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

7 This interview was requested by Committee Chairman
8 Gary Peters, Ranking Member Rand Paul, as well as
9 Subcommittee Chairman Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member
10 Ron Johnson, as a part of the Committee's investigation of
11 the July 13, 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 13, 2024.

15 On July 25th, Chairmen Peters and Blumenthal, and
16 Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested voluntary
17 transcribed interviews with Secret Service personnel,
18 including Witness

19 We will provide introductions of the staff today and
20 then explain how we will proceed, and first we will ask you
21 to introduce yourself and your title, for the record.

22 Witness I'm Senior Special Agent Witness
23 from the Pittsburgh Field Office.

24 HSGAC Majority I'd now ask counsel to introduce
25 themselves.

1 **Witness Counsel**: **Witness Counsel** from Akin Gump,
2 accompanied by **Witness Counsel** and **Witness Counsel**.

3 **Agency Counsel**: **Agency Counsel**, from the U.S. Secret
4 Service Office of Chief Counsel.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Again. My name -- sorry, go ahead.

6 **Agency Counsel**: I'm sorry, **HSGAC Majority** This is **Agency Counsel**
7 **Agency Counsel** from DHS OGC, Oversight Counsel.

8 **HSGAC Majority** My name again is **HSGAC Majority** I am the Chief
9 Counsel and Chief Investigative Counsel for Chairman Gary
10 Peters of the full committee, on the Senate Homeland
11 Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. I'm joined
12 today by my colleague, **HSGAC Majority** Deputy Chief
13 Counsel; **HSGAC Majority** Senior Investigative Counsel; and
14 **HSGAC Majority** Senior Investigator, all with the majority
15 staff on the full committee, Senate Homeland Security and
16 Governmental Affairs.

17 I'll turn it over to my colleagues.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Good afternoon. My name is **HSGAC Minority**
19 . I'm Chief Counsel for Ranking Member Paul on
20 HSGAC minority. I'm joined here with my colleagues **HSGAC Minority**
21 **HSGAC Minority** and **HSGAC Minority**

22 **PSI Majority** My name is **PSI Majority** I am with
23 Chairman Richard Blumenthal, Senior Counsel with the
24 Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

25 **PSI Minority** Good afternoon. My name is **PSI Minority**

1 **PSI Minority** I am the Deputy Staff Director on the Permanent
2 Subcommittee on Investigations for Ranking Member Ron
3 Johnson. I'm joined today by my colleagues, **PSI Minority**
4 **PSI Minority** Chief Counsel, and **PSI Minority** Counsel.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And together our four offices will conduct
6 today's interview, and we will try to do so by going in
7 hour-long blocks, and we will try to limit the number of
8 people asking questions at any one time, although from time
9 to time if somebody has a follow-up question, if they do we
10 will try to ensure there's only one person asking a
11 question on the record at the time.

12 If you need a break, and we will plan to break at the
13 end of each hour, in addition to those breaks, please just
14 say so and we'll be happy to accommodate you whenever you
15 need one.

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

21 Do you understand?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** The interview is unclassified. So if a
24 question calls for any information that you know to
25 implicate classified information please state so for the

1 record so that we understand the scope of what we are
2 asking in a classified sense. And once that is clarified,
3 please respond to the question to the best of your ability
4 with as much unclassified and publicly available
5 information as you are able to so. If the need arises for
6 us to conduct additional interviews in a classified
7 session, we have the capability to do so and can arrange
8 for that to happen. Do you understand?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** It is the Committee's practice to honor
11 valid common law privilege and claims as an accommodation
12 to a witness when those claims are made in good faith and
13 accompanied by sufficient explanation so that the Committee
14 can evaluate the claims. When deciding whether to honor
15 privilege, the Committee will weigh its need for the
16 information against any legitimate basis for withholding
17 it.

18 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to
19 any future discussions the Committee may decide it needs,
20 and we reserve the right to request your participation in a
21 future interview, should we need to do so.

22 If you have any questions about today's interview or a
23 need for clarification as we ask our questions please feel
24 free to do so and we will be happy to answer your questions
25 or to clarify what we are asking. Do you understand?

1 **Witness** Yes.

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

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** This also applies to questions posed by
6 congressional staff in an interview. Specifically, 18 USC
7 Section 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false,
8 fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations in
9 the course of a congressional investigation, and this
10 statute applies to your statements in this interview today.
11 Do you understand?

12 **Witness** Yes.

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

15 **Witness** No.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Finally, would ask that you not speak about
17 what we discuss in this interview today with anyone outside
18 of who is in this room, in order for us to preserve the
19 integrity of our review. We also ask that you not remove
20 or make copies of the photographs of the exhibits you will
21 be shown today. Do you understand?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Following this interview, we will provide
24 counsel with a copy of the transcript and an errata to make
25 factual corrections.

1 Before we begin, does counsel have any statements.

2 **Agency Counsel** : Yes, briefly. I just wanted to read
3 this in.

4 The Secret Service and the Department of Homeland
5 Security have made available to the Committee, consistent
6 with requests from the Chairman, information and records
7 that would not be publicly released. This includes
8 information and records covered under the Privacy Act,
9 personnel, and other personal privacy information, for
10 official use only, law enforcement sensitive records, and
11 raw intelligence information.

12 While the Secret Service and the Department have made
13 this information and records available to the Committee, we
14 continue to assert that such information and any discussion
15 of such information is not intended for public disclosure.

16 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving
17 any protections, and for the purposes of administrative
18 efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during this
19 transcribed interview, are making this assertion at the
20 outset of the transcribed interview so to preserve all
21 assertions and protection from the public release or
22 disclosure of information or records used or discussed
23 during the transcribed interview.

24 The transcript and any attachments are protected from
25 dissemination to the same extent as documents and

1 information they are based on. Please consult with the
2 Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security
3 prior to any public release or disclosure.

