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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 Senior Special Agent Witness , being  
4 conducted by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and  
5 Governmental Affairs and the Senate Permanent Subcommittee  
6 on Investigations.

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

17 At the outset, I want to note that 22 minutes prior to  
18 the beginning of this interview, we were provided 4 pages  
19 of handwritten notes and 9 pages of typewritten notes,  
20 specifically relevant and in response to the July 24th  
21 document requests these four officers had made to the  
22 Secret Service. These are, we understand, notes of Senior  
23 Special Agent Witness .

24 We are grateful to counsel for identifying them and  
25 ensuring that Secret Service provided them to us. However,

1 our offices are extremely disturbed at the hour in which  
2 they were provided and want to ensure that we will receive  
3 all responsive records, including notes and information of  
4 the individuals we have requested to interview. Should  
5 this continue, we will consult with the chairman about  
6 additional steps we feel are necessary

7 On July 25th, 2024, Chairman Peters, Blumenthal, and  
8 Ranking Members, Paul and Johnson requested voluntary  
9 transcribed interviews with U.S. Secret Service personnel,  
10 including **Witness** Today, we are going to provide  
11 introductions of the offices and their staffs involved so  
12 that you know who you are speaking with, and talk through  
13 how we intend to proceed today. First, can you please  
14 state your name and title for the record?

15 **Witness** Senior Special Agent **Witness**.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And **Witness** I'd ask that your counsel  
17 take a moment to introduce themselves.

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** Good afternoon. This is **Witness Counsel** along  
19 with me, my law partner, **Witness Counsel** We appreciate the  
20 opportunity to be able to appear virtually and any  
21 accommodation that obviously might need to be made, which  
22 hopefully will be none, during the course of this if agent  
23 **Witness** wishes to talk to us and to take a break. But we're  
24 grateful to that, and with that, I'll let you get on with  
25 it.

1           HSGAC Majority   And we ask now the agency counsel  
2   introduce themselves.

3           MS. Agency Counsel   Thank you. This is Agency Counsel from  
4   the Chief Counsel's Office from the Secret Service. If  
5   it's appropriate, I'll go ahead and read the statement to  
6   the group from the Secret Service and the Department  
7   regarding privileges.

8           "The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland  
9   Security have made available to the Committee, consistent  
10   with requests from the chairman, information and records  
11   that would not be publicly released. This includes  
12   information and records covered under the Privacy Act,  
13   personnel, and other personal privacy information, for  
14   official use only information, intelligence and law  
15   enforcement-sensitive records, and raw intelligence  
16   information.

17          While the Secret Service and the Department have made  
18   this information and these records available to the  
19   Committee, we continue to assert that such information and  
20   any discussion of such information is not intended for  
21   public disclosure. The Secret Service and the Department  
22   are not waiving any protections and for the purposes of  
23   administrative efficiency and to promote constructive  
24   dialogue during the transcribed interview, are making this  
25   assertion at the outset to preserve all assertions of



1 protection from public release, or disclosure of  
2 information or records used during the transcribed  
3 interview.

4 The transcript and any attachments are protected from  
5 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and  
6 information they're based on. We would ask that you please  
7 consult with the Secret Service and the Department prior to  
8 any public release or disclosure."

9 The Secret Service and the Department have not  
10 consented to, and we were assured that there will not be  
11 any video recording of the interview."

12 I would just note for the record for purposes of  
13 clarity that we have instead of a stenographer here, we  
14 have an audio recording being made prior to a  
15 transcriptionist taking that recording. So I just wanted  
16 to note that we are all in the same understanding that the  
17 interview will be transcribed at the at the end of this  
18 process, and we'll end up with a hard copy transcript.

19 Thank you.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And our understanding as well is that the  
21 sole recording here today will be for the purposes of  
22 transcription only for a record. That record will be the  
23 property of the Committee. It will be considered a  
24 Committee record. The Committee will provide opportunities  
25 for counsel to provide factual corrections to that record

1 with respect to any non-classified, but non-public  
2 information produced or discussed today, including  
3 information that may implicate business-sensitive, law  
4 enforcement-sensitive, FOUO, or other sensitivities.

5 We would invite the agency to make any notifications  
6 it wishes us to consider. We are happy to consider them.  
7 However, the Committee will only be bound by Senate and  
8 Committee rules in how it chooses to use this information.

9 I will note that the Committee's practice and what we  
10 intend to follow here is that for any public-facing  
11 information, including reports that we intend to produce as  
12 a result of our investigative work here, our practice has  
13 been to provide excerpts of non-public information we  
14 intend to use in those reports to the individuals impacted,  
15 and to offer an opportunity to provide any factual  
16 corrections in advance of publication. We intend for there  
17 to be a public report here, and we intend to honor that  
18 practice as well.

19 MS. **Agency Counsel** Thank you.

20 **HSGAC Majority** As I mentioned, there are four different  
21 offices conducting this interview today. We are doing so  
22 jointly in the interest of a bipartisan investigation, and  
23 are going to introduce ourselves so that you understand who  
24 you're talking to **Witness**

25 I will start with myself and our office. My name is

1 HSGAC Majority . I am the Chief Investigative Counsel for the  
2 majority staff for Senator Gary Peters, the chairman of the  
3 full Committee, the Homeland Security and Governmental  
4 Affairs Committee. I'm joined by my colleague HSGAC Majority ,  
5 Senior Investigative Counsel, and my colleague HSGAC Majority  
6 HSGAC Majority Senior Investigator, both with the majority staff.  
7 And for PSI majority, who I believe is appearing remote.

8 PSI Majority PSI Majority on behalf of the Majority,  
9 and I'm here with Senior Counsel PSI Majority .

10 HSGAC Minority My name HSGAC Minority , Chief Counsel  
11 for Minority Ranking Member Paul. I have with me here my  
12 colleague HSGAC Minority .

13 PSI Minority Good afternoon. My name is PSI Minority  
14 PSI Minority I'm the Deputy Staff Director for Ranking Member  
15 Ron Johnson on the Permanent Subcommittee on  
16 Investigations. I'm joined here with my colleague, PSI Minority  
17 PSI Minority He's the Chief Counsel.

18 HSGAC Majority And if at any time during our interview you  
19 want clarification both on who is asking a question or a  
20 clearer question, if we ask a compound question, or  
21 something that's difficult to understand, we are happy to  
22 rephrase our questions, and happy to provide any contextual  
23 information that will be helpful to you in answering our  
24 questions.

25 We will do our best as well during the interview to

1 limit the number of people asking a question at a given  
2 time so that you don't have to hop around to who you're  
3 speaking to. And we're going to try and be efficient at  
4 our time and divide on the hour a short break in between.  
5 Should you need any breaks in addition to that, please just  
6 let us know.

7 The reporter is going to create a verbatim record of  
8 what we have discussed today. With that in mind, as I'm  
9 sure you're familiar, please respond verbally to the  
10 questions as the reporter cannot properly record nonverbal  
11 responses. Do you understand?

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** This interview is unclassified. If the  
14 questions we've asked call for any information that you  
15 know to part of classified information, please state for  
16 the record as well as the reason you understand the  
17 information request to be classified. Once you have  
18 clarified and delineated what portion of the question  
19 implicates classified information, please respond with as  
20 much unclassified public information as you are able to do  
21 so, to be responsive to the question. If the need arises,  
22 and should there be a need to ask classified-related  
23 questions in a setting, we can accommodate that and do so  
24 should the need arise.

25 It is the Committee's practice to honor valid common

1 law privileges and claims as an accommodation to the  
2 witness when those claims are made in good faith and  
3 accompanied by a sufficient explanation so that the  
4 Committee can evaluate those claims. When deciding whether  
5 to honor that privilege, the Committee will weigh its need  
6 for the information against any legitimate basis for  
7 withholding

8 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to  
9 any future discussions of the Committee, and we reserve the  
10 right to request your participation in a future interview  
11 if necessary. If you have any questions about what I have  
12 said or how we intend to proceed today, I'm happy to  
13 elaborate more. Is everything I've said to your  
14 understanding so far?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** You are required to answer questions before  
17 Congress truthfully. Do you understand?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority** This applies to questions posed by  
20 Congressional staffing interviews as well. Specifically,  
21 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 makes it a crime to make any  
22 materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement, or  
23 representations in the course of a congressional  
24 investigation -- sorry, statements or representations in  
25 the course of a congressional investigation. The statute

1 18 U.S.C. 1001 applies to your statements in this  
2 interview today. Do you understand?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Is there any reason that you are unable to  
5 provide us today with truthful answers to our questions?

6 **Witness** No.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Finally, we would ask that you not speak  
8 about what we have discussed in this interview with anyone  
9 outside of who is in the room today, or your counsel, in  
10 order to preserve the integrity of our investigation. We  
11 also ask that you not remove or make any copies of  
12 photographs or exhibits that you'll be shown today. Do you  
13 understand?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** With that, we will begin and I will turn it  
16 over to my colleague, **HSGAC Majority**.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Good afternoon, **Witness** Thank you  
18 very much for being here today. We appreciate it. I want  
19 to start with the notes my colleague **HSGAC Majority** just referenced,  
20 which we recently received. I know when all of our offices  
21 just spoke a moment ago, you mentioned these are your  
22 notes. Is that correct?

23 **Witness** Correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And there appears to be pages 1 through  
25 4, and I'm marking the notes as Exhibit 1. **Witness** has



1 a copy, and I believe HSGAC Majority will be putting those  
2 notes up on the screen for anyone remote. Pages 1 through  
3 -- or Bates stamp 790 through 793 are handwritten notes.  
4 When did you write these notes?

5 [Exhibit No. 1 was  
6 marked for identification.]

7 Witness It was after everything happened. After  
8 the event, probably a couple weeks after the event.

9 HSGAC Majority Was it before you had any interviews?

10 Witness The timeline was before so that I could  
11 have like a memory of, you know, kind of assuming that  
12 everybody, that they're going to want to know each  
13 everything I did each day.

14 HSGAC Majority If I could focus first just on the  
15 handwritten notes.

16 Witness The handwritten notes, I believe, was  
17 when I went into -- when I was in DC for the inspections  
18 interview.

19 HSGAC Majority Do you recall approximately when that  
20 was?

21 Witness Could I look at a calendar? I guess it  
22 was, let's say -- I guess it was -- last Wednesday?

23 HSGAC Majority If I could just note for the record as,  
24 if your counsel is willing to share the date of the  
25 interview with -- did you mention it was the IG or with

1 Professional Responsibility?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And you drafted these notes before that  
4 interview?

5 **Witness** I drafted them -- I think it was after  
6 the interview, and I knew that I was going to have --

7 **HSGAC Majority** Why did you draft the notes?

8 **Witness** Because I had two interviews.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall who you interviewed with?

10 **Witness** The agency, Secret Service.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Secret Service. And what Division?

12 **Witness** Inspections Division.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Inspections Division. And then  
14 who was the other interview with?

15 **Witness** Inspections Division

16 **HSGAC Majority** Two interviews with Inspections Division  
17 of the Secret Service.

18 **Witness** Yeah.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So, these notes were after the first  
20 interview, before the second interview. Did anyone ask you  
21 to take these notes?

22 **Witness** No, I was just taking them just from my  
23 own knowledge of, you know, things to address, or kind of  
24 the things that they were asking me. I was like, okay, let  
25 me write down like -- so that I can answer their questions



1 to the best of my ability.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And, and turning to Bates stamp 794  
3 within Exhibit 1, these are the typed notes. Are these  
4 also your notes?

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And when do you recall draft taking  
7 these notes?

8 **Witness** Probably the week after everything  
9 happened.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So you took down the typed notes before  
11 you wrote the handwritten notes?

12 **Witness** Correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And why did you take these notes?

14 **Witness** I just figured that, you know, I'm going  
15 to be asked a lot of questions, and I wanted to try to keep  
16 my memory fresh. I wasn't sure what was going to happen,  
17 and so I was just trying to keep my memory fresh as to what  
18 I did each day because I knew as the time went, on and more  
19 conversations would be had, I may forget.

20 **HSGAC Majority** When did you provide these notes to  
21 Secret Service?

22 **Witness** I brought them with me to the inspections  
23 interview and then they took them from me. I didn't know,  
24 like -- I didn't know that they were part of, you know --  
25 because it wasn't notes that happened during the week of.

1 So, I didn't -- you know, it was just my own personal  
2 notes, my own memory. I didn't know that they were going  
3 to take them, but they said, yeah, they can. And I said,  
4 oh, okay.

5 **HSGAC Majority** So the inspections division within  
6 Secret Service took your notes during the interview?

7 **Witness** Correct.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And if we can follow up on when those  
9 two interviews were -- we'll follow up separately with  
10 counsel.

11 **Witness** Okay.

12 **HSGAC Majority** It's clear based on your notes, you have  
13 a number of concerns. There's a number of issues and, and  
14 concerns you raised here that we would like to ask you  
15 about. So I'll reference this exhibit as we go through  
16 questions.

17 **Witness** Okay.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Our office for Chair Peters will ask you  
19 questions for about an hour. We will take a break, and  
20 then Senator Paul's office, as well as Senator Johnson's  
21 office will then ask questions. So first, how long have  
22 you been with the Secret Service?

23 **Witness** 17 years.

24 **HSGAC Majority** 17?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1           **HSGAC Majority**   And in what position?

2           **Witness**           I've always been a special agent.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   Were you part of the regular detail for  
4   POTUS Trump or were you assigned specifically for this  
5   rally?

6           **Witness**           I was assigned site counterpart for the  
7   rally.

8           **HSGAC Majority**   How many events have you secured before?  
9   And apologies if that's not the correct term.   How many  
10   events have you worked as a site agent before?

11          **Witness**           Dozens.

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Over 40, over 50?

13          **Witness**           I don't know.   20, 30.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   How many events have you led before?

15          **Witness**           As like the lead agent?

16          **HSGAC Majority**   Yes.

17          **Witness**           Only a handful.

18          **HSGAC Majority**   What's the difference between working an  
19   event as a site agent and leading the event?

20          **Witness**           So, a site agent would be in charge of  
21   the entire security of that particular site, and the lead  
22   agent would be basically in charge of the entire visit for  
23   the day.

24          **HSGAC Majority**   And at the July 13th rally, there were  
25   two site agents.   Is that common?

1           **Witness**           I don't -- who were the two site  
2 agents?

3           **HSGAC Majority**   Our understanding is for the July 13th  
4 rally, you were one of the site agents. Is that correct?

5           **Witness**           I was not a site agent. I was a site  
6 counterpart.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And can you talk to me about the  
8 difference between a site agent and a site counterpart?

9           **Witness**           So, a site agent -- the site agent came  
10 from the detail. So out of town. And the site  
11 counterpart's role, which would be me, from the local field  
12 office, is basically there to kind of coordinate liaison  
13 between the local entities and, you know, her requests or  
14 what she's requiring for her security of her site.

15           And as well as, you know, from a local field office  
16 aspect where, you know, you're staying in a hotel when  
17 you're out of town. We have a lot of problems with our  
18 computers sometimes. You're not really supposed to log  
19 into the internet services of hotels, so you have to work  
20 off your hotspot on your phone. A lot of times you can be  
21 constantly kicked off the internet, it's hard to do  
22 paperwork.

23           So I'm really there as well to help her get into the  
24 local field office. If she wants to do any paperwork here,  
25 I'm here to escort, show her work settings, connect her to,

1 you know, the internet, the blue line. She could print  
2 documents that she needs to print. A lot of times  
3 sometimes they don't have rental cars, so I'm also there to  
4 provide her ride back and forth to wherever she needs to  
5 go.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Who was the site agent for the July 13th  
7 rally event?

8 **Witness** Site agent? **Site Agent** I don't know if  
9 I'm pronouncing her name right. We called her **Site Agent** .

10 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Site Agent** ?

11 **Witness** Correct.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And then you were her site counterpart.  
13 Is that correct?

14 **Witness** Correct.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And who was the lead agent for that  
16 event?

17 **Witness** **Lead Agent** .

18 **HSGAC Majority** And in terms of chain of command, do you  
19 report to, just for purposes of this event, Special Agent  
20 **Site Agent** ?

21 **Witness** I mean, I would say, yeah. I mean, it is  
22 -- a lead is kind of -- I guess like not far really from a  
23 field office perspective. But yeah, I guess in terms of  
24 how, you know, a protective amount would go, yeah, the lead  
25 would be in charge. So, yeah, I guess you could say that I

1 would report to her.

2 **HSGAC Majority** So, Special Agent **Site Agent** was in charge of  
3 security of the site?

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And as a site agent, you've staffed  
6 events, secured events as a site agent before. Correct?

7 **Witness** Correct.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And as part as a site agent, you would  
9 create a threat assessment. Is that correct?

10 **Witness** I mean, in your mind or on paper?

11 **HSGAC Majority** Generally. I guess, generally, when  
12 you're planning for an event as a site agent, what  
13 documents do you prepare as part of your advanced planning  
14 work?

15 **Witness** As the site agent, you typically are  
16 going to do your site diagram. And you're going to plan,  
17 you're going to coordinate with the locals on, you know,  
18 how you want them as in your plan, you know, and work with  
19 them together to make one plan.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And as a site agent, does the site agent  
21 determine the event location?

22 **Witness** No.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Whose job is that?

24 **Witness** The staff.

25 **HSGAC Majority** When you say staff?

1           **Witness**           The campaign staff.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Campaign staff.

3           **Witness**           Yeah.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   Does the site agent determine the event  
5 timing?

6           **Witness**           No.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   Whose job is that?

8           **Witness**           Campaign staff?

9           **HSGAC Majority**   Does the site agent determine event  
10 transportation?

11          **Witness**           Event transportation of?

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Motorcades, securely transporting the  
13 dignitary?

14          **Witness**           No.

15          **HSGAC Majority**   Whose job is that?

16          **Witness**           The transportation agent.

17          **HSGAC Majority**   Does the site agent determine the number  
18 of magnetometers needed for the security checkpoints at the  
19 event?

20          **Witness**           The site agent could have some say in  
21 that. The lead sends the requests.

22          **HSGAC Majority**   So it is the lead agent?

23          **Witness**           So the lead agent is the one that sends  
24 all the manpower requests. And that is part of like the  
25 manpower request, magnetometers.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   Is the manpower request, does that  
2   also include the amount of support needed from state and  
3   local law enforcement?

4       **Witness**       No.

5       **HSGAC Majority**   Who determines the amount of support  
6   needed from state and local law enforcement? Is that the  
7   lead?

8       **Witness**       It would be the state and local law  
9   enforcement to deciding how many bodies that they're  
10   willing to provide to you.

11       **HSGAC Majority**   So Secret Service did not determine or  
12   request assets from state and local law enforcement?

13       **Witness**       So, you know, **SAIC Pittsburgh** would make a  
14   phone call to the chiefs of the different departments. And  
15   that would be a conversation we had between them. And  
16   then, they would I guess provide -- I don't know how they  
17   determine how many bodies did they have available. But,  
18   you know, they'll come back and say this is what we have  
19   available.

20       It's not up to the field office or the Secret Service  
21   to tell them how many. You know, I guess they could ask  
22   for what they're looking for, and they could come back and  
23   say, you know, we have this or we don't have this.

24       **HSGAC Majority**   So ultimately, the resources needed from  
25   state and local law enforcement are determined by the



1 special agent in charge?

2 **Witness** Well, it's the locals that are going to  
3 determine how many bodies they're willing to provide to you  
4 or what they have.

5 **HSGAC Majority** I understand it is up to the locals to  
6 determine what their capacity is and what they're able to  
7 provide. But in terms of what support is needed and  
8 requested for a specific event, whose job is that within  
9 Secret Service?

10 **Witness** Well, I guess there's different layers.  
11 I mean, you might start with the site agents. They might  
12 do a walkthrough with the locals and determine, you know,  
13 what the vulnerabilities are or how many posts they think  
14 need manned. And then, it might go to the lead for review  
15 and then it might go to -- so there might be multiple  
16 layers of reviews.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. So, it could start with the  
18 site agent through walkthroughs with locals. It might then  
19 go up to the lead. The lead in this case, **Lead Agent**?

20 **Witness** Correct.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And then who would it go up to from  
22 there?

23 **Witness** I guess whoever is doing like the final  
24 walkthrough. In this case it, for this event, it was the  
25 second supervisor of the detail.

1           **HSGAC Majority**     Who was that?

2           **Witness**           There was two of them that came out.

3     There was **DTD 2nd Sup.**     and **DTD Campaign Sup.** .

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

5           **Witness**           **DTD Campaign Sup.** , maybe.     Might be  
6     somewhere.

7           **HSGAC Majority**     And when was the final walkthrough  
8     performed?

9           **Witness**           It was performed -- well, there was a  
10    walkthrough.    They did a walk the site agent **Site Agent** did a  
11    walkthrough with her supervisors at noon on Friday.    And  
12    then they had another, like, team briefing at 5:30 p.m. on  
13    Friday.

14          **HSGAC Majority**     Were you in that briefing?

15          **Witness**           So **Site Agent**           used my computer to  
16    log into the Teams.    I was in and out.    I was dealing with  
17    conflicts outside.    So I was walking in and out, so I heard  
18    some of it, but.

19          **HSGAC Majority**     Were you at that walkthrough?

20          **Witness**           I was.

21          **HSGAC Majority**     And we have questions on that, but I'll  
22    table them until we get there.

23          **Witness**           Okay.

24          **HSGAC Majority**     Have you been to Butler, Pennsylvania  
25    before?

1           **Witness**           I'm sure I've driven through.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   If you recall? I ask, I'm curious have  
3   you worked an event there? Have you secured an event  
4   there?

5           **Witness**           No.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   So on the day of the event, which  
7   supervisors and leads were present at the event? Special  
8   Agent in Charge **OTD Campaign Sup.**, was he present?

9           **Witness**           He eventually got there. But he starts  
10   at the airport and you know, he's -- so **LES**  
11   **LES**

12          **HSGAC Majority**   So he arrived **LES** ?

13          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   How about Special Agent **Lead Agent** ?

15          **Witness**           Again, yes, she arrived **LES** .

16          **HSGAC Majority**   Special Agent **Site Agent**

17          **Witness**           She was present.

18          **HSGAC Majority**   And what time did you arrive at the  
19   site?

20          **Witness**           Around 8 o'clock or so.

21          **HSGAC Majority**   And Special Agent **Intel Advance Agent** ?

22          **Witness**           He was **LES** .

23          **HSGAC Majority**   Special or Assistant Special Agent in  
24   Charge, **ATSAIC**

25          **Witness**           He was at the site.

1           **HSGAC Majority**   Any other supervisors or leads from  
2   the Secret Service that were at the site that day?

3           **Witness**           Like they came **LES** or were  
4   there?

5           **HSGAC Majority**   That were present at the site. Whether  
6   they arrived **LES** and stayed at the site, or  
7   whether they were present the entire day.

8           **Witness**           So, yeah, I mean there would've been a  
9   lot of supervisors that arrived **LES**  
10 **LES** --

11          **HSGAC Majority**   Special Agent in Charge **DTD 2nd Sup.** there?

12          **Witness**           Well, he's an assistant special agent.  
13   Yeah, I guess he would've arrived **LES**.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   **DTD Campaign Sup.** ?

15          **Witness**           With **LES** as well. The SAC,  
16   obviously, arrives **LES**.

17          **HSGAC Majority**   And you touched on this. I want to make  
18   sure I have it accurate. So let me know. But it sounds  
19   like in terms of who is responsible for requesting assets  
20   for the event, and by assets, I mean state and local  
21   support as well as resources through the Secret Service,  
22   does that start with the site agent?

23          **Witness**           It's kind of -- I mean, it's a little bit  
24   tricky because you are kind of -- details are already kind  
25   of given assets. You know what I mean? You know, a lot of

1 times, like, the President's going to get full  
2 protection. So these are the assets that comes with, with,  
3 with the President. The First Lady gets, you know, these  
4 particular assets. You know, a former President usually  
5 gets very limited assets. So, again, you could say like,  
6 yeah, it starts with the site agent, but there's already  
7 assets in place.

8 **HSGAC Majority** So putting aside there's already assets  
9 in place, who is responsible for requesting the additional  
10 assets needed to secure an event like Butler, the rally on  
11 July 13th?

12 **Witness** So the lead is the person that send out  
13 the manpower request for the assets.

14 **HSGAC Majority** But who is responsible for determining  
15 the resources that are needed? Is that also the lead?

16 **Witness** I think it would just -- it could be --  
17 you could say everybody maybe would be responsible for  
18 determining resources.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Who is the one actually making the  
20 decisions? Is it Special Agent **Site Agent**? Is it **Lead Agent**?

21 **Witness** I would say it'd probably be a  
22 combination of the two of them, I would think. And it's  
23 only a request, and then, you know, ultimately, it's going  
24 to trickle down. I don't know who makes the final decision  
25 on whether a request gets granted or not.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   What were the resource needs for the  
2   July 13th rally and who determined the those needs?   So  
3   let's start with Secret Service.   What were the needs, the  
4   resource needs to secure that event?

5       **Witness**       I mean the event was secured with the  
6   assets that were given, right?   So, I mean, again, like  
7   they could request additional assets, but I think they kind  
8   of already know what's going to be granted or what's not.

