odd, like maybe
18 away from other people from the crowd, maybe obviously for
19 this type of event you might see family members or people
20 gathering or having a good time. But something suspicious
21 would be, in this case, yeah, somebody maybe pacing in and
22 out, back and forth, looking around, for something
23 specific. A threat is obviously something that could cause
24 harm, directly cause harm to the public or to a specific
25 person, meaning that person is holding a firearm or

1 holding, you know, a device that may be cause for
2 deadly, in a deadly way, or to cause bodily harm, injury,
3 or stuff like that. Something suspicious is just someone
4 that may look odd, and you can approach to ask some
5 questions, yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. And how does the possession of a
7 rangefinder by a suspicious person factor into that
8 consideration about how suspicious or what level of threat
9 a suspicious person is?

10 **Witness** : If I see that, like my own perspective, if
11 I see someone with a rangefinder that is not law
12 enforcement, or is not just a regular binoculars, yes, that
13 would be something that I would definitely probably address
14 myself, and maybe I would ask questions myself.

15 **HSGAC Majority** How would it factor into your decision
16 about whether to consider recommending that the protectee
17 not take the stage, or be taken off the stage?

18 **Witness** : To me, if there was something put out on
19 the radio or maybe a phone call or a text message, "Hey, we
20 just have a situation here. We have to interview someone,"
21 that's something maybe not to make a decision but maybe
22 something, some information that we definitely will pass
23 along to the detail leader, which is ultimately the person
24 in charge to whether to make a decision to bring the
25 protectee in or off the stage. So that was something, at

1 any point there was something with the word
2 "suspicious," that definitely would be something that I
3 would pass along to the supervisors to make a decision
4 whether to bring him off the stage, yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Apologies if you already
6 said this, but where were you when shots were fired?

7 **Witness** : I'm sorry?

8 **HSGAC Majority** Where were you when shots were fired?

9 **Witness** : I was actually making the phone call when
10 that radio traffic came through the radio that locals were
11 dealing with something, some issues at three o'clock
12 position. That's when the detail leader told me to find
13 out what's going on. The next this is I'm in between the
14 bleachers and the spare vehicle, the armored vehicle that
15 was parked near the stage. So I'm making the phone call to
16 **Site Counterpart**, and that phone call only lasted 31 seconds,
17 and that's one of the screen shots I provided to the
18 inspector in Secret Service.

19 In 31 seconds I made a phone call to **Site Counterpart**,
20 since she was going to be roving around the outer
21 perimeter, and being on the radio frequency for post-
22 standers. My phone call was, "Hey, **Site Counterpart** what's going on?
23 We just heard something going on at the three o'clock
24 position. The detail leader needs to know. What's going
25 on at the three o'clock position?" Her response at that

1 point was like, "I don't know. What are you talking
2 about? I don't know what's going on at the three o'clock."
3 And that really shocked me at that point, and that's when,
4 31 seconds later, shots were fired.

5 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. You said that --

6 **Witness** : That was the last communication.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And did you say that shocked you? Is
8 that what you just said?

9 **Witness** : Well, yes. I mean, because by me being
10 in, I mean, with the detail, I probably could not hear
11 something through the radio. Maybe by her being outside,
12 or maybe, I don't know what was her location at that point,
13 whether she was in the Security Room or just walking
14 around. Because, again, we were just handling multiple
15 issues with the crowd, trying to prevent access, or people
16 jumping off the bike racks, or getting access to a secure
17 site. I know there were a lot of things that we were
18 trying, you know, dealing with on that day, to include the
19 medical issues or incidents that we had.

20 But yes, during that phone call it seemed like she was
21 not aware of what was going on at the three o'clock
22 position, and again 31 seconds later, that was my
23 notification, shots being fired, which I thought it was
24 someone from the crowd. And I did not know, at that point,
25 whether the threat was coming left or right, only, you

1 know, coming in front of the stage. I had no clue where
2 the threat -- the type of threat that I was dealing with or
3 where that threat was coming from.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe Secret Service counter
5 snipers take a shot?

6 **Witness**: No. Well, prior to the arrival of the
7 protectee I do remember seeing the Hercules 1 and 2 with
8 binoculars, looking at the three o'clock position. Because
9 obviously they were in an elevated position, but there were
10 times, prior to the arrival, when I saw, being in the area,
11 making sure that everything was running smooth prior to the
12 arrival, seeing the Secret Service snipers looking, using
13 their binoculars, and, you know, being in position.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And sorry. Taking a step back, when you
15 became aware of the issue being addressed at the three
16 o'clock, did you ask state or locals anything further about
17 how they were handling the issue?

18 **Witness**: Honestly and literally, we have no time,
19 because it was like around 6:09. He was already in the few
20 minutes of his speech, of his remarks. So when we heard
21 the issue going on, on the radio traffic, the three
22 o'clock, I was right there by the stage. So basically I
23 cannot move or make any phone call unless directed by the
24 detail leader. So that's when, seconds later, he told me
25 to go outside and find out what was going on at the three

1 o'clock position. So my first phone call was to [Site Counterpart]
2 [Site Counterpart] which was probably maybe, my first thought was
3 maybe she knew, or maybe she heard something that we
4 didn't.

5 [HSGAC Majority] Is that not something you can inquire
6 about over the radio?

7 [Witness]: Yes, but again, I was on radio frequency
8 [Channel] and even after the incident I was trying to
9 communicate to the Security Room. I don't know if they
10 could hear me at that point because it was after I was
11 requesting medical assistance for civilians that were
12 wounded. But I was not getting a response back. So I
13 don't know if they could hear me, or if there was a
14 particular issues with radios, communications that were
15 maybe broken down or a breakdown in radio coms at that
16 point. All I could hear was the three o'clock position. I
17 could not hear anything else, whether it was from the
18 Security Room or the post-stander's perspective, position,
19 or anything else.

20 [HSGAC Majority] Okay. I'd like to state, for the
21 record, for Agency counsel, that we'd like to request
22 Special Agent [Witness] call logs from that day. She was
23 just testifying about making phone calls about the issue at
24 three o'clock.

25 MR. [Agency Counsel] There was no recordings of that day.

1 There was no phone call recordings.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Not the recordings, but at least a phone
3 call log. Special Agent **Witness** used her phone that day,
4 with the timestamps.

5 MR. **Agency Counsel** I'm not sure if we have that. I have to
6 check. I'm sorry. I'm trying to get the other documents
7 for everybody. I'm not sure about that, if we even have
8 those.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. We'll follow up.

10 You mentioned you didn't see the Secret Service
11 counter snipers fire their weapon. Is that right?

12 **Witness** : No. At that point I was making the phone
13 call, and again, as soon as I heard shots being fired, I
14 proceeded to the stage. That's when I saw the detail on
15 top of the protectee, covering. And when I saw one of my
16 teammates from the detail running to move to get the **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe any local law
20 enforcement fire their weapon that day?

21 **Witness** : No. I saw them when I was making the
22 phone call, I think when heard the first few rounds. Maybe
23 that was three or four. I can't recall. But when I heard
24 the first few rounds going off I remembered seeing local
25 law enforcement wearing black uniforms, tactical uniforms,

1 with the long guns, running in the three o'clock
2 position. But I did not see anyone firing their weapons or
3 anything. But I saw the tactical law enforcement running
4 towards the three o'clock position.

5 **HSGAC Majority** So clearly you were very closely
6 involved in the planning for the Butler Farm Show rally
7 site. And like you said earlier, the fact that Mr. Crooks
8 was able to shoot from that roof is evidence that that roof
9 and that building were not covered, in some way. Is that
10 indicative that any kind of planning for the event
11 contributed to that ability of Mr. Crooks to get on the
12 roof?

13 **Witness** : After the incident? Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** How so?

15 **Witness** : I mean, because how someone from the
16 public, just the general, someone that was not part of, you
17 know, was in Secret Service or law enforcement, was able to
18 get on a rooftop? I mean, that's obviously something that
19 you don't plan for, but obviously could have been
20 prevented, for sure.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And again, because you were intimately
22 involved in the planning for the rally, is it your
23 assessment that any of the planning contributed to that
24 ability of Mr. Crooks to be able to take shots from that
25 position?