4 The Secret Service and the Department have not
5 consented to, and we were ensured that there would not be
6 any audio or video recordings of this interview. The
7 agencies understand that the interview will be transcribed
8 by a court reporter. Additionally, the Department of
9 Homeland Security and Secret Service have provided six
10 copies of unredacted information, which was previously
11 provided to the Committee in redacted form, and we will be
12 asking to collect those six copies at the end of the
13 interview.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. Our understanding is that there
15 are no other recording today and that the only recording
16 will be for the transcribed interview itself. With respect
17 to any notations that DHS or the Secret Service may wish to
18 make with respect to documents for our consideration we are
19 happy to review them, be they law enforcement or other
20 notations. However, the Senate and this Committee are only
21 bound by Senate rules and Committee rules, and we will
22 abide by those rules as we assess whether and in what form
23 to release any public information, including information
24 related to what we learn in today's interview.

25 As we have explained, it is this Committee's practice,

1 and our intent here, in advance of any public-facing report
2 that relies on nonpublic information, including information
3 we learn today, to relay excerpts of that relevant
4 information to counsel and the witness in advance of
5 release, and to provide an opportunity to make any factual
6 corrections.

7 With respect to redactions that have been applied
8 previously, and the documents in unredacted form that have
9 been provided to us today, this is the first time we are
10 learning of this. We were provided, immediately preceding
11 the initiation of this interview, with six copies, counsel
12 just mentioned. However, this was not a term of any
13 agreement that our Committee made with respect to our
14 original July 24 request for documents and information, and
15 we do not agree to the terms proposed by the Secret Service
16 in the letter last week, sent to Chairman Peters and
17 Ranking Member Paul.

18 As I relayed, in writing, to the Secret Service on
19 August 22nd, while we appreciate the efforts the Secret
20 Service and DHS are making to accommodate the concerns we
21 have raised with over-redacted information that we have had
22 to spend time filling in during transcribed interviews, we
23 specifically decline to enter into any additional
24 agreements beyond the Senate and Committee rules that bind
25 this Committee. We appreciate the production of this

1 unredacted information, but we do not agree to any terms
2 proposed by Secret Service, and should you have the need to
3 consult further we ask that you do so before the end of
4 this interview.

5 **Witness Counsel**: As counsel for Senior Special Agent **Witness**
6 who has served with distinction for over two decades, I
7 wanted to express her willingness and appreciation of the
8 opportunity to sit here today and answer questions on this
9 important topic. Given serious security concerns for
10 individuals and families that arise in any high-profile
11 matter or investigation such as this one, ranging from
12 doxing to harassment to actual security issues, I would
13 renew the request that I made to staff that in any written
14 work product or public release that names of individuals,
15 especially those at the non-SES or leadership levels, be
16 redacted in any public distribution.

17 We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft
18 report or any references for factual accuracy, as **HSGAC Majority**
19 mentioned, and as just articulated, on behalf of the Secret
20 Service and DHS, Special Agent **Witness** has received specific
21 authorization to discuss otherwise confidential law
22 enforcement-sensitive information today. And I wanted to
23 make that clear on the record. And as **HSGAC Majority** also mentioned,
24 she will not be discussing, in this setting, any classified
25 information, but to the extent there's anything relevant on

1 that topic we are happy to discuss doing so in the
2 appropriate form.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And with respect to the
4 practice of this Committee, that will be Chairman Peters'
5 intent, and I would ask our colleagues to do so, as well.
6 And we will be happy to consult with you further as
7 questions arise.

8 With that we will begin today, and I would ask Ms.
9 **Witness** first, is there any introductory statement you would
10 like to make for the record?

11 **Witness** Not at this time.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And then I would ask that you begin by
13 stating your experience to date and the initial
14 involvement, and how you came to be involved in the
15 planning and preparation for July 13th.

16 **Witness** I began my career with the United States
17 Secret Service in 2004. I was a Uniformed Division Officer
18 assigned to both the White House and the Vice President's
19 residence from 2004 to 2008. During that time period I was
20 bike patrol and magnetometer advance as collateral duties.

21 In 2008, I took the role of a Special Agent. After
22 further training I was assigned to the Washington Field
23 Office in Washington, D.C., from 2008 to 2016. During the
24 time that I was at the Washington Field Office I was
25 assigned to criminal investigations, protection, protective

1 intelligence.

2 From 2016 to 2022, I was assigned to the Vice
3 President's detail. While I was assigned to the Vice
4 President's detail I conducted site advances, lead
5 advances, operations, and was a WIP [ph], or an agent that
6 is assigned other duties during movements in the
7 Washington, D.C., area.

8 In 2022, I was transferred to the Pittsburgh Field
9 Office. At the Pittsburgh Field Office I have been
10 assigned to investigations, protective intelligence
11 investigations, protective advances, protective
12 assignments, a campaign assignment with operations for the
13 Donald Trump detail, and a collateral duty of an ambassador
14 to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,
15 giving presentations on internet safety.

16 I'm here today because my role in this was the lead
17 advance. As the lead advance, my assignment is to
18 coordinate all of the other entities and all of the other
19 advance team members and make sure that they have the
20 equipment and knowledge and personnel that they need, and
21 then to help them discern issues and concerns.

22 Those other components of the lead advance, such as
23 the site agents, one site agent was coming from the detail,
24 the Trump detail. They are the person that's in charge of
25 the site, and making sure that the Security Plan is in

1 place, and staying with the protectee during the time we're
2 on the ground. The site agent is an assist from the
3 Pittsburgh Field Office, as well. That person is assisting
4 the person from the Trump detail, but also helping them
5 with the Site Plan and mitigating factors during their site
6 advance and while they are on the ground.

7 I also coordinated getting entities and reaching out
8 with the advance for the counter sniper advance officer or
9 technician. That person was in charge of the advance for
10 the counter sniper element of our team. The technical
11 security advance that I also reached out on the team was in
12 charge of fire, life, safety, HAZMAT, and explosive
13 detection with the sweeps and the advance that went on with
14 that.

15 We also had a drone CUAS advance member that came from
16 the Trump detail, also reaching out to them, making sure
17 that they had their -- what they needed in place and issues
18 and concerns.

