

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Ronald Rowe  
Acting Director  
United States Secret Service

Dear Acting Director Rowe:

On July 30, 2024, you testified before a joint Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing examining the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump on July 13, 2024.<sup>1</sup> During the hearing, you presented a picture, not previously provided to Congress, from the second floor of the AGR building and stated:

This point of view, is the point of view where the counter sniper team, locally, was posted, the gold arrow indicates where the shooter fired from. Looking left, why was the assailant not seen? When we were told that building was going to be covered. That there had been a face to face that afternoon. That our team leads met. This was the view.<sup>2</sup>

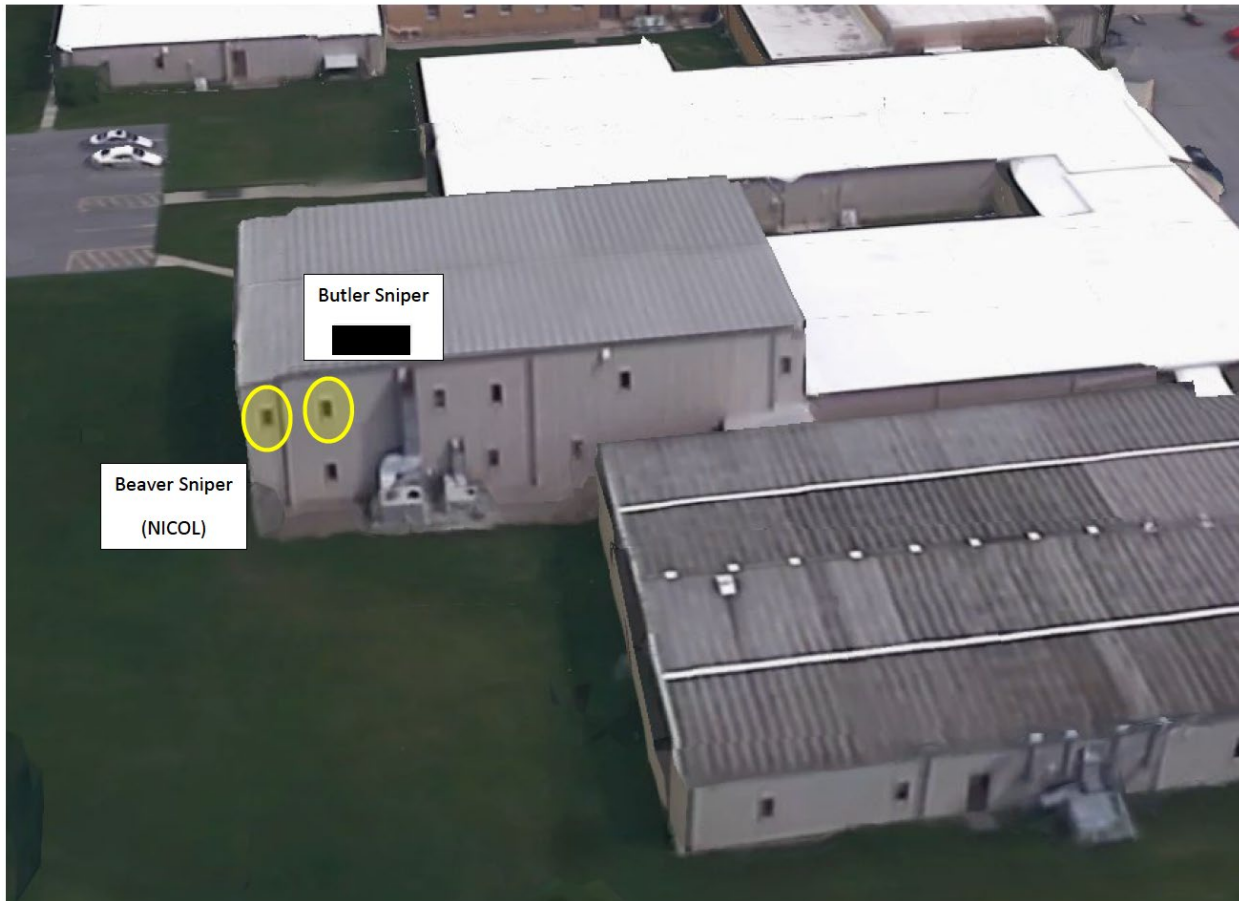


Source: C-SPAN screenshot of picture displayed by Acting Director Rowe during July 30, 2024 hearing.

<sup>1</sup> C-SPAN. Secret Service and FBI Officials Testify on Attempted Assassination of Former President Trump (Jul. 30, 2024). <https://www.c-span.org/video/?537370-1/secret-service-fbi-officials-testify-attempted-assassination-president-trump> (last accessed: Aug. 1, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