9       **HSGAC Majority**   So when you say the event was secured by  
10   the assets that were given, who gives the assets?   Is it  
11   that they're already in place as part of POTUS' detail?

12      **Witness**       Pretty much.

13      **HSGAC Majority**   Okay.   What are those assets that are  
14   already in place?

15      **Witness**       So, I guess technical security division  
16   is an asset that they're given?

17      **HSGAC Majority**   CUAS?

18      **Witness**       Yeah.   CUAS was an asset that they were  
19   given.   I guess it sounds like, and I don't know how long  
20   they've been operating like this, right?   So I'm not part  
21   of the detail, but they had **LES** CAT bodies **LES**  
22   **LES** , so that would've been their asset.   And then  
23   ultimately, CS was given midweek.   Counter sniper was given  
24   midweek to them.   So that was another asset.

25      **HSGAC Majority**   And when you say given, who gave the

1 asset, do you know? Where did it come from?

2 **Witness** I know DTD ops requested it.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Who's in charge of DTD ops?

4 **Witness** I don't know who's in charge of DTD ops.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know who made the request?

6 **Witness** I was just told -- I mean, I'm sure  
7 there's an email of who made it.

8 **HSGAC Majority** I'd like to draw your attention to  
9 exhibit 1. Your notes on page 2, the third paragraph where  
10 you reference CSU. Is that counter surveillance unit?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And you write, "I'm a huge advocate of  
13 CSU, and I was surprised when I was told that's not an  
14 asset requested." What did you mean by that?

15 **Witness** So, you know, I had asked **Lead Agent**, "Hey, we  
16 don't have CSU for this." Like, I was surprised that we  
17 don't have CSU for an outdoor event. That would be  
18 something that I would think we would want. She just  
19 basically said, yeah, it's not an asset that they're given.

20 **HSGAC Majority** When did you ask her that?

21 **Witness** I don't recall.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Before the event? After the event?

23 **Witness** Yeah, the beginning of the week.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Is there an option to request that  
25 asset?

1           **Witness**           That's why I asked her. She's more  
2 familiar with me about the request because she sat in  
3 SynOps for three weeks before she was assigned the lead of  
4 this. So sitting in SynOps with the DTD detail, I would  
5 think that she kind of knows how things are run, and what's  
6 given and what's not, and how assets are requested, and.  
7 So that's why I asked her, you know, is CSU not something  
8 that they typically use? And she said no.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   Is it the lead agent's responsibility to  
10 determine what assets are needed and request those assets?

11          **Witness**           Again, I guess you could say that, but a  
12 lot of times I think it is like, you know what, you can  
13 make the request, but you know what you're going to get.  
14 So maybe that. You know, I can't speak for whether that's  
15 the case, you know, she already knows what's going to be  
16 given. You know, just because she's familiar with that.

17          **HSGAC Majority**   And when you say she already knows  
18 what's going to be given, I mean, is that a resourcing  
19 issue?

20          **Witness**           Well, yeah. I mean, we have limited, you  
21 know, manpower, limited resources. Especially during a  
22 campaign, is it's always an issue; resources and manpower.

23          **HSGAC Majority**   And what capabilities would CSU have  
24 provided at that event? And in your view, would having a  
25 CSU asset present have been helpful?



1           **Witness**           Yeah, absolutely. I think it's always  
2 helpful. The more assets you have, the more helpful it is.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   What specific capabilities would a CSU  
4 asset provide and how would it have been helpful at the  
5 July 13th rally?

6           **Witness**           So they do vulnerability assessments. So  
7 they're basically on the a perimeter. They are **LES**,  
8 **LES**, whether it  
9 be, you know, **LES**. But they're in **LES**  
10 **LES**. So, you know, they can operate in a multitude of  
11 different ways.

12           They can, you know, circle the perimeters to see if  
13 they're coming across anybody trying to exhibit odd  
14 behavior, whether they're looking for people that might be  
15 hiding out in areas of concern. They could become **LES**  
16 **LES** If there's a **LES**, they  
17 can get out of their vehicles, they can become just like,  
18 you know, in a **LES** or they could just interact  
19 with **LES** So, there's a multitude of different  
20 ways just kind of based on what their concerns are.

21           **HSGAC Majority**   But generally, how big is a CSU unit  
22 asset?

23           **Witness**           Usually, **LES** teams. I mean, if  
24 you're getting the whole package. And, you know, like the  
25 **LES** would get -- there'd be a **LES** too that

1 would, you know, be an asset. But typically, that's just  
2 for the [REDACTED] LES

3 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority So generally, [REDACTED] LES teams for CSU?

4 [REDACTED] Witness Typically, any other assets that you were  
5 surprised they were not requested or available on July  
6 13th?

7 [REDACTED] Witness Yes. I was very surprised that we didn't  
8 have CAT, what they call an LNO. So, somebody who  
9 basically comes out in advance and is coordinating the  
10 tactical assets.

11 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority LNO?

12 [REDACTED] Witness Yeah. Like, a liaison. It's basically  
13 like a CAT liaison. They call it an LNO.

14 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority And can you talk more about that? What  
15 would be their role?

16 [REDACTED] Witness So we had the [REDACTED] LES CAT element coming  
17 [REDACTED] LES, right? So their role would just be the  
18 personnel on the ground coordinating with the local  
19 tactical teams. You know, where they want them, kind of  
20 their -- how we operate, how the Secret Service CAT team  
21 operates, and you know, what they would like them as local  
22 tech to do in the support role. They talk about  
23 communications. They typically have like a SOD, special  
24 operations division. They usually have like an ops plan  
25 that they put together. So it's very helpful. But we

1 didn't have anybody on the ground to do that.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know why

3 **Witness** I asked **Lead Agent** at the beginning of the  
4 week, who's our CAT, LNO, just assuming that we had that  
5 because I've never heard of not having a CAT, LNO. And she  
6 just said, you know, we're not getting one. They're not  
7 providing one, and I'm going to be the CAT, LNO. And I was  
8 like, it doesn't sound right. You're not -- it's tactical,  
9 you know. How can you be a CAT, LNO? She just said, I  
10 don't know.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if she requested that asset?

12 **Witness** I believe from my recollection, she said  
13 that she did and they told her no. That she wasn't going  
14 to get it because I don't know if they didn't have it  
15 available, or.

16 **HSGAC Majority** When you -- not you, in general, when a  
17 lead requests an asset, what is the process in doing? So,  
18 is it a form you enter and submit? Is it an email you  
19 send? How is that request communicated?

20 **Witness** So I think there probably could be a  
21 number of ways, but usually it's like a manpower request  
22 and it's just like a checklist of -- you know, it's just  
23 like a one sheet of like things that we're requesting. But  
24 I mean, I guess you could send an email. Maybe there was  
25 an email communication between them, or maybe there could

1 be a phone call. So I don't know if there's other means  
2 that get approved or not.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know whether the CSU request the  
4 CAT, LNO requests were memorialized in any way?

5 **Witness** Just speaking with Special Agent **Lead Agent**,  
6 she just told me that she was not getting the CAT and LNO.  
7 That CSU is not part of their assets that they're allotted.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Did Special Agent **Lead Agent** mention any  
9 other assets she requested and didn't receive for the July  
10 13th rally?

11 **Witness** Not to me. I know that she requested 13  
12 magnetometers and we received 10.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Were there any other assets in addition  
14 to CSU, CAT, LNOs, any other assets that you mentioned or  
15 you thought should be requested and weren't?

16 **Witness** I mean, I guess in hindsight you could  
17 say --

18 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, I'm, sorry. I'm talking about that  
19 week. I mean, you mentioned that week that you both raised  
20 a lack of CSU assets and a lack of CAT, LNO assets in  
21 advance, earlier in the week. Anything else?

22 **Witness** I mean, that's the two that really stood  
23 out to me. And again, like, like CS, I absolutely would  
24 want CS, but it was given to us few days later, later.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Later. Understood. We'd like to better

1 understand and hoping you can help us understand kind of  
2 roles and responsibilities for planning. And I know you  
3 mentioned there's a number of layers, so if you can, you  
4 know, tell us in as much detail as possible what those are.  
5 But we'll start with the perimeter. Who was responsible  
6 for determining the perimeter of the July 13th event?

7 **Witness** When you say perimeter, I mean the  
8 perimeter really is the site. So the perimeter is going to  
9 be the fencing along the site. You know, you're in charge  
10 of the site. So that's kind of what is the perimeter. And  
11 your perimeter is really going to be -- Secret services is  
12 usually in the innermost perimeter. So, your perimeter's  
13 going to be as big as what the bodies that you're, that you  
14 have to secure that perimeter.

15 And then depending on how many, you know, police  
16 assets you're given, you could try to expand your  
17 perimeter. Maybe make a middle perimeter, and then, you  
18 know, you have an outermost perimeter. Again, if you have  
19 the assets to produce an outermost perimeter and that, you  
20 know, typically becomes like your counter surveillance unit  
21 or posts and vehicles that are roving the perimeter.

22 **HSGAC Majority** How many perimeters were there for the  
23 July 13th event?

24 **Witness** So I would say there was probably three.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Three perimeters?

1           **Witness**           Yeah. The inner most, the middle, and  
2 then, you know, an outer most perimeter.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   Who determined these three perimeters.

4           **Witness**           I mean, it's just a standard kind of  
5 procedure when you're doing your plan. I mean, the  
6 innermost perimeter's -- again, just based on manpower and  
7 how many bodies that you're given. And I guess it's the  
8 Secret Service's way of like limiting resources, right?  
9 They want a Secret Service body to have a role where it is  
10 either, like, you know, the President, or former President,  
11 or whoever your protectee is, is either, going through that  
12 area, walking through that area, or whether the motorcade  
13 is going to go through that area, or whether they have to -  
14 - somebody, you know, a congressman's going through that  
15 post, they want Secret Service posts to be people that have  
16 a role.

17           Like, whereas a non-discretionary post, a general  
18 observation post, somebody, you know, on the outer  
19 perimeter is always, they always want to be a police post.

20           **HSGAC Majority**   So it's standard procedure, as you  
21 mentioned, but it differs based on the site. The site is  
22 different, and so the threats are different, the  
23 vulnerabilities are different. Who determined these three  
24 perimeter layers for the July 13th event? Was it the lead  
25 agent?

1       **Witness**       Well, when you say determined -- I  
2       mean, it is just the way that the security is -- I mean,  
3       you have your Secret Service posts, and then you have your  
4       police posts, and then you have your vehicle posts on the  
5       outside. I guess it was just a -- it is just a security  
6       plan of everybody involved.

7       **HSGAC Majority**   So I'm showing you an aerial diagram,  
8       there's no Bates stamp, the parties Exhibit 2. And this is  
9       an overview of the site for the rally. So looking at this,  
10      are you able to draw circles around where the innermost  
11      perimeter was, the middle perimeter, and the outer  
12      perimeter?

13                               [Exhibit No. 2 was  
14                               marked for identification.]

15      **Witness**       I mean, I could try, but again, these are  
16      generic terms that I'm using as innermost -- you know, I  
17      don't know that it is like a defined --

18      **HSGAC Majority**   Understood. It is fluid, but trying to  
19      understand the scope of these different variances, and  
20      perimeter, and who is making these decisions. So who is in  
21      charge? Is it the lead agent? Is it the site agent?

22      **Witness**       So, the site agent is in charge of the  
23      site. But again, like, I'm just using these perimeters as  
24      just to my own knowledge, but maybe somebody else might not  
25      use these perimeters. So it's not like a standard, oh,



1 this is our perimeter, this is our perimeter, this is our  
2 perimeter. Like, where, you know, you're asking me to  
3 draw.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. I guess let's start with  
5 the outermost perimeter.

6 **Witness** Okay. So it would go off of the page. I  
7 mean, it would be, you know -- well, I guess the -- I  
8 believe that the lane, there's like a lane down here, and  
9 then it would go up here to the city. So, it would be --

10 **HSGAC Majority** And just, we'll pass this around for  
11 everyone in the room. The outer perimeter, and let me know  
12 if this is incorrect, basically wraps around the entirety  
13 of Exhibit 2 and includes the AGR building. Is that  
14 correct?

15 **Witness** Correct.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And where is the middle perimeter?

17 **Witness** So what I would say like the middle  
18 perimeter would be the fence line that goes the whole way  
19 around the site. So, it would basically be like the side  
20 itself from the fence line that's surrounds it.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And we will pass this around as well.  
22 But for the record, the middle perimeter roughly includes  
23 the Beaver ESU site, the pond, the grandstand, the stage  
24 Hercules 1 and 2, but does not include the AGR building.  
25 Is that correct?



1           **Witness**           Correct.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   And was there an actual fence around the  
3 middle perimeter?

4           **Witness**           Yeah. This is all -- this is the fence.  
5 And then there's a double fence.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   Is this the fence Secret Service put up  
7 or is this a fence that was already there?

8           **Witness**           No, the fence was there.

9           **HSGAC Majority**   There's a fence that was already there.  
10 Did secret server put up another fence?

11          **Witness**           No.

12          **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. It was a double fence. And then  
13 can you draw roughly where the inner perimeter would be?

14          **Witness**           So the inner perimeter is really like,  
15 you know, where our posts -- you know, what I'm saying is  
16 the inner parameter is really where our posts are located.  
17 So they are scattered though, but the majority of the posts  
18 would be here and where he's coming through. So it's kind  
19 of scattered for me to draw, but I would say -- it's really  
20 --

21          **HSGAC Majority**   Feel free to draw a rough estimate or if  
22 you want to draw a dash line to show that it might be you  
23 know scattered a little bit. And I'm seeing you circle  
24 different areas, is it accurate to say the inner perimeter  
25 could include a bunch of different areas?

1           **Witness**           Right. And yeah, I mean, you're  
2 basically -- it's hard to --

3           **HSGAC Majority**   So looking at this, are the  
4 magnetometers, do they are they within the middle  
5 perimeter?

6           **Witness**           So they're all right here, yeah, I think.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   So are there any magnetometers outside  
8 the middle perimeter?

9           **Witness**           No, because the middle perimeter is  
10 within our site, so the magnetometers are within the site.

11          **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you. We'll pass this around if  
12 that's okay for everyone to take a look.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   And I'll just ask a clarifying question  
14 while she does. It's very important to know the location  
15 of the magnetometers because anybody on the inside of the  
16 magnetometers has presumably been swept for weapons and is  
17 therefore less of a security risk. Is that an accurate  
18 statement to say?

19          **Witness**           Yeah, I would say so.

20          **HSGAC Majority**   So you had mentioned earlier that it is  
21 kind of a fluid term, but it is a very important thing for  
22 all security personnel to know exactly where the perimeter  
23 that includes magnetometers is. Isn't that right?

24          **Witness**           Correct.

25          **HSGAC Majority**   So outside of where those magnetometers

1 are, is by definition going to be less secured than  
2 inside. Is that right?

3 **Witness** I would say so, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** And so outside of where those  
5 magnetometers are, additional decisions will be need to be  
6 made to address those security issues, including location  
7 and placement of assets, be they local or otherwise. Is  
8 that a fair statement?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So outside of where those magnetometers  
11 are, includes among other parts of Exhibit 2, the AGR  
12 building, is that correct?

13 **Witness** Correct.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And so, determinations on how to secure  
15 that in other areas outside where the magnetometers were,  
16 were part of the decision-making process that whoever is in  
17 charge of deciding the security needs must take into  
18 consideration. Is that an accurate statement?

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So the three areas; the innermost  
21 perimeter, the middle, and the outer, who decides the -- I  
22 understand they're fluid lines, but they vary based on the  
23 different sites and the varying threats posed. Who  
24 determines these perimeters for the July 13th rally? Is it  
25 the lead agent? Is it Special Agent **Witness** -- sorry,

1 excuse me. Is it Special Agent **Site Agent**? Is it the special  
2 agent in charge?

3 **Witness** Yeah. So it would start with Special  
4 Agent **Site Agent** would be the first line to put the plan  
5 together and then --

6 **HSGAC Majority** You've done this before, is do you draw  
7 out the perimeter? Would there be diagrams with circles of  
8 proposed perimeters?

9 **Witness** I think most people would just do like an  
10 overview diagram and then put the police post where  
11 they're, and I think the perimeter was just like, it was  
12 easy. It was already established as a fence line, so it  
13 was easy to just use that as the perimeter because it was  
14 already something that was in place. So it wasn't  
15 something that you had to like decide.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Were you involved when Special Agent  
17 **Site Agent** made the determinations about the perimeter?

18 **Witness** So I was there for the meetings, I was  
19 there for the walkthroughs with the locals.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know when Special Agent **Site Agent**  
21 initially drafted the perimeter?

22 **Witness** I don't -- like we keep talking about the  
23 perimeter. I don't know that we were talking about it.  
24 Like, you are talking about it.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

1           **Witness**           Yeah. So I don't know that there were  
2       conversations., talk saying this is our going to be our  
3       internal perimeter, and this is going to be our --

4           **HSGAC Majority**    I see.

5           **Witness**           -- middle perimeter, and this is going to  
6       be -- you know, it was just the security plan and also  
7       discuss it.

8           **HSGAC Majority**    How did you discuss it? Talk to me  
9       about how you discussed it with the Special Agent **Site Agent** ?

10          **Witness**           So the way that you discussed it is more  
11       along the lines of, you know, the site posts, USS site  
12       posts, and then your police posts, and then your outermost  
13       perimeter posts. I guess more along the lines of -- or  
14       just Secret Service posts and police posts. It may just be  
15       as simple as that.

16          **HSGAC Majority**    And both the Secret Service posts and  
17       police posts were within this perimeter, this middle  
18       perimeter?

19          **Witness**           Well, no, there was a police posts on the  
20       exterior perimeter. The outer, this perimeter, is also  
21       police.

22          **HSGAC Majority**    Oh, I see. And so looking back at  
23       Exhibit 2, when you roughly drew these three perimeters,  
24       did you do the walkthrough with Special Agent **Site Agent** before  
25       assessing the perimeter?

1       **Witness**        So, on Tuesday, we went to the police  
2 barracks and we pulled up like an overview diagram and we  
3 just discussed, you know, how large the space is. And we  
4 said, you know, we discussed like where's the fence line,  
5 right? So, let's draw the fence line and then let's try to  
6 determine how to secure the area, what assets are going to  
7 go where.

8        And then, you know, obviously you don't -- you can't  
9 see all the holes, you know, just by looking at an overview  
10 map. So then, you know, we further said, okay, well, we're  
11 going to have to obviously walk every ounce of the fence  
12 line. So, we set up a walkthrough with all the police and  
13 fire on Thursday morning to do that.

14       **HSGAC Majority**    And after you did the walkthrough, and I  
15 want to get to the walkthrough and questions specifically  
16 with that, but after you did the walkthrough on July 11th,  
17 did the perimeter change at all?

18       **Witness**        Not to my knowledge.

19       **HSGAC Majority**    And looking at the Exhibit 2 and the  
20 middle perimeter which you mentioned has the fence around  
21 it that does not include the AGR building, who was  
22 responsible for securing the AGR building during the event?

23       **Witness**        So the Lieutenant, **PSP Officer in Charge**, was kind  
24 of the main police counterpart that was working with the  
25 Secret Service. So, he was like the main entity from PSP

1 that was kind of in charge of the site. And so, on  
2 Tuesday he said, you know, after we're talking about the  
3 site and putting assets in different places, he said -- you  
4 know, and he also lives like in one of the neighboring  
5 houses, so he is very familiar with the grounds.

6 And he said, you know, and, obviously, we all agreed,  
7 that the AGR building is closed, it's going to be a  
8 concern. And he talked to the owner. He said that they  
9 were willing to close the business for the day, and that  
10 the doors would be locked, and it would be secured and  
11 posted.

12 **HSGAC Majority** So when did **PSP Officer in Charge** say this?

13 **Witness** Tuesday at the barracks?

14 **HSGAC Majority** Who were you with when you had this  
15 conversation?

16 **Witness** From the Secret Service side?

17 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

18 **Witness** Agent **Site Agent** was there in Agent **Lead Agent**.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And when **PSP Officer in Charge** said the  
20 doors would be locked and the building would be secured,  
21 did you ask how it would be secured?

22 **Witness** No.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Who was responsible for determining  
24 where the post standards would be stationed?

25 **Witness** The USS post standards?

1 HSGAC Majority Or state and local?

2 Witness Well, I mean, ultimately the site agent's  
3 responsible for everything about the site.

4 HSGAC Majority So that would be Special Agent Site Agent ?

5 Witness Correct.

6 HSGAC Majority Did you work with Special Agent Site Agent on  
7 determining where Secret Service Post standards should be?

8 Witness Yeah.

9 HSGAC Majority And did you work with Special Agent  
10 Site Agent on determining where state and local post standards  
11 should be?

12 Witness I mean, we all did the walkthroughs  
13 together. All the meetings that were set up, we were all  
14 together.

15 HSGAC Majority Did the stationing of post standards  
16 which did not include any around, on, or near the AGR  
17 building that day --

18 Witness Wait, say that again.

19 HSGAC Majority So, I'm marking this as Exhibit 3, and  
20 this is a Pennsylvania State Police Operations Plan.

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

23 HSGAC Majority Have you seen this document before?

24 Witness Yeah.

25 HSGAC Majority Did you see it before the site?



1           **Witness**           I believe it was emailed prior to the  
2 event, but I didn't see it.

3           **HSGAC Majority**   And turn to Bate stamp 47, which you are  
4 on. This is a diagram of where the Pennsylvania State  
5 Police post standards are. And if you look, 4 and 5 appear  
6 to be within the fence. So there are no post standards  
7 around or on the AGR building. Did that concern you?

8           **Witness**           So the posts, you know, 3, 4, 5, 6, those  
9 posts, they're posts that are facing the AGR building and  
10 it's actually very close, and you can see the whole one  
11 side of the AGR building. Again, we were told that the AGR  
12 building was going to be secured and posted as well. I  
13 didn't ask which agency was posting there.

14           So, to my knowledge, the parking lot would've been in  
15 -- nobody's there, you know, supposed to be in that parking  
16 lot and it was posted. So, people were making sure that  
17 nobody was in that parking lot along that Whitestown Road.  
18 There was outer roving posts from Butler Township, we were  
19 told, along --

20           **HSGAC Majority**   When you say, "we were told," who told  
21 you?

22           **Witness**           This is Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge**.

23           **HSGAC Majority**   So, Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge** told you the  
24 AGR building would be secured and posted?

25           **Witness**           Correct.

1           **HSGAC Majority**   Did you or anyone from Secret Service  
2 ask how?

3           **Witness**           Posted to me means, you know, with  
4 bodies. I didn't specifically go into detail about how it  
5 was posted.

6           **HSGAC Majority**   Did you know there would be snipers in  
7 the building behind guns that were behind windows?

8           **Witness**           I did not. I know that there was -- so  
9 my understanding, I asked our USS counters sniper  
10 technician, **C/S Team Lead** -- and I don't recall which day, I  
11 want to say it was Thursday. I asked him, you know, after  
12 talking with **PSP Officer in Charge** about the AGR building and  
13 our concerns with the AGR building and the water tower, I  
14 reiterated this to Technician **C/S Team Lead**.

15           And I said, you know, what are you concerned with? I  
16 don't know exact words how I put it. I basically asked him  
17 do you have any concerns at the 3 o'clock? That's our 3  
18 o'clock. Our 12 o'clock would've been off the stage. And  
19 he said that it would be covered with CS, with the team.  
20 He said it would be covered with the team. And again, I  
21 don't know exact, you know, quotes, but he said that he  
22 wasn't concerned. It's going to be covered. And I asked,  
23 you know, what about the water tower? Are you concerned  
24 about something climbing up there? And he said that  
25 there's trees in the way of line of sight, so it's not a

1 concern of his.

2 So, yeah, it was at that point where I knew that those  
3 buildings were to be covered. And you're asking me did I  
4 know specifics about how they were being covered? No, I  
5 did not know. I didn't go into his plan or, you know,  
6 planning, or what was discussed between the two teams?

7 **HSGAC Majority** When was this conversation with  
8 **C/S Team Lead**?

9 **Witness** Again, my days are all kind of running  
10 together, but I want to say it was possibly on Thursday.  
11 It was at the site.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And just referring you to Exhibit 1,  
13 your notes, on the second page. You write, "CS - million-  
14 dollar question. Why wasn't anyone on the roof?" Was that  
15 the roof at the AGR building?

16 **Witness** Yes.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Did you know that no one was going to be  
18 on the roof prior to the event?

19 **Witness** So, I assumed when I was told that there  
20 was going to be a sniper team, I assumed that it would be  
21 on the roof. That's the way I've always seen it in all of  
22 my years, that the sniper teams are on the roof. But it  
23 was when I copied and pasted his email showing where the  
24 teams were that I saw that it did say that they would be in  
25 the windows or in the AGR, but I think it just said in the

1 AGR building on the -- maybe the second floor.

2 So, I mean, yeah, at that time I knew that they were  
3 going to be in the AGR building, but I just assumed there  
4 was a good reason, and that they had their plan, and that  
5 that it was still covered.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And I'd like to ask about  
7 communications. In the last paragraph on that same page,  
8 Base 791 of your notes. Under "Threats" you write, "Why am  
9 I hearing that there were threats to the site on TV? How  
10 can the special agent in charge of our field office not  
11 know about any threats? And why did they feel that only  
12 one part of the special operations division was sufficient  
13 to cover it instead of the entire package?"