19 So heading up all of that together, making sure that
20 everyone has what they need, and putting them in touch with
21 the other details, from police to the staff to the local
22 host committee, bringing those all together, and then the
23 day of, starting from start to finish, LES [REDACTED]

24 LES [REDACTED], LES [REDACTED]

25 LES [REDACTED]

1 LES .

2 HSGAC Majority Good afternoon, Senior Special Agent

3 Witness Thank you very much for being here today. My name
4 is HSGAC Majority and I work for Chair Peters.

5 I'd like to start by -- our understanding is that you
6 have taken notes, whether it is before the rally, at the
7 rally, and since the rally. Have you provided all the
8 notes that you've taken either to your counsel and/or
9 Secret Service?

10 Witness Every note, every document that I had, that
11 was in my possession, was provided to both the Secret
12 Service and to my counsel.

13 HSGAC Majority Thank you. I'd like to introduce and
14 show you what's been marked as Exhibit 1.

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

17 HSGAC Majority Are you familiar with this document?

18 Witness Yes.

19 HSGAC Majority Is this a document you drafted?

20 Witness It's a document that I was present, putting
21 together as a draft timeline, with other agents and
22 supervisors from the Pittsburgh Field Office, as well as a
23 headquarters representative. It was a timeline draft that
24 was put together for the former Director when she was being
25 apprised of all the information from the advance and

1 leading up to the day of.

2 HSGAC Majority Was this timeline drafted
3 contemporaneously, or in retrospect, after the events?

4 Witness It was drafted after the events.

5 HSGAC Majority Do you recall when you drafted the
6 timeline?

7 Witness I was a part of drafting this timeline with
8 others, beginning on July 15th through approximately July
9 17th.

10 HSGAC Majority Who else had input into this timeline?

11 Witness The field office supervisor, the --

12 HSGAC Majority Is that Special Agent SAIC Pittsburgh

13 Witness Yes.

14 HSGAC Majority Special Agent in Charge SAIC Pittsburgh

15 Witness Yes. Another field office supervisor,
16 which was ATSAIC; Special Agent Site Counterpart
17 who was a site assist from Pittsburgh; myself; and his
18 title at the time was SAIC HQ. He was a
19 headquarters representative.

20 HSGAC Majority Do you know how to spell his last name?

21 Witness SAIC HQ.

22 HSGAC Majority And was SAIC HQ at the events on
23 July 13th?

24 Witness He was not. He came to the Pittsburgh
25 Field Office after the fact.

1 **HSGAC Majority** This timeline, was this something the
2 five of you collaborated on and did together between July
3 15th and 17th?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And I'll be referencing this throughout
6 our discussion today.

7 How many events have you secured before as a lead
8 agent?

9 **Witness** I did approximately seven leads on the Vice
10 President's detail, domestically, two foreign. I did one
11 lead for former President Bush when I was at the Washington
12 Field Office. I did one lead for DHS Secretary Mayorkas at
13 the Pittsburgh Field Office. I did this event as a lead
14 advance for former President Trump on July 13th. And I
15 have also been the site agent for numerous other events, to
16 include an NSSE event in Washington, D.C.

17 **HSGAC Majority** When you mentioned numerous other events
18 as a site agent, could you put a rough estimate on that?
19 Dozens? Over 20? Over 30?

20 **Witness** Five to ten.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Specifically regarding the July 13th
22 rally, could you discuss the distinction in roles and
23 responsibilities between your roles and responsibilities as
24 a lead agent and a site agent?

25 **Witness** Sure. As I said before, the lead advance

1 agent is more a coordinating role. I gather the entities
2 that we have within the advance, so those entities within
3 the advance would be the site agents. So there was the
4 lead site agent that came from the Donald Trump detail.
5 They were working, coinciding with the site assist agent
6 from the Pittsburgh Field Office.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And I apologize for the interruption.

8 **Witness** Sure.

9 **HSGAC Majority** The lead site agent from the former
10 President Donald Trump detail, was that **Campaign Staff Lead**?

11 **Witness** No. That's staff. It's **Site Agent**.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you.

13 **Witness** So the site agent from the Trump detail,
14 they are to work with the site assist agent from the
15 Pittsburgh Field Office, work with local police, work with
16 the host committee and the staff committee to put together
17 a plan. They focus on the security aspects of the plan,
18 working with the other entities within the advance team and
19 with the local police to make sure that they have the
20 assets and manpower in place to have a successful visit.

21 The site agent assist from the Pittsburgh Field
22 Office, or from the field office, is to also work in
23 collaboration with that site agent from the Trump detail as
24 well as the other entities, make sure that they have the
25 manpower and assets in place that they need to within the

1 Security Plan, and they both come up with a Security Plan
2 as well as collaborating that Security Plan with the other
3 entities.

4 The counter sniper advance is working with the counter
5 sniper assets that would come from other police entities,
6 but also LES [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9 The technical security advance, he is working with his
10 other local entities as in the HAZMAT, fire apparatus and
11 the fire personnel, medical personnel, LES [REDACTED]
12 from both Federal, local, and state, and putting together a
13 plan in order to mitigate having those things within the
14 site or to have those assets that are needed within the
15 site, and to also LES [REDACTED].

16 The drone advance is someone that is trained in using
17 the LES [REDACTED], which is a LES [REDACTED] tool for drones on-
18 site.

19 HSGAC Majority Thank you. You mentioned a Security
20 Plan. Is this a singular document or is it a series of
21 documents?

22 Witness The Security Plan is a series of documents
23 altogether to make one plan.

24 HSGAC Majority And does the Security Plan include a
25 Preliminary Survey?

1 **Witness** It does.

2 **HSGAC Majority** An Manpower Request?

3 **Witness** The Manpower Request is separate.

4 **HSGAC Majority** A Manpower Brief?

5 **Witness** Manpower Brief is separate.

6 **HSGAC Majority** TSD Outdoor Site Survey?

7 **Witness** Yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Site Security Diagrams?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Anything else? Does the Security Plan
11 include any other documents?