1 **Witness** : Maybe --

2 MR. **Witness Counsel** When you say, again, planning, I think we
3 have to define the boundaries of her role in the planning
4 versus other comments. The question is who was responsible
5 for posting operator to cover the AGR building, either by a
6 line of sight or on the roof? Who was responsible for
7 that? And whoever was responsible for that, did that
8 officer remain on post? Did that officer abandon the post?
9 But how can she possibly answer that?

10 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. Let me ask it this way. I
11 certainly don't want you to speculate about anything that
12 was beyond your --

13 MR. **Witness Counsel** So you understand?

14 **Witness** : Absolutely. Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** So maybe I can ask it this way. From
16 your role, what you were responsible for, what you
17 witnessed, what you contributed to, among that --

18 **Witness** : From my role, my responsibility was to be
19 in charge of the inner perimeter, to include the stage, the
20 movements of the protectee. **LES**

21 **LES**

22 **LES**

23 **LES**

24 **LES**

25 That was my role, as the site agent, for the Donald Trump

1 Protective Division.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Right. And everything we discussed at
3 the top, at the beginning of this interview, about your
4 role in planning for the event and laying out, helping to
5 contribute to the laying out of the security perimeter, et
6 cetera, is your assessment that any of those actions had
7 any role in the ability of Mr. Crooks to get on that roof
8 and take a shot from there?

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** Any of your actions.

10 **Witness** : No. Not at all.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have any assessment of anyone
12 else's role or responsibilities or any action performed
13 that may have contributed to that ability of Mr. Crooks to
14 get on that roof?

15 **Witness** : You know, not with fact like to my
16 knowledge, no.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

18 **Witness** : When we -- that's -- after this event,
19 obviously, when we say Secret Service perimeter, the inner
20 perimeter, obviously a Secret Service event, but at some
21 point we have local law enforcement in the outer perimeter
22 for a reason. The local law enforcement, whether it's the
23 Sheriff or the State Police, we normally have inner
24 perimeter secured by Secret Service post-standers as one of
25 the layers of security, and the outer perimeter at some

1 point would be the responsibility of the county or the
2 local counterparts.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

4 **Witness**: To include, in this case, it's part of the
5 planning for the Butler ESU unit to have -- to be in charge
6 of, to have some coverage of the AGR building, in this
7 case.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And, you know, clearly the
9 former President was shot. Former Director Cheatle
10 testified before Congress that there were failures by the
11 Secret Service. Acting Director Rowe testified before
12 Congress that there were failure. Do you agree that there
13 were failures by the Secret Service that day?

14 **Witness**: I cannot say 100 percent with Secret
15 Service, no. My own testimony, to this day, I cannot say
16 it was 100 percent Secret Service. Absolutely not.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Do you have any lessons learned,
18 either for yourself, for your team, or for the Secret
19 Service from that day?

20 **Witness**: A lot.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Can you elaborate?

22 MR. **Witness Counsel** You can elaborate. It's okay.

23 **Witness**: Absolutely. Like communications would be
24 a key, like whether -- I know technology fails sometimes,
25 but again, as the Secret Service, we have a no-fail

1 mission, and again, we rely a lot on local counterparts,
2 to include local law enforcement. I cannot say sometimes
3 people are too complacent, maybe because other visits have
4 been successful or nothing has happened, and maybe some
5 people sometimes they are just too complacent, within their
6 roles and responsibilities or assuming their positions. In
7 this case, absolutely, I can see that communications is a
8 key for everyone involved in any type of visit. Whether
9 maybe we could have additional assets, in this case a
10 glass, a ballistic glass, surrounding the protectee,
11 that's, yes, definitely another thing that I would
12 definitely think of.

13 If it's an outdoor event, I'm not a huge fan of
14 outdoor events, for any protectee in particular, but this
15 one, in particular, is a very high profile, especially
16 because it's an official candidate for the presidency. I
17 mean, outdoor events is something huge, especially when you
18 have active threats, and that's something that I would
19 definitely, if it was my decision, to ensure that we have
20 every single asset that we need to ensure a secure site.
21 That's something that we definitely will have to consider,
22 and, you know, get the resources from whatever, needed.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Is it a failure that the protectee was
24 shot that day?

25 **Witness** : Clearly, yes. It would never happen.

1 Absolutely not.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And local law enforcement informed
3 Secret Service that they did not have the manpower to lock
4 down the AGR building.

5 **Witness** : Only from the Pennsylvania State Police.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Let me ask the question. Local law
7 enforcement informed Secret Service that they did not have
8 the manpower to lock down the AGR building. You testified
9 as part of your responsibilities as a site agent was to
10 plan, decide at the beginning, decide the amount of support
11 needed from state and local law enforcement, and decide the
12 amount and support needed from the Secret Service.

13 Based on your direct knowledge of the planning, from
14 July 8th through the entire week, and the components that
15 you were responsible for, and that you oversaw and were
16 aware of, what contributed, what went wrong that day?

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** She has already testified --

18 **HSGAC Majority** I know. She has not.

19 **Witness** : To be honest --

20 **HSGAC Majority** She has not answered this question.

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** Yes, she has.

22 **HSGAC Majority** What went wrong that day?

23 **Witness** : To be honest, that's the same question I'm
24 asking to myself to this day -- what went wrong? Because
25 when I left Friday at eight o'clock that night, with the

1 supervisors, I left, we left pretty confident that we
2 have a secure site, that we did everything that we could,
3 to the best of our ability, to ensure a secure site, that
4 asked and requested for every asset possible or available,
5 to ensure that we have a secure site. When we left Friday
6 night, everything was briefed. We briefed detail leaders
7 who provides us everything and says no one says a single
8 question about anything, about assets.

9 **HSGAC Majority** I am not asking what you did. I am
10 asking what went wrong that day, based on your direct
11 experience in planning from that week.

12 **Witness** : Not from my perspective. Not from my
13 planning.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Not specifically related to you.

15 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

16 **HSGAC Majority** From the advance planning that you were
17 involved in and aware of, what went wrong that day, that
18 led to the protectee being shot.

19 **Witness** : The AGR building was not part of our site.
20 The AGR building was not considered part of our perimeter,
21 when once we got the site selected from staff, from the
22 campaign staff, we asked the question, where the stage is
23 going to be, what the site is going to be. So that's when
24 we consider landscaping, we consider residential areas, we
25 consider buildings. But that building was not part of our

1 perimeter, our secure perimeter. When we say, when we
2 identify buildings and surroundings that out of perimeter,
3 that's more local law enforcement responsibilities to
4 ensure that they have secure areas of responsibilities,
5 whether it's access through a gate, access through a
6 building, access to a parking lot, and that kind of stuff.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And when local law enforcement informed
8 Secret Service they don't have the manpower to secure a
9 vulnerability --

10 **Witness** : Mm-hmm. From Pennsylvania State Police,
11 not --

12 **HSGAC Majority** Well --

13 **Witness** : Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Then --

15 MR. **Witness Counsel** There are other components of law
16 enforcement.

17 **HSGAC Majority** No. Please. You're not the witness.
18 You're not testifying. I need to ask the question.

19 **Witness** : At that point it was Butler County --

20 MR. **Witness Counsel** But --

21 **HSGAC Majority** Respectfully --

22 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- the plans show that they did --

23 **Witness** : Butler County was in charge of that.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Respectfully, Mr. **Witness Counsel** you're not the
25 witness. I need to ask the question. And the question is,

1 when local law enforcement informed Secret Service they
2 don't have the manpower to secure a building that has been
3 identified as a vulnerability threat --

4 **Witness** : At that --

5 **HSGAC Majority** -- whose responsibility is it to cover
6 the building?

7 **Witness** : At that point our response was the Butler
8 County ESU unit would have coverage of that building,
9 whether it's inside, outside. The Butler County said they
10 will have coverage from that building.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And it's your understanding that Butler
12 County local law enforcement did not tell you they did not
13 have the manpower.