14 Can you talk about that and the problems with the  
15 communications that occurred that day?

16 **Witness** Yeah. So, again, like we were told that  
17 we were getting CS, and I just assumed it was because, you  
18 know, of the event and the venue, and it's a large rally  
19 and it makes sense because there's, you know, rooftop  
20 buildings surrounding us. I was never made aware that  
21 there was any type of threat to the former President. It  
22 wasn't until --

23 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry, when you say you, "were never  
24 made aware that there was any type of threat to the former  
25 President," are you referring to the suspicious individual

1 with a range finder?

2 **Witness** No. I'm referring to like these Iranian  
3 threats that I heard about.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Sorry, please go ahead.

5 **Witness** Yeah. So, I heard about these, you know,  
6 just from the news, and I asked **Lead Agent** I said, you  
7 know, I didn't know. Did you know about any threats? I  
8 didn't know about threats. And she said she didn't know  
9 specifics, but, yeah, she knew that there was threats and  
10 that's why we were given the CS team.

11 But I asked the staff of the field office, did you  
12 know there was threats? And he told me no, he didn't know.  
13 And I just thought that that would've been something that  
14 you would really want to pass down to somebody, especially  
15 in charge of the field office and trickle it down to the  
16 site agent. I don't know whether the site agent knew from  
17 her detail, but I thought that was very strange that I  
18 didn't hear anything about the threats.

19 And, and the SAIC of the field office doesn't know  
20 anything about the threats because, you know, maybe he  
21 could have strong armed for more assets. Had you known,  
22 maybe he could have talked to the locals, maybe, you know -  
23 - I don't know if that would've changed anything, but I  
24 thought that that would've been very important to know.

25 **HSGAC Majority** On the local communication system, at

1 5:42 p.m., on the local system that they announced there  
2 was a suspicious individual with a rangefinder that was  
3 identified and they had lost track of them. Did you hear  
4 about this in real time?

5 **Witness** No. I never heard at all about any  
6 suspicious individuals.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So, at the time of the event, from 5:42  
8 p.m. to when shots were fired, did you receive any  
9 communications about a suspicious individual with a range  
10 finder that they could not find?

11 **Witness** No. I received one phone call, and that  
12 was at 6:11 from Agent **Site Agent** And she called me, and at  
13 the time that she called me, I was in the security room  
14 getting a drink. And she said, what's going on at the 3  
15 o'clock? And I put down the phone, turned to the **SAIC Buffalo**  
16 who was in charge of the security room, and I said, what's  
17 going on at the 3 o'clock? And moments later, shots were  
18 fired. And that was the only communications I've ever  
19 heard of any suspicious person, anything.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Witness** my name is **HSGAC Majority**  
21 **HSGAC Majority**. I'm a senior investigator for Senator Peters. I  
22 just have a couple follow-up questions.

23 In terms of covering a vulnerability. So, if a  
24 building is identified as a potential vulnerability that  
25 needs to be covered and it's going to be covered by local

1 assets, how much involvement does the Secret Service have  
2 in determining how specifically that vulnerability will be  
3 covered?

4 **Witness** So that's what our local counter sniper  
5 teams, that's part of their planning. And I'm not a  
6 counter sniper, so I don't get involved in their planning,  
7 and I don't know what discussions that they have. And I  
8 don't know their policies on whether, you know, they can --  
9 I'm not sure what their policies are or what their  
10 discussions they'd had about how they operate, or.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So, is it fair to say that the Secret  
12 Service has to rely on its local partners to basically do  
13 the job? In other words, you tell the locals, we need you  
14 to cover a building, but it's up to the locals to figure  
15 out how to do that properly. Is that how it works,  
16 generally?

17 **Witness** Again, I don't know how their operations  
18 work. I would assume that they -- you know, I could assume  
19 that they tell them what they would like them to do and  
20 they're relying on them. But I've never been part of those  
21 discussions with those counterman teams.

22 **HSGAC Majority** You said you've been the lead agent for  
23 events before, though, right?

24 **Witness** Correct.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And how do those conversations work when

1 you were the lead agent? In other words, how much  
2 direction do you give the state or local assets in terms of  
3 specifically how many officers you want, where you want  
4 them, what roles you want them performing, et cetera, to  
5 cover and identify vulnerability as opposed to just saying,  
6 this is an identified vulnerability, you guys take care of  
7 this?

8 **Witness** Yeah. So, I mean, the tactical assets  
9 are different. They do their own planning, but as far as  
10 like the locals, you typically are working with. I mean,  
11 there's a trust. There's a sense of trust between the  
12 locals you're working with, usually their team leader or  
13 whoever's in charge of that security for that day.

14 So, you're usually working with whoever's in charge,  
15 and then they're really briefing their individual police on  
16 the expectation. So, you know, you're not going around  
17 briefing every single police entity individually. You're  
18 really relying on your local team leader to do their job.  
19 I mean, we have a lot of trust in on our locals and how  
20 they operate.

21 And again, I mean, if you think about it, I mean,  
22 these guys are getting their photo with their weapon at  
23 their side with, you know, a President, with former  
24 President. You have to have trust in somebody to allow  
25 somebody to be getting a photo with their weapons on them.



1 So there's just a level of just a mutual understanding, I  
2 think.

3 But again, to specifically talk about those tactical  
4 teams, I don't have knowledge of how that's all  
5 coordinated.

6 **HSGAC Majority** So with respect to the assailant,  
7 Crooks, ability to get onto the roof undetected with enough  
8 time to fire a shot at the former President, who do you  
9 attribute fault with not having that roof covered? Is it  
10 the locals or the Secret Service?

11 **Witness** So, again, I don't know the facts. So  
12 without the facts of what was said, or what was determined,  
13 or whose area of responsibilities, I don't think I could  
14 properly answer that.

15 **HSGAC Majority** What facts would you need to answer  
16 that.

17 **Witness** The discussions that were had between two  
18 teams? Did the Secret Service give the locals direction?  
19 Did they know what their area of responsibility was? Did  
20 they know how they were operating? Did they know their  
21 training? Were they operating as snipers or were they  
22 operating as counter snipers? So, all of those. There's a  
23 lot of factors that come into play, and I don't know any of  
24 those factors to be able to answer.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Question is, does the Secret Service, to

1 your knowledge, have the ability at the Butler site or at  
2 any site it is securing to make changes to any plan that  
3 local assets provide?

4 **Witness** I guess they could give their guidance,  
5 but whether the locals, you know, do what they say, I don't  
6 think, you know.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So my ultimate question is whether  
8 there's a chain of command, and whether the top of that  
9 chain of command is the Secret Service?

10 **Witness** On a specific entity.

11 **HSGAC Majority** For the former President at Butler on  
12 the 13th.

13 **Witness** So yeah, it would fall under the Secret  
14 Service. Yeah, it's the Secret Service's event. So the  
15 locals are supporting the Secret Service.

16 **HSGAC Majority** So, I'm going to introduce to you  
17 Exhibit 4. Take a look at that. Let me know if you're  
18 familiar with it.

19 [Exhibit No. 4 was  
20 marked for identification.]

21 **Witness** Yeah. So this is just the preliminary  
22 survey that the lead is responsible for putting together.

23 **HSGAC Majority** What is the preliminary survey?

24 **Witness** It's just basically what the lead puts  
25 together and distributes to anybody participating in the

1 event so that they can refer to it quickly if they need  
2 to, you know, get a phone number, or.

3 **HSGAC Majority** What information does it include?

4 **Witness** So, it includes advance teams, it  
5 includes the timeline, it includes the sites, the  
6 locations, the sequence of events, **LES**

7 **LES**

8 **LES**, and then telephone numbers that you  
9 may want to call.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Is this the main document that the  
11 Secret Service would use to populate the assets, support  
12 manpower, and contact information for a particular event?

13 **Witness** This is not the manpower request  
14 document.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Separate from the manpower request. Is  
16 this site survey, the document that would be used to  
17 identify the agents involved in the advance planning, the  
18 local assets that would be involved and relevant  
19 information for each?

20 **Witness** I mean it will show your tactical -- it  
21 shows like the tactical teams, and the CS teams, and I  
22 guess their location, the advanced team.

23 **HSGAC Majority** On page 1 of the document among the  
24 offices and responsibilities listed is site counterpart.  
25 Is that you?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Did you have input into this document?

3           **Witness**           No. I did not do the document.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   You did not do the --

5           **Witness**           I didn't know. I didn't fill out this  
6 document at all.

7           **HSGAC Majority**   And did you have any involvement in  
8 helping populate this document?

9           **Witness**           No.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   Last question from me, and then we're  
11 going to pause. You testified earlier with respect to the  
12 perimeter that the perimeter can be as big as the bodies  
13 you have to secure it. By that, you mean the more  
14 resources you have, the larger a perimeter you can secure?

15          **Witness**           Yes.

16          **HSGAC Majority**   Do you feel that you had a sufficient  
17 number of Secret Service resources that day?

18          **Witness**           Yes. I mean, yeah, I think, it's like  
19 the normal number, right? I could say I want **LE** Secret  
20 Service, but I know what a reasonable number is. I've been  
21 in the job long enough, so I know a reasonable number.  
22 With that being said, though, I also knew that most of the  
23 Secret Service agents weren't Secret Service agents, right?  
24 They were support, they were HSI agents. So, you know, I  
25 asked for a few extra bodies just to supplement for -- you

1 know, there's a very important post that an HSI agent may  
2 not be familiar with.

3 **HSGAC Majority** How many did you request?

4 **Witness** So they provided **LES** extra USS agents.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Did you request **LES**

6 **Witness** I just said I would like a couple more.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And how many HSIs?

8 **Witness** HSI there was **LES**

9 **Witness** And there was **LES** Secret Service.

10 **HSGAC Majority** In respect to the local assets, did you  
11 feel there was a sufficient number of local assets to  
12 secure the site that day?

13 **Witness** I mean, again, I would've loved to have  
14 more local assets, but you know, being in Pittsburgh for,  
15 you know, two and a half years, and I was the lead agent  
16 when he came the last time in, you know, May of 2022. And  
17 I know that going to these like small townships and these  
18 small areas of outside of the city that we're not -- they  
19 don't provide us a lot of assets.

20 So I wasn't expecting a lot of assets. I don't know  
21 if it is a political thing. I don't know if it's because  
22 it falls on a Saturday and that becomes overtime. I know,  
23 you know, sometimes they're looking for, you know -- they  
24 might want us to pay for their overtime. So I don't know  
25 the reasonings behind it, but I knew that we don't get a

1 lot of local support. So, you know, I was just working  
2 with what I was given.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Recognizing in your experience realized  
4 resources that were constrained, working with what was  
5 given, did it raise concerns for you what you were doing?

6 **Witness** I think that we had -- I think that we  
7 had a good security plan. I didn't go in thinking, "Oh my  
8 gosh, like our security plan's no good." You know, I went  
9 in thinking, "Okay, we have a good security plan."

10 **HSGAC Majority** So we're a little over the hour mark,  
11 and we're happy to pause if you would like to take a few  
12 moments break. And we're happy to keep going. In the  
13 interest of time, we'll defer to you.

14 **Witness** Maybe just a quick restroom room.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Of course.

16 **Witness** Thank you.

17 [Recess.]

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Hi, there. **HSGAC Minority**,  
19 again. Thank you for being here with us today. So we're  
20 going to jump around a little bit. So, bear with me. But  
21 it's helpful to have your notes and hear answers to some of  
22 the questions. So, I just introduced an exhibit. I  
23 believe it's Exhibit 5.

24 [Exhibit No. 5 and 6 were  
25 marked for identification.]

1           **HSGAC Majority**    Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Do you know what these -- are you  
3 familiar with these documents?

4           **Witness**            So, I didn't do these documents, but I  
5 know what it is.    Yes.

6           **HSGAC Minority**   So these are the manpower requests.

7           **Witness**            Correct.

8            When are these created, typically?    Because we talked  
9 about, you know, trying to determine what assets are  
10 needed.    Is this the form, the request that goes up the  
11 chain to give final say of what's going to be sent out for  
12 an event?

13          **Witness**            Correct.    Yeah.    And there's like a  
14 timeline that **Lead Agent** sent out, like she sent out on like  
15 Sunday, like a welcome email.    And usually, I believe she  
16 like put like when paperwork was due.    So I'm not sure what  
17 time the manpower request is due, what specific day that it  
18 is due, but I want to say it would be due this week.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   And, and so is there typically --  
20 there's typically one manpower request for an event and  
21 it's not amended, or there sometimes be like a preliminary  
22 request that's then followed up with a final?    I'm just  
23 trying to get a better understanding of -- because I know  
24 we heard that for the preliminary survey, that there  
25 sometimes is a final survey that's submitted.

1           **Witness**           Yeah. After the visit is a final  
2 survey.

3           **HSGAC Minority**   So, does that ever happen, to your  
4 knowledge, with the manpower requests?

5           **HSGAC Minority**   And if you don't know --

6           **Witness**           Yeah. I'm not sure. I'm not like super  
7 familiar with the -- you know, if there's ways that you can  
8 get manpower again -- like, we got manpower that wasn't --  
9 we didn't request it. So, I'm sure that there's other ways  
10 to obtain assets that aren't part of this form. But I  
11 think they just use this as a standard for most visits.

12          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And if you look -- so I just want  
13 to make sure, because I think we handed out two different -  
14 - there's technically two manpower requests there. I want  
15 to make sure that we're looking at right now, the one for  
16 Candidate Donald Trump.

17          **Witness**           Yes.

18          **HSGAC Minority**   In the corner. Is that right?

19          **Witness**           I think so. Isn't it the second one  
20 you're saying on -- this is the -- and then this is Jill  
21 Biden.

22          **HSGAC Minority**   So, first, looking at the one for  
23 Candidate -- it says it's labeled, "Candidate Donald  
24 Trump." If you look down, in the middle, I see CS, which I  
25 assume is counter snipers. Is that right?



1           **Witness**           Yeah.

2           **HSGAC Minority**    So it seems like there was a request  
3   made.   I'm just trying to figure out when this was in the  
4   timeline.   So you said you think it was midweek?

5           **Witness**           So I guess I guess it probably would've  
6   been Tuesday.   Tuesday, sniper came on Wednesday.   So I'm  
7   guessing that this would've been on Tuesday.

8           **HSGAC Minority**    Okay.   Tuesday.   So, at this point, you  
9   believe that you are -- and it was **Lead Agent** that filled  
10  this out?

11          **Witness**           Correct.

12          **HSGAC Minority**    You believe she already knew that there  
13  were going to be counters snipers assigned, or do you think  
14  she was requesting them hoping --

15          **Witness**           Again, yeah, I don't know.   I don't know  
16  whether she already -- I think that she already knew that  
17  they were being assigned so she put them.   But I can't  
18  speak to her.

19          **HSGAC Minority**    And so, typically, for these request  
20  forms, I know we talked about it a little bit before, but  
21  you all know what the standard -- I guess manpower is for a  
22  protectee.   Are these request forms kind of just putting in  
23  the numbers of what you already think you're going to get?

24          **Witness**           I would say so.

25          **HSGAC Minority**    And then, you may potentially request

1 more, but --

2 **Witness** Or I think some people, again, I want to  
3 say that they tried to request it and it got denied. And  
4 especially now, I think that's what people are probably  
5 going to be doing moving forward because of what happened.  
6 But, you know, again, like it's this is -- there's a lot to  
7 do and this is a short timeline, it's a lot to do in a  
8 couple of days, so, you know.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And if you look at to the right, I think  
10 over, right above the CS, it says CSU. Is that the counter  
11 surveillance unit we were talking about earlier?

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And so that here we see number of teams  
14 and number of operators, zero.

15 **Witness** Yeah. I don't know. Mine is **LES**

16 **HSGAC Minority** For CSU.

17 **Witness** Oh, okay. I'm looking at CAT. Okay.  
18 Yeah. CSU. Okay. Yeah, zero.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. That says zero. And you  
20 mentioned that you had worked an event in May of 2022 for -  
21 - is that for Trump?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And in May of 2022, he was not  
24 President. Okay. I'm just trying to --

25 **Witness** Yes.

1           HSGAC Minority    -- remember the time.

2           Witness           No.

3           HSGAC Minority    Okay. He was not. So, he was a former  
4 President at that point? Do you recall if you had counter-  
5 surveillance units there?

6           Witness           We did not.

7           HSGAC Minority    You did not? Okay. And you were the  
8 lead for that event?

9           Witness           Correct.

10          HSGAC Minority    And do you recall if you requested CSU?

11          Witness           I do not believe I requested CSU.

12          HSGAC Minority    And then if you turn to the other  
13 manpower request, that one is for First Lady Jill Biden.  
14 So to our knowledge, both Trump and Biden were in the area.  
15 First Lady Biden was in the area --

16          Witness           Yes

17          HSGAC Minority    -- that day?

18          Witness           Yes.

19          HSGAC Minority    So who handled the Biden event?

20          Witness           So they sent a lead out from the First  
21 Lady's detail, and he would be the one that would be  
22 filling out the manpower request.

23          HSGAC Minority    And do you recall who that was?

24          Witness           I want to say his name was First Lady detail

25          HSGAC Minority    Okay. First Lady detail

1           **Witness**           I think from the President's detail.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. That sounds familiar. And was  
3 there someone from your -- the field office assigned to  
4 that?

5           **Witness**           Yeah. There's what they call a field  
6 office counterpart. His name was Senior Special Agent **Field Office Count**  
7 **Field Office Counterpart**

8           **HSGAC Minority**   And he was in charge of that? He was  
9 the site counterpart for the --

10          **Witness**           The field office counterpart. Like the  
11 lead counterparts, yeah.

12          **HSGAC Minority**   And it looks like for that event, there  
13 was a CSU?

14          **Witness**           Yes.

15          **HSGAC Minority**   And is that typical for the First Lady's  
16 team?

17          **Witness**           So, at some point when I was on the  
18 detail, it typically was not a standard for the First Lady.  
19 And you know, at some point it was formulated. I don't  
20 know if there was something that happened along the  
21 **LES** if, you know, there was a problem or something  
22 where they -- maybe they hit construction or something like  
23 that. I don't know the details. But at some point,  
24 something happened and then they created CSU for the First  
25 Lady and it's kind of stuck ever since. So instead of it

1 being like a case-by-case, it's just kind of, like, now  
2 here's what the First Lady requests every time so, yeah,  
3 so.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And so, you were -- you used to be on  
5 the -- you served on the President or the First Lady's  
6 detail previously?

7 **Witness** No. I was on the counter surveillance  
8 unit team for the -- when I was on the President's detail.

9 **HSGAC Minority** For the President's detail. When was  
10 that?

11 **Witness** So, I was on the President's detail from  
12 2015 to 2021.

13 **HSGAC Minority** So you were on President Trump's detail.

14 **Witness** So I started with President Biden, did  
15 four years on President Trump, and then ended with  
16 President -- or sorry. Started with President Obama, four  
17 years with President Trump, and then ended with President  
18 Biden. So sometime after 2021, CSU became standard for the  
19 First Lady's detail. It became like a norm when I was on  
20 CSU, which probably would've been 2017, maybe like 2018, or  
21 something like that. I don't know exact.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And so, there were two events in the  
23 area that the field office covers on July 13th. Did you  
24 attend a police meeting that occurred on -- I think it, it  
25 was July 8th?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           Okay. So you attended. So our understanding is there  
3 was a planning meeting for the First Lady's detail and then  
4 there was the Trump one right after. They were back-to-  
5 back.

6           **Witness**           Correct.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   Did you attend both meetings?

8           **Witness**           No.

9           **HSGAC Minority**   Do you know if anyone did from the field  
10 office?

11          **Witness**           I think **Field Office Counterpart** did. I  
12 think SAC, and stayed for the second meeting.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   And do you know if anyone else did?

14          **Witness**           I don't know if -- maybe the staff did,  
15 but I'm not sure. I only got there after the first meeting  
16 is over.

17          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay, that's helpful. So I think now  
18 we're going to -- if you don't mind, we're going to go to  
19 your typed notes. I think that it was Exhibit 1. So, I'm  
20 just going to use this as a reference point to kind of go  
21 off of, and you may ask questions, but that way it's kind  
22 of organized by date to keep your thoughts together and our  
23 thoughts.

24          So it starts with -- and there are some redactions  
25 here. So I'm going to ask you, if you can tell us, too,

1 what's under the redactions? Did you make the redactions  
2 that appear here?

3 **Witness** No.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So I'm just going to ask you if  
5 you recall what it originally said in your notes on some of  
6 these. So for the Thursday or Friday, it says that you  
7 discussed with someone on the First Lady detail. Do you  
8 recall who that was?

9 **Witness** So that was at **ATSAIC**

10 **HSGAC Minority** And was that the first redaction there?

11 **Witness** Yes, correct.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you discussed with **ATSAIC** who  
13 was available to work? Who is **ATSAIC** again?

14 **Witness** He is my boss.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And what was his role for the event, the  
16 Butler event?

17 **Witness** He was the site supervisor.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And what does that mean for -- just help  
19 us understand what that means, what his responsibilities  
20 were.

21 **Witness** So he would be the person supervising  
22 that Butler Farm Show event that day.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And how does he work with **Lead Agent** So  
24 ultimately, do they both have -- **Lead Agent** was the one  
25 filling out the request form? Does he have input into the

1 request?

2 **Witness** I guess a boss would -- could have input  
3 into anything.

4 **HSGAC Minority** So you found out from him that you would  
5 be working the event?

6 **Witness** So he was just kind of like, it was just  
7 like a casual conversation of who was available. And then  
8 the SAC sent an email the next day on Saturday to **Lead Agent**  
9 and Special Agent **Field Office Counterpart** saying, here's your team. This is  
10 your team that's going to be working the two visits.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And then you mentioned -- and then  
12 there's some redactions here, conversations with blank and  
13 blank, lead for First Lady detail. Can you fill those in  
14 for us?

15 **Witness** So **Lead Agent** would've been under the  
16 impression she was the lead from conversations with it  
17 would've been our **ASCAC**, who's not no longer  
18 here. He just retired, but he was around. I think it was  
19 like his last day, or something, or he had come back or  
20 something, and he had just basically said to her that she  
21 was going to be the lead. And then I said Special Agent  
22 **Field Office Counterpart** would probably be good with doing the lead for  
23 the First Lady because he was on the First Lady's detail.  
24 So I thought, you know, he'd be fine with that.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And then if we go down a little bit, if



1 we go down to Monday the 8th. It says blank, "Met blank  
2 there for the first time."

3 **Witness** Met special site Agent **Site Agent**

4 **HSGAC Minority** So you met site Agent **Site Agent** for the  
5 first time on the 8th at the Butler Farm?

6 **Witness** Correct.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And you'd never met her before?

8 **Witness** No.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And then below that it, it says, "USSS"?

10 **Witness** Yeah. So it was Special Agent **Site Agent**  
11 myself, and Special Agent **Lead Agent** at that initial walkthrough.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then if you go down, it says  
13 you really only dealt with blank.

14 **Witness** I mainly just dealt with **Campaign Staff Lead**  
15 **Campaign Staff Lead**, who was the staff lead for like the Trump campaign  
16 the entire time for the site.

17 **HSGAC Minority** So he's with the campaign? He's not  
18 with the Secret Service detail?

19 **Witness** Correct.

20 **HSGAC Minority** **Staff Lead**

21 **Witness** Yeah. And then the lead assist, whose  
22 name was **Campaign Lead Assist**, I believe.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And the lead assist is what?

24 **Witness** Is the Trump campaign's lead assist. Is  
25 what they called themselves.

1           **HSGAC Minority**    Okay. And then if you go down, blank,  
2    "started the conversation early."

3           **Witness**           That would be Special Agent **Lead Agent**

4           **HSGAC Minority**    And then what is LOS?

5           **Witness**           Line of sight?

6           **HSGAC Minority**    Line of sight. Okay. What line of  
7    sight concerns were there?

8           **Witness**           I mean, there was 360-degree line of  
9    sight concerns everywhere. And, and it's anytime you're  
10   really going out into an outdoor event, especially some  
11   type of fairgrounds, there's pretty much going to be 160-  
12   degree line of sight concerns.

13          **HSGAC Minority**    Were there line of sight concerns at the  
14   AGR building?

15          **Witness**           Yes.

16          **HSGAC Minority**    Were those discussed at that July 8th  
17   meeting?

18          **Witness**           Yes.

19          **HSGAC Minority**    What specifically?

20          **Witness**           The initial meeting, Special Agent **Lead Agent**  
21   just said, hey, when you're planning, when you're deciding  
22   where you're going to put the stage, just remember, you  
23   know, line of sight concerns is going to be a big thing  
24   Secret Service and especially supervisor to supervisor.

25          **HSGAC Minority**    And so, the stage had not been set.

1 There were two different stage locations. Do you know  
2 which locations the AGR-specific concerns were discussed in  
3 terms of line of sight?

4 **Witness** I mean, I don't know that we said like  
5 specifically AGR, but we were just saying like looking  
6 around going, there's line of sight concerns everywhere.  
7 But that would've been where the stage ended up being.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then the police meeting, it  
9 says, blank, "gave the entire briefing."

10 **Witness** **Lead Agent**

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Blank, "took the main site."