12 **Witness** The other documents that would've been
13 include with that would've been hospital surveys, the
14 transportation documents -- which also to mention not only
15 was I the lead advance for this trip but I was also
16 transportation advance for this trip -- the counter sniper
17 documents, and any other documents that would've pertained
18 to the advance into the shift.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Have you worked with Special Agent **Site Agent**
20 before?

21 **Witness** Minimally.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Have you worked with Senior Special
23 Agent **Site Counterpart** before?

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And just to make sure we have a thorough

1 understanding of roles and responsibilities, I understand
2 as a lead agent you mentioned you're more of a coordinator.

3 **Witness** Sure.

4 **HSGAC Majority** As the lead agent, do you determine the
5 amount of support needed from state and local law
6 enforcement?

7 **Witness** Do I personally determine? No. That's
8 recommended together when the Security Plans come together.
9 The site agents figure out where they need to put the state
10 and local law enforcement, and then I make sure that to
11 facilitate the introductions and being able to put those
12 people together with who they need to be put together with.

13 **HSGAC Majority** So is it accurate to say Special Agent
14 **Site Agent** and Special Agent **Site Counterpart** put together a
15 recommendation that they submit to you and then you approve
16 that?

17 **Witness** I don't approve anything. I clearly just
18 take the information that they have recommended and put
19 together with the other information that's put together
20 from the other advance entities, and those are all
21 submitted to the field office and then submitted to the
22 Trump detail, the candidate nominations operations, and
23 then they go further to headquarters.

24 **HSGAC Majority** This information you mentioned the site
25 agents submit to you, is it through emails or verbal

1 communication?

2 **Witness** All of the above.

3 **HSGAC Majority** So as the lead agent, do you determine
4 where the posts are for Secret Service, state and local law
5 enforcement?

6 **Witness** I do not determine where the posts are.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Who determines that?

8 **Witness** The site agents will make the
9 recommendations along with their police counterparts that
10 they worked with at the site, and the recommendations are
11 then raised to the field office supervisor and the Trump
12 detail.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And would that be Special Agent in
14 Charge **SAIC Pittsburgh**

15 **Witness** He would be the field office supervisor,
16 yes.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And who would it go to after him?

18 **Witness** The Trump detail supervisor, second
19 supervisor that for this trip was **DTD 2nd Sup.** and there
20 was a campaign supervisor, **DTD Campaign Sup.**

21 **HSGAC Majority** And is that approval process you just
22 described the same for determining the perimeter of the
23 event?

24 **Witness** As a team, the site agents will come up
25 with a proposed perimeter, proposed postings, and then we

1 will work with the other advance entities to put that draft
2 together, and then all of that will be raised to the field
3 office supervisor and then to the Trump detail CNOS
4 operations, and then come back down.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Are the drafts of the proposed
6 perimeter, are those documented anywhere, other than the
7 final site diagram?

8 **Witness** I don't have documents that show the exact
9 perimeters from drafts.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall receiving documents that
11 showed proposed perimeters?

12 **Witness** I think there's a notion that everything is
13 exact documents and written down at the time of, and that's
14 not quite how the Security Plan -- on the ground, in
15 person, working through the Security Plan, working through
16 our advance day-to-day, and then coming up with our
17 proposed plan, and then ultimate that plan will be put into
18 place with the diagrams and all the other documents
19 together.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. So this is something that
21 evolves throughout the site walkthroughs that occurred --

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority** -- prior to the event, and the -- is it
24 accurate to say there are no drafts of proposed perimeters?

25 **Witness** I do not have drafts. I have notes. I

1 have no drafts of actual like lines drawn out. I only did
2 what we did for our manpower justifications and for what we
3 discussed with police in order to discuss police postings.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Had you been to Butler, Pennsylvania,
5 before?

6 **Witness** Not to the Farm Show.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Were there any Secret Service teams you,
8 Special Agent **Site Counterpart** or Senior Special Agent **Site Agent**
9 requested that were not fulfilled?

10 **Witness** Can you say that one more time?

11 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. Were there any Secret Service
12 assets, resources, that either you, Special Agent **Site Counterpart**
13 or Senior Special Agent **Site Agent** requested that were not
14 fulfilled?

15 **Witness** Of assets that we specifically asked for
16 from Secret Service? I had requested additional
17 magnetometer assets for the size of the crowd, and it was
18 not fulfilled to that size of the crowd.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Anything else you recall?

20 **Witness** Not from myself.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall discussing the lack of a
22 Counter Surveillance Unit, CSU?

23 **Witness** I don't recall that. It's not a typical
24 asset for an advance for a former President that I had
25 worked at that time.

1 HSGAC Majority Do you recall requesting CAT liaisons?

2 Witness I did not request that. The Donald Trump
3 detail requested that.

4 HSGAC Majority Were those assets approved and provided?

5 Witness It was not approved or provided.

6 HSGAC Majority Why not?

7 Witness I can only speculate. I believe I have an
8 email stating for manpower reasons that it was not
9 approved.

10 HSGAC Majority Do you recall who you received the email
11 from?

12 Witness The email was copying me. It wasn't to me.

13 HSGAC Majority And do you recall who, from the Donald
14 Trump detail, requested a CAT LNO?

15 Witness Operations would've asked for that.

16 HSGAC Majority So since there was no CAT LNO, who was
17 responsible for coordinating tactical assets in advance?

18 Witness Myself, the site agents, and then there was
19 a counter assault agent LES
20 LES, that had been in contact with the tactical
21 assets on the ground, through the phone.

22 HSGAC Majority Did state or local law enforcement offer
23 support that Secret Service declined?

24 Witness Not that I'm aware of.

25 HSGAC Majority Aside from the documents we discussed,

1 the Preliminary Survey, Manpower Request and Brief, Outdoor
2 Site Survey, Site Security Diagrams, are there any other
3 documents that you, as the lead agent, generated or relied
4 on as part of your advance planning for the July 13th
5 Butler rally?