14 **Witness** : No. They did not. Not to myself. Whether
15 they did that to another Secret Service agent or another
16 Secret Service personnel, that's a different story. Not to
17 myself, to my knowledge and concern.

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And I apologize. I believe we're going
20 to need to go just a little bit over 5:15, because I went
21 over on our time --

22 **Witness** : It's okay.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** It's all right.

24 **HSGAC Majority** -- and I want to make sure that our
25 colleagues have the same amount of time to ask questions.

1 I'll turn it over to my colleague from PSI.

2 **PSI Majority** Yeah. I just have a couple of quick
3 follow-up questions. One, did I understand you correctly
4 when you said, because **HSGAC Majority** had asked if you should be
5 made aware if there is a suspicious individual, and you
6 said that yes, you should.

7 **Witness**: As a site agent for the Donald Trump,
8 specifically for the detail. Now I'm not talking about
9 Pittsburgh, but specifically for the Donald Trump
10 Protective Division, because I'm the direct contact with
11 the detail leader, the one who makes the decisions to bring
12 on or off the protectee on stage. Yes, I will be the one
13 to be aware -- at least at a bare minimum, the one --

14 **PSI Majority** So if there is deemed to be a threat,
15 you're the one making the call, saying pull him off the
16 stage.

17 **Witness**: Not the call, but talking to the direct
18 leader to make the determination of whether to bring him on
19 or off the stage.

20 **PSI Majority** And was that discussion ever began?
21 Did you ever begin the discussion of whether to pull him
22 off the stage, or was --

23 **Witness**: No, because I never received anything
24 suspicious. There was nothing that was brought up to my
25 concern that was not even a situation, dealing with a

1 situation, other than the locals dealing with something
2 at the three o'clock position. It could be a heckler. It
3 could be anything at that point. There was nothing brought
4 up to my concern that there was an individual, a suspicious
5 individual, someone with a rangefinder, someone with a
6 firearm. There was nothing passed on to myself, to my
7 attention. There was nothing suspicious that day.

8 **PSI Majority** Okay. And what typically would you
9 need to know? What would you hear that would trigger you
10 making that call and saying, "We need to pull him off the
11 stage," or the protectee, whether it's Trump or anybody
12 else.

13 **Witness** : As soon as we got the radio traffic that
14 there was something going on at the three o'clock, that's
15 when the direct leader, standing right next to me,
16 instructed me to go outside and make that phone call, yes.

17 **PSI Majority** Make a phone call --

18 **Witness** : Make a phone call to find out what was
19 going on at three o'clock, because there was nothing clear
20 at that point. They did not know. I did not know.

21 **PSI Majority** But it gets to the matter of best
22 practices, what would trigger that decision. I know that's
23 a hypothetical, but in what kind of circumstance would the
24 situation arise where you would need to --

25 **Witness** : Because the detail lead is probably the

1 person to know what's going on, at any particular, at
2 any given time. If there's any incident with someone from
3 the crowd, if there's anything in general that could
4 potentially be a suspicious, LES

5 LES

6 LES, that's something
7 that the detail leader will definitely need to know.

8 PSI Majority Okay.

9 Witness: So at that point, just getting the radio
10 traffic that there's something going on at three o'clock,
11 that would trigger him to make -- instructing me to make a
12 phone call, to find out.

13 PSI Majority Got it. One more quick question and
14 then I'm done. If you look at this Preliminary Survey
15 document, on page 6 it says "Law Enforcement Agencies" and
16 it's a number of agencies -- FBI, ATF, U.S. Attorney's
17 Office. Now I know that you were in contact with some of
18 these offices. Were you in contact with all these offices
19 prior to the Butler rally?

20 Witness: Not necessarily, unless needed, unless
21 it's needed. Normally, in this section, we normally put out
22 the numbers for local -- and that's just very common for
23 any visit. Yes, in case something happens, that's very
24 common to have even the U.S. Attorney's Office phone number
25 in case we have a situation that may need a phone call to

1 the U.S. Attorney's Office.

2 **PSI Majority** And do you know if there were any
3 agents from either the ATF or the FBI who were there that
4 day?

5 **Witness** : No. I saw them afterwards, obviously,
6 once it was considered a crime scene at that point. That's
7 when I noticed ATF personnel and FBI at the site. But that
8 was after the incident.

9 **PSI Majority** After. After the incident.

10 **Witness** : Yes. As it was considered a crime scene.

11 **PSI Majority** Okay. Actually, one last wrap-up
12 question and then I'm done. I promise. Just to clean up.
13 We had talked about unmanned aerial systems. Have you ever
14 used unarmed aerial --

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **PSI Majority** -- aircraft systems --

17 **Witness** : No.

18 **PSI Majority** -- for surveillance or for any --

19 **Witness** : Personnel from the detail normally receive
20 -- they go to school. They receive a certification for our
21 **LES** detection system, as an operator. But not
22 myself. I've never been.

23 **PSI Majority** Not for yourself. But have you ever
24 considered that as part of a site plan, instead of not just
25 setting up the **LES** but to use them in like a

1 role to surveil the area?

2 **Witness** : You mean during the events?

3 **PSI Majority** Yes.

4 **Witness** : Yeah. Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** was there. I believe
5 it was Thursday when he traveled, and he was present at the
6 site.

7 **PSI Majority** I mean at previous events, have you
8 ever used, not just using equipment to detect, but using
9 drones proactively.

10 **Witness** : I know the Donald Trump Protective
11 Division they do. They utilize --

12 **PSI Majority** The have done that in the past.

13 **Witness** : They have done it in the past, yes.

14 **PSI Majority** Okay. Thank you. That's it for me.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you. I'd just like to enter into
16 the record Exhibit 7, which is what we discussed earlier.
17 I'd formally enter it in. It's the Open Source Findings
18 for Trump's visit to Pittsburgh. We did not receive it, so
19 I'm just entering it into the record.

20 [Exhibit No. 7 was
21 marked for identification.]

22 **HSGAC Minority** I have a couple of questions for you
23 before we turn it over. We were just talking about how the
24 individual, the detail lead, I think you said, he directed
25 you to go find out what was happening at the three o'clock.

1 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know how he knew something was
3 going on?

4 **Witness** : Because he probably heard the same radio
5 transmission through the radio. So they must be probably
6 going through the radio frequency **Channel** at that point.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay.

8 **Witness** : Because that's the radio frequency that
9 the detail agents would work from.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. When we discussed that someone
11 the day of the event told you -- I think you said the day
12 of the event, but correct me if I'm wrong -- someone from
13 Secret Service told you that the snipers inside the AGR
14 building would have direct line of sight of the roof that
15 day. It was that day of the event?

16 **Witness** : During the day. I believe it was during
17 the day of the visit, yes.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did they specify that they would
19 have direct line of sight of the entire roof?

20 **Witness** : From that window I believe it was -- it is
21 my understand that it will have good coverage of the roof,
22 but pretty much the surroundings of the rooftop of the AGR
23 building, yes.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Were they talking about a specific post,
25 which window they were --

1 **Witness** : Not specifically, but just -- I mean,
2 like I said, I've never been to the AGR building. I was
3 not in a position where I could see what they were able to
4 see. But it would probably be a window with enough -- I'm
5 going to say enough coverage to have a direct line of sight
6 for the rooftop.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if that individual went into
8 the building?

9 **Witness** : I'm not sure. I cannot specifically say.
10 I don't know if it was maybe from a conversation with
11 counter snipers or they had direct knowledge, or I'm not
12 sure. I cannot attest to that.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Because I can tell you, just from
14 my own personal experience, we went inside the building,
15 and we went up and saw, from the window --

16 **Witness** : From the [inaudible] angle position?

17 **HSGAC Minority** Yes. And I can tell you that I
18 certainly did not have direct line of sight of the entire
19 roof when I personally was up against those windows.