12 **Witness** Special Agent **Site Agent**

13 **HSGAC Minority** And then tactical assets.

14 **Witness** It would've been **ATSAIC**

15 **HSGAC Minority** And then TS counterparts?

16 **Witness** Special Agent **Lead Agent**

17 **HSGAC Minority** And what is TS?

18 **Witness** The transportation section.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And then, blank, "met with  
20 Intelligence."

21 **Witness** Special Agent **Intel Advance Agent**.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So I'd like to pause here. So what  
23 intelligence team or what is that referring to?

24 **Witness** The protective intelligence agent?

25 **HSGAC Minority** So who was the protective intelligence

1 agent?

2 [Witness] Special Agent [Intel Advance Agent].

3 [HSGAC Minority] [Intel Advance Agent]. Okay. And what are the  
4 responsibilities of this?

5 [Witness] So, he basically does like all the name  
6 checks. I don't know if you're familiar with the name  
7 checks?

8 [HSGAC Minority] Of People who are attending?

9 [Witness] Yeah. People who are attending. Anyone  
10 that's going to come into close contact with our protectee.  
11 They'll run name checks which is kind of like a background.

12 [REDACTED] LES

13 [REDACTED] LES

14 [REDACTED] LES you know, somebody showing up  
15 to our site that would create a problem.

16 They also are kind of communicating with the locals on  
17 any intelligence that, you know, may be received in the  
18 local community or social media, like how much -- whether  
19 protestors might be showing up. So, they're basically like  
20 the main intelligence person, and they're responsible for,  
21 you know, passing on any pertinent information to, you  
22 know, the lead, or the boss, or addressing any concerns.

23 [HSGAC Minority] Okay. And they're meeting with locals  
24 or met with intelligence? I'm just trying to understand.

25 [Witness] So they meet with like the police.

1 Usually, it's like the plain clothes units, like the  
2 intel units for the police departments.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Do they meet with like Fusion Center  
4 representatives or anything like that?

5 **Witness** No. I mean, like we have like a JTTF  
6 representative in our office that, you know, coordinates  
7 everything with the FBI. So, if the FBI had some  
8 intelligence, you know, they need to pass, we typically go  
9 through like a JTTF representative, but I don't know that  
10 Special Agent **Intel Advance Agent** had an interview with anything like  
11 that.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And so when you guys do receive  
13 intelligence, it typically comes from JTTF?

14 **Witness** I don't know. I don't know if it goes,  
15 but yeah, I mean that's one way to do it. I think he has  
16 some sort of clearance set up for that specifically.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Do you all have a SCIF in your office  
18 here? Is this the main field office?

19 **Witness** I don't know if this is considered a  
20 SCIF.

21 **HSGAC Minority** It has windows, so I imagine it wouldn't  
22 be, and we have cell phones. And so, we talked a little  
23 bit earlier about how you were surprised to learn about the  
24 Iranian threat. That was after you learned about it after  
25 the event July 13th?

1           **Witness**           Yeah. And I still don't know really is  
2 was it a real threat? I don't know. I still don't know  
3 anything. I was never briefed, I was never told anything.  
4 I don't know.

5           **HSGAC Minority**   And I mean, I think it's been made  
6 public that there is a threat. I think it's been made  
7 public in court documents, arrests that have been made by  
8 DOJ that there is a threat. So you've never been briefed.  
9 You have a security clearance, right?

10          **Witness**           Yeah.

11          **HSGAC Minority**   And what level?

12          **Witness**           Top secret.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Top secret. And have you been briefed  
14 on intelligence specific to a protectee in the past?

15          **Witness**           It's usually more of like your protective  
16 intelligence agent is usually briefed by a supervisor. So  
17 a lot of times it's never getting trickled down to my  
18 level.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   And so, would **Intel Advance Lead** have been  
20 responsible for any threat intelligence?

21          **Witness**           I think that the detail was the one that  
22 was aware of the intelligence, and I don't know whether  
23 they told anyone from the Pittsburgh. I mean, it sounded,  
24 like speaking with **Lead Agent** like she knew of a  
25 threat, but she didn't know specifics like an Iranian

1 threat or anything like that.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Did she mention at all knowing about any  
3 threat that was communicated on July 9th at the Doral  
4 Florida rally?

5 **Witness** No.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. It's been reported that right  
7 before Trump's rally in Doral, Florida on July 9th, that  
8 Secret Service communicated to the Trump detail that there  
9 was a specific threat and that they would be seeing  
10 additional assets. Now, I don't have any additional  
11 information, but you've never heard that?

12 **Witness** No, I did not know, I was not aware of  
13 that.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And so, was there only one  
15 representative from protective intelligence at the event?

16 **Witness** We had a site protective intelligence and  
17 that's just like a post standard that comes and then  
18 they're like the site agent for the day.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so, what is their role on the  
20 day of the event?

21 **Witness** They're basically there to support the  
22 intelligence agent because he's at the airport at the time,  
23 and he's not coming until later. So if there's, you know,  
24 a suspicious person at a site or if there's somebody that  
25 needs to be interviewed at a site, that site agent usually

1 is the one to do that type of interview.

2 HSGAC Minority And who was the site agent?

3 Witness Protective Intel Agent .

4 HSGAC Minority Do you happen to know the spelling for  
5 that?

6 Witness Protective Intel Agent .

7 HSGAC Minority Okay. And is that someone from the  
8 field office or is that someone from the detail?

9 Witness No. She was just somebody from out of  
10 town that came for the day.

11 Witness I don't know what field office she's  
12 from.

13 HSGAC Minority So is there always someone, an  
14 intelligence agent, LES ?

15 Witness Yea. Typically, there's always an  
16 intelligence agent LES .

17 HSGAC Minority And do you know if you said it was  
18 PII

19 Witness Yeah. Protective Intel Agent was the site protector,  
20 and so she was just at the site the entire time.

21 HSGAC Minority And then do you know if she interviewed  
22 anyone?

23 Witness I do not know.

24 HSGAC Minority And where was she seated? Where was she  
25 situated? Did she move around or?



1       **Witness**       Yeah. She was all over the place. I  
2       gave her like a golf cart and basically gave her free reign  
3       to get familiar with the site. And she was with a PSP  
4       counterpart. We typically link up with police counterpart  
5       for doing their assistance in case you need to, you know,  
6       make any arrests, or detain anyone, or.

7       **HSGAC Minority**   And who communicated with her? Was it  
8       everyone had -- was she on a radio with everyone on Secret  
9       Service? Were only certain people passing her information.  
10      How was information related to protective intelligence or  
11      the intelligence agent?

12      **Witness**       Yeah, I mean, a lot of times -- like, I  
13      guess it just depends. If I'm doing protective  
14      intelligence, I typically send out an email to everybody in  
15      the advance team and I say, this is a protective  
16      intelligence router, please pass pertinent information  
17      along on this router that's relevant. Special Agent  
18      **Intel Advance Lead** did not do that. So that wasn't established.

19           So, there's a multitude, I guess, ways that you could  
20      let a protective intelligence person know. I mean, you  
21      could go over the radio, I guess you could call, you could  
22      put it out in email. I don't know. I was not made aware  
23      of any communications to the protective intelligence agent.

24      **HSGAC Minority**   So you said that you don't believe any  
25      email was sent out kind of telling everyone how to contact

1 that person on that day. Did you feel like you knew how  
2 to contact that person?

3 **Witness** Oh, you're saying for other people, how  
4 to contact that person?

5 **HSGAC Minority** For you?

6 **Witness** I mean, how I knew because, you know, I  
7 was the one that put the site posts instructions together,  
8 so I knew who my site PI was, and I also sent her contact  
9 information to Special Agent **Intel Advance Agent** who was the in charge  
10 of the visit for them to link up and kind of communicate  
11 with each other on the plan.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And does the protective  
13 intelligence agent, do they have a direct line of  
14 communication with the counter snipers?

15 **Witness** So the counter snipers typically are  
16 monitoring the radios that the channels that we're on, so  
17 they should be monitoring all the radio channels that we're  
18 working off of.

19 **HSGAC Minority** So does the protective intelligence  
20 agent have a separate line?

21 **Witness** No. They're just on the same channels.  
22 You know, there's usually a frequency for the post  
23 standards, so that's what **Protective Intel Agent** would be on, the site PA  
24 would be on the frequency of the post standards at the  
25 site, and then there's usually a separate frequency for the

1 shift agents.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so, if the counter snipers  
3 saw something suspicious as they're looking out doing their  
4 overwatch, would they be communicating that directly to  
5 protective intelligence, or?

6 **Witness** So, they normally communicate that to  
7 what we call a CS response, a counter sniper response. So  
8 there's a dedicated team that's supposed to -- if the  
9 counter snipers say, you know, there's somebody you know in  
10 this window or there's somebody on this roof, typically,  
11 they would reach out to CS response and CS would respond,  
12 would go then and investigate it, or.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And so, who was on the CS response on  
14 July 13th?

15 **Witness** Yeah. It was a guy named **CSRT Agent** I  
16 believe.

17 **HSGAC Minority** So was there only **LES** on the CS  
18 response team?

19 **Witness** So, yeah. So there's **LES** team and then  
20 **LES** paired with, again a local, like a PSP counterpart.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Is it typical that there's only **LES**  
22 Secret Service agent?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So it doesn't change depending on  
25 the area of the site, how many people are going to attend?

1           **Witness**           I've only seen **LES** for these types of  
2 sites. I mean, maybe if it's like an NSSE, or something,  
3 you know.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. Did they have a golf cart?

5           **Witness**           They had a vehicle. I made sure it was  
6 somebody that had a vehicle.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   So was that a Secret Service vehicle?

8           **Witness**           It was a rental car that they had, but  
9 yeah, it was a specific service.

10          **HSGAC Minority**   And then were they posted in a specific  
11 location or are they also roving?

12          **Witness**           So usually they're like a relief because  
13 our counters sniper teams **LES** before  
14 they hit, or that the **LES**. So I  
15 said, you know, to walk around familiarize yourself with  
16 the site and all the posts you're kind of like a relief if  
17 anybody needs a push or to take a break. And I had said,  
18 you know, you could just use your car and, and stay at the  
19 main gate as you wish, you know, to be able to respond  
20 quickly to a situation.

21          But I also put in Technician **C/S Team Lead** phone number  
22 and said, please reach out to Technician **C/S Team Lead** and make  
23 sure that he gives you paperwork and that you guys work out  
24 the plan amongst yourself. So, I believe that's what  
25 happened.

1           **HSGAC Minority**   And so that conversation happened  
2 when?

3           **Witness**           So it was in the site post instructions,  
4 and then that conversation happens when we we're posting  
5 up. So probably around 11 o'clock that morning the day of.

6           **HSGAC Minority**   Was that the briefing or was **C/S Team Lead**  
7 supposed to give an actual briefing?

8           **Witness**           So I think they actually met separately  
9 and **C/S Team Lead** met with him separately. My understanding is  
10 that they met around 1 o'clock or so, and he provided him  
11 like a survey they could countersign, a survey. And it's  
12 basically like a grid so he would say it's B4 or something  
13 so they know exactly where they need to respond to. And  
14 then at that point, you know, I don't know the word like  
15 what was exchanged between the two. So I don't know if  
16 Technician **C/S Team Lead** said, I would like you to be here. So  
17 I don't know.

18          **HSGAC Minority**   And then did you communicate with  
19 **CSRT Agent** after the event had started?

20          **Witness**           After President Trump arrived?

21          **HSGAC Minority**   Or people started coming in, I guess  
22 when guests --

23          **Witness**           I didn't.

24          **HSGAC Minority**   Is that your only communication that day  
25 with **CSRT Agent**?

1           **Witness**           Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. So, did you hear any radio  
3 traffic to **CSRT Agent** that day? Anything over the radio?

4           **Witness**           I did not.

5           **HSGAC Minority**   Is **CSRT Agent** was his -- did he have a  
6 perimeter or could he kind of go wherever?

7           **Witness**           He could go wherever.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. So outer perimeter?

9           **Witness**           Yeah. I mean, like CS usually is, you  
10 know, you're talking about they're looking at **LES**  
11 yards out. So it could be as far out as they see  
12 something.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   So AGR building would've been an  
14 appropriate place for them to cover?

15          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

16          **HSGAC Minority**   Are they responsible for kind of going  
17 about and monitoring the site as the event's going on, or  
18 is there a preference for them to be --

19          **Witness**           Not really. A lot of times they're just  
20 sitting in a car waiting for -- to reach out to the  
21 services for a problem, and a lot of times they never have  
22 to do anything.

23          **HSGAC Minority**   And does while we're talking about  
24 surveillance, does Secret Service have any video or photo  
25 surveillance systems so that they deploy or can deploy at

1 an event to monitor in real time?

2 **Witness** Like a drone?

3 **HSGAC Minority** A drone, or I don't know, camera system  
4 that you post?

5 **Witness** **LES** So I know TSD has certain  
6 equipment **LES**. I don't even know what  
7 you call, but like if you **LES**, you  
8 know, it would alert. And when I was on the detail, I  
9 don't believe they were using drones, but it's my  
10 understanding that they might be using drones now, and they  
11 have the capability to use that as more of a surveillance,  
12 or.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And what about like pole cams, or.

14 **Witness** The only time I've heard of pole cams is  
15 **LES**.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know if any surveillance  
17 video photo were deployed on that day?

18 **Witness** It's my understanding that the -- had  
19 deployed a drone on that day.

20 **HSGAC Minority** But not Secret Service?

21 **Witness** Correct.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Is that typical that there wouldn't be  
23 some kind of surveillance?

24 **Witness** Yeah, I mean, that's typical. But again,  
25 like maybe they do it now, but when I was on the detail,

1 they didn't use drones for air events. If you're talking  
2 about the [REDACTED] LES they were using helicopters, [REDACTED] LES  
3 [REDACTED] LES.

4 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority And what kind of helicopters?

5 [REDACTED] Witness It would be like the Coast Guard or  
6 whatever your local police are providing.

7 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority Okay. So if you don't have like live  
8 real time, do you have agents that are kind of walking post  
9 standards or walking the event, taking pictures of areas?  
10 We've seen some pictures that appear to be the vendor site  
11 folks were sharing pictures of the vendor site. I don't  
12 know.

13 [REDACTED] Witness What do you mean the vendor site?

14 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority We will introduce it as an exhibit,  
15 Bates number -- I apologize. You can jump in with a  
16 question a question while I find this. I think you should,  
17 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority

18 [REDACTED] HSGAC Minority Oh, okay. First of all, pardon this.  
19 In baseball terms, I was expecting a fastball when we got a  
20 curve ball today. So we'll be like water and adapt.

21 So, first of all, you know, I consider you a subject  
22 matter expert. You've done this for 17 years, so we're  
23 heavily relying on you, maybe as you've already done  
24 opening up some, I guess or answering some questions on the  
25 process that we might not understand.



1           And I'm not going to go deep into my questions yet,  
2   but I do want to say on the onset it's refreshing to  
3   finally interview someone that's willing to give a candid  
4   answer. Because what I wrote when I first saw your notes  
5   was this, it's interesting that many of these same concerns  
6   that you put on here are the same concerns that I and  
7   millions of Americans have today.

8           And that's concerning. And the thing that I think  
9   when I ask my questions that you'll notice is the  
10   difference in you questioning that you having these  
11   questions that millions of Americans have was you were on  
12   site with other agents that had these same questions, but  
13   yet a lot of things went unnoticed and/or unattended to.

14         **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. So, I just passed out Exhibit 7,  
15   and I'll let you look at that. Are you familiar with this?  
16   It appears to be a text from a chat group, the first  
17   document and it's Bates 705.

18           Are you familiar with this in the corresponding  
19   attachment pictures?

20                                 [Exhibit No. 7 was  
21                                 marked for identification.]

22         **Witness**           Okay. So I mean, I know the sixth rep.  
23   Yeah, I may have been on that text. I don't know.

24         **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. So do you know who it would be  
25   from?

1           **Witness**           It would've been from Special Agent  
2   **Lead Agent** who Special Agent **Site Agent** asking for the sit rep, the  
3   situation report, for the day of the visit, which is very,  
4   you know, standard practice.

5           **HSGAC Minority**   Is that something that's done throughout  
6   the day?

7           **Witness**           A lot of times they want to know how many  
8   people are through the mags throughout the day. So usually  
9   the sit rep is, you know, when you're getting, you know,  
10   five minutes out you provide a sit, you know, maybe 10  
11   minutes out you provide a sit rep and then you'll say, you  
12   know, updated situation report maybe five minutes out. But  
13   yeah, for an event this large or for this type of event,  
14   they typically want to know how many people, are into the  
15   site and how many people are still waiting to get mag.

16          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And then the picture, so there  
17   were two pictures it looks like attached to that. 706 is  
18   the first one and 707. And do you recognize these photos?

19          **Witness**           I guess that this is what I'm guessing  
20   that this is what Special Agent **Site Agent** sent to Special Agent  
21   **Lead Agent** but I, you know, I, again, I, this is just, yeah, I  
22   would have to

23          **HSGAC Minority**   And do you recognize these areas?

24          **Witness**           Yeah. So this would've been the  
25   magnetometer line. And this would've been the crowd from

1 like the back of the event.

2 **HSGAC Minority** So these were outside the secure inner  
3 perimeter.

4 **Witness** The people in line would've been, but the  
5 people -- the crowd is inside. This is where they're --

6 **HSGAC Minority** That's inside.

7 **Witness** This is the rally.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And that truck that's there, is that a  
9 vendor?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **HSGAC Minority** So there were vendors inside the  
12 perimeter?

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. How many?

15 **Witness** I don't know. Just a couple.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Did they have to be like pre-approved?

17 **Witness** I think there were vendors outside the  
18 perimeter too?

19 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah. I knew about the ones outside. I  
20 guess I didn't really realize they were inside the  
21 perimeter as well. Did they have to get --

22 **Witness** No, that's common. They have to be there  
23 at a certain time, and then they have to go through the  
24 security. They have to go through like a sweep.

25 **HSGAC Minority** So is it typical that these sit reps

1 have photos?

2 **Witness** Yeah, I would say that.

3 **HSGAC Minority** I'm just trying to get a better  
4 understanding since there's it doesn't seem like there's  
5 video surveillance of what's going on if kind of pictures  
6 are taken. Do you know if anyone in Secret Service  
7 encountered or saw the suspect, Crooks, that day?

8 **Witness** Not to my knowledge of anyone who  
9 encountered him. You mean like in line or something?

10 **HSGAC Minority** Or just, you know, walking in the area.

11 **Witness** Nothing was passed to me about Crooks.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Did you receive other pictures that day  
13 from around the rally that you recall?

14 **Witness** I took pictures before of like -- not the  
15 rally, but I took pictures of, like, the vendors that had  
16 been lined up on Friday night and I think I sent it to  
17 Special Agent **Lead Agent** I didn't know that these guys were  
18 doing that.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And who would be responsible for the --  
20 or dealing with the vendors?

21 **Witness** It was the staff. The staff sets all  
22 that up.

23 **HSGAC Minority** The campaign staff?

24 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

25 **HSGAC Minority** So you took some pictures. Did you take

1 any pictures on the day of the event?

2 **Witness** No, I don't believe so.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then did you -- so you sent  
4 pictures on Friday

5 **Witness** And it was like, like look at all these  
6 people lining up already because I wasn't made aware that  
7 they were all going to be there.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And did you send those pic or did you  
9 provide those pictures to the inspections division?

10 **Witness** They didn't ask me about any photos.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you provide those to the FBI?

12 **Witness** No.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Have you been interviewed by the FBI?

14 **Witness** Yeah. They didn't ask me about anything.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall when you were interviewed  
16 by the FBI?

17 **Witness** Why?

18 **HSGAC Minority** When?

19 **Witness** Oh, and I can assume why.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Was it before or after the Secret  
21 Service Inspections interview?

22 **Witness** Before.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Before.

24 **Witness** It was the first interview I had.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall, was it the night of

1 the event?

2 **Witness** No.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Was it --

4 **Witness** It was much later. A week, I would say.  
5 I would say probably a week.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And where was that meeting?

7 **Witness** Here.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Was it just FBI?

9 **Witness** No, PSP.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Again, apologize for jumping around. So  
11 how many times -- I'm going to go back to the advance. How  
12 many times did you visit the AGR property or were you on  
13 the AGR property, would you say?

14 **Witness** I didn't go over to the AGR property at  
15 all. I just was along the fence looking at it.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So, when you all were doing the  
17 walkthrough?

18 **Witness** Yeah. And then, I guess I did go over  
19 there after it all happened, you know, after the shooting  
20 and everything?

21 **HSGAC Minority** You did?

22 **Witness** Mm-Hmm.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Did you go up on the roof after?

24 **Witness** Not that day. I went up on the roof  
25 later, like weeks later when Director Rowe came out.

1           **HSGAC Minority**   When you said you went over up to the  
2   AGR property after, that's the night of the event?

3           **Witness**           Yes.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   And what was the purpose for going over  
5   there?

6           **Witness**           So technical security division was on the  
7   roof and they were kind of sorting out like who that bike  
8   belonged to and the backpack. And so, they had somebody  
9   detained over there. And so **TSD Advance Agent** was the TSD guy.  
10   And so, he just wanted his Secret Service representative  
11   over there to, to say whether, you know, they could release  
12   witnesses. So, I just went over there, and he asked me to  
13   come over there. So, I was just trying to kind of sort out  
14   what exactly was happening.

15          **HSGAC Minority**   So were you responsible for securing the  
16   crime scene?

17          **Witness**           I mean, we have like, you know, federal  
18   presence, so we kind of held our posts until -- the FBI was  
19   calling me saying they were on their way. So, we kind of  
20   held our posts until the FBI kind of showed up and took  
21   over the scene.

22          **HSGAC Minority**   And do you recall who from FBI came and  
23   took over?

24          **Witness**           There was so many agents everywhere. But  
25   I spoke to **FBI**, but I don't think -- he wasn't

1 the one that came.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And is he from the field office?

3 **Witness** The FBI field office in Pittsburgh. He  
4 used to be a former service agent, so I have a relationship  
5 with him.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And did FBI have a presence at  
7 the rally prior to this shooting? Shots fired?

8 **Witness** Not my knowledge.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Would you have knowledge if there  
10 were --

11 **Witness** I should.

12 **HSGAC Minority** -- other federal agencies that were  
13 present?

14 **Witness** I should.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you have knowledge of any  
16 other federal agencies?

17 **Witness** So I was made aware at some point that  
18 there was an ATF agent, but I did not know that he was  
19 coming to the site, so I had no idea who coordinated that  
20 or why he was on site.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And when did you find that out?

22 **Witness** I found that out probably around 4  
23 o'clock p.m. that day.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And how did you find out?

25 **Witness** I believe he was one of -- there was a



1 few people that were -- that were saying, you know, hey,  
2 we're concerned about this bike rack this bike rack that  
3 was like on, on the outer on the -- like that the staff put  
4 for, to keep the crowd contained. And he was concerned  
5 that people, it might fall over, that people might, you  
6 know, be able to, to get, you know, get over it. And so  
7 then he kind of brought it to my attention. I was like,  
8 "Well, who are you?"

9 **HSGAC Minority** Oh, so it was the ATF agent that brought  
10 it to your attention?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall his name?

13 **Witness** No. I was like, "Who are you?" He said,  
14 "ATF."

15 **HSGAC Minority** And did he, like, have identifying --  
16 was he in plain clothes?

17 **Witness** Yeah.

18 **HSGAC Minority** He was in plain clothes. Did he show  
19 you his credential?

20 **Witness** No.

21 **HSGAC Minority** So he just came up to you and said, "I'm  
22 an ATF agent?"

23 **Witness** Well, he was talking to me about, you  
24 know, he just was acting like part of the plan. And I was  
25 just, "Well, who are you?" And he just said, "I'm ATF."

1 And then I just, I didn't ask any further questions. I  
2 mean, at that point I was just like, okay. I don't know.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Did you talk to anyone else about that,  
4 either that day or later?

5 **Witness** I may have said to someone else, like,  
6 did you like -- why was ATF -- I may have said to somebody  
7 else, like, "Did you know ATF was coming?" Or, you know,  
8 but I don't know.

9 **HSGAC Minority** So you still don't know?

10 **Witness** I still don't know why ATF was there or  
11 who asked them to be there or what their role was.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what other federal agencies -  
13 -

14 **Witness** That's the only one that I know of that  
15 was that was there.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Did DOD have some?

17 **Witness** Oh, the military?

18 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah.

19 **Witness** Yeah. the military, the canines and UDS.

20 **HSGAC Minority** And then HSI.

21 **Witness** And then HSI, yeah. And then was  
22 supplementing of course.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And how many HSIs?

24 **Witness** **LES**

25 **HSGAC Minority** **LES** And how many Secret Service?

1           **Witness**           **LES**

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Is that a normal ratio?

3           **Witness**           I would say no.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.   What is --

5           **Witness**           But they call -- so they have like what  
6   they call jump teams, so and this is for like campaign, so  
7   this is like, because he was candidate Trump, and this is a  
8   campaign they've created these jump teams, so I don't know  
9   exactly if it's **LES** you know, the numbers, but usually  
10   it's like **LES** Secret Service agent would be considered like  
11   a jump team leader, and then you have maybe **LES** HSI agents  
12   underneath you, so they get, you know, activated as a jump  
13   team. So that's kind of what I guess had taken place for  
14   that day.