6 **Witness** So documents that I drafted, I drafted part
7 of the Preliminary Survey. I did not draft the entire
8 Preliminary Survey. It was also the site agents helped
9 draft their own pages on that. I had collaboration from
10 the other advance team members for the Preliminary Survey,
11 as well. Counter snipers gave me their information. TSC
12 gave me their information. And the Trump detail gave me
13 the information on the FAA flight restrictions for the FAA
14 Flight Restrictions page.

15 Other documents that I personally constructed were the
16 Overlay, the **LES**, the transportation
17 documents for the routes that went to both sites, **LES**,
18 **LES**. And then I did the documents
19 for the police meeting that was held on the 8th, the
20 PowerPoint for that. I did the manpower briefing
21 PowerPoint and the logistics for the agents coming to
22 support the mission on the 13th.

23 **HSGAC Majority** We talked about how Secret Service
24 identifies a number of security planning and posts, such as
25 the perimeter for events. Who was ultimately responsible

1 for approving the perimeter for this event?

2 **Witness** In talks with the field office supervisor,
3 the police, the site agents, the plan was put together for,
4 and move forward, from where the perimeter was proposed.

5 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. Can you explain who
6 specifically was responsible for approving the perimeter?
7 Our understanding -- and let me take a step back -- our
8 understanding is there's three layers of the perimeter. Is
9 that correct?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority** The inner, the middle, and the outer.
12 And so Special Agent **Site Counterpart** and Senior Special Agent **Site Agent**
13 would, based on what you just shared, make recommendations,
14 which would then go up through you. Correct?

15 **Witness** I am taking those recommendations, putting
16 them together, and then proposing them the field office
17 supervisor. That perimeter is based on what manpower we're
18 using with Secret Service, and then from our field office
19 supervisor that draft then goes in the manpower
20 justification that goes up to the Trump detail, the
21 candidate operations, and then ultimately goes up to the
22 OPO, which is the Office of Protective Operations.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And we're showing you what's
24 been marked as Exhibit 2, which is an aerial photograph, or
25 a diagram, of the event site.

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

3 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recognize this image?

4 **Witness Counsel**: Can I ask you a quick question? Did this
5 come out of one of the plans, or do you know where this
6 document came from?

7 **HSGAC Majority** It did not. This is a document we
8 received from Butler County law enforcement, and I'm
9 curious whether, Senior Special Agent **Witness** you recall
10 receiving this document before the rally.

11 **Witness** I did not receive any documents from Butler
12 ESU.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Did you request any documents from
14 Butler ESU?

15 **Witness** I did not request any documents from them.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Since the rally, is this something that
17 looks familiar to you?

18 **Witness** It looks like an overview of the farm site,
19 and where some of the assets from the local and state
20 police would have been.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And is it a roughly accurate depiction
22 of the farm site and where assets were positioned?

23 **Witness** Roughly. If you --

24 **HSGAC Majority** I understand it doesn't include
25 everything, but --

1 **Witness** Correct. It does not include everything.

2 And when it says "Butler ESU, Washington, Swan, and Beaver
3 ESU" they are referring to their sniper teams.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Could you --

5 **Witness Counsel**: If I could just make one clarification
6 too --

7 **HSGAC Majority** Sure.

8 **Witness Counsel**: -- on that question. I think it's
9 important. Senior Special Agent **Witness** left the site around
10 mid-afternoon, around 3:00 on Friday, and did not return
11 until the following day with the motorcade. So if the
12 question is, is this a fair representation of what it
13 looked like, it's what it was intended to look like, but
14 she was not there.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Of course, and I appreciate you
16 clarifying this. The purpose of us showing you this is
17 we'd like to better understand the structure of the
18 perimeter. Understand that this is something that is
19 fluid. If you could -- and understand this is a rough
20 depiction -- but show us where the inner perimeter was,
21 where the middle perimeter was, and where the outer
22 perimeter was, roughly here.

23 **Witness** So when you're speaking of the inner
24 perimeter, as you're talking about those three rings, the
25 inner perimeter would be wherever former President Trump is

1 moving. So within those three rings that first ring is his
2 shift, which is the agents that are closely with him, and
3 where his movements would happen within that.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Could just draw the area you just
5 described on Exhibit 2?

6 [Pause.]

7 **Witness** I'm drawing it right in front of those
8 barns that shows Secret Service Hercules 1 and 2 on top of
9 it.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And could you draw the middle perimeter,
11 roughly?

12 [Pause.]

13 **HSGAC Majority** Is the middle perimeter that you just
14 drew an area that is enclosed?

15 **Witness** There's fences all around that area.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Could you draw where the outer perimeter
17 is, roughly?

18 **Witness** Well, the outer perimeter is everything
19 else.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Could you just depict that on the
21 diagram?

22 **Witness** You want me to circle the whole page?

23 **Witness Counsel**: I think what you're saying is it was --

24 **HSGAC Majority** Just to demonstrate that the outer
25 perimeter includes everything else in the exhibit. Yep,

1 thank you.

2 So is it accurate to say the outer perimeter included
3 the AGR building?

4 **Witness** The outer perimeter included many
5 buildings, to include the AGR.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And if we could just pass
7 that around so our colleagues can see it.

8 And if you could turn to page 2 of Exhibit 1, Bates
9 stamped 1368, I'd like to walk through a couple of the
10 notes that you and your colleagues made. The third bullet,
11 or the fourth bullet under "July 9th" says, "USSS meeting
12 with PSP and Butler EMS counterparts to conduct first draft
13 of police postings and assets. Per PSP, the AGR would be
14 closed for business and secured. Source Special Agent" and
15 could you help me fill in those blanks? Who are the
16 sources here -- Special Agent who?

17 **Witness** It would've been Special Agent **Witness** --

18 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

19 **Witness** -- **Site Counterpart** and Special Agent **Site Agent** was
20 there.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And --

22 **Witness Counsel**: Sorry to interrupt.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Oh sure.

24 **Witness Counsel**: Do we have that unredacted, or no,
25 because I -- you're going off of --

1 **HSGAC Majority** There is an unredacted copy of that, that
2 was provided to us just before we began, so it is difficult
3 for us to shuffle between what we just got and what we
4 prepared as an exhibit. If you have an unredacted copy you
5 want to provide to the witness, go ahead.