20 **Witness** : I was never up there, so I cannot attest
21 to that.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. A couple more. Was there any
23 private security contractors working the event?

24 **Witness** : Yes. **LES**

25 **LES**

1 LES [REDACTED]

2 LES [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED],

6 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

8 For this particular event we have amounts of LES [REDACTED]

9 LES [REDACTED]

10 LES [REDACTED]

11 HSGAC Minority But, so did you have secure --

12 contractors that were working security, that were not --

13 Witness : No, no, no. No. It was just Secret

14 Service and local law enforcement.

15 HSGAC Minority Okay. So you're not aware of any

16 security contractors that were there the night before the

17 event?

18 Witness : The night before there were two, to my

19 knowledge, from the venue. There were two armed security

20 guards that I talked to myself directly. They were LES [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED] -- I can't remember what

23 time we left that day, but they were there from -- when we

24 left it was probably LES [REDACTED], so they were there at that time.

25 So I think they were there from LES [REDACTED] They were

1 not going to be taking any part during the event, just
2 through the night.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you recall what company
4 they were from or any --

5 **Witness** : No, I can't. I can probably check my
6 notes, but I don't think I have the names. I know I
7 remember it was a male and a female --

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

9 **Witness** : -- for the night. And I spoke to the
10 female.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

12 **Witness** : I can't remember her name though.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And would they have -- were they
14 responsible for alerting you all to any -- if there were to
15 be some kind of suspicious activity that occurred --

16 **Witness** : I believe they got my number for that
17 matter, in case anything suspicious happened. That's the
18 same thing during the initial walkthrough at the beginning,
19 on Monday, July 8th. We specifically told -- instructed
20 the venue staff, because obviously they would have a phone
21 call, I mean, they would have a phone that rings all week
22 long. Like if they get any phone calls, any suspicious
23 communications. I know they have ground maintenance
24 personnel, I mean, working throughout the week, with
25 tractors around the perimeter.

1 And we made sure, myself and **Lead Agent**, can
2 recall that conversation with the vice President of the
3 venue, Butler Farm Show, for anything suspicious. If they
4 see something unusual or any specific questions that people
5 from the general public may be asking that might be out of
6 place, to definitely notify one of us. We ensure that they
7 have our primary contacts, our phone numbers, and obviously
8 with something like this, a 24/7 line, to feel free to
9 call, give us a call, or anything. But there was nothing
10 that was brought up to our concern from the venue or from
11 the security guards.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay. And I want to clarify
13 something on the counter UAS system. The **LES** and
14 the **LES**, those were the two capabilities that
15 were planned for in the documents that we've seen, I think
16 the TSD Outdoor Survey.

17 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am. That was from Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead**
18 and **TSD Advance Lead** from TSD.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. We spoke a little bit earlier
20 about a request for the **LES** so separate from the
21 --

22 **Witness** : **LES** and that was -- I believe it was
23 part of the TSD survey that we utilized, or have **LES**
24 **LES** on-site for that day.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

1 **Witness** : I remember having that discussion with
2 **TSD Advance Lead**.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. We saw **LES** on that TSD
4 Outdoor Survey. I haven't seen one that had **LES** with it
5 on it. And our understanding from Special Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** is
6 that he requested the **LES** system, and that request was
7 denied.

8 **Witness** : Yeah. I was not aware of, again, of
9 denials when we talk about assets, and I thought when I had
10 this conversation on Wednesday, when I met up with **TSD Advance Lead**
11 **TSD Advance Lead**, that they would have any drone mitigation system
12 available, if needed. But after that I'm not sure what
13 other communications, if there was anything, any other
14 issues with drone mitigation systems.

15 **HSGAC Minority** But in terms of your awareness of what
16 capabilities were operable that day or were supposed to be
17 operable at the Butler site on July 13th --

18 **Witness** : It was my understanding that there would
19 be a **LES** --

20 **HSGAC Minority** A **LES** system.

21 **Witness** : -- system. But yes, I was not aware of
22 any denials. Not that it was brought up to my attention.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And prior to me bringing this up, were
24 you aware at all that the **LES** system was not actually at
25 the event?

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

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

3 **Witness** : I was never informed of any -- no, of not
4 having that piece of equipment available.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Did the Secret Service check IDs when
6 issuing credentials for the event, to your knowledge?

7 **Witness** : Credentials to -- if we're talking about
8 press or VIPs, normally we do name checks. Yes, we do
9 collect identifiers. **LES**

10 **LES**

11 **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **LES**

14 **LES**

15 **LES** **LES**

16 **LES**

17 **HSGAC Minority** And did that happen on July 13th?

18 **Witness** : Yes. My understanding, yes. And that was
19 something I was sending emails to the PI agent **Intel Advance Lead** and
20 the lead agent, because I remember saying, hey, if you need
21 to assist with name checks let me know. But I know those
22 were being conducted for whoever needed to be in close
23 proximity to the protectee, or whoever needed to have
24 credentials.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And is that something that Special Agent

1 [Intel Advance Lead], would that be one of his responsibilities?

2 [Witness]: Yes, name checks. Correct.

3 [HSGAC Minority] He was doing that.

4 [Witness]: To [LES],

5 [LES], yes.

6 [HSGAC Minority] Okay. What Federal agencies were
7 present at the event?

8 [Witness]: I'm sorry?

9 [HSGAC Minority] What Federal agencies were present at
10 the event, had a presence? So we know HSI was there.

11 [Witness]: HSI normally for this type of events. Now
12 that we are getting CNOS -- response to CNOS support for
13 the nominee. We have HSI, and as far as pole-standers,
14 that was the only Federal agencies, Secret Service and HSI.

15 [HSGAC Minority] Were you aware of any ATF agents being
16 at the event?

17 [Witness]: Not involved at the event, but they were
18 there afterwards. I remember seeing ATF personnel after,
19 once the site was considered a crime scene.

20 [HSGAC Minority] Do you recall around what time that was?

21 [Witness]: I'm going to say I started walking around
22 the site. Maybe around 7, 7 to 8:00 p.m. that night.

23 [HSGAC Minority] So you weren't aware of any ATF agents
24 that were --

25 [Witness]: Prior to that? No.

1 HSGAC Minority Prior? Okay.

2 Witness : Not that I was brought up my concern.

3 HSGAC Minority Okay. Including plain clothes? Because
4 it's been brought to our attention that there were
5 apparently some plain-clothes ATF agents that were there.

6 Witness : Not that I'm aware of, other than HSI and
7 Secret Service, no.

8 HSGAC Minority Okay. So when shots were fired you were
9 near the stage?

10 Witness : Yes, ma'am.

11 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then where did you move after
12 that? You said that you were getting --

13 Witness : I was on the stage when we got the radio
14 traffic, once I was instructed to move aside to make the
15 phone call. I was near the bleachers, between the
16 bleachers and the spare, the armored vehicle, closer to the
17 stage. I made that phone call and I remember once I heard
18 the first few shots I believe -- I can't say at that point.
19 That's when I pulled out my gun, because I didn't know
20 where the threat was coming from, whether it was left or
21 right.

22 I proceeded to the stage, and that's when I saw the
23 team, the detail, on top of the protectee. Maybe a few

24 seconds later LES

25 LES

1 LES [REDACTED]

2 LES [REDACTED]

3 LES [REDACTED]

4 LES [REDACTED]

5 LES [REDACTED]

6 LES [REDACTED]

7 **HSGAC Minority** And then where were you after the
8 motorcade departed?

9 **Witness** : Once they departure I remained on-site for
10 a few minutes, because I remember seeing civilians wounded.
11 At that point, that's when I started calling through the
12 radio for a medical assistance. I saw the paramedics with
13 one of the persons who was wounded, I think the one who had
14 the abdominal shot. There were numerous paramedics and
15 medical personnel with that person.

16 I remember calling to the Security Room multiple times
17 but I could not get an answer, so that's when I -- I don't
18 know if there was some breakdown with communications, if
19 they were able to hear me, but I did not get any response
20 through the radio throughout the time.