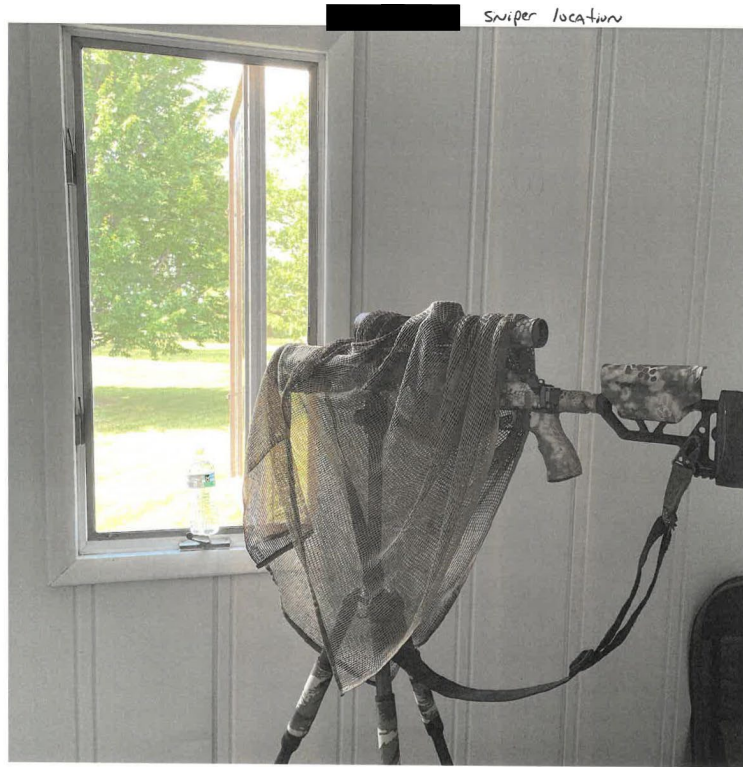
As part of my ongoing investigation into the attempted assassination, my investigative staff communicated with local law enforcement, to include counter snipers who were on site that day. Local law enforcement dispute the angle of the picture that you provided during your testimony, stating that the picture you provided neither accurately depicts their line of sight and coverage area from their position in the building nor their physical placement within the building. Local law enforcement assert their true physical location was the following:<sup>3</sup>



Further, Beaver County's ESU team provided my office with pictures their counter sniper took on July 13 that shows their view and line of sight from the AGR building as well as a map their counter sniper used that day indicating the local counter sniper team's assigned approximate coverage areas.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Photo provided by local law enforcement.

<sup>4</sup> Press Release, *ICYMI: Grassley Oversight Unveils 'Most Detailed Picture Yet' of Trump Assassination Attempt*, (Jul. 29, 2024) <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/icymi-grassley-oversight-unveils-most-detailed-picture-yet-of-trump-assassination-attempt>.







Approximate Coverage Areas

- Yellow, Beaver ESU [Redacted]
- Blue, Bower ESU [Redacted]
- Green, Butler ESU [Redacted]

Red X Picnic table

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As of August 9, 2024, Beaver County ESU have told my staff that Secret Service had not met with them to debrief the events of July 13. This type of meeting should be standard, even more so before you are sworn in and provide testimony to Congress. Unfortunately, this further points to the communications issues that are in part to blame for that day, that seemingly continue to plague the Secret Service.

Moreover, on August 8, 2024, additional body camera footage and audio were released, which show a Butler Township police officer stating:

I f---ing told them they need to post the guys f---ing over here... I told them that... the Secret Service. I told them that f---ing Tuesday. I told them to post f---ing guys over here.<sup>5</sup>

Were you aware of this body camera footage before your July 30 congressional testimony? If not, why not? If so, did you review it in advance of your testimony? Regarding the reported statement from the Butler Township officer, describe in detail the “Tuesday meeting” that occurred with Secret Service. In addition, list all local, state, and federal personnel present at that meeting, provide all records and precisely answer whether the statement from the Butler Township officer is an accurate representation of events.

Accordingly, so that Congress may continue its independent oversight concerning Secret Service carrying out its mission and the events of July 13, 2024, please provide answers to the following additional questions no later than August 16, 2024:

1. Please provide a site diagram making clear where all local and federal law enforcement counter snipers were positioned and their assigned coverage areas, along with the shooter’s positions throughout the day.
2. Do the photographs and diagrams referenced above conflict with Secret Service records regarding how local snipers were supposed to be positioned and how the AGR building was supposed to be covered? Please explain and provide all records.
3. Describe, in detail, how the Beaver County and Butler County counter sniper teams were assigned to their positions on the second floor of the AGR complex and their respective coverage areas. Did the Secret Service assign or approve the location of the counter snipers in the AGR complex? If so, when, who and how was the instruction given?
4. Do any Secret Service records indicate that the local counter snipers were supposed to be located inside, and not outside, the AGR building? Provide all records.
5. Regarding your testimony, who told Secret Service that the building “was going to be covered”? Who took part in the “face to face” meeting that you referenced?

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<sup>5</sup> Michael Dorgan and Audrey Conklin, *Fuming police officer says he told Secret Service to secure Trump shooter building days before rally: bodycam*, Fox News (Aug. 9, 2024) <https://www.foxnews.com/us/fuming-police-officer-says-he-told-secret-service-secure-trump-shooter-building-days-before-rally-bodycam>. The quote used in this letter is transcribed direct from the audio.

6. Did Secret Service walk through and survey the AGR building as part of its advance security plan prior to the July 13 event? If so, describe when and list all local, state, and federal law enforcement present. If not, why not?
7. Why has the Secret Service not met with Beaver County ESU about the assassination attempt on July 13? Do you have plans to do so? If not, why not?
8. Did any federal law enforcement personnel assigned to the July 13 event see a person on the roof of the AGR building at any point prior to the gunman opening fire? If so, which agency? Please explain in detail and with timestamps.

Thank you for your prompt review and response. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Randolph and Silvia Sember on my Committee staff at (202) 224-0642.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
Committee on the Budget