6 **Agency Counsel**: I don't have an unredacted copy with
7 me. It would've been in one of the six packets that we
8 handed out to the Committee.

9 **Witness Counsel**: Well, maybe then someone who has an
10 unredacted copy could just note what the names are, because
11 I'm nervous if the request for my client is based on memory
12 on a, you know, seven- or eight-page document, to try to
13 recall who would've contributed when there were five or six
14 different people contributing to the document.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. I'll enter this into the
16 record. This is the unredacted copy. I'll enter it as
17 Exhibit 3.

18 [Exhibit No. 3 was
19 marked for identification.]

20 **Witness Counsel**: Thank you.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Of course. And when you wrote here,
22 "Per PSP, the AGR would be closed for business and
23 secured," who were you referring to at Pennsylvania State
24 Police?"

25 **Witness** My counterpart from the Pennsylvania State

1 Police, and the site counterpart from Pennsylvania State
2 Police. Do you need names? **PSP Lieutenant PSP Lieutenant**, was
3 my counterpart from Pennsylvania State Police. The other
4 counterpart was **PSP Officer in Charge** and I don't --

5 **HSGAC Majority** That's okay. And when you wrote,
6 "closed for business and secured," what did that mean to
7 you? What was your understanding of the coverage of the
8 AGR building?

9 **Witness** Sure. The building would be -- or the
10 business would not be operational that day, and that the
11 building would not be accessible to the public.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And what does that mean, not accessible
13 to the public?

14 **Witness** Secured and locked, closed.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Was it your understanding there would be
16 additional coverage surrounding the building?

17 **Witness** In the plans that we made with the local
18 and state police partners, postings were supposed to be in
19 the area of the AGR and other buildings that were of
20 concern.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And what was your understanding of the
22 postings that would be made near the AGR building?

23 **Witness** As in my understanding of what their role
24 would've been?

25 **HSGAC Majority** How the AGR building would be covered.

1 What was your understanding of specifically how the AGR
2 building would be covered?

3 **Witness** My understanding was that there would be
4 police posts in the area and they would deter and enforce
5 and mitigate anyone that tried to access the building or
6 the area around it.

7 **HSGAC Majority** I'm showing you what's been marked as
8 Exhibit 4.

9 [Exhibit No. 4 was
10 marked for identification.]

11 **HSGAC Majority** Is this a document you received prior to
12 the July 13th rally? And I'm showing you what we received
13 from Pennsylvania State Police. It's an Operations Plan.

14 **Witness** I received a copy of their Operations Plan
15 the night before and then had a paper copy of it the day
16 of.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And if you turn to page 4 of Exhibit 3
18 [sic], is this your understanding? Does this accurately
19 depict your understanding of where post-standers would be
20 positioned?

21 **Witness** My understanding is where police assets
22 would be in the area of all those different markers on
23 there.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And in your view, did the perimeter that
25 was set that day contribute to the problems that later

1 occurred?

2 **Witness** I can't give a hypothetical or a
3 speculation on what went wrong that day. Basically, things
4 did go wrong that day. I can only tell you what we put in
5 place and what different types of mitigation that were a
6 part of our security plan for that day.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Whose job was it, then, to
8 ensure that the AGR building roof was covered?

9 **Witness** There were police postings in that area
10 that would have had line of sight on the AGR buildings.
11 There was counter sniper teams that were on top of the roof
12 of the farm that had line of sight for that area. And the
13 site agents would have done checks to make sure these
14 things were in place.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And when you say there were police
16 postings around the area, are you referring to what's
17 depicted on page 4?

18 **Witness** Yes. I believe it's posts 4 and 5 look
19 like they're in the area of that.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And are you aware there's a fence
21 actually between 4 and 5 and the AGR building, so it's not
22 readily accessible?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware at the time?

25 **Witness** I wasn't aware -- I didn't recall the fence

1 going all the way with no openings on that side.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And so who ultimately was responsible to
3 ensure there was no unauthorized access of the AGR roof?
4 Is there an individual? Is it a specific agency?

5 **Witness** There's no specific. There were several
6 different plans in place, different pieces of the puzzle
7 from the advance that all had their own stake in making
8 sure that that building was not accessible.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Can you break it down further? Based on
10 your understanding prior to the July 13th rally --

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** -- who specifically, which law
13 enforcement agencies, were responsible for covering the AGR
14 building, and how?

15 **Witness** Of the plans we had in place, we had state
16 and local that were on that perimeter, that would have been
17 in the area of that building. We had Secret Service
18 counter snipers who had visibility of that area. And other
19 line of sight mitigation that was supposed to be in place
20 in order to obstruct the view from those buildings.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And during that week you conducted a
22 series of walkthroughs. Correct?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** One of those walkthroughs was on
25 Thursday, July 11th, with state and local law enforcement.

1 Is that right?

2 **Witness** There was a walkthrough with state and
3 local law enforcement that day.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Did any state or local law enforcement
5 approach you and raise concerns about the AGR building
6 during that walkthrough?

7 **Witness** No one approached me and raised any
8 concerns.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall state or local law
10 enforcement approaching your site agents, Senior Special
11 Agent **Site Agent** or Special Agent **Site Counterpart** raising concerns about
12 the AGR building?

13 **Witness** Let me just correct. **Site Agent** is just Special
14 Agent, and **Site Counterpart** is Senior Special Agent.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you.

16 **Witness** I was not privy to any of those
17 conversations. I did not -- I received information from
18 them that they had someone raise concerns about those.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And did you learn that those concerns
20 was that -- the concerns they had were the local law
21 enforcement did not have the manpower to lock down the AGR
22 building. Were you aware of that?

23 **Witness** No. Those concerns were not raised.

24 **HSGAC Majority** So you were not aware. Were you aware
25 of any discussions about putting up an opaque fence around

1 the outside of the perimeter?