21 At that point I didn't know how many casualties or how
22 many wounded people, or what we were dealing with. I think
23 a few minutes later I saw the local law enforcement and I
24 asked them about what happened, and that's when I was --
25 the first time that I was informed that there was an active

1 shooter, someone on a rooftop, that shot the rounds.

2 I asked if there was multiple shooters. I was
3 informed that there was only one, and it was down. It was
4 like, "The shooter is down. The shooter is down." But I
5 had no word that it was -- to questions, that there were
6 additional shooters. It was just one, and it was down.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall when you first learned
8 that someone had actually died, that an attendee had
9 actually died?

10 **Witness**: Yes. It was right after that. Like I
11 said, I was trying to make my way where I needed to go,
12 probably the Security Room, but I was just trying to find
13 out, trying to get numbers of how many wounded, how many
14 dead. Because again, I didn't have any information at that
15 point.

16 So it was when I moved to the arrival/departure area
17 when I was informed by maybe one of the post-standers -- I
18 can't recall who it was -- that there was someone that got
19 shot in the head. And at that point, maybe in disbelief, I
20 asked if he was referring to the shooter. But he said,
21 "No, it's a civilian person." And they took me over to
22 where this person was. He was laying down on a table,
23 flat, laying on a flat table. Obviously, I saw that he was
24 -- he was gone. It was law enforcement there.

25 I think I remained there for a few minutes. Then I

1 moved to the back of the barn because I was trying to
2 catch my breath and trying to realize what was going on. I
3 saw the helicopters. I believe there were two helicopters
4 trying to get the wounded off the site. I remember seeing
5 the family of the deceased. I was there. I spent a couple
6 of minutes with them, until I believe on of the paramedics
7 came to give them the news. I was there, assisted by one
8 of the UD officers. He was the one who collected all the
9 information the family and taking care of them.

10 **HSGAC Minority** So you were actually there when the
11 family got the notification that he had passed.

12 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Have you worked events with -- have you
14 worked events where Donald Trump was prevented from taking
15 the stage or making a movement because of some kind of
16 threat?

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

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So that's never happened.

19 **Witness** : Most of the events that I attended as a
20 site agent or, I mean, obviously my previous site was in
21 Conway, South Carolina, with an audience of 7,000 people.
22 Other than hecklers or PI subjects, in this case suspicious
23 individuals who had probably been brought up to the concern
24 of protective intelligence agents to response, nothing that
25 would prevent the protectee, or in this case, Donald Trump,

1 from taking the stage.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And have you ever worked an event where
3 there was someone with a rangefinder?

4 **Witness** : No, ma'am. This is the first, very first
5 time.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Were you interviewed by anyone the night
7 of the event?

8 **Witness** : I thought I would be interviewed by the
9 FBI but they proceeded to conduct interviews the next day,
10 so my first interview was with the FBI on July 14th at the
11 hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know who was interviewed by FBI
13 that night?

14 **Witness** : That same night, I can't recall, because I
15 think -- we were waiting for like two hours. I received a
16 phone call from Washington, I believe from the JOC, from
17 headquarters. I can't recall if they said that the
18 director was on her way. I don't know if they specifically
19 say that night or the next day. But they say something
20 about the director being on her way.

21 We waited in the Security Room for approximately two
22 hours, just waiting. We were not doing anything. I was
23 not aware of what was going on, whether we were going to be
24 interviewed that night or not. But at some point it was
25 **SAIC Buffalo**, when he got -- made the decision to

1 release personnel. He instructed everyone not to go,
2 you know, not to leave until further instructions. So we
3 waited there until maybe 10:30 that night, until we got
4 released, and instructed to await for further instructions
5 to start to initiate the interviews with FBI on the next
6 day.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then just a couple of quick
8 questions. Were the agents that were on Trump's detail
9 that day, were they typically part of his detail, or were -
10 -

11 **Witness** : Yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** -- were any assigned from CNOS?

13 **Witness** : There was only -- the chief leader for
14 that day, **Shift Chief** I believe it was **Shift Chief**, he was
15 part of the CNOS support agents. There was another female.
16 I believe she's from Newark. I can't recall her name.
17 There was normally two, the chief leader and one additional
18 agent, and then the supervisor in this case was Inspector
19 **DTD Campaign Sup.**. He was part of the team also.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. **HSGAC Minority** ?

21 **HSGAC Minority** : I just have a couple of follow-up
22 questions. I think it's important that we -- your account
23 just a minute ago of the loss of life. And I made notes of
24 that because I don't want us to lose sight that's exactly
25 what we're here for, because somebody messed up, whether it

1 was you, someone else. It cost someone's life. So
2 that's why I'm probably a little passionate about it, and I
3 think we all are.

4 MR. [REDACTED] We respect that.

5 **Witness** [REDACTED]: I would probably think the same way,
6 because that's ultimately the last thing that you will
7 think, although you won't obviously.

8 **HSGAC Minority**: Absolutely. So a follow-up with his
9 question earlier. You mentioned that there were some, I
10 guess, mistakes made on the plan that you wrote, where the
11 counter snipers for the local teams would be. But you
12 normally relayed to the post-standers to update them if
13 there's any changes in --

14 **Witness** [REDACTED]: If there's something that changes once the
15 final product will be submitted, that definitely will be in
16 the post-standers' briefing.

17 **HSGAC Minority**: Did you, in fact, brief them of those
18 changes in the meeting?

19 **Witness** [REDACTED]: Yes, during the post-standers' briefing at
20 10 a.m. on Saturday, we briefed the tactical teams, to
21 include where snipers would be located at, at the clock
22 position, yes, to include **LES** [REDACTED]
23 **LES** [REDACTED] and everything else.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: And just so we can make clear, you have
25 stated here that it was not your responsibility to secure

1 the roof.

2 **Witness** : Correct.

3 **HSGAC Minority** So if we can, as we say, follow up on
4 the death of a young man, who was responsible to make sure
5 -- within the Secret Service, not the local -- to make sure
6 that the local law enforcement were, in fact, covering the
7 roof? Is there anyone that you can think of was
8 specifically responsible? We hear the saying, "Trust and
9 Verify."

10 **Witness** : Right. Correct.

11 **HSGAC Minority** You can always delegate authority but
12 never responsibility.

13 **Witness** : Correct.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Who was responsible to make sure that
15 roof was covered, from what you know?

16 **Witness** : To my knowledge, to ensure that the
17 counter snipers were where they were supposed to be, it
18 would be Technician **C/S Team Lead**, which made the planning
19 and coordination to have counter snipers in that building.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you for that. And the last
21 question I have is on the same line. Specifically, within
22 the United States Secret Service, on the grounds July 13th,
23 Butler, Pennsylvania, who was directly responsible to make
24 sure you knew of the suspicious activity that was taken on
25 at three o'clock? Who was responsible to let you know,

1 because you said it was very important that you knew
2 that.

3 **Witness** : It would come from the Security Room.

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

5 **PSI Minority** **Witness**, this is **PSI Minority** again
6 with Ranking Member Ron Johnson's office. I'm going to
7 turn it over to my colleague, **PSI Minority**.

8 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** can you hear me now?

9 **Witness** : Yes, I can hear you.

10 **PSI Minority** Great. **Agency Counsel**, the first one is for
11 you. I know we talked about the Exhibit 4, that
12 Preliminary Survey, and Exhibit 5, those Site Diagrams.
13 There seemed to be some suggestion that the copies that we
14 have are not final copies and are drafts. Is that
15 accurate?

16 MR. **Agency Counsel** I'm not sure. Can you state that again?

17 **PSI Minority** Yeah. So Agent **Witness** and **PII**
18 [ph] both seemed to indicate that Exhibits 4 and 5, the
19 Preliminary Site Survey and the Site Diagram, may not have
20 been final documents and they may be, in fact, drafts, with
21 those errors on there. Can you just confirm that those are
22 the finals, or they are drafts?