15          **HSGAC Minority**   And is that a new practice or?

16          **Witness**           No, I don't think it's new.

17          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.

18          **Witness**           No.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   So it's typical for campaign --

20          **Witness**           I guess, yeah.

21          **HSGAC Minority**   -- protection?   Okay.   So just want to  
22   get back.   So remind me, you were on the AGR property  
23   before, or you were not?

24          **Witness**           No, I never like -- no, just that after  
25   the event I was.

1           **HSGAC Minority**    So you never walked the property the  
2 day of, you were up against the fence line?

3           **Witness**           Yeah.

4           **HSGAC Minority**    Who were you walking up against the  
5 fence line with? Who was present that?

6           **Witness**           Oh, you mean the day of?

7           **HSGAC Minority**    Not the day of. During the walkthrough.

8           **Witness**           So is myself, Special Agent **Site Agent** and  
9 then a multitude of different locals. It was, the ones  
10 that I recall would've been Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge** and  
11 **Butler Township Chief of Police**

12          **HSGAC Minority**    **PII**       Okay. And --

13          **Witness**           And I think Lieutenant -- I want to say  
14 Lieutenant -- oh, I don't know. I don't want to -- those  
15 are the two that I recall. And I know there was others,  
16 but I'm not sure of any.

17          **HSGAC Minority**    Were there concerns brought up about  
18 either the fence line, or the roof, or the AGR building  
19 during that conversation?

20          **Witness**           So, yeah, I mean the AGR was definitely a  
21 concern. So we put posts along the fence line, you know,  
22 looking at the AGR. And it was, you know, to be so that  
23 nobody would come up on the fence line and there wouldn't  
24 be foot traffic along that property.

25          **HSGAC Minority**    And was there any discussion about

1 putting some kind of sheeting or anything on the fence  
2 lines so folks couldn't see through it and you didn't have  
3 people gathering there public that weren't part of the  
4 rally to watch?

5 **Witness** So originally I had suggested that to  
6 this campaign staff, you know, I want to put the porta  
7 potties along the fence line, I want to put the FES along  
8 the fence line. And they did not want that because I think  
9 their reasoning was that they want as many people in that  
10 area as possible, so they didn't want anything in that area  
11 because it would take up their space.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you don't recall any, you  
13 know, conversation about opaque material being put up on  
14 the fence?

15 **Witness** No, no. I mean we said that we had  
16 banners large banners, we had things that we could use for  
17 different lines of sight. But **Campaign Staff Lead** had said, you know, no,  
18 to everything that we suggested.

19 **HSGAC Minority** **Campaign Staff Lead** And that **Campaign Staff Lead** is the?

20 **Witness** The staff lead.

21 **HSGAC Minority** The staff lead. So do you all typically  
22 you know, defer to the staff? I mean, obviously I assume  
23 the staff lead doesn't necessarily have security expertise,  
24 do they? I don't know. Is it like a security person?

25 **Witness** No, I wouldn't say no. They are not

1 security.

2 **HSGAC Minority** So does Secret Service usually defer to  
3 them on these decisions? I mean --

4 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm sorry, **HSGAC Minority** do you mind getting  
5 into the mic a little bit more?

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Sorry. Can you hear me better  
7 now?

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Yes, thank you.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I was asking if the Secret  
10 Service typically defers to campaign staff about the  
11 security decisions or recommendations?

12 **Witness** Yeah, so I mean, typically the campaign  
13 staff and the details have, you know, a working  
14 relationship and a mutual respect and understanding. So  
15 typically, you know, the Secret Service, you know, these  
16 are the needs of the Secret Service you know, X, Y, and Z  
17 and the staff, these are the needs of the staff, you know,  
18 and that's kind of already set in place.

19 So I would've thought that these would've been already  
20 established, this type of, these security concerns that  
21 the, the staff would be, well, you know, aware of these  
22 concerns, that it wouldn't be something that would have to  
23 be discussed on a daily basis during the week. So I was  
24 kind of shocked that they weren't kind of you know -- I was  
25 shocked to see that they were pushing back.

1           And so, you know, on that walkthrough, specifically  
2   on that walkthrough with Agent **Site Agent** when she was giving  
3   her briefing to her supervisors that again, that line of  
4   sight was discussed, especially, you know, at the HR area.  
5   And I pulled in **Campaign Staff Lead** specifically, that's the only time I  
6   chimed in. It wasn't my briefing or anything, but I chimed  
7   in at that point because I'm like, look, this is the staff  
8   detail, this is the staff supervisors. You guys, you know,  
9   can discuss, you know, the plan moving forward and you  
10   know, what you are coming to terms with here and the  
11   agreements that are made. Because, you know, I tried to  
12   address the issue over and over and I wasn't getting  
13   anywhere with it.

14           So yeah they were well aware of the concerns, and I,  
15   again, I put them into contact with one another. I stepped  
16   out of the conversation, they continued their walkthrough  
17   and nobody ever asked me after that to do anything about  
18   that line of line of sight. No one asked me to put  
19   anything there. I was kind of hoping that somebody would  
20   maybe pull me aside and say, "Hey, don't worry about what  
21   staff says. It doesn't matter what staff says. Like, I  
22   want you to put, you know, whatever you can find, or I want  
23   you to put, you know, farm equipment."

24           We had plenty of things that we could have put. But  
25   that was never -- nothing was ever discussed with me after

1 that, or nobody asked him to do anything after further.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Was **C/S Team Lead** doing a walkthrough  
3 the same day that you did a walkthrough?

4 **Witness** He did a walkthrough with SAIC Agent  
5 **Site Agent** on Wednesday, and then yeah, that morning he walked  
6 off with the, the Butler ESU teams that morning. Yeah.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Was anyone else present at the  
8 walkthrough that he did with **Site Agent** the day before?

9 **Witness** I do not know.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know if he got on the AGR  
11 roof?

12 **Witness** I do not know.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if he physically got on the  
14 barn roofs where the counter snipers were?

15 **Witness** I don't know.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Typically, when the counter snipers  
17 advance does a walkthrough, do they typically get on the  
18 roof where it's --

19 **Witness** Yes. Every time I've dealt with CS,  
20 that's pretty much the only question that they ask me is  
21 how do I get to onto the roof.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And have you talked to **C/S Team Lead** since  
23 the event?

24 **Witness** I emailed him one time and asked what  
25 time the local CS team was supposed to be posted. And he



1 responded with an email.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And what time were they supposed to be  
3 posted?

4 **Witness** He said that he didn't know, but it was  
5 his understanding that they were getting there around 9:30  
6 or something, early in the morning.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And so you emailed him after the event  
8 to ask him that?

9 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Why did you email him that?

11 **Witness** Because the higher ups and headquarters  
12 were asking all these specific questions to the SAC, and  
13 the SAC was asking me, and then, so then I was like, "Well,  
14 I have to ask him when it was." You know, I wasn't part of  
15 his plan, so I asked him.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Was that part of like an formal  
17 interview or were they --

18 **Witness** I think they were just trying to get all  
19 the information. The headquarters was trying to get  
20 briefed up on the situation.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you recall when that was?

22 **Witness** Probably was like one or two days later.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And it was staff from the higher  
24 up Secret Service staff or?

25 **Witness** Secret Service, yeah. I think they were

1 trying to brief the director.

2 HSGAC Minority Okay. And then just really quick before  
3 I passed it on to HSGAC Minority , I don't know how I'm doing  
4 on time. I don't know if anyone can give me a time check?

5 HSGAC Majority Seven minutes.

6 HSGAC Minority Seven minutes? Okay. Where was the  
7 security room?

8 Witness It was like at the main entrance.

9 HSGAC Minority What building was it in? Was it in a --

10 Witness I think it said like, maybe like LES  
11 on it. It's like a LES building. It says like LES on  
12 it. And it was like right when you come in through the  
13 main gate of the compound.

14 HSGAC Minority Was it the USDA office?

15 Witness LES .

16 HSGAC Minority LES . Okay. So is it private  
17 building?

18 Witness Yeah, yeah.

19 HSGAC Minority Okay. Do you know what --

20 Witness It's their, like, where the reception  
21 would be or their office. The receptionist would sit, I  
22 guess, you know.

23 HSGAC Minority Do you know if they had any security  
24 cameras in that building?

25 Witness I do not know.

1 HSGAC Minority How much time do we have?

2 HSGAC Majority Seven minutes.

3 HSGAC Minority I've got four hours of questions, so I'll  
4 never get through them. I'm sorry. Two things. I'm just  
5 going to make a couple statements, because I could ask  
6 questions on your notes all day long.

7 Witness Okay.

8 are you aware of the term, see something, say something?

9 Witness Yeah.

10 HSGAC Minority Is that something that the Department of  
11 Homeland Security pushes out to the public pretty hard?

12 Witness I would think so.

13 HSGAC Minority Matter of fact, they actually have a whole  
14 webpage dedicated to that.

15 Witness Okay.

16 HSGAC Minority The reason I brought that up is that's  
17 basic, very, very basic Security 101. And I'm just going  
18 to say for the record, because I do not have time to ask  
19 questions, it's extremely concerning that through your  
20 testimony, it appears that your concerns were dismissed by  
21 someone. We still don't know who. And I also want to say  
22 that I understand that everybody has a role and you've have  
23 to trust other people's roles.

24 But are you allowed to discuss and speak out about  
25 your issues you've identified? I think your answer was,

1 yes. You did bring them up. You identified some  
2 concerns. And then last thing I will say I have to ask the  
3 question. The photos that you said you took, do they still  
4 exist?

5 **Witness** Yeah.

6 **HSGAC Minority** So you still have those photos?

7 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And you provide them to Secret Service?

9 **Witness** So it is my understanding that the Secret  
10 Service just can pull the everything from your phone. So I  
11 don't know what --

12 **HSGAC Minority** Can we request that?

13 **HSGAC Majority** If I could interject? I just wanted to  
14 clarify. The photos that you're asking about are the  
15 photos from the Friday as opposed to the Saturday?

16 **HSGAC Minority** We would like all photos.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Yes.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Anything on her device that is relevant to  
19 the rally should be produced to us. It would be  
20 encompassed by the letters that were sent.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And I say that because I don't think we  
22 have all -- I didn't see vendor photos in this production  
23 in terms of the Friday, like I assume it was at night, it  
24 sounded like, or. So I didn't see any nighttime pictures.  
25 So it does --

1 HSGAC Minority And specifically the ones you were  
2 talking about of people coming in, you said you had  
3 multiple photos of setups and things like that?

4 Witness Yeah, I think I had two photos of just  
5 like, people that were selling apparel or things like that.

6 HSGAC Minority And photos maybe during the event rally  
7 that you may have taken.

8 Witness I didn't take any photos during the  
9 event.

10 HSGAC Majority Our poll for this, just for your awareness for  
11 purposes of the discussion. The poll of communications  
12 that you have is just the 13th, so we can go back and pull  
13 a broader date range for photos.

14 HSGAC Minority For photos.

15 HSGAC Majority For sure. And for everything, you just  
16 did this as an expedited slice for today.

17 HSGAC Minority I just want to make sure we're clear, not  
18 just photos. That would include messages that would  
19 include --

20 HSGAC Majority Understood.

21 HSGAC Minority -- phone call logs, that would include  
22 emails, anything related to the planning or the rally  
23 itself should be produced to us as responsive to the  
24 letters.

25 HSGAC Majority Yes, understood.

1 HSGAC Majority Okay. It's been an hour, we're going to  
2 break and I know your counsel wants to speak to you, so  
3 we'll plan five minutes, but just let us know.

4 [Recess.]

5 HSGAC Majority Ready whenever you are counsel, can you  
6 hear us on Teams?

7 MR. Witness Counsel Yes.

8 HSGAC Majority Okay. Thank you.

9 PSI Majority Hi, Senior Special Agent Witness Thank  
10 you. I know it's a long day. I want to start by asking a  
11 few follow up questions from your notes. Exhibit 1, you  
12 write CUAS, "Why wasn't I told that it wasn't properly  
13 working?" So is it accurate to say you were not aware the  
14 entire day that the CUAS system was not functional? Is that  
15 correct?

16 Witness Correct.

17 PSI Majority When did you learn that it was  
18 functional?

19 Witness I was never told that it was or was not  
20 functional. I just assumed it was functional the entire  
21 day.

22 PSI Majority And is that something that should have  
23 been relayed to a site counterpart site agent like  
24 yourself?

25 Witness Yes.

1       **PSI Majority**       Page 2 of your notes you write under  
2       communications, "Why wasn't anything relayed to me so that  
3       I could address it?" I'd like to take a step back and  
4       first ask, what radio frequencies were you on that day?

5       **Witness**       So the post standards were on, they  
6       started on **Channel** and the shift was on **Channel**

7       **PSI Majority**       And why did they switch

8       **Witness**       Around I want to say around 4:30 p.m., I  
9       received a phone call from my supervisor saying that there  
10      was some kind of bleed over. They were hearing bleed over  
11      on the radio and that yeah, the post standards were to  
12      switched to **Channel**

13      **PSI Majority**       What does that mean push to **Channel**?

14      **Witness**       Switch to -- switch frequencies.

15      **PSI Majority**       Oh, switch?

16      **Witness**       Yeah. To **Channel**

17      **PSI Majority**       And I didn't I missed the **Channel**

18      **Witness**       **Channel** Yeah.

19      **PSI Majority**       **Channel**

20      **Witness**       To **Channel** Yeah.

21      **PSI Majority**       Understood. Who's your supervisor?

22      **Witness**       It was s **SAIC Pittsburgh** that made the call to  
23      me.

24      **PSI Majority**       Is that common for the radio systems to  
25      have interference or not function?

1     **Witness**     Yeah, I mean it would be common to have  
2     bleed over. But you know, when I went back and looked,  
3     they weren't operating -- the first lady, it didn't show  
4     that they were operating on this frequency. So I don't  
5     know if that was truly what they were hearing.

6     **PSI Majority**     And I'm showing you what's been marked as  
7     I believe Exhibit 8. Do you have an Exhibit 8? Are we at  
8     8 or 9, Brad?

9     MR. **Witness Counsel**     8.

10    **PSI Majority**     I'm showing you what's been marked as  
11    Exhibit 8 and 9. Bate stamped 669 and Bates stamped 716.  
12    Do you recognize these documents? And **HSGAC Majority** can put  
13    them up on the screen. On the first document, 669 is this  
14    an email that --

15                                     [Exhibit No. 8 and 9 were  
16                                     marked for identification.]

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18    **Witness**     This was a text message that I believe I  
19    sent to Special Agent **Lead Agent**.

20    **PSI Majority**     And this is at 9:30 in the morning. So  
21    what happened?

22    **Witness**     So typically you like, it's best practice  
23    to be able to scan both channels, right? I am telling you  
24    that code centers operate on one frequency, shift operates  
25    on another frequency. In an ideal world, you're going to



1 want to listen to be able to listen to both frequencies.  
2 So when I try to set up the security -- I was setting up  
3 the security room in the morning when I tried to do the  
4 comms of the scanning. I couldn't get it to scan properly,  
5 so I was on the phone with radio communications person  
6 trying to address this issue.

7 **PSI Majority** Who was that?

8 **Witness** I don't know. I don't know who it was.

9 **PSI Majority** Was it someone with the Secret Service  
10 or?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **PSI Majority** Okay. And who is responsible for all of  
13 the Secret Service communication systems on the day of the  
14 rally?

15 **Witness** So there's a security room, it's just a  
16 standard security room that's set up. It was, you know,  
17 the site agent's really responsible for making sure that  
18 the security room's set up and that there's communications.

19 **PSI Majority** And that would be Special Agent **Site Agent**

20 **Witness** Correct. But, you know, she's not in  
21 charge of the radios or, you know, functioning of the  
22 radios or anything like that. She's not like a radio  
23 expert. So CIO would be in charge of any issues you know,  
24 the radios may be having.

25 **PSI Majority** And is CIO remote, were they on site that

1 day?

2 **Witness** No.

3 **PSI Majority** And what other radio frequencies did you  
4 have the ability to tap into, such as state and local  
5 frequencies?

6 **Witness** We don't have the ability to tap into  
7 state and local frequencies.

8 **PSI Majority** Were you ever offered, or did you receive  
9 a you know, radio from either the state frequency or the  
10 local frequencies, PD ops four or three?

11 **Witness** Was I personally, no.

12 **PSI Majority** Do you know if Site Agent **Site Agent** was?

13 **Witness** I do not know, but typically that would  
14 be something that would be between like tactical teams or  
15 counter sniper teams.

16 **PSI Majority** Who is responsible for ensuring the  
17 interoperability of communications that day to ensure  
18 locals can communicate with state and state can communicate  
19 with Secret Service. Who oversees that from Secret  
20 Service?

21 **Witness** So it's just part of the security plan.  
22 It's the security room it's set up by the site agent.

23 **PSI Majority** And when you mentioned the security plan,  
24 is that a document?

25 **Witness** I mean, there's a site diagram, but.

1           **PSI Majority**     But is there a document that you know?

2           **Witness**        No.

3           **PSI Majority**     No.   So are there any other documents  
4   like that detail, the site security other than the  
5   preliminary survey, the manpower request, the manpower  
6   brief, the police brief? Any other documents that are used  
7   in preparation for advanced planning to secure the July  
8   13th rally site?

9           **Witness**        I mean, there could be documents such as,  
10   you know, whatever the supervisors are requesting the site  
11   in it. So I know, you know, the DT you know, Site Agent  
12   **Site Agent** told me that she takes photos of, you know, the  
13   walking path of, you know, former President Trump and maybe  
14   photos of the stage looking out or photos looking into the  
15   stage, which is kind of a standard practice that you do  
16   when you're on the president's detail. And the supervisors  
17   from Donald Trump's detail were part of the president's  
18   detail, so I think they kind of took that practice.

19          **PSI Majority**     Did you take any notes that day?  
20   Contemporaneous notes, notes as you're securing the site?

21          **Witness**        I think I jotted down like site post,  
22   like a site post log.

23          **PSI Majority**     And what did you do with that?

24          **Witness**        I'm sure I have it. It would be like the  
25   same though as the site post log that I've like -- that

1 would be, I don't know if you have the site post log.

2 **PSI Majority** Are there any other documents? Such as -  
3 -

4 **Witness** I did the site post log and the site post  
5 instructions

6 **PSI Majority** And the site post instructions. And you  
7 took notes on those documents that day?

8 **Witness** I didn't take notes, I was just writing  
9 my site posts.

10 **PSI Majority** Understood. And did you provide those  
11 documents to Secret Service?

12 **Witness** I have them.

13 **PSI Majority** You have them?

14 **Witness** Yeah.

15 **PSI Majority** I mean, and we will follow up. We'd like  
16 a copy of those documents. Referring back to Exhibit 1 the  
17 second page of your notes page 791. We spoke about the  
18 beginning of the last paragraph when you mentioned how you  
19 weren't aware of threats. But I'd like to focus on the  
20 second part of that where you say, "Why did they feel that  
21 only one part of SOD was sufficient to cover it instead of  
22 the entire package?" What do you mean by that?

23 **Witness** I was just basically saying like they  
24 only sent out counter snipers. Why didn't they send out a  
25 CAT element? Why didn't they send out CSU?

1           **PSI Majority**     And these, these are the assets you  
2     raised in advance as well of the rally?

3           **Witness**        Yeah, yeah, I mean, I said CAT L and O, I  
4     mean.

5           **PSI Majority**     Right.

6           **Witness**        Yeah.

7           **PSI Majority**     And moving forward I'd like to talk about  
8     the week of July 8th and the walkthroughs that you did. Do  
9     you recall when you did the first walkthrough of the site?

10          **Witness**        It would've been Monday.

11          **PSI Majority**     Monday July 8th?

12          **Witness**        Correct.

13          **PSI Majority**     And who did you do that walkthrough with?

14          **Witness**        Special Agent **Site Agent** and Special Agent  
15     **Lead Agent** and the Trump campaign.

16          **PSI Majority**     And what vulnerabilities did you identify  
17     during that walkthrough?

18          **Witness**        We just basically stood on the ground and  
19     looked around 360 degrees and just said, you know, there's  
20     line of sight problems everywhere.

21          **PSI Majority**     And can you be more specific? Was the  
22     water tower something you identified?

23          **Witness**        I don't recall whether we discussed the  
24     water tower.

25          **PSI Majority**     Do you recall any specific

1 vulnerabilities that --

2 **Witness** I mean, you could see -- yeah, you could  
3 see like businesses you knew, you could see you know, main  
4 Streets 68, you could see neighboring, you know,  
5 residences. You had all these hangers. So there was a lot  
6 of rooftop buildings that were in close proximity.

7 **PSI Majority** And that includes the AGR building?

8 **Witness** Correct.

9 **PSI Majority** And did you memorialize this walkthrough  
10 at all in your findings? You and/or special Agent **Site Agent** or  
11 Lead Agent **Lead Agent**?

12 **Witness** Well, I'm not sure wat --

13 **PSI Majority** After you did the walkthrough or while  
14 you did the walkthrough, did you memorialize your findings?  
15 Did you fill out a form, take notes, anything like that?

16 **Witness** No, I mean, this was all an initial  
17 walkthrough. This is, we didn't even know at the time what  
18 the Trump campaign, where they were going to put the stage.  
19 So they choose where they put the stage.

20 **PSI Majority** Was this the walkthrough you used to  
21 determine the varying perimeters, the inner middle and  
22 outer perimeter?

23 **Witness** No.

24 **PSI Majority** So throughout the week of the 8th, you  
25 had a series of meetings, a planning meeting on July 8th.

1 And did anyone take -- did anyone take notes?

2 **HSGAC Minority** Did anyone take notes? You said you  
3 didn't take notes during the walkthrough. Did anyone take  
4 notes? Did you see anyone with a pen and paper?

5 **Witness** During the initial walkthrough on Monday?  
6 I'm sure people took notes, I'm sure probably Agent **Site Agent**  
7 I'm sure, probably took notes. I'm sure Special Agent **Lead Agent**  
8 probably took notes. I know when we did the police  
9 walkthrough, I was going to get a pen and paper to take  
10 notes and Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge** said, you know, no, he's  
11 taking the notes for the police post, so don't, like, I  
12 didn't have to worry about taking the notes, so I didn't  
13 take the notes of that walkthrough.

14 **PSI Majority** And the police walkthrough, was that the  
15 July 11th walkthrough you're referring to?

16 **Witness** Thursday.

17 **PSI Majority** So before we get there, there's a  
18 planning meeting on July 8th when you have these types of  
19 meetings. The planning meeting included officials from the  
20 Secret Service state and local law enforcement. Is there a  
21 sign in sheet or is there a --

22 **Witness** Are you talking about the police meeting  
23 on --

24 **PSI Majority** The planning meeting on Monday, July 8th  
25 at Allegheny County Emergency?

1           **Witness**           So that's the police meeting. Yeah,  
2           there's a sign in sheet.

3           **PSI Majority**       So there's a sign-in sheet. At that  
4           meeting, is there a readout or summary of the meeting?

5           **Witness**           No.

6           **PSI Majority**       During that meeting, was there any  
7           discussion of potential threats and vulnerabilities for the  
8           rally site?

9           **Witness**           I don't recall that. I don't think that  
10          -- I don't think that occurs at those meetings.

11          **PSI Majority**       Did anyone mention the AGR building at  
12          that meeting to your knowledge, if you recall?

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

14          **PSI Majority**       At that meeting or throughout the week,  
15          did state or local law enforcement offer resources or  
16          support that Secret Service declined to your knowledge?

17          **Witness**           Not to my knowledge.

18          **PSI Majority**       So moving forward, on July 9th Secret  
19          Service requested two snipers from Butler County. Were you  
20          aware of that?

21          **Witness**           Secret Service requested two snipers?

22          **PSI Majority**       Yes.

23          **Witness**           So Special Agent **Site Agent** is the one that  
24          was in contact with the Butler, ESU. I never was in  
25          contact with them, so I was not made aware that that Secret



1 Service requested that. She had actually told me that  
2 they didn't -- that they originally told her they didn't  
3 have local CS. So again, that might be why, you know,  
4 Secret Service was in my mind why Secret Service came out.

5 **PSI Majority** When you have local snipers at an event  
6 based on your experience and professional, you know,  
7 expertise, does that raise the threat level to you?

8 **Witness** No. It would help the -- it would help  
9 mitigate threats if you have snipers that are able to take  
10 higher ground and look at the buildings.

11 **PSI Majority** I'll rephrase the, the question. The  
12 fact that snipers are being brought in, does that imply to  
13 you that there is a greater level of threat -- potential  
14 threat? I think I'll ask more directly. Did you receive  
15 any new information of potential threats that week?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **PSI Majority** Were you aware that local law enforcement  
18 did a preliminary walkthrough of the site the evening of  
19 Tuesday, July 9th?

20 **Witness** I seen them. If you were talking about  
21 the same people, I saw local law enforcement at the site  
22 and we convened and then we went to the police barracks,  
23 but I don't know whether you were talking about the same  
24 entity.

25 **PSI Majority** When was that?

1           **Witness**           Tuesday.

2           **PSI Majority**       Tuesday?