2 **Witness** No. I never heard those discussions.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Did you and/or your colleagues have
4 discussions about stationing post-standers at or near the
5 AGR building?

6 **Witness** I was not a part of any discussion where
7 they recommended or requested or asked for post-standers
8 near that building.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Looking at Exhibit 4, the Pennsylvania
10 State Police exhibit, do you have concerns about the lack
11 of coverage of the AGR building? Did you? Hindsight,
12 20/20. Did you at the time?

13 **Witness** I can't bring up my hindsight. All I can
14 say is that we had plans in place for multiple buildings
15 and multiple vulnerabilities that were within that site.
16 There's many more buildings and many more lines of sight
17 that would've been than just those specific buildings.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And I'd like to ask a few questions.
19 Actually, let me first, before we move to when you learned
20 about the counter snipers being sent --

21 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

22 **HSGAC Majority** -- I'd like to ask a few questions about
23 the following bullet on Exhibit 1, the notes that you took.
24 You and your colleagues wrote that you, along with
25 Pennsylvania State Police representatives, discussed NC

1 arrival/departure for line of sight tents and line of sight
2 issues from stage again with DJT advance team. PSP leads
3 spoke with DJT staff about the ability to provide large
4 equipment, which was previously used at a 2020 Trump rally.

5 Can you talk about this? Well, let's break it down.
6 First, what were the line of sight vulnerabilities that you
7 identified prior to the July 13th rally?

8 **Witness** Sure. There were many buildings within the
9 farm grounds itself. There were airplane hangars that were
10 towards the airport that's technically on their grounds.
11 There were different farm buildings, different outbuildings
12 that were near the other side of the perimeter, some
13 buildings within the perimeter, and then the buildings on
14 the side, ultimately that the AGR building complex is on.
15 There were houses, some residential areas that kind of
16 butted up next to the Farm Show site. And then on the
17 north and the south ends there was two roads that were main
18 thoroughfares, that had line of sight concerns, as well as
19 car concerns.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And moving forward to July 11th, the
21 last bullet of that page, you and your colleague wrote,
22 "During the buildout of the site, line of sight issues
23 discussed between USSS advance and DJT staff." Are the
24 line of sight issues discussed the ones that you just
25 mentioned?

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And then you write -- you and your
3 colleagues write, quote, "Trucks were discussed to block
4 line of sight and denied by DJT staff."

5 **Witness** Mm-hmm. Yes, so --

6 **HSGAC Majority** Can you explain that?

7 **Witness** Yes. There were some Penske trucks and
8 some other trucks that were on-site that day, and we asked
9 whether or not we could move those to block some line of
10 sight concerns. Trump campaign staff did not agree with
11 being able to use that equipment within the site. It would
12 block their photos, for their press shots. I continued to
13 have a conversation with Trump advance lead to say that we
14 had line of sight concerns, and that if they hadn't been
15 addressed that the second supervisor coming from Trump
16 would also address them when he got on the ground, to make
17 sure that they had been addressed and mitigated.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Looking back at Exhibit 1, where you
19 detailed the three perimeters, can you mark with an X where
20 those trucks would've been positioned?

21 **Witness Counsel:** I think it's Exhibit 2.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. Exhibit 2.

23 **Witness Counsel:** And if I could just note for the record,
24 obviously this is very approximate, as my client is drawing
25 in real time, based on her recollection, and also just

1 request that at the end we are able to have a copy of this,
2 as well.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Of course. We will send all copies of
4 exhibits to you after this, as well as an errata once we
5 receive the transcript.

6 **Witness Counsel**: Perfect. Thank you.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And just for the record, on the
8 transcript, Senior Special Agent **Witness** marked three X's
9 along the middle perimeter between the AGR building and the
10 barn, but not directly.

11 So I'd like to now move to when you learned about the
12 need for snipers and counter snipers. On Tuesday, July
13 9th, Secret Service decided to send two counter snipers to
14 the event. Did you put in this request?

15 **Witness** So on July 9th, that Tuesday, it wasn't
16 determined at that point two counter snipers from Secret
17 Service. I received a phone call from the second
18 supervisor from the Trump detail, asking whether or not I
19 was able to ascertain local sniper assets from any of the
20 local teams or police forces that we use in the area.

21 **HSGAC Majority** Who called you?

22 **Witness** The second supervisor, **DTD 2nd Sup.** from
23 Trump detail. I then called the supervisor for Butler ESU
24 and asked them if they had assets available that would be
25 able to help us and assist us, and he told me he would get

1 back to me if they had the assets.

2 Prior to that phone call, or him returning that phone
3 call as to they had assets, I received another phone call
4 from the second supervisor from Trump detail, stating that
5 we would be getting a Secret Service counter sniper
6 advance, and that I would be receiving that name from SOD
7 or Special Operations Division.

8 In his phone call, he discussed that there was
9 credible intel, that he could not tell me, as to why we
10 were getting a sniper asset.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Did you ask any more questions?

12 **Witness** I told him he needed to call my supervisor
13 about whatever credible intel he had, and I knew enough
14 that when he would say, you're not going to tell me over
15 the phone, you're not going to tell me over the phone,
16 because that's something classified. So I continued on, to
17 make sure that I linked up the assets. Once I received
18 information from Butler ESU that they were able to provide
19 local assets, I made sure to put the Butler ESU supervisor
20 in touch with the counter sniper technician that was coming
21 from Secret Service for his advance.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Were you surprised to learn of the need
23 for counter sniper assets?

24 **Witness** I don't think "surprised" -- it's always
25 welcomed to have more assets. So when he stated he was

1 going to -- that we were getting the assets, I welcomed
2 that asset, and then continued on with our advance.

3 **HSGAC Majority** When did you learn that a Counter Sniper
4 Response Team would also be sent?

5 **Witness** Well, counter sniper -- well, to kind of
6 back that up, Counter Sniper Response, that's a post, so if
7 we know we have snipers we ask for that, so one of the
8 postings to be called Counter Sniper Response. And that
9 person would be paired with a local -- they're coming from
10 Secret Service, from the investigations field, and they'll
11 be paired with a local law enforcement officer so they can
12 respond. So any time we have snipers we do have a response
13 team that can respond out to talk.