23 **Witness** : I will have to take a look at the final
24 documents that were submitted to --

25 **PSI Minority** Yeah. Agent **Witness** I'm asking **Agency Counsel**

1 from Secret Service. This is what they produced to us,
2 so I want to make sure what they produced to us is either
3 final or draft, because if it's a draft we need the final.

4 So **Agency Counsel**

5 MR. **Agency Counsel** Yeah, I'll check and get back to you to
6 make sure. These are what -- these are materials that we
7 received from our team. So I will inquire to see if there
8 was a final.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. **Agency Counsel** Sure.

11 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** I want to talk real fast
12 about the Security Room. I know you said at the top the
13 Security Room agent was responsible for the staffing and
14 for setting up the Security Room. Is that right?

15 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

16 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to show you a
17 document. It's Bates stamped 241, and it says at the top
18 "2024 Campaign Operational Guide," and it talks about
19 communications.

20 [Exhibit No. 8 was
21 marked for identification.]

22 **PSI Minority** And if you can flip to page 3, which is
23 at the top, 243, and it says at the bottom "3," in the
24 bottom quarter of that page it says "Security Room." Do
25 you see that?

1 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. So if we go to the, what looks
3 like the third sentence, "When a Security Room has been
4 designated, the site agent is responsible for coordinating
5 its physical setup and staffing." You were the site agent
6 for Butler, right?

7 **Witness** : Correct, sir.

8 **PSI Minority** So were you responsible for
9 coordinating the physical setup and staffing of the
10 Security Room?

11 **Witness** : For that matter, for the Security Room,
12 again, it was working in coordination with Special Agent
13 **Site Counterpart** for site, to include the setup. That includes
14 --

15 MR. **Witness Counsel** She was the assistant site agent?

16 **Witness** : Right, the assistant site agent. The
17 Pittsburgh Field Office, and by her being the field office
18 site counterpart, the site agent counterpart, she was the
19 one who coordinates to bring the equipment and the setup of
20 the Security Room and ensure that we have the staffing that
21 we needed for that day.

22 **PSI Minority** So you're telling us Agent **Site Counterpart** was
23 the one who was responsible for setting up and staffing the
24 Security Room. You played no role in the setup and
25 staffing of the Security Room.

1 **Witness** : Again, I'm not saying that, in general
2 and overall, because it might be a little confusion when it
3 comes to site agent and site agent counterpart. By me
4 being the site agent from the Donald Trump Protective
5 Division, my main role and responsibility is to ensure that
6 we have the inner perimeter secured for the chief agents to
7 operate once the protectee is on-site, not to ensure what
8 others --

9 **PSI Minority** The Security Room is in the inner
10 perimeter, right?

11 **Witness** : Correct.

12 **PSI Minority** So that would fall under --

13 **Witness** : But as far as -- as far as more like
14 equipment and staffing, that would be, in my opinion, would
15 be more like the local field office coordination and
16 responsibility more for that matter.

17 **PSI Minority** Yeah, I respect your opinion, except
18 the document there says the site agent is responsible.

19 **Witness** : But that --

20 **PSI Minority** You were the --

21 **Witness** : That's the thing. I was the site agent
22 assigned from the Donald Trump Protective Division, and
23 there's a site agent assigned from the Pittsburgh Field
24 Office.

25 **PSI Minority** I thought you just called **Site Counterpart**

1 the site coordinator, site co-lead, or whatever.

2 **Witness** : The site agent from the local field
3 office.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. Okay. So you didn't get a list
5 of individuals who were going to be assigned to the
6 Security Room. You didn't know what locals were going to
7 be assigned to the Security Room.

8 **Witness** : I did not, sir. There was a Security Room
9 book that was prepared by Agent **Site Counterpart** .

10 **PSI Minority** Would the Security Room book, would
11 that be the list of the individuals who are expected to be
12 in there, or is that the list of individuals --

13 **Witness** : It is -- it is a common thing to have a
14 log, absolutely, to have a log of personnel present in the
15 Security Room, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** I'm asking a different question. Is
17 the Security Room book, is that the list of individuals who
18 are required to be in the Security Room or were staffed to
19 the Security Room? Or is that just a log of individuals
20 who were assigned to the Security Room?

21 **Witness** : It would be additional documents to
22 supplement, **LES**

23 **LES** Yes, that would be
24 additional documentation that would probably be, needed to
25 be in the Security Room booklet.

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. Again, I want to make sure
2 we're 100 percent clear here. The Security Room booklet
3 contains the list of individuals who are assigned to staff
4 the Security Room.

5 **Witness** : It should be part of the Security Room
6 booklet, yes.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to just focus in really
8 quickly on the 40-some-odd minutes, I think it's about 41
9 minutes, between when former President Donald Trump arrives
10 and the first shots are fired. So when he arrives at
11 around 5:30, where are you at 5:30, when the former
12 President arrives?

13 **Witness** : At that point I was at the
14 arrival/departure area, **LES**

15 **LES**

16 **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. And are you there the entire
19 time, from 5:30 --

20 **Witness** : I was there the entire time, from the
21 arrival until the very end of the incident, yes.

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. And I know we talked briefly
23 about, earlier on, that there was a local radio
24 communication that went out around 5:42, indicating that a
25 suspicious individual had been identified using a

1 rangefinder near the AGR building, in the direction of
2 the stage. You didn't receive that communication?

3 **Witness** : No, sir. I did not receive any
4 communication or radio frequency transmission or phone call
5 or text message, nothing to that matter.

6 **PSI Minority** Understood. How were you supposed to
7 communicate with the locals that day? Did you have access
8 to a local radio?

9 **Witness** : No, because that normally would happen
10 inside the Security Room. That's something that the site
11 agent or post-standers won't have that access to local
12 radio frequencies, I mean for the local law enforcement
13 radio frequencies. That will come directly from -- that
14 will be directly from the Security Room.

15 **PSI Minority** Would the local law enforcement get a
16 radio from the Secret Service to be able to communicate?

17 **Witness** : No. That's the reason why there should be
18 a local counterpart from each department inside the
19 Security Room, to ensure that everyone has some
20 communications and everyone is clear, on the same page, on
21 radio frequencies and transmissions.

22 **PSI Minority** So the job of the Security Room is to
23 route communications from the locals to the Secret Service,
24 and vice versa.

25 **Witness** : Correct. If there's anything that needs

1 to go through the post-standers or the site agent or the
2 detail leader, that will come directly from the Security
3 Room. That's the reason why they have, sometimes we have
4 multiple radios, multiple radio frequencies, so that way we
5 can -- they can monitor transmissions from post-standers to
6 the detail in case they need to communicate or pass along
7 any pertinent information.

8 **PSI Minority** And I know we touched on it briefly,
9 but there was a Secret Service Security Room lead. Who
10 were the locals who were in the Security Room?

11 **Witness**: I cannot say by name because I didn't
12 spend a lot of time inside the Security Room. Again, I was
13 more like -- my responsibility was more to ensure that we
14 have an arrival/departure clear and we have everything
15 running smooth for that matter, in preparation for the
16 protectee. And I did not spend a lot of time inside the
17 Security Room because I was, again, responding to multiple
18 calls from radio, requiring, or asking for site agent
19 specific location. So I was not inside the Security Room,
20 for the most part.

21 **PSI Minority** Understanding you can't answer to the
22 locals, what local agencies, state or local agencies --

23 **Witness**: I remember seeing a representative from
24 the uniformed. I could see was the Pennsylvania State
25 Police. There was members, I think, from the Sheriff's

1 Department's Office. I'm not sure if there was someone
2 from the Butler or Beaver County. But there were multiple
3 individuals inside the Security Room that day, for what I
4 could see, when I was -- from the times that I was in and
5 out, inside the building.

6 **PSI Minority** And do you remember seeing Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead**
7 in the Security Room at all?

8 **Witness** : Yes. Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** I would say probably
9 most of the time he remained inside the Security Room,
10 troubleshooting. I remember seeing him. He was on the
11 computer with the **LES** system,
12 being outside, troubleshooting the equipment, and being in
13 communications with leadership and just trying to get
14 updates from the company to ensure that we have **LES**
15 **LES** or drone detection system operational. So he spent
16 most of the time inside the Security Room, in and out of
17 the Security Room.