3           **Witness**           Is that what you're asking me?   Tuesday?

4           **PSI Majority**       Yes.   So on Tuesday, was this in the  
5 evening?

6           **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

7           **PSI Majority**       And you did a walkthrough of the site  
8 with, were you doing a walkthrough of the site with local  
9 law enforcement?

10          **Witness**           Yeah, so we were kind of like, you know,  
11 on the grounds looking around and that's when I said, "Hey,  
12 like it'd be easier if we could get an overview map sit  
13 down and like, you know, put it on screen and discuss it  
14 because it's such a large area."   And then, so that's what  
15 we did, but I don't know if we're talking about the same  
16 people.

17          **PSI Majority**       And so do you recall who you met with  
18 from local law enforcement?

19          **Witness**           Yes, it was Lieutenant **PSP Officer in Charge** and  
20 Lieutenant **PSP Lieutenant** .

21          **PSI Majority**       And did you ultimately go to the barracks  
22 and pull up a map and look at everything?

23          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

24          **PSI Majority**       And tell me about that meeting.

25          **Witness**           So yeah, it was Special Agent **Lead Agent**

1 Special Agent **Site Agent** myself **PSP Officer in Charge** ,  
2 **PSP Lieutenant** , and three Butler Fire, EMS personnel, or  
3 sorry, Butler, EMS personnel. So yeah, we just pulled it  
4 up on the, they had like a smart screen and we just, you  
5 know, he tried to outline like, the perimeter of the site.  
6 And then we just kind of talked about, you know, where we  
7 could put different assets, you know, where could the  
8 firetruck go, where could a hazmat go? Where could we put  
9 police vehicles where could post be?

10 **PSI Majority** Did you discuss who was responsible for  
11 the AGR building?

12 **Witness** So that's when the conversation took  
13 place where **PSP Officer in Charge** said that he knew the owner,  
14 he spoke with the owner. The owner said that they were  
15 going to close business for the day. It was going to be  
16 locked, secured, and posted.

17 **PSI Majority** And so who was responsible for covering  
18 that building?

19 **Witness** I didn't ask specifically who was posting  
20 that building. I just, he told me it was being posted and  
21 I took that to mean that it's covered.

22 **PSI Majority** Do you know --

23 **Witness** I also know that we had, you know, it  
24 wasn't just those, you know, those particular posts. We  
25 had, you know, four posts in front of the building. We

1 had, we had a **LES** posts on the other side of the  
2 building. We had, at this point, I'm told we have four CS  
3 teams inside the building. So I'm thinking we have  
4 coverage everywhere.

5 **PSI Majority** And moving forward to July 11th where there is  
6 a USS held a walkthrough of the rally site, did any local  
7 law enforcement approach you and Special Agent **Site Agent** to  
8 raise specific concerns about the AGR building?

9 **Witness** Nobody approached me. Are you talking  
10 about Thursday?

11 **PSI Majority** Yes.

12 **Witness** Nobody approached me to raise --

13 **PSI Majority** So you don't recall a conversation where  
14 local law enforcement made it clear they did not have the  
15 manpower to lock down the AGR building?

16 **Witness** That was not a conversation I took part  
17 of.

18 **PSI Majority** If Secret Service is aware that local law  
19 enforcement does not have the manpower to lock down the  
20 building in the outer perimeter, whose responsibility is it  
21 to ensure coverage of that building?

22 **Witness** Sorry, could you repeat the question?

23 **PSI Majority** If Secret Service is aware that local law  
24 enforcement does not have the manpower to lock down a  
25 building that is a potential threat, whose responsibility

1 is it to ensure coverage of that threat?

2 **Witness** Well, they would just have to find other  
3 means. Whether it's who --

4 **PSI Majority** Who's they?

5 **Witness** This, I guess the site agent would have  
6 to find --

7 **PSI Majority** The Site Agent and that would be **Site Agent** ?

8 **Witness** Correct.

9 **PSI Majority** And prior, you mentioned in your notes  
10 the million-dollar question is why wasn't anyone on the  
11 roof of the AGR building. Prior to the event, was your  
12 understanding that law enforcement would be on the roof of  
13 the AGR building?

14 **Witness** Again, I found out that the day before  
15 that, in the instructions that the CS advanced sent out,  
16 **C/S Team Lead** sent out, it said that they were going to be  
17 located inside the AGR building. So at that time, I knew  
18 that they were going to be inside the AGR building. I did  
19 not know why. It's not something I've seen in the past. I  
20 didn't question it but I still thought that the roof was  
21 still covered. You know, I didn't think, "Oh, now that  
22 they're going to drop coverage because they're inside." I  
23 still thought they have that responsibility or somebody is  
24 covering that.

25 **PSI Majority** Were you in any conversations where

1 Secret Service considered stationing post standards at  
2 or near the AGR building?

3 **Witness** I was not part of conversations. I mean,  
4 I was part of conversations with Special Agent **Lead Agent** and  
5 **Site Agent** about, you know, what gets approved in the past as  
6 far as like post standing. Because again, as I've  
7 explained, that's typically not a USS post standing  
8 position because it's non-discretionary. You know, it's  
9 more of a general observation. It's, you know, nobody's  
10 walking through that post in terms of, you know, Secret  
11 Service and pins and who can I identify. So it's not  
12 typically something that would get approved. And I've even  
13 had the conversation with **Lead Agent** and she said, yeah, that  
14 wouldn't get approved.

15 **PSI Majority** Why wouldn't it get approved if it's a  
16 security threat?

17 **Witness** It would be a police post. It would be a  
18 police post that they would expect to be covered by police.

19 **PSI Majority** But what if the police did not have the  
20 manpower to secure the building? Whose responsibility is  
21 it then to ensure coverage?

22 **Witness** I guess then you would have to go back  
23 and justify and say, "Hey, police does not have the  
24 manpower to insure it. So now we are going to request a  
25 Secret Service body there."

1           **PSI Majority**     And do you know if that happened for  
2 the July 13th rally?

3           **Witness**        To my knowledge that AGR building was  
4 covered, so I do not think that that would've happened.

5           **PSI Majority**     To your knowledge, based on what you know  
6 now, was the AGR building covered in the way that you  
7 thought it was?

8           **Witness**        To my knowledge, the AGR building was  
9 covered. Yeah, I don't know that it was -- like if you're  
10 telling me that it wasn't covered --

11          **PSI Majority**     Well, I guess so. Saying it's covered  
12 is very vague.

13          **Witness**        Mm-hmm.

14          **PSI Majority**     And so you testified that you understood  
15 the AGR building was covered. There was a security failure  
16 at the event that occurred on the roof of the AGR building.  
17 Based on what you know now and where everyone was  
18 positioned in your view, based on your professional  
19 experience, was that building covered?

20          **Witness**        Well, if we're talking about the rooftop  
21 --

22          **PSI Majority**     That would be the building and the roof,  
23 because the shooter used the area around the building to  
24 access the roof.

25          **Witness**        Yeah. So you, again, like, I don't know

1 how many people at that time, you know, it could be that  
2 he just slipped through a crack and got managed to get on  
3 the roof. So I can't say whether how many people were  
4 around the perimeter of the building.

5 **PSI Majority** Based on the operation plans that you  
6 reviewed, the Pennsylvania State operation plan that shows  
7 all the post standards, the preliminary survey, the site  
8 diagram, Secret Service site diagram, based on all of that  
9 information that lays out the planning, in your view, was  
10 that building covered?

11 **Witness** The building should have been covered,  
12 yes.

13 **PSI Majority** Was it covered?

14 **Witness** I don't know. Did they drop posts? Did  
15 they -- I don't know that question, but the building should  
16 have been covered.

17 **PSI Majority** And you mentioned Special Agent **Site Agent**  
18 determined to the perimeter for the event. How is that  
19 reviewed? Who signs off on that?

20 **Witness** It would be her supervisors.

21 **PSI Majority** And who's her supervisors?

22 **Witness** At the time the supervisors came and did  
23 the walkthrough would've been **DTD 2nd Sup.**, ASAC, **DTD 2nd Sup.**

24 **DTD 2nd Sup.** and ASAC, **DTD 2nd Sup.**

25 **PSI Majority** And when those two individuals approved



1 the perimeter, they were on site? It's not like they're  
2 looking at a diagram, they're physically on site. Is that  
3 correct?

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **PSI Majority** Okay. Have you participated in any after  
6 action reviews of what went wrong that day?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Majority** Are you aware of any ongoing after-action  
9 reviews of what went wrong that day?

10 **Witness** I'm not aware of. I'm sure there's lots  
11 of after action, but I haven't partaken in any.

12 **PSI Majority** Did you contribute to the final site  
13 survey?

14 **Witness** The final site survey?

15 **PSI Majority** Our understanding is that after every  
16 event, a final site survey is created.

17 **Witness** You're saying site survey?

18 **PSI Majority** Correct.

19 **Witness** That's confusing me. I think it would  
20 just be a final survey.

21 **PSI Majority** Okay. Final survey. I apologize. Final  
22 survey.

23 **Witness** So a final survey is the responsibility  
24 of the lead agents to complete. So that would not be,  
25 yeah, that would be special agent.

1           **PSI Majority**     Fine. Do you know if that survey is  
2 complete?

3           **Witness**        I have no idea.

4           **PSI Majority**     Under Secret Service processes and it  
5 sounds like you've done many of these final surveys before  
6 as a lead agent. Do you fill out the survey and submit it  
7 or do you circulate it for review?

8           **Witness**        I think you usually just upload some  
9 documents.

10          **PSI Majority**     Okay. To your knowledge, have any Secret  
11 Service personnel involved in the July 13th event been  
12 removed from duty reassigned, placed on leave, or  
13 terminated?

14          **Witness**        I do not know. I only know can speak of  
15 Pittsburgh. We are just told that we're not supposed to  
16 come into the field office.

17          **PSI Majority**     And have you personally received any  
18 disciplinary actions?

19          **Witness**        Not like, I don't know. Disciplinary --  
20 I haven't really been --

21          **PSI Majority**     It's a vague question. I don't, I guess  
22 --

23          **Witness**        No one's really explained.

24          **PSI Majority**     What discussions had Secret Service had  
25 with you after the event, if any?

1           **Witness**           You know, I was just told, you know,  
2   not for a while. I was just told recently within a couple  
3   days, my staff had reached out and said, "Hey, you know,  
4   nobody's to do any investigations or any protection. You  
5   still, you know, have your gun and badge and or still  
6   working, but you're working from home." And you know, this  
7   is just a standard disciplinary action that, you know,  
8   that's what I'm being told, that this is the disciplinary  
9   action that working from home. But I don't know what any  
10  of that means. I haven't seen anything in an email. I  
11  haven't -- I don't know if there's like a file.

12           **PSI Majority**       Did you ask any follow up questions?

13           **Witness**           I did not.

14           **PSI Majority**       What happened at the July 13th rally was  
15  a, you know, near miss. And our understanding it's what  
16  Secret Service refers to as a, "unusual protective event or  
17  incident." Are you aware of any other near misses or such  
18  incidents in past Secret Service events?

19           **Witness**           I'm not aware.

20           **PSI Majority**       After the July 13th rally and shooting,  
21  do you know if anyone completed a SSF 4386 form? It's the  
22  unusual protective event form.

23           **Witness**           So that would fall under the  
24  responsibility of the protective intelligence agent. Okay.  
25  And I do not know if he completed something like that.

1           **PSI Majority**       And who was that?

2           **Witness**           Special Agent **Intel Advance Agent** .

3           **PSI Majority**       To your knowledge, have there been any  
4 reports or memoranda documenting the circumstances of what  
5 happened?

6           **Witness**           Not to my knowledge.

7           **PSI Majority**       Is there anything we haven't -- we've  
8 talked a lot about the day but you've been doing this job  
9 for nearly two decades in a number of different capacities.  
10 We are trying to quickly learn as much as we can. And are  
11 there things that you think are important for us to know  
12 that you think we should be aware of that we haven't talked  
13 about?

14          **Witness**           I mean, you have my notes, you have my  
15 concerns. I think that, you know, everybody involved  
16 doing, you know, any type of plan would want as many assets  
17 given them to them as possible. I mean, I know that  
18 there's things out there why they aren't being used, I  
19 don't know. Like we have glass that could be used, you  
20 know, in front of the Protectee. That's again, probably an  
21 asset that I would assume would be the lead that would  
22 request through TSD or Technical Security Division.

23           So I guess, you know, if you're asking me my opinion  
24 or speculate, you always want, you know, as many assets as  
25 you can, especially for this type of rally, you know. And

1 in hindsight you think, well, you know, maybe Secret  
2 Service, maybe they should have input into the type of  
3 venue. Or if you're having this type of venue at such a  
4 large event maybe you should be given assets that maybe you  
5 wouldn't normally be given for, you know, a former or a  
6 candidate or things like that. Instead of just being like,  
7 okay, the first lady gets this and this person gets this  
8 and this person gets this, like, you know, to me it doesn't  
9 make much sense to have the first lady have a counter  
10 surveillance unit that day and not candidate Trump, because  
11 the first lady went to like an indoor dinner at like a  
12 casino.

13 I don't know that that would've been relevant to have  
14 counter surveillance for that. I think it would've been  
15 much more relevant to have it at a huge rally with 15,000  
16 people. But those decisions aren't from me. Those are,  
17 you know, something that I guess is established. And  
18 again, I don't think that it typically, it's like a let's  
19 evaluate things on a case by case. I think it's kind of  
20 something that like, is established and then it just kind  
21 of sticks. So that's just something that I think hopefully  
22 may change.

23 **PSI Majority** Thank you. And anything else about that  
24 day that, that you are aware of that you think should be  
25 brought to our attention that we haven't discussed here

1 today? And not just the day, but the proceeding weeks  
2 just, just anything, you know, involving planning, you  
3 know, things that, that you think went, went wrong. Just  
4 things that you think that we should be aware of.

5 **Witness** Yeah, I would just say that, that there  
6 was so many -- that there was an overwhelming amount of  
7 staff concerns. I think that I don't know if it was people  
8 that have never worked, you know, the event before, but I  
9 think that that was a problem. I think in the, you know,  
10 everything that I was trying to address with staff was just  
11 immediately shut down. And I think that the whole event  
12 could have gone a lot better.

13 And I'm not really saying like, in terms of security,  
14 but it could have maybe relieved some other problems in  
15 terms of like, there was over, you know, 100 medical  
16 issues. They didn't have any shoots. It just wasn't a  
17 proper build out. And I think that's something that moving  
18 forward, that needs to be addressed between the detail and  
19 the staff.

20 Because you know, when President Trump was the  
21 president that there was, I think a very -- I think the  
22 staff had a very good idea, you know, and it's different  
23 because he did a lot of -- it was COVID, right? And he did  
24 these airport rallies. And so, but they were pretty much  
25 like the same, you know, you knew what you, the build was

1 going to be, you knew what it was going to look like.

2 You knew what to expect. There was an expectation.

3 So I think, you know, working this, it didn't look  
4 like that expectation was met on the staff side of things.  
5 I don't know why. I don't know if that relationship isn't  
6 built between the details or if it was a new whole new  
7 group. I know [REDACTED] was not new because he was on, you  
8 know, a staff chart face sheet so.

9 [REDACTED] PSI Majority When you say [REDACTED] Campaign Staff Lead

10 [REDACTED] Witness The staff lead.

11 [REDACTED] PSI Majority [REDACTED] Lead Agent ?

12 [REDACTED] Witness No, [REDACTED] Campaign Staff Lead, the staff lead, yeah.

13 [REDACTED] PSI Majority Was Special Agent [REDACTED] Lead Agent new?

14 [REDACTED] Witness No, no. No.

15 [REDACTED] PSI Majority And when you just mentioned you know, an  
16 overwhelming number of staff concerns what were the -- can  
17 you talk about what those concerns were?

18 [REDACTED] Witness Yeah. I mean, I wrote them down here in  
19 my notes here. So it was just like a lot of medicals. It  
20 was that there wasn't -- you know, when I met with Butler,  
21 EMS, you know, we wanted shoots for the -- because they had  
22 UTVs to be able to if somebody falls out of the heat, you  
23 know, it was like 90 some degrees. If somebody is falling  
24 out, like we want to be able to get to them, we want to be  
25 able to pull them out. There was medical treatment tents,

1 there was cooling tents.

2 You know, if there's a problem in the crowd, we want  
3 to be able to address the problem. We need to get to this  
4 problem. And they didn't have any type of shoot, they  
5 didn't have any type of like, you know, lanes for us to be  
6 able to walk through like the crowds. So everybody was  
7 like jammed in. And to me that was a huge concern. So I  
8 would hope that maybe moving forward that some of these  
9 concerns maybe get addressed.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Witness** just a few follow  
11 up questions. Where were you when shots were fired?

12 **Witness** In the security room.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Did you leave the security room  
14 after shots were fired?

15 **Witness** I did.

16 **HSGAC Majority** When did you leave the security room?

17 **Witness** As soon as I heard shots fired.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Could you tell where the shots were  
19 coming from?

20 **Witness** I didn't hear the shots itself, but I was  
21 just, I just went directly to the crowd and then you could  
22 hear people screaming and looking. So at that point, when  
23 I went through the crowd, I kind of assumed that, yeah, I  
24 kind of knew the direction that they were coming from.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe Secret Service counter



1 snipers fire their weapon?

2 **Witness** I did not.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe any local law  
4 enforcement fire their weapon?

5 **Witness** No.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Have you since learned that local law  
7 enforcement did fire their weapon?

8 **Witness** I heard that, yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** You heard that, but did you receive  
10 confirmation of that?

11 **Witness** I did not receive confirmation of that.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Regarding the questions my colleague was  
13 asking about the AGR building and what you understood to be  
14 covered or not? So clearly the former president was shot.  
15 Former director Sheetal testified that this was a failure  
16 by the Secret Service. Acting Director Roe testified that  
17 this was a failure by the Secret Service. Do you agree  
18 that there was a failure by the Secret Service?

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** You also testified today that you felt  
21 you had a good security plan going into the event?

22 **Witness** With the assets given.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And you also said today  
24 that you thought AGR was covered by the locals. You didn't  
25 know exactly how, but your understanding was it was

1 covered. So if you agree there was a failure, but you  
2 believe you had a good security plan and you thought AGR  
3 was covered, what do you think was the failure?

4 **Witness** I think the failure was that somebody  
5 wasn't on the roof. Obviously my understanding was that  
6 the roof was covered, but it appears that it wasn't  
7 covered. And I think there was also like a big  
8 communication breakdown. It appears that, you know, the  
9 word wasn't getting out to the right entities. And again,  
10 to me as well, I wasn't made aware that anything, I never  
11 was made aware that there was even a suspicious person.  
12 That's a problem.

13 I should be made aware on everybody at the site should  
14 be made aware of these concerns. It's everybody's  
15 responsibility. We're, one unit. We're one team, one  
16 mission. Everybody has a responsibility that's there. So  
17 everybody needs to know everything that's going on.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Do you have any personal lessons learned  
19 from that day and again, the failures that happened?

20 **Witness** Yeah, I mean, I guess you can't rely on -  
21 - you can't just rely on local counterparts. You can't  
22 just rely -- I don't know. I think it's going to be, you  
23 know, if I'm given -- again, I don't know if I'm now given  
24 a tactical plan, I'm not a tactical person, but am I going  
25 to have to -- I guess I'm going to have to maybe dive a

1 little deeper into their plan and maybe ask questions.

2 And again, like I think it's a little bit different  
3 because this isn't like the president's detail you do. It  
4 is more thorough. It is, you know, you do have more  
5 meetings, you do have more meetings with staff, meetings  
6 with all the entities in a group. So I think moving  
7 forward, you know, I'm going to say, "Hey, we have to all  
8 meet, as, you know, as one team. We all are going to have  
9 to go through each area of responsibility and discuss it  
10 and analyze as one unit to make sure that we're all on the  
11 same page here."

12 And again, like they had a briefing and I don't know  
13 why or how it got missed, or they were supposed to be, or  
14 not twisted, but CS was not part of that briefing. So  
15 maybe if they were, maybe there could have been a different  
16 outcome. I don't know. You know, it's hard to say.

17 **HSGAC Majority** But just to clarify, if you agree with  
18 Directors Cheadle and Roe, that there was a failure  
19 specifically by the Secret Service, are you saying that you  
20 think that Secret Service failure was the mistake to assume  
21 that your local counterparts were going to do their job?  
22 Or is it something specific that Secret Service either  
23 failed to do or did improperly?

24 **Witness** I think it was a totality of a lot of  
25 different things.

1       **HSGAC Majority**    Does that include something specific  
2        that the Secret Service failed to do other than make  
3        assumptions about the locals?

4       **Witness**        Well, yeah, moving forward. I mean, you  
5        can't assume that, you know, Secret Service can't assume  
6        that, that the locals are covering something. Right.  
7        Because, you know, I don't know. I don't know what the  
8        conversations were to be had, but if the locals are saying  
9        they weren't covering it, then yeah, moving forward, then  
10       yeah, we need to clarify. Maybe it needs to be more in  
11       writing, maybe it needs to be -- you know, but yeah,  
12       everything needs to now be more clarified because clearly  
13       there's a miscommunication here.

14       You know, Secret Service may be saying that they  
15       thought the locals had a locals may be saying, you know,  
16       no, we thought Secret Service had it. Yeah. So, yeah,  
17       there's a breakdown here and it certainly needs to change  
18       moving forward.

19      **HSGAC Majority**    Have you provided these opinions or  
20       assessments to anyone in the Secret Service? I know you  
21       mentioned, you know, possible ongoing after-action reports,  
22       but in any of your interviews or any of your conversations  
23       since the event, have you provided this input about your  
24       lessons learned?

25      **Witness**        I think it's -- I don't know that I've

1 specifically provided my input. I think it's just  
2 pretty common knowledge that there's breakdowns here. I  
3 don't know that anyone specifically asked me what you're  
4 asking me, but.

5 **HSGAC Majority** You had talked about resource  
6 constraints. Do you think Secret Service resource  
7 constraints contributed to any of the failures at that  
8 rally? Such as having to rely on HSI?

9 **Witness** I don't know that I could say  
10 specifically that. I don't know that I could answer  
11 specifically like that. I think, you know, obviously you  
12 want as many assets as you can, but I can sit here and say,  
13 you know, anything's like you're saying, I can't say HSI  
14 had anything to do with this, you know.

15 **HSGAC Minority** In events you've previously staffed,  
16 have you been in situations where Secret Service did not  
17 have sufficient staff to staff an event?

18 **Witness** Staff, like the campaign staff or?

19 **HSGAC Minority** Like, to secure an event, any.

20 **Witness** Happens all the time.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And what happens when there's not  
22 sufficient staff?

23 **Witness** It just becomes chaotic.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And you've been doing this for  
25 approximately 17 years. How often do you face staffing

1 challenges when securing events? POTUS, FLOTUS, former  
2 POTUS?

3 **Witness** Just about every time.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Was the Butler site, the farm show site,  
5 the first choice for this event on the 13th?

6 **Witness** So my understanding is that they already  
7 like paid the money in advance. So I think it was already  
8 reserved coming in that first day. Like, I don't know if  
9 they've looked at other venues.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Who was they?

11 **Witness** So it's the staff that chooses the venue.

12 **HSGAC Majority** At what point in the timeframe, in the  
13 week prior where you first notified that Butler would be  
14 the site?

15 **Witness** I don't think I was notified till

16 **Lead Agent** sent out an email, like a welcome email on  
17 Sunday, and it showed the site in the address.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Was there ever any discussion of holding  
19 the event at the airport?

20 **Witness** Not to my knowledge. Not with me, but I  
21 think that would've been much better.

22 **HSGAC Majority** With respect to your notes exhibit 1, if  
23 you could look at those, page 3 at the bottom on Tuesday,  
24 7/9, there's a discussion about, and there's a redaction  
25 here, "Blank Bodies is a good number." Do you recall what

1 Bates number the right number would've been for that?

2 It's Bates number 796 is the page number at the bottom.

3 **Witness** 20.

4 **HSGAC Majority** 20?

5 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And it says you only had around blank  
7 bodies. How many was that?

8 **Witness** So we, the last time, yeah, this was, I  
9 had about -- I had **LE** bodies the last time, and this  
10 would've been in 2022 for very similar rally.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And what was the total number of bodies  
12 that you ended up here?

13 **Witness** At this site, 21.

14 **HSGAC Majority** On Bates, page 799, 4-mark down.

15 "Police posts are around the entire perimeter, every **LE**  
16 yards or so. Easy fence to jump." What were you trying to  
17 convey in these notes here?

18 **Witness** I was just saying that we are not relying  
19 on this fence to be like a hard security for anything. We  
20 still have to, you know, man the whole, the entire fence  
21 line because anyone can jump over a wired fence.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And then two dashes down. "I asked how  
23 far out he intended to sweep. He didn't want to sweep the  
24 entire site where all the hangers and warehouses are, but I  
25 said, I'm very concerned about that area and I need a



1 sweep. He asked for, it will be posted. And I said, I  
2 can't post every hanger, but we'll have posts there to  
3 ensure people aren't trespassing and hiding out around the  
4 property after these sweeps." Where does this relate in  
5 the planning?