18 **PSI Minority** Understood. I'm going to show you
19 another document. It's a text message from 5:45 on the day
20 of the rally. It's from a local law enforcement officer to
21 one of the Secret Service counter snipers.

22 [Exhibit No. 9 was
23 marked for identification.]

24 **PSI Minority** So if you're looking at the first page,
25 like I said, this is to one of the Secret Service counter

1 snipers. I will tell you my understanding is that this
2 is to Agent, or Officer **C/S Team Lead**. And if you look at the
3 message it says, "Kid learning" -- I believe it means
4 lurking -- "around building we are in. AGR I believe it
5 is. I did see him with a rangefinder looking towards
6 stage. FYI. If you want to notify Secret Service snipers
7 to look out. I lost sight of him. Also a bike with
8 backpack sitting to the rear of the building that was not
9 seen earlier." And there are two images, which appear to
10 be of Crooks, attached to that message, as well.

11 Were you aware that Secret Service, prior to today,
12 were you aware that Secret Service counter snipers received
13 a text message with image and location of Crooks at 5:45?

14 **Witness**: No, sir. Not at all.

15 **PSI Minority** Were you aware that they knew, at 5:45,
16 that there was an individual at the AGR with a rangefinder
17 aimed toward the stage?

18 **Witness**: No, sir. My initial notification about
19 something suspicious and some individual with a firearm was
20 when I heard the first shots. There was nothing, no
21 indication, not a single communication, not a single text
22 message to my, that was brought up to my attention, in
23 regards to this individual.

24 **PSI Minority** Okay. And I know we talked about it
25 earlier with the rangefinder, that this would've been

1 something that you would've communicated to the DTD
2 lead. Had you been aware of this text message at the time,
3 would this have been something you would've communicated to
4 the DTD lead?

5 **Witness** : Absolutely, like right away.

6 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to show you another
7 document, Bates stamp 547, and it's an email. I apologize,
8 it's a little bit hard to read. There should be a zoom
9 with it.

10 [Exhibit No. 10 was
11 marked for identification.]

12 **Witness** : Thank you.

13 **PSI Minority** So the front page is an email and the
14 back page should have a zoom. And that looks like it's
15 stamped at 5:53, and it is sent from unknown individual. I
16 can tell you our understanding is that this was sent
17 between the Secret Service snipers. And it appears to be
18 an email saying, "From local police," and then relaying
19 that same text message to the other Secret Service counter
20 snipers, regarding an individual using the rangefinder,
21 looking towards the stage. Like I said, it's dated, or
22 it's timestamped 5:53.

23 Were you aware, at 5:53, that the snipers were
24 communicating about an individual, amongst themselves, at
25 the AGR building?

1 **Witness** : No, sir. This is the first time that I
2 see these message, copies of these text messages and this
3 email. Like, again, I was not, never informed of a
4 suspicious individual, suspicious activity, other than it
5 was communicated through the three o'clock position on that
6 radio transmission at maybe 6:10. That was the only, the
7 one and only notification that I got from anything that --
8 everything that developed or happened afterwards. Like I
9 was not -- never. This is the first time that I see these
10 emails and text messages.

11 **PSI Minority** So, and understanding that you're just
12 seeing them for the first time right now, would this be the
13 type of thing that should be broadcast out over the radio
14 channels, or communicated to the site agent, to say, hey,
15 we've got this report of a suspicious individual using a
16 rangefinder toward the stage?

17 **Witness** : Absolutely, 100 percent.

18 **PSI Minority** Should this have been relayed through
19 the Security Room, to be broadcast out to others?

20 **Witness** : Yes, sir. For sure.

21 **PSI Minority** I'm going to jump back slightly in
22 time. Our understanding is that at 5:50, approximately,
23 the Pennsylvania State Police officer inside the Security
24 Room notified the individuals in the Security Room
25 regarding a suspicious individual seen using a rangefinder

1 in that three o'clock vicinity. Were you aware that
2 that communication had been made to individuals inside the
3 Security Room?

4 **Witness** : No, sir. It was not brought up to my
5 attention.

6 **PSI Minority** Should that have been broadcast out
7 from the Security Room when it was relayed by local or
8 state police?

9 **Witness** : Absolutely. At least to a phone call. If
10 there was some miscommunication, if there was some
11 breakdowns with the radio communications, at least I would
12 probably expect at least a phone call. Absolutely.

13 **PSI Minority** So we further understand that at
14 approximately 5:51, counter sniper response agent was
15 deployed to look for this individual. Were you aware the
16 day of the rally that the counter sniper response agent had
17 been activated and deployed to look for this individual?

18 **Witness** : No, sir. Not at all.

19 **PSI Minority** Would that normally be something that
20 is communicated out to you, as the site agent, to say hey,
21 we are deploying the counter sniper response team?

22 **Witness** : Absolutely. Either the site counterpart
23 or one of us out there. Yes, sir. That was something that
24 would definitely -- like I said, at a minimum, a phone call
25 or text message about anything suspicious or anything that

1 the locals had been dealing with. Absolutely, yes.

2 **PSI Minority** Is that the type of information that
3 would normally be relayed to the protective detail lead for
4 the former President?

5 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

6 **PSI Minority** Should it have been relayed prior to
7 his taking the stage?

8 **Witness** : Absolutely. Yes.

9 **PSI Minority** If that information had been relayed
10 prior to the former President taking the stage, would that
11 have been a consideration in not allowing him to take the
12 stage?

13 **Witness** : Definitely, yes, and in possible
14 preparation for departure from the site, imminent departure
15 from the site, if considered with a long firearm, or in
16 this case a rifle with a rangefinder. That would possibly,
17 like I said, could possibly be an imminent departure from
18 the site, if that decision would have been made.

19 **PSI Minority** Understood. Thank you, Agent **Witness**
20 I'm going to turn it over to my colleague, **PSI Minority**

21 **PSI Minority** **Witness** , just a quick follow-up. I
22 just want to confirm something. So at 6:10, you received a
23 communication, or a radio communication?

24 **Witness** : It seems like there was a radio
25 transmission about something that the locals were dealing

1 with at the three o'clock position.

2 **PSI Minority** And you received this radio
3 communication on what channel?

4 **Witness**: It was probably through **Channel** because at
5 that point my primary radio frequency was radio frequency
6 **Channel** from the detail. That's probably the same
7 communication that the SAIC, the detail leader, probably
8 heard, saying, and other shift agents probably heard the
9 same through the radio.

10 **PSI Minority** And specifically --

11 **Witness**: So it would probably be **Channel** radio
12 frequency **Channel** because that was the only channel that the
13 detail are on, for that day.

14 **PSI Minority** And specifically, you heard what
15 exactly, there was an issue at the three o'clock?

16 **Witness**: The only thing that was on the
17 transmission was something going on, the locals dealing
18 with something at the three o'clock position. There was
19 nothing put out like it was suspicious or there was a
20 heckler, someone from the crowd, someone from the outer
21 perimeter, through the fence line. Because otherwise they
22 would probably put it out, hey, someone jumped the fence,
23 or someone would have access to the site, something. But
24 in this particular case it was just the locals dealing with
25 something at the three o'clock position.

1 **PSI Minority** And what is in the three o'clock
2 position?

3 **Witness** : The AGR building. There's the fence line.
4 There are bleachers.

5 **PSI Minority** The AGR building, the same location
6 that a few days earlier local law enforcement said, "We
7 don't have enough manpower there." Is that correct?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **PSI Minority** So when you heard that there was a
10 situation at the three o'clock --

11 **Witness** : I do not -- I was -- the last thing that I
12 thought was the AGR building, was my first thought was
13 someone from the crowd, a heckler --

14 **PSI Minority** Excuse me. Excuse me. Let me just ask
15 the question. So when you heard that there was an issue at
16 the three o'clock, did you have any concerns at that moment
17 that it could be related to the AGR building?

18 **Witness** : Not at all.

19 **PSI Minority** Why?

20 **Witness** : Because we have counter snipers in
21 elevated positions, specifically assigned to the seven
22 o'clock position, to include the three o'clock position,
23 monitoring those areas of concern.

24 **PSI Minority** Counter snipers, local counter snipers,
25 and Secret Service?

1 **Witness** : Secret Service counter snipers.

2 **PSI Minority** So at that point, when you heard the
3 three o'clock, you were not concerned --

4 **Witness** : Not at all about the AGR building. My
5 first impression or thought was probably a heckler or
6 someone from the crowd being disruptive or maybe outside of
7 the fence line. Nothing -- nothing with -- maybe crossed
8 my mind about a building or any specific building, because
9 obviously at elevated positions, it was my understanding
10 that it was covered by counter snipers, both Secret Service
11 and local counter snipers, to address any issues or
12 concerns at any, you know, buildings or rooftops, in
13 particular.

14 **PSI Minority** And is it your testimony that the local
15 entity that expressed concern about a lack of manpower was
16 the Pennsylvania State Police?

17 **Witness** : Yes, during the walkthrough. During the
18 police walkthrough.

19 **PSI Minority** Not Butler?

20 **Witness** : Not Butler, no.

21 **PSI Minority** Okay.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Were you ever told by anyone not to
23 request additional assets in a manpower request --

24 **Witness** : No, ma'am.

25 **HSGAC Minority** -- because they would be denied?

1 **Witness** : Not at all.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Did you ever tell anyone not to request
3 additional assets in a manpower brief?

4 **Witness** : No, ma'am. I mean, in most cases it would
5 be the opposite. I mean, it would probably be someone
6 suggesting, hey, we need to get more assets, or any
7 suggestions or recommendations, if needed. It would be the
8 opposite. But no, there was no --

9 **HSGAC Minority** Have you spoken with Special Agent
10 **Intel Advance Lead** since the event?

11 **Witness** : Who?

12 **HSGAC Minority** **Intel Advance Lead** ?

13 **Witness** : During the event? Yes, I saw him a couple
14 of times in the walkthrough and advances.

15 **HSGAC Minority** But after, after July 13th. Have you
16 talked to him?

17 **Witness** : No. I think I saw him back in the
18 Security Room, but everything was pretty much quiet after
19 that. Like we were just sitting inside the Security Room
20 or waiting for further instructions. But no one was pretty
21 much talking or saying anything.

22 **HSGAC Minority** I'm going to ask you a couple people,
23 and you just tell me if you've spoken to them since the
24 event.

25 **Witness** : After the shooting.

1 HSGAC Minority Yes. Technical Security Investigator

2 TSD Advance Lead?

3 Witness : Not that I recall.

4 HSGAC Minority Special Agent C-UAS Advance Lead?

5 Witness : Yes, C-UAS Advance Lead.

6 HSGAC Minority And what did you guys communicate about?

7 Witness : I think at some point he mentioned that he
8 got word about, from the local, that they spotted Crooks,
9 but nothing confirmed, like only that they have
10 conversation that he heard from local law enforcement,
11 changing or exchanging information with photos of Crooks.
12 But nothing -- I mean, at that point I asked like why maybe
13 someone from the Security Room would probably notify or
14 send me a, or give me a phone call, or send me a text. But
15 he did not have a response at that time for the reason why
16 I did not -- I was not given a phone call or was not aware
17 of that information.

18 HSGAC Minority Did he tell you that he dispatched
19 anyone from Protective Intelligence?

20 Witness : No. No, ma'am.

21 HSGAC Minority Okay. Have you spoken with Special
22 Agent CSRT Agent?

23 Witness : No. Not even after the shooting.

24 HSGAC Minority After? Okay. Have you spoken with
25 Lead Agent .

1 **Witness** : **Lead Agent** ?

2 **HSGAC Minority** Mm-hmm.

3 **Witness** : No. The only phone call I received, it
4 was more like a welfare check.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Sorry.

6 **Witness** : I'm sorry?

7 **HSGAC Minority** Sorry. It was **Lead Agent**.

8 **Witness** : **Lead Agent**. **Lead Agent**. No. The only phone
9 call conversation was on the day, the following day, just
10 as a welfare check. She just gave me a call to see how I
11 was doing, just to check on me. But nothing else. We
12 didn't talk about anything about the incident.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. **SAIC Pittsburgh**, Special Agent in Charge
14 **SAIC Pittsburgh** ?

15 **Witness** : **SAIC Pittsburgh** ? No.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. **ATSAIC** ?

17 **Witness** : Maybe we have some interaction inside the
18 Security Room, but nothing specifically about what happened
19 or anything else.

20 **HSGAC Minority** And **C/S Team Lead** -- have you spoken to him
21 since the event?

22 **Witness** : I did have a brief conversation maybe
23 afterwards, right after the shooting, when I moved to the
24 back of the barn. And I saw him briefly, and just to
25 confirm that it was only one shooter and not multiple

1 shooters. So at that point his response was saying that
2 Secret Service took down one shooter, and that was one
3 shooter only.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And have you done any other
5 advance work since July 13th?

6 **Witness** : No.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : One quick clarification. You said the
8 frequency you were using was **Channel** Is that the same
9 frequency that the CAT team and the Counter Sniper Team
10 would be on?

11 **Witness** : No, sir. They would be utilizing the
12 specialized -- Special Operations Division would utilize a
13 specific radio frequency, in this case it was **Channel**
14 Normally they will use radio frequency **Channel**

15 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

16 **PSI Minority** This is **PSI Minority** again. Just a
17 quick follow-up. You mentioned that you had a conversation
18 with **C/S Team Lead** following the event.

19 **Witness** : Afterwards, yes.

20 **PSI Minority** Did you have any other conversations
21 with any of the other Secret Service counter snipers --

22 **Witness** : No, sir.

23 **PSI Minority** --that worked the event?

24 **Witness** : Just only **C/S Team Lead** .

25 **PSI Minority** Do you know how long the Secret Service

1 counter sniper that fired at the shooter, how long that
2 Secret Service counter sniper had the shooter in his sights
3 before firing?

4 **Witness**: No, sir. That was never brought up to my
5 attention, unfortunately. No.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Witness** is there anything
7 else you would like us to know?

8 **Witness**: I wish I can provide with more answers,
9 and I wish I could have more answers to this day. Again,
10 everything [unclear] and some of the things that I've never
11 -- never seen prior to this meeting. But no, if there's
12 anything else I will definitely make sure that I let Mr.
13 **Witness Counsel** and counterparts know, so that way they can
14 facilitate that information to all of you, if needed.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Well, thank you very, very much for your
16 time today.

17 **Witness**: Thank you for your time.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And thank you for staying a little late.
19 Thank you to your counsel -

20 **Witness**: Absolutely.

21 **HSGAC Majority** -- and the DHS counsel. We have tried
22 to cover every topic area. However, as we previously
23 discussed, we have not received full and complete
24 documents, which I know DHS and your counsel are working
25 on. I would also like to note, the last production I

1 believe we received is from Wednesday, August 21st, and
2 we will follow up to ensure any additional productions are
3 provided.

4 We may, as you mentioned, have further questions, and
5 we'll follow up with your counsel if that is the case.

6 As we mentioned in the beginning, we ask that you not
7 speak about what we discussed in this interview with anyone
8 outside of who is in the room today, to preserve the
9 integrity of our investigation.

10 Thank you, and with that --

11 **Witness** : Absolutely.

12 **HSGAC Majority** -- we'll go off the record.

13 **Witness** : Thank you so much.

14 [Whereas, at 5:32 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
63	24	Strike “.” And replace with “?”
68	22	Add “on” after “campaign”
75	10	Strike “Yah” and replace with “Yeah”
79	3	Strike “from those either” and replace with “from either those”
153	17	Add “like to” after “I’d”
187	22	Add “about” after “you”
188	25	Strike “[sic]”
188	25	Strike “Burk” and replace with “Bank”