6 [Witness] So this is just a conversation with the  
7 technical security division. [TSD Advance Agent] who was the  
8 advance because he decides what, you know, how far out he's  
9 going to sweep. And again, like, you know, if he were to  
10 tell me that he was going to sweep the AGR building, then  
11 maybe I could have justified -- maybe we could have  
12 justified, hey, he's sweeping that. Because a lot of  
13 times, like the perimeter, right, that you keep talking  
14 about the perimeter is kind of established by PSD, and how  
15 far out did they think this [LES] need to be, just  
16 based on their expertise of, you know, you know, [LES]  
17 [LES].

18 So he had said that he, you know, I asked him, how far  
19 out are you going to sweep? Because I was very concerned  
20 about the hangers. I don't know that we knew who owned,  
21 some of them were private hangers. We didn't know who  
22 owned them. So I just wanted to make sure that he was  
23 going to sweep every single building on, you know, the  
24 south side to make sure that nobody was like, hiding out or  
25 that, you know, we were going to miss something.



1           **HSGAC Majority**   To your knowledge, was the AGR  
2 building itself swept by Secret Service?

3           **Witness**           Like a bond sweep? To my knowledge, no.

4           **HSGAC Majority**   And you testified earlier that to your  
5 knowledge, Secret Service personnel did not examine the  
6 inside of the A GR building in advance of the 13th. Is  
7 that right?

8           **Witness**           Inside the building, correct. To my  
9 knowledge.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   So picking up my colleague's questions  
11 about --

12          **Witness**           I mean, I don't know what CS did if they  
13 went inside the building.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   With respect to the questions about what  
15 went wrong that day, that contributed to the ability of the  
16 assailant to fire shots of the former president, in your  
17 view is the planning aspect, and again, as you said, you  
18 have to take it in its totality that resulted in the AGR  
19 building, being beyond the interior perimeter, it not being  
20 examined from the inside and reliance on the locals for  
21 that building. Is that combination something that you  
22 believe contributed to the failures that day?

23          **Witness**           I think larger than that is that the  
24 concerns, you know, weren't relayed. So if there was a  
25 crowd building over there, then if it was relayed, you

1 know, somebody could have addressed it. If there was a  
2 suspicious person over there, if it was relayed, somebody  
3 should have went and interviewed the suspicious person. If  
4 there was somebody on the rooftop, if it was relayed,  
5 there's a bearcat right there, an armored truck, it could  
6 have been moved to be in the middle of the rooftop and the  
7 president, you know, former president. There's a lot of  
8 things that could have been done, but it has to be relayed.  
9 It has to be communicated in order for those to be put in  
10 place.

11 So, you know, I think that assets were there, but were  
12 they at the right place at the right time? I guess not  
13 because, you know, for me, I didn't know anything was going  
14 on. I can't put out fires that I don't know exists. So I  
15 think that it's more of passing the information, like he  
16 said, like very simply, like you, I don't know, what was  
17 the phrase he used?

18 **HSGAC Majority** See something, say something,

19 **Witness** See something, say something. Exactly.

20 I think it was just comes down to just very simply, if you  
21 see something that's fishy, you say something, you pass it  
22 up, make sure everybody knows about it. Yeah,

23 **HSGAC Majority** I am going to pass to my colleagues to  
24 keep going. In the interest of time, unless you'd like to  
25 take a quick break here.

1           **Witness**           Sure.

2           **PSI Minority**       **Witness**           my name is **PSI Minority** .    I  
3   work with Senator Ron Johnson, the ranking member of the  
4   permit investigation. Thank you for your time.

5           **Witness**           Yes, of course.

6           **PSI Minority**       I want to start off by going back to  
7   something that you said and I just wanted to get a little  
8   clarity on it. Are you on admin leave?

9           **Witness**           I don't know what they're calling this.  
10   I'm not sure what I'm on. I don't know. It's not really  
11   clear to me what I'm on. I'm just told not to come to  
12   work, but I'm still working, but not come to work.

13          **PSI Minority**       Has this ever happened to you before?

14          **Witness**           No, I have never been in --

15          **PSI Minority**       Have you ever been put on admin leave?

16          **Witness**           No.

17          **PSI Minority**       So you, this situation that you're  
18   currently in is unique?

19          **Witness**           Yes.

20          **PSI Minority**       Out of 17 years?

21          **Witness**           Yes.

22          **PSI Minority**       You've never been in this situation  
23   before?

24          **Witness**           Correct.

25          **PSI Minority**       Are you aware of other Secret Service

1 agents or anyone else in your position or senior to your  
2 position that is facing similar disciplinary actions?

3 **Witness** So I guess the whole Pittsburgh Field  
4 office.

5 **PSI Minority** Please don't talk over each other.  
6 Okay. Thank you. Please repeat.

7 **Witness** The Pittsburgh Field Office, everybody  
8 that was at involved on the advance team is now placed on  
9 whatever this is called admin leave, I guess.

10 **PSI Minority** The, the entire Pittsburgh office that  
11 was involved. So that includes Ms. **Site Agent** ?

12 **Witness** No, she's part of the Donald Trump  
13 detail. So she's not out of the Pittsburgh Field office.

14 **PSI Minority** And is she to your knowledge facing any  
15 type of disciplinary?

16 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

17 **PSI Minority** Who senior to you is who was in the  
18 Pittsburgh field office is facing similar disciplinary  
19 action?

20 **Witness** The SAC.

21 **PSI Minority** And who is that?

22 **Witness** **SAIC Pittsburgh** and then **ATSAIC** .  
23 And then Special Agent **Lead Agent**

24 **PSI Minority** Have you been in contact with any of  
25 those people to discuss this disciplinary action?

1           **Witness**           I mean, I've checked in on people, but  
2 not specifically. I'm still kind of unsure of what -- like  
3 I asked my SAC, "Am I allowed to go to training next week?"  
4 I have a training and he hasn't gotten back to me. He  
5 seems unsure.

6           **PSI Minority**       Who's your SAC?

7           **Witness**           **SAIC Pittsburgh**

8           **PSI Minority**       Who was also on disciplinary?

9           **Witness**           Yeah.

10          **PSI Minority**       Okay. Were you made aware of this and  
11 I'll just call it disciplinary action, without knowing  
12 whatever the official term is. I don't know if there is  
13 one. Were you made aware of this disciplinary action  
14 before or after you created these notes?

15          **Witness**           After.

16          **PSI Minority**       After. Okay. Approximately when were  
17 you made aware?

18          **Witness**           I was just made aware like a few days  
19 ago.

20          **PSI Minority**       This week?

21          **Witness**           I think it was, yeah, maybe last week.

22          **PSI Minority**       Okay. And who made you aware?

23          **Witness**           **SAIC Pittsburgh**

24          **PSI Minority**       And is that when he informed you that  
25 everyone who was involved would also face similar?

1           **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

2           **PSI Minority**       And as far as, you know, what he  
3       communicated to you is accurate that everyone involved is  
4       facing this?

5           **Witness**           As far as I know.

6           **PSI Minority**       Okay. I want to go back to Exhibit 4.  
7       That's the exhibit that's titled Preliminary Survey. But  
8       before we turn to that document, I just want to again, just  
9       make sure that I understand regarding your awareness of  
10      threats prior to the event. I think you had testified that  
11      I think it was **Lead Agent** communicated to you that there were  
12      threats and that is why the counters sniper team was added?

13          **Witness**           No, I did not know about any threats  
14      until I seen it on TV. And then I later had asked, you  
15      know, did anyone know about threats, because I was like,  
16      why, why didn't I know about threats? Who else knew about  
17      threats? And I believe Special Agent **Lead Agent** said that she  
18      knew there was of a threat and that's why they were  
19      providing counter snipers.

20           But she didn't know specifics about the details of the  
21      threat. And I do not believe that anyone from the  
22      Pittsburgh Field office to include my staff was briefed  
23      about any type of threat.

24          **PSI Minority**       And just so I understand, so **Lead Agent**  
25      told you after the event that she had found out after the

1 event?

2 **Witness** No, I think she -- I don't know when she  
3 found out, but she told me after the event because I was  
4 like, you know, concerned, like, why am I hearing about  
5 threats on TV? And I don't know about it. So you know,  
6 she had said to me that that's why CS was brought out.  
7 That's why DTD requested CS. So that's the first time I  
8 found out, I just assumed it was because of the rally and  
9 the type of event, and I didn't know that whether we were  
10 getting local CS. So that's why I, the whole time, that's  
11 what I thought that we were getting CS for, but apparently  
12 it was because of this threat.

13 **PSI Minority** And were you aware of Secret Service  
14 deploying counter their own counter snipers to former  
15 President Trump's events prior to this event?

16 **Witness** I know that they did not have counter  
17 snipers in 2022 when I did the last event with president or  
18 with former President Trump.

19 **PSI Minority** So now going to Exhibit 4, the  
20 preliminary survey. I want to go to page 10. It's the  
21 last page. And the box that is labeled intelligence, and  
22 just let me know if you see that.

23 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

24 **PSI Minority** And it says SA redacted. And again,  
25 these redactions are, were applied to this document. We

1 did not apply them. Is the intelligence advance for  
2 this event, "At this time, no adverse intelligence has been  
3 developed concerning this visit. Any adverse intelligence  
4 that may arise will be passed on to all working  
5 supervisors." When did you first see this preliminary  
6 survey?

7 **Witness** I don't know what day it was sent out.  
8 It was emailed.

9 **PSI Minority** But you saw it prior to the event?

10 **Witness** I don't know that I read through the  
11 preliminary survey prior to the event. I don't know that I  
12 read through it, but I know that it's part of the approved  
13 documents that get somehow.

14 **PSI Minority** Is it typical for you to -- or I guess  
15 is it expected of you to read through these types of  
16 documents?

17 **Witness** Yeah, probably. I mean, I was the only  
18 concerned about my site, so I knew everything I think I  
19 should know about my site. So this is, you know, more of  
20 an overall visit document, I think.

21 **PSI Minority** For this intelligence section if there  
22 was adverse intelligence that was known at the time that  
23 this document was finalized, would it be your expectation  
24 that that intelligence would be added or incorporated in  
25 this section of this type of document?



1           **Witness**           If it's found out after this was  
2 produced?

3           **PSI Minority**       No, in real time?

4           **Witness**           In real time, yeah. It should be okay.  
5 Unless it's some sort of like, security, I don't know, like  
6 top secret thing or something that was briefed by like, you  
7 know, you know, a skiff or something. And if they didn't  
8 want to put it on paperwork, but I would think that, yeah,  
9 it would be in there if it was not significant.

10          **PSI Minority**       I want to go now to, in the same  
11 document, Exhibit 4, page 5. We've spent a lot of time  
12 talking about where snipers, counter snipers were going to  
13 be posted on the day of the event. And in this document it  
14 appears to explain certain locations of Secret Service  
15 counter snipers, as well as local counter snipers. And I  
16 want to turn your attention to I guess it's towards the  
17 bottom of the page, there's a category that says CS and it  
18 says, "Two two man Hercules elevated 4 o'clock and 8  
19 o'clock." Do you see that box?

20          **Witness**           I see two, two man local CS, you're  
21 saying Hercules.

22          **PSI Minority**       On page 5 at the top of the page, does  
23 it say site two of two?

24          **Witness**           Yeah,

25          **PSI Majority**       Scott, I believe it's under the CS box.

1           **PSI Minority**       Yes.   On the --

2           **Witness**           Oh, okay.   Yeah.   Okay.   Yeah.   Sorry to  
3 interrupt.

4           **PSI Minority**       And to your understanding is that, was  
5 that the position of Secret Service snipers on the day of  
6 the event?

7           **Witness**           Yes.

8           **PSI Minority**       I want to go now on the right hand side  
9 of the document, even further down where it says other  
10 assets.   The second row in that box says, "Two, two man  
11 local CS team elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock barn roof."

12          **Witness**           Yes.   So that would've been a typo  
13 because that was where this USSCS team was.

14          **PSI Minority**       So who would've made this typo?

15          **Witness**           So site agent **Site Agent** fills out this  
16 particular page, and then it goes to the lead to make  
17 corrections, but then the lead sends it on to somebody else  
18 to review.   So it goes through layers, multiple layers of  
19 review.

20          **PSI Minority**       I think it would be helpful if you can  
21 to walk us through those layers.

22          **Witness**           Yeah.   So this preliminary survey is  
23 made up of like site surveys?   So there site survey one  
24 would be the airport site survey, two would be the Butler  
25 Farm show site.   So site two of two would be, the person

1 that would fill this out would be **Site Agent**. And  
2 then she would submit it to **Lead Agent**, who would then fill  
3 out the rest of the document and then submit it on to ops,  
4 DTD ops or Scene ops? I think it goes to both.

5 **PSI Minority** And are there specific individuals in  
6 those positions that would've approved this?

7 **Witness** Yeah, it would get approved through,  
8 yeah. I don't know who those people are in those positions  
9 that, that review the paperwork.

10 **PSI Minority** So as in terms of your chain of command,  
11 it, your awareness ends at **Lead Agent**, is that correct?

12 **Witness** Correct.

13 **PSI Minority** Do you know when you learned that Secret  
14 Service would be sending counter snipers to the event?

15 **Witness** So it would've been Tuesday night. I  
16 learned that and the Secret Service sent out an advance  
17 agent on Wednesday.

18 **PSI Minority** I want to turn now to the next exhibit  
19 that I'll enter as Exhibit 10. And we're going to hand  
20 this to you shortly.

21 [Exhibit No. 10 was marked  
22 for identification.]

23 **PSI Minority** This document has images of two  
24 different sites. One appears to be the airport the other  
25 appears to be the farm show site. And then there's a

1 diagram of what appears to be the setup around the stage  
2 at the event. Are you familiar with this document?

3 **Witness** Yeah.

4 **PSI Minority** When did you first see this document?

5 **Witness** Well, I produced the diagram of the  
6 airport.

7 **PSI Minority** Oh, okay. And when did you create this  
8 diagram?

9 **Witness** I believe I would have to look back at my  
10 emails, but I believe I sent it out to **Lead Agent** maybe  
11 Wednesday night?

12 **PSI Minority** Wednesday?

13 **Witness** It might be in my timeline. I think it's  
14 probably in --

15 **PSI Minority** Wednesday, the 10th of July.

16 **Witness** Yeah, it's probably in my timeline.

17 **PSI Minority** Yeah, it would've been Wednesday the  
18 10th.

19 **Witness** Yeah. On Wednesday I sent it to Special  
20 Agent **Lead Agent**.

21 **PSI Minority** And you mentioned that you were, you  
22 created the diagram of the airport, is that correct?

23 **Witness** Correct.

24 **PSI Minority** Who created the diagram of on page 2 of  
25 3 of the Farm Show.

1           **Witness**           **Site Agent**

2           **PSI Minority**       Do you know when Ms. **Site Agent** created this  
3 diagram?

4           **Witness**           I don't know specifically. I think there  
5 was -- she sent it via email at some point, and then she  
6 sends it to Ops to get approved. I don't know when it was  
7 due, but I would say it was probably Thursday. But a  
8 guess.

9           **PSI Minority**       And for your diagram, your section, how  
10 around what time or a point in time, a date if you can  
11 recall, did you begin working on that diagram?

12          **Witness**           Well I did a walkthrough of the airport  
13 Tuesday morning, and then I had like a rough draft of where  
14 the planes were going to be. Both former President Trump's  
15 plane as well as the first lady's plane. So I was using  
16 that diagram that was sent to me by airport operations to  
17 coordinate assets for the airport. And then the next day  
18 on Wednesday, I worked on this at the field office for the  
19 duration of the evening.

20          **PSI Minority**       Do you know when Ms. **Site Agent** began her  
21 work on her diagram?

22          **Witness**           I do not, no.

23          **PSI Minority**       Could you explain why you sort of took  
24 the lead on one diagram and she took the lead on the other?

25          **Witness**           So we did not have a site agent for the

1 airport. When the assignments came out on Saturday  
2 before the initial walkthroughs from SAIC Pittsburgh, it said  
3 INV for airport, meaning like an IMV body. So to me that  
4 means, you know, some, somebody, they're going to request  
5 somebody from like the investigation. So somebody from  
6 another field office would potentially be coming to be the  
7 site agent. In the email it said that I was to take care of  
8 the, the airport.

9 I guess at the police meeting I was, when we broke up  
10 into groups, I was to take care of the airport section of  
11 it. So I just, from that point on, I just kind of figured  
12 that we weren't going to get another body just because of  
13 me being around long enough to know that we're short  
14 manpower and we're short resources. And so I just went  
15 ahead and continued to do the planning for the airport to  
16 help out Special Agent Lead Agent because they knew that there  
17 wasn't an advanced agent.

18 PSI Minority And did you coordinate with Ms. Site Agent at  
19 all that you would do that and she would do the diagram of  
20 the farm?

21 Witness So Ms. Site Agent was only responsible for the  
22 Butler Farm Show. So I did not coordinate anything. I  
23 mean, I let her know that I was going to be taken care of  
24 the airport as well, but I didn't coordinate any of that,  
25 the airport stuff with her at all.

1       **PSI Minority**       And for these documents, could you  
2 explain to us what level of approval these plans have to go  
3 through?

4       **Witness**       So it's the same approval. I send this  
5 to the lead and the lead sends it on to DTD ops and CNS  
6 ops.

7       **PSI Minority**       So you sent it to **Lead Agent**. Did you  
8 send it to Ms. **Site Agent** first and then send it to **Lead Agent**?

9       **Witness**       Not my airport. I just sent that  
10 directly to **Lead Agent**.

11       **PSI Minority**       Did Ms. **Site Agent** share with you her plan  
12 prior to the finalization of this document?

13       **Witness**       Yeah, I think when she finished her  
14 diagram, she sent it to me.

15       **PSI Minority**       Okay. and then she also went through  
16 the same level --

17       **Witness**       And sent it to **Lead Agent** as well.

18       **PSI Minority**       Okay. I want to turn your attention on  
19 page 2 of 3. Under assets it says again, "Two, two man  
20 local CS team elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock barn roof."  
21 Is that accurate?

22       **Witness**       That would not be accurate.

23       **PSI Minority**       So this is another mistake?

24       **Witness**       Yeah.

25       **PSI Minority**       And this document was done by Ms. **Site Agent**

1           **Witness**           Correct.

2           **PSI Minority**       And approved by **Lead Agent** ?

3           **Witness**           Correct.

4           **PSI Minority**       And anyone else up the chain that you  
5   can't recall the names?

6           **Witness**           Yeah, and seen U.S. Ops and TTD ops.

7           **PSI Minority**       Was this document finalized before or  
8   after the preliminary survey?

9           **Witness**           I think it's all like, at the same time,  
10   the paperwork it probably would've all been approved at  
11   once. It all comes back, it's like approved documents and  
12   it's like one big PDF of everything.

13          **PSI Minority**       And so these documents, so I understand  
14   these documents are shared at, at the same time with --

15          **Witness**           Yeah, like once, once they get the final  
16   approval gets sent out and then it gets forwarded on to  
17   everybody on the advance.

18          **PSI Minority**       Do you know if anyone pointed out these  
19   typos?

20          **Witness**           I don't. Not to my knowledge.

21          **PSI Minority**       Do you know whether the local CS teams  
22   were originally assigned to this position and then changed  
23   once Secret Service counter snipers were going to --

24          **Witness**           I wasn't part of any of it was Site Agent  
25   **Site Agent**   that made contact with that was in contact with



1 Butler ESU. I never was in contact with Butler ESU for  
2 the entire duration of the visit. So it would be better  
3 answered by her of whether they, what they were telling her  
4 in terms of what, what they could provide.

5 **PSI Minority** Ms. **Site Agent** ?

6 **Witness** Ms. **Site Agent** .

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. I am going to turn to the next  
8 exhibit which will be marked as Exhibit 11. And we'll give  
9 you a copy shortly. This document is titled Site Post  
10 Instructions. It has Bates number 219 through 225.

11 [Exhibit No. 11 was marked  
12 for identification.]

13 **PSI Minority** **Witness** are you familiar with this  
14 document?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **PSI Minority** I know that in the notes that you handed  
17 us earlier in Exhibit 1 that on the document that is marked  
18 page 8 in Exhibit 1 towards the top of that page you wrote  
19 "Very late night, very late that night, I found his CS  
20 email so that I could copy and paste into my site post  
21 instructions under CS so that all the post standards were  
22 aware of where the CS teams would be. That's when I read  
23 that it said inside the AGR building." Is that a reference  
24 to this document Exhibit 10? The site post instructions?

25 **Witness** Yes.

1           **PSI Minority**       When did you receive the site post  
2 instructions?

3           **Witness**           I had created the site post instructions.

4           **PSI Minority**       You created this?

5           **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

6           **PSI Minority**       And when was this document finalized?

7           **Witness**           I don't know that it goes through a  
8 review process like the other documents. It's just kind of  
9 what gets briefed to the post standards when they arrive.  
10 I'm not sure that it gets scrutinized like the other  
11 paperwork. I send it to the lead and the site agent  
12 though, to scrutinize.

13          **PSI Minority**       So when you send it to the lead and the  
14 site agent, do they approve or?

15          **Witness**           Yeah, they can absolutely make changes.  
16 Tell, you know, say make suggestions. You know, they're  
17 the ones in charge of the overall plan so.

18          **PSI Minority**       And when did you send this document to  
19 those individuals?

20          **Witness**           So it would've been, I guess Thursday  
21 into Friday morning, like Thursday at like, maybe like  
22 after midnight, whatever. I wrote almost one in the  
23 morning, maybe.

24          **PSI Minority**       So approximately Friday, July 12th at  
25 1:00 in the morning is when you sent this document?

1           **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

2           **PSI Minority**       By that point had you received the  
3 preliminary survey?

4           **Witness**           I don't believe so. I don't recall when  
5 exactly I received the preliminary survey.

6           **PSI Minority**       And had you received the final copy of  
7 the diagrams that we had discussed earlier?

8           **Witness**           I don't believe I got the approved  
9 paperwork but I would have to look back at emails, but I  
10 don't believe I got that yet.

11          **PSI Minority**       Had you at this point when you sent the  
12 Site Post instructions up your chain of command, had you  
13 seen earlier drafts of the preliminary survey or the --

14          **Witness**           No, it's all done in like an advanced  
15 doc. So no, I didn't go. I guess I could have gone in  
16 there and looked at it if I wanted to, but I didn't go do  
17 that.

18          **PSI Minority**       So in the site post instructions, I want  
19 to turn to the page marked Bates number 224 under the  
20 section that's labeled Counter Sniper. Do you see that  
21 section in there?

22          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

23          **PSI Minority**       What information did you rely on for  
24 this section of the site post instructions?

25          **Witness**           So technician, **C/S Team Lead** sent an email

1 with his diagrams that he does for his portion of CS,  
2 and then in the synopsis of the email he wrote where these  
3 teams were going to be. And so I just copied and pasted  
4 directly onto this document.

5 **PSI Minority** And was this the first time that you saw  
6 in writing the position of the Butler County ESU sniper  
7 teams?

8 **Witness** I believe so.

9 **PSI Minority** And that position is, and I'm quoting  
10 the document, "Inside AGR building at three o'clock off  
11 dais." Is that correct?

12 **Witness** Correct.

13 **PSI Minority** Is that the position that the Butler  
14 County ESU sniper teams were in on the day of the rally?

15 **Witness** To my knowledge, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** So we've discussed what you indicated in  
17 the site post instructions as their position being inside a  
18 GR building, and then we also discussed two other documents  
19 that had incorrect positions for the local sniper teams.  
20 Did you see any documents that stated that this local  
21 sniper teams would be on the roof of the AGR building?

22 **Witness** Yeah.

23 **PSI Minority** So you knew, now looking back, you knew  
24 that the incorrect positions of the local sniper teams?

25 **Witness** I didn't, no, I never looked over the

1 paperwork that you showed me with the incorrect stuff.

2 **PSI Minority** But now you --

3 **Witness** But now you're telling me. Yeah, now I'm  
4 seeing it.

5 **PSI Minority** But so at the time that you created the  
6 site post instructions, you learned that they would be  
7 inside the AGR building?

8 **Witness** Correct.

9 **PSI Minority** So can you help us understand why or if  
10 you believed that the roof of the AGR building would be  
11 covered?

12 **Witness** Because they told me that it was covered  
13 with the team, and I mean --

14 **PSI Minority** That the roof was covered?

15 **Witness** Well, they said that that area was  
16 covered. I mean, if you're a counter sniper, what area  
17 would you be talking about aside from the roof of a  
18 building? They just said there was a team there, so  
19 automatically I'm taking the roof is covered if you're  
20 talking about a counter sniper team. But, so yeah, I mean,  
21 I didn't -- I see that it's inside the building. Again,  
22 yeah, I didn't question. I still thought -- I didn't  
23 think, oh, now the roof's not covered or anything like  
24 that.

25 I just thought there must be a reason that they're

1 inside as opposed to on the roof. And I just thought  
2 maybe, you know, maybe it was due to, you know, if the  
3 U.S.S. team had to take a shot or something, they were  
4 maybe afraid that they'd be in the line of sight or  
5 something like that, or in there. So I didn't know how  
6 that -- I didn't know how the area of responsibility was  
7 divided, but I most certainly did not think that that roof  
8 would not be covered with two sniper teams with the roofing  
9 in between two sniper teams.

10 **PSI Minority** Did you, when you were finalizing the  
11 site post instructions was it your understanding that the  
12 roof of the AGR building would be covered?

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **PSI Minority** And so --

15 **Witness** When you say covered, yes, but at that  
16 time, I know that now they're not on top of the roof, so I  
17 still thought it was going to be covered, but now I'm  
18 knowing, now I know that they're not on top of the roof.  
19 And that's again, a decision that I just relied on their  
20 expertise and their training.

21 **PSI Minority** And when you saw -- and just to clarify,  
22 they, your reference today, who was that?

23 **Witness** The counters sniper teams,

24 **PSI Minority** The local --

25 **Witness** The, well, the U.S.S Counter Sniper team,

1 and they're playing with the locals.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did you have any concern when you  
3 saw that of the location of the Butler County sniper teams  
4 was inside the AGR building?

5 **Witness** I didn't really have concern until after,  
6 in hindsight, after I kind of seen or, you know, saw what  
7 may have happened. But you know, I thought it was a bit  
8 odd but I thought there would be a good reason for it. I  
9 didn't really, you know, again, I was dealing with other  
10 things, so I just, I didn't question it at all.

11 **PSI Minority** I want to turn your attention to a  
12 couple lines above. The note where the Butler County ESU  
13 Sniper team is. It says, It's still in that section under  
14 counters Sniper, it says, "U.S.S blank one," and this is a  
15 redaction. "Elevated on roof of barn 14 at 4:14, at 8  
16 o'clock off days." There may be a redaction in there that  
17 appears to indicate that those locations are on the roof of  
18 the barn. To your understanding, were those the locations  
19 of those teams?

20 **Witness** Yes.

21 **PSI Minority** The Secret Service counter sniper teams?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **PSI Minority** And here it indicates that they were on  
24 the roof of the barn but below it says that the Butler  
25 County Sniper teams are inside the AGR building.

1           **Witness**           Correct.

2           **PSI Minority**       So as it was your assumption that the  
3 roof would still be covered?

4           **Witness**           Correct.

5           **PSI Minority**       On July 13th, what was your awareness of  
6 the assets that had a line of sight on the roof of the AGR  
7 building, whether it be Secret Service or local law  
8 enforcement counter snipers?

9           **Witness**           What did I -- I'm sorry?

10          **PSI Minority**       I'll repeat the question. On July 13th  
11 what was your awareness of the local and Secret Service  
12 counters sniper assets that would have a line of sight of  
13 the roof of the AGR building?

14          **Witness**           So my understanding would be that the  
15 teams on the roof would be able to see that AGR building  
16 mainly the closer team to the roof.

17          **PSI Minority**       And just to be clear, you're referring  
18 to the Secret Service --

19          **Witness**           The Secret Service.

20          **PSI Minority**       -- on the roof of the barn?

21          **Witness**           Correct. And my understanding as well  
22 would be that the locals would have line of sight as well.  
23 I would've thought that both of them would have line of  
24 sight to that roof. But again, this is just what, this is  
25 just what I didn't go into the inside the A GR building to



1 specifically, you know, or to specifically know which  
2 window or anything like that.

3 **PSI Minority** What about the barn? Did you --

4 **Witness** I didn't go up on top of the barn.

5 **PSI Minority** From the ground, did you note at any  
6 point in time prior to the rally that from that location  
7 there, there should be line of sight to the roof of the AGR  
8 building?

9 **Witness** You mean from like a sniper standpoint?

10 **PSI Minority** Or just from your position on the  
11 ground? Did you note to yourself whether someone in an  
12 elevated position would be able to have line of sight to  
13 the AGR building?

14 **Witness** Yeah, I mean, it would be hard to say  
15 without going onto the roof, because I knew that there, you  
16 know, I don't know if I thought about it at the time, but I  
17 know that there's trees there. So yeah, I think without  
18 going -- I think you would need to go to the position to  
19 see whether you have that line of sight.

20 **PSI Minority** Besides the documents that we've  
21 discussed -- so I'll be specific. The site post  
22 instructions, the preliminary survey and the diagrams, are  
23 there any other documents that described or noted the  
24 positions of counter snipers, whether it be local or  
25 whether Secret Service counter snipers that --

1           **Witness**           The counters sniper documents.

2           **PSI Minority**       I'll just finish the question.

3           **Witness**           Sorry.

4           **PSI Minority**       Just for the record that describe the  
5 positions of those individuals?

6           **Witness**           Yeah, just the counter sniper documents.

7           **PSI Minority**       Any other documents?

8           **Witness**           Not to my knowledge.

9           **PSI Minority**       Did you speak with the Secret Service  
10 counters snipers following the rally?

11          **Witness**           Just the email that I sent to the advance  
12 agent asking what time the locals were posted.

13          **PSI Minority**       And when was that email sent?

14          **Witness**           It was a couple days after this.  
15 Headquarters was asking specific questions, and I didn't  
16 know the answers to.

17          **PSI Minority**       Besides the email, did you have any  
18 other communication with them?

19          **Witness**           I did not.

20          **PSI Minority**       You mentioned before the names of law  
21 enforcement officials, PSF Lieutenant, Officer in C and PSF Lieutenant Are those  
22 individuals affiliated with state police?

23          **Witness**           Pennsylvania State Police.

24          **PSI Minority**       Okay. Thank you. We previously  
25 discussed local law enforcement whether or not there were

1 requests made by local law enforcement for or counters  
2 snipers. I want to generalize it and ask were there any  
3 requests made by local law enforcement for any more  
4 manpower?

5 **Witness** Made to local law?

6 **PSI Minority** Or made by local law enforcement to  
7 Secret Service for any additional manpower?

8 **Witness** Repeat the question.

9 **PSI Minority** Sure. What are you aware of any  
10 requests made by local law enforcement to Secret Service  
11 for more manpower for the event?

12 **Witness** Okay. The local law enforcement  
13 requesting from Secret Service?

14 **PSI Minority** Mm-hmm.

15 **Witness** No, I'm not aware of that.

16 **PSI Minority** I want to turn back to Exhibit 5.  
17 That's the manpower request document.

18 **Witness** Okay.

19 **PSI Minority** I believe this is entered into the  
20 record for candidate Donald Trump as the protectee?

21 **Witness** That was 5?

22 **PSI Minority** 5.

23 **Witness** Okay.

24 **PSI Minority** At the bottom of this document under the  
25 category police CS assets available, do you see that

1 category?

2 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

3 **PSI Minority** The first line says, "Two, two man local  
4 CS teams at airport shared by DTD and FLD visit." Could you  
5 tell us what DTD and FLD stand for?

6 **Witness** Donald Trump Detail and First Lady  
7 detail.

8 **PSI Minority** Are you aware whether local counter  
9 sniper teams were shared by DTD and FLD?

10 **Witness** Yes. They went from -- so there was like  
11 an hour difference in the timing. So they went from one  
12 area of, you know, the one location to another? I'm trying  
13 to think who was first. Yeah, there was like, I think, I  
14 can't recall now. I'd have to look at the timing, but one,  
15 one of the protectees came first. So they were using those  
16 assets for the first protectee, and then they were going to  
17 move on to the next protectee, because there was an hour  
18 timeframe. And then same thing on the opposite end, the  
19 first lady left prior to -- well, would've been left prior  
20 to the President Trump leaving.

21 **PSI Minority** And is this a reference to shared assets  
22 at the airport?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **PSI Minority** Is it typical that protectees for two  
25 separate events would've had to share assets?

1           **Witness**           No. I don't know that we've ever had  
2           somebody flying at the same airport on the same day.

3           **PSI Minority**       Has former President Trump ever shared  
4           assets with any other protectee besides July 13th?

5           **Witness**           I mean, I guess -- I don't know. Not to  
6           my knowledge, but I guess if you have two protectees in the  
7           same site at the same time, they'd be sharing assets.

8           **PSI Minority**       And just so I understand, would that be  
9           in that scenario, it would be a POTUS and VPOTUS?

10          **Witness**           Right, right. And I guess, you know,  
11          scenario is just --

12          **PSI Minority**       But that would generally be for the same  
13          event, correct?

14          **Witness**           Correct. And again, it at the same site  
15          in it is the same location. We're using the same entities.  
16          We'd be using the same entities. So it's not like they're  
17          you know, they're trying to cover the same thing at the  
18          same time.

19          **PSI Minority**       Would sharing assets for two protectees  
20          going to two different locations, could that put a strain  
21          on resources,

22          **Witness**           I guess if timing doesn't work out, sure.  
23          I mean.

24          **PSI Minority**       Were you concerned about there being a  
25          resource issue with the assets prior?

1           **Witness**           I was not concerned.

2           **PSI Minority**       Why not?

3           **Witness**           Because this was provided by Allegheny  
4 County PD. They're very good. They're very good. They,  
5 kind of like Pittsburgh PD, they work with us all the time.  
6 They're very familiar with how we operate. I think it  
7 would've just been a quick phone call, "Hey, this is the  
8 situation, you know, we need, you know, to provide more  
9 bodies or, you know." I think it would've been an easy and  
10 quick adjustment if needed.

11          **PSI Minority**       So I want to go to Exhibit 1, your  
12 notes. And I want to go to page -- or I guess I'll say  
13 Bates number 794 at the bottom of that page. And we've  
14 discussed this before but I'll read it again. I believe  
15 you mentioned that this is at the last entry, or I guess  
16 second to last entry on that page, "**Lead Agent** started the  
17 discussion early." Is that?

18          **Witness**           So that would've been, yes, definitely.

19          **PSI Minority**       "**Lead Agent** started the discussion early  
20 with staff to remember that we will need to deal with LOS  
21 concerns wherever they decide to build the stage." And you  
22 had mentioned before LOS is line of sight concerns. So in  
23 what way were the line of sight concerns dealt with, if at  
24 all?

25          **Witness**           Yeah, so it was talked about all week.

1 You know, there was vendors that were calling into the  
2 Butler County Farm Show saying, "Hey, we'll donate farm  
3 equipment. We have banners, we have this, we have that."  
4 **PSP Lieutenant, Officer in Charge** had pictures from 2020 site at the airport that  
5 I guess former President Trump attended the last time he  
6 was in that area.

7 And he showed the staff lead these pictures and said,  
8 "You know, we can get, this equipment just let us know."  
9 Again, I had said, you know, we can put porta potties, you  
10 know, the vendors over there along the fence line. And  
11 everything that he said was, "No, no, no, you know, I have  
12 a press shot. I want to get my press shot." He said,  
13 there will be bleachers to the left and right of the stage.  
14 There'll be bleachers behind the stage. There'll be you  
15 know, this combined -- there'll be things that are holding  
16 up the speakers, some kind of cranes.

17 So he just basically said like he has things that he  
18 will be putting there in place.

19 **PSI Minority** To deal with line of sight to deal with  
20 line of sight. Okay. So that you noted was on Monday,  
21 July 7th, or excuse, excuse me, Monday, July 8th. As we  
22 continue through your notes going to Bates number 799.

23 **Witness** Which one?

24 **PSI Minority** 799. And this would be on Wednesday,  
25 July 10th, you noted, "Again, LOS concerns everywhere. And

1 then blank said he was bringing farm equipment and he  
2 turned down all the equipment that outside businesses  
3 wanted to lend for that day.

4 **Witness** That would probably have been, I believe  
5 that would've been **Campaign Staff Lead**. Yeah.

6 **PSI Minority** So by the 10th there were still line of  
7 sight, line of sight concerns?

8 **Witness** Yeah, I mean, there was line of sight.  
9 Well, because he just kept saying what he was bringing, but  
10 no one saw what he was bringing. Right. So he was just  
11 kept saying, no, you know, he was going to bring this,  
12 that, and the other, and we just kept trying to make  
13 suggestions. We have this, we can get this, we can do that.  
14 And he just kind of just kept saying no.

15 And then Friday morning, finally **Lead Agent** had reached  
16 out and said, "Hey, **Campaign Staff Lead** trying to put these trucks. He  
17 has four trucks that you can use for line of sight." I  
18 thought, "Oh, thank goodness. You know, I ran up to the  
19 site and again, I said, Hey, there were these long Penske  
20 trucks, and again, I tried to put them in those positions  
21 that I wanted to block, you know, those AGR buildings. And  
22 again, he said, "No, you know, it's in my press shot. And  
23 you can move them further up then, you know, maybe the two  
24 o'clock," but he didn't want them on the shot.

25 **PSI Minority** On page Bates number 800. This is



1 describing a 10:00 a.m. walkthrough on Thursday, July  
2 11th. According to your notes you wrote, "Butler Township  
3 would be on the outermost perimeter roving," and I can't  
4 tell if there is a redaction after roving. Is there more  
5 to that sentence?

6 **Witness** I do not know.

7 **PSI Minority** If Butler Township would be on the  
8 outermost perimeter roving, does that mean that they  
9 would've been in the vicinity of the AGR building?

10 **Witness** So yeah, they would've been right outside  
11 it on Whitestown Road would've been -- yeah. One of their  
12 areas of responsibility.

13 **PSI Minority** So from your perspective, that would've  
14 provided coverage for that area?

15 **Witness** From my perspective, yes.

16 **PSI Minority** Okay. And from your awareness, had  
17 Butler Township seen anything as they were on the  
18 patrolling the outermost perimeter, how would they have  
19 communicated that to Secret Service?

20 **Witness** To Secret Service, yes. So we have we  
21 had Butler EMS in the security room, and they also have  
22 communications with, with the police. So they could have  
23 communicated it through the security room, or they would've  
24 communicated it through PSP, who was in our security room.

25 **PSI Minority** So it would've been a communication that

1 was indirect?

2 **Witness** Correct.

3 **PSI Minority** To Secret Service?

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **PSI Minority** Has DHS or Secret Service instructed you  
6 not to speak with Congress?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Minority** I'm going to turn it over to my  
9 colleague, **PSI Minority**

10 **PSI Minority** I know you said you went to the  
11 security room, or you were in the security room at the time  
12 the shots fired. What time did you go to the security  
13 room?

14 **Witness** I don't know exactly what time I went to  
15 the security room. It was sometime after the arrival of  
16 him coming on to site.

17 **PSI Minority** You were in the security room for the  
18 entire time from the time he arrived until the time shots  
19 were fired?

20 **Witness** At some point in between, I was probably  
21 in the security room maybe 15 minutes before the shots  
22 fired.

23 **PSI Minority** Okay. At any point that you were in  
24 the security room, do you recall PSP alerting individuals  
25 in the security room that an individual had been spotted

1 either on the roof or an individual had been spotted  
2 with a rangefinder and was headed in the direction of  
3 sheets?

4 **Witness** I never heard that. But I wasn't --  
5 like, no one said that to me. I didn't hear that  
6 conversation going on. So, but I can't say whether it was  
7 had or not had.

8 **PSI Minority** Are you aware that Secret Service  
9 cameras --

10 **Witness** I didn't hear anything through the radio,  
11 you know.

12 **PSI Minority** Nothing communicated over the radio?

13 **Witness** I didn't hear anything communicated.

14 **PSI Minority** Are you aware that at 5:45 on the day  
15 of the rally, Secret Service counter snipers received a  
16 text message with images of Crooks and a description of  
17 Crooks using a rangefinder at the AGR building?

18 **Witness** I'm only aware of what I'm hearing  
19 through media.

20 **PSI Minority** At the day of the rally, not aware?

21 **Witness** No, not aware at all.

22 **PSI Minority** Are you aware the day of the rally at  
23 5:53 Secret Service counter snipers, sent to each other a  
24 be on the lookout forwarding those same pictures and the  
25 description of Crooks at the AGR building?

1           **Witness**           I'm not aware.

2           **PSI Minority**       Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my  
3 colleague with Senator Paul's office.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   We just have some quick hitters. Do you  
5 recall what the ATF agent that you spoke to at the event  
6 was wearing? And if you can't, that's okay.

7           **Witness**           I don't recall.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   Do you know who shot Crooks?

9           **Witness**           I know -- I mean, no one told me --

10          **HSGAC Minority**   You know the name?

11          **Witness**           No, I do not know the agent name.

12          **HSGAC Minority**   Do you know if he was on Hercules one or  
13 Hercules two?

14          **Witness**           I was told, and I don't know, again, I  
15 don't know who it's all coming from, and you know,  
16 conversations. My understanding is that it was the barn  
17 that was further away.

18          **HSGAC Minority**   Did, do you know if the counter sniper  
19 that shot, did he stay at the barn or did he leave?

20          **Witness**           He left.

21          **HSGAC Minority**   When?

22          **Witness**           To go to the airport.

23          **HSGAC Minority**   Did he take his weapon with him?

24          **Witness**           My understanding, yes.

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Is that typical in terms of evidence

1 collection?

2 **Witness** I guess I don't know what the --

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. When did FBI arrive on the scene?

4 **Witness** Maybe four, five minutes later, maybe.

5 **HSGAC Minority** When you were securing the scene, did  
6 you release any witnesses?

7 **Witness** I don't know if we -- there was like  
8 probably over 40 witnesses, so we tried to contain them and  
9 keep them there. Not to my knowledge. I didn't release  
10 any witnesses.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And when headquarters was asking you  
12 questions, how were they communicating those questions to  
13 you? Was it by email?

14 **Witness** They were asking my SAC and my SAC was  
15 asking me.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if it was by email or phone?

17 **Witness** I think they were talking.

18 **HSGAC Minority** They were talking. Can we go to your  
19 typed notes? The last page, page 10. The second bullet  
20 says you waited for volunteers, were gone. "Then I waited  
21 for their security contractors to arrive. One male and one  
22 female." This was the night before. Whose security  
23 contractors?

24 **Witness** The campaign staff hired private security  
25 to secure the site.

1       **HSGAC Minority**    Okay.  So they also had security  
2    contractors?

3       **Witness**            Yeah.  So they had from 8 o'clock p.m. to  
4    8 o'clock a.m. they had their own security to secure the  
5    site, I believe Thursday and Friday.

6       **HSGAC Minority**    And were you on ITAC?

7       **Witness**            I was not on ITAC.

8       **HSGAC Minority**    Has your private counsel reached out to  
9    Secret Service about your whatever the disciplinary?

10      **Witness**            No.

11      **HSGAC Minority**    Okay.

12      **PSI Minority**       One last question from me.  Are you  
13    aware that at approximately 5:51 on the day of the rally,  
14    the counter sniper response team was deployed in the  
15    direction of sheets to look for a suspicious individual  
16    using a rangefinder?

17      **Witness**            The counter sniper team?

18      **PSI Minority**       The counter sniper response team.

19      **Witness**            I was not aware.

20      **PSI Minority**       Good.  Two questions.  One I think, well  
21    a statement.  I think it's very disturbing from what you've  
22    discussed and from your testimony that the item that was  
23    discussed the most about your concerns 3:00 was ultimately  
24    exploited by Crooks.  I just think it's very disturbing.

25            And then the only question I have is, since we clearly

1 ID'd through your testimony from what you told us and  
2 other things that through Operation Plan was flawed and  
3 failed in some areas, from what you've told us, is July  
4 13th ops an advance plan indicative of any current  
5 practices or work product current or in the past from the  
6 United States Secret Service? Is this the standard that is  
7 produced from your knowledge?

8 **Witness** Are you talking about the paperwork that  
9 --

10 **PSI Minority** The paperwork and the plan, the  
11 operation, the execute, the planning and execution of the  
12 ops plan? Is that standard? Is this the product that we  
13 get from the Secret Service, in your opinion, in your  
14 experience?

15 **Witness** And what ops plan are you referring to?

16 **PSI Minority** The overall advance plan and the  
17 execution of that, because if I'm not mistaken, deter,  
18 detect, delay, defeat is your basic mission statement and  
19 it failed.

20 So my question is, is what took place as far as the  
21 planning and execution of that plan for July 13th, is that  
22 current practices work product for the United States Secret  
23 Service?

24 **Witness** I would say the Secret Service has zero  
25 fail mission. So no, I would say that this is not a

1 typical practice of the Secret Service. And that I  
2 think that this is a time where we're understaffed and  
3 overworked.

4 **PSI Minority** That's all I have. Thank you.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And I just have a couple, just really,  
6 really quick. You said there were lots of FBI after the  
7 shooting. Did you recognize any of these agents when you  
8 later had your FBI interview?

9 **Witness** I did not.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Were you aware of a call that came into  
11 911 a threat to the venue?

12 **Witness** I was not aware.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you're not aware of that being  
14 communicated to **Lead Agent**?

15 **Witness** No. Okay.

16 **PSI Minority** Two clarifications. You said private  
17 security was hired by the Trump campaign. Did they  
18 interact with Legal Secret Service at all?

19 **Witness** I interacted with them.

20 MS. WITTMAN: Do you know if anybody else besides you  
21 did?

22 **Witness** I do not know.

23 **PSI Minority** How many individuals, if you know?

24 **Witness** One male and one female.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know the name of the contractors?



1           **Witness**           I do not know.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Is that documented anywhere?

3           **Witness**           Not in my documentation. I'm sure the  
4 staff would know.

5           **PSI Minority**       Second question. You said in response  
6 to an earlier line of sight concern question that you were  
7 raising that the concern was, "No. That's going to be in  
8 my press shot." Who relayed that concern to you?

9           **Witness**           **Campaign Staff Lead** .

10          **PSI Minority**       And who is **Campaign Staff Lead**

11          **Witness**           He's the lead staff.

12          **PSI Minority**       Staff for the President's detail?

13          **Witness**           The campaign. Sorry, Trump. Yeah.

14          **PSI Majority**       Sorry. One follow-up question. How did  
15 you interact with private security from former President  
16 Trump's detail that they hired?

17          **Witness**           I talked to them because I made sure that  
18 I was waiting to leave the site until they got there and  
19 that they were securing the site.

20          **PSI Majority**       On email or phone?

21          **Witness**           No, in person.

22          **PSI Majority**       Oh, in person?

23          **Witness**           Mm-hmm.

24          **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. this concludes our interview. Ms.

25          **Witness**           I want to thank you very much. We greatly

1 appreciate your time today. I know this was lengthy.  
2 Counsel, I want to extend our thanks to you and the counsel  
3 on the line as well.

4 I want to quickly make a couple of points. We were  
5 given, as I said at the beginning new information and  
6 documents 20 minutes before this interview started. We've  
7 also requested of counsel both that they provide dates of  
8 the interviews with the Secret Service Inspection Division,  
9 photographs that **Witness** took and any other  
10 communications that predate 7/13. We'd ask for those  
11 expeditiously and any other responsive documents that are  
12 responsive to our July 24th request.

13 Given this outstanding information and the new  
14 information we received in advance of this event, we  
15 reserve the right to discuss additional questions we may  
16 have with you and we'll contact DHS and Secret Service to  
17 discuss that should the need arise.

18 With that, this interview is concluded. Again, thank  
19 you both.

20 [Whereas, at 6:41 p.m., the interview was concluded.]  
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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
10	10	Add “is” after “My name”
64	13	Strike “counters” and replace with “counter”
65	13	Strike “that”
69	21	Strike “you may ask questions” and replace with “may ask you questions”
78	9	Strike “seeing” and replace with “sending”
86	17	Add “or” after “video”
87	11-12	Strike “I don’t know.”
90	25	Strike “sit” and replace with “site”
91	5-6	Strike “kind of”
91	4	Strike “there’s”
91	5	Strike “kind of”
92	8	Strike “pic” and replace with “pictures”
94	1	Strike “up”
96	19	Strike “credential” and replace with “credentials”
100	3	Strike “public”
104	16	Strike “an” and replace with “a”
105	3	Strike “passed” and replace with “pass”
105	16	Add “a” before “private”
107	8	Strike “provide” and replace with “provided”
147	5	Strike “PSI Minority” and replace with “Court Reporter”
147	15	Add “action” after “disciplinary”
147	17	Strike “is who was”
148	25	Add “action” after “similar”
166	16	Strike “off days” to “off dias”
167	2	Strike “as” and replace with “was”
170	9	Strike “what”
175	7	Strike “line of site”
176	17	Strike “on the”
178	9	Strike “cameras” and replace with “counter”
180	20	Strike “for” and replace with “until”
180	20	Strike “,were gone”
181	20	Strike “PSI Minority” and replace with “HSGAC Minority”
181	9	Strike “whatever the disciplinary” and replace with “disciplinary action”
182	10	Strike “PSI Minority” and replace with “HSGAC Minority”
182	16	Strike “PSI Minority” and replace with “HSGAC Minority”
183	4	Strike “PSI Minority” and replace with “HSGAC Minority”

Witness Counsel Errata

Page	Line	Correction
20	22	“far” should read “from”
20	24	“amount” should read “event”
21	18	“how” should read “where” and delete the word “as”
23	17	Delete the word “did” to read correctly
23	21	“they” should be “the site agent and/or lead agent”
23	22	“they” meaning the state and local police
25	2	“was” should be written “were”
31	2	“with” should be “than”
31	3-4	“SynOps” should be “CNOS” meaning Candidate Nominee Operational Support
31	22	Delete “is” to read correctly
32	7	“a” should be “outer”
32	9	Delete “like a” to read correctly
33	22	“tech” should be “TAC”
33	23	Missing the word “survey” after special operations division
35	6	Delete “and” It should read CAT LNO and that CSU
40	16	“parameter” should read “perimeter”
46	7	“closed” should read “close”