14 **HSGAC Majority** And what's the typical number of
15 individuals on a Counter Sniper Response Team for two
16 counter snipers, or two counter sniper teams?

17 **Witness** There's not a typical. I mean, the counter
18 sniper response agent, the posting, is put with -- is
19 posted with a local law enforcement partner to be able to
20 respond to anything that they need to respond to at the
21 sniper's request.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know where the Counter Sniper
23 Response Team was posted at the July 13th rally?

24 **Witness** They weren't posted. They were in a

25 **LES** **LES**

1 LES .

2 HSGAC Majority Do you know who the local law
3 enforcement officer was that the Special Agent Counter
4 Sniper Response Team was paired with?

5 Witness I don't know who the person was. Per their
6 instructions, it was supposed to be a Pennsylvania State
7 Police entity.

8 HSGAC Majority And I believe we're on Exhibit 5. Is
9 that correct? I'm showing you what we've marked as Exhibit
10 5, which is a series of email correspondence between --
11 we're hoping you can help us fill in the blanks here -- but
12 between Secret Service and special agents who are securing
13 the July 13th event.

14 [Exhibit No. 5 was
15 marked for identification.]

16 HSGAC Majority Have you seen this email before?

17 Witness I have seen this.

18 HSGAC Majority If we could first start on Bates stamped
19 999, which is the second page. It's an email dated July
20 9th, at 2:22 p.m. Do you recall who sent this email?

21 Witness That would've been Special Operations
22 Division from the Counter Sniper Operations.

23 HSGAC Majority Would that have been C/S Team Lead

24 Witness Well, C/S Team Lead is the technician that
25 was sent. I don't know. I don't recall who the actual

1 email came from, but it came from their Operations Section,
2 listing that **C/S Team Lead** would be the technician that
3 was assigned and coming to Pennsylvania.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And in the email, the
5 individual, the Secret Service Counter Sniper Team
6 individual writes, quote, "We will schedule him to depart
7 tomorrow to conduct a 'threat assessment' of the outdoor
8 rally site." What does this threat assessment entail?

9 **Witness** I am not trained as a counter sniper. I
10 never went through any of their schooling. So I can't
11 actually speak to each and every part of what their threat
12 assessment is. But they come as part of the advance team
13 and assess the site as to what assets they need, what
14 locations they need them, and what their focus is going to
15 be on.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Were you present for the threat
17 assessment that Technician **C/S Team Lead** conducted?

18 **Witness** I was present when he came to the site. He
19 did whatever he needs to do. Like I said, I'm not a
20 counter sniper and I've never been trained to do the threat
21 assessment he does. That threat assessment would've gone
22 throughout the week, but when he came to the site and had
23 his initial look I talked with him. He said he was
24 confident and comfortable with the plan that he was going
25 to have in place, and that he would work on his information

1 and then get back to me.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And then turning to the first page,
3 Bates stamped 998, part of that email, at the bottom, the
4 last paragraph, states, "I will be posted as part of
5 (blank) and have direct communication with all local sniper
6 teams for Site 2." What did you understand the direct
7 communication to mean?

8 **Witness** So he'd be posted as part of one of the
9 teams. So I'm not sure exactly which team number that said
10 on there. But he would be posted as part of one of the
11 two-man teams from Secret Service, and that he would direct
12 communication for the local snipers that were also at the
13 site.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Did you point out all the line of sight
15 limitations and vulnerabilities that you identified prior
16 to July 11th, to Technician **C/S Team Lead**

17 **Witness** I met him at the site, showed him the site,
18 and then discussed that we had line of sight concerns
19 throughout the entire site.

20 **HSGAC Majority** Did you discuss with Technician
21 **C/S Team Lead** how the AGR building would be covered?

22 **Witness** I did not discuss that particular building.
23 I discussed the entire site and all the line of sight
24 issues that we had, and then went to his recommendations as
25 to where and how he was going to cover those buildings.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Did you know, prior to the July 13th
2 rally, that the only security of the AGR building and
3 surrounding area was three to four local snipers that were
4 inside the building, behind guns that were approximately 3
5 to 4 feet behind windows, without a visual of the AGR roof?

6 **Witness** I did not know any of that. All I knew was
7 that we were supposed to have police assets in the area of
8 the AGR building.

9 **HSGAC Majority** In your view, did the lack of coverage
10 contribute to the problems that occurred later that day?

11 **Witness** In my view, I can say that I believe there
12 were several things, several factors, and several pieces of
13 the advance and the mitigation that failed that day, and
14 that that could be one of the pieces of that.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you, Senior Special Agent **Witness**
16 My name is **HSGAC Majority** also with Senator Peters. So
17 a few follow-up questions on some of what you covered with
18 my colleague.

19 First, you said you had worked with a couple of the
20 Secret Service personnel previously. Given your role at
21 the Pittsburgh Field Office, have you worked previously
22 with the Pennsylvania State Police on a regular basis?

23 **Witness** On a minimal role. I haven't done a lot of
24 advances in Pennsylvania, but I have worked with them in
25 the past.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Have worked with -- I forget if it's
2 lieutenant or sergeant -- with Sergeant **PSP Officer in Charge** before?

3 **Witness** Lieutenant? I did not work with him
4 previous to this event.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And what about with the Butler ESU?

6 **Witness** I have never worked with anybody from
7 Butler.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And either in the Pittsburgh region or
9 elsewhere, when you've been the lead agent or a site agent,
10 previously is it common for your to receive Security Plans
11 from local law enforcement in advance?

12 **Witness** It is not typical to receive anything from
13 local law enforcement. We don't approve. We don't grade
14 their advance, or their Operation Plans. If they do give
15 them to us, that's great, but we don't typically receive
16 them in advance.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. Sorry. I'm just jumping
18 over follow-ups in a few different areas. Going back to
19 the perimeter and the AGR building briefly, I believe you
20 said that your understanding was that police would deter
21 anyone from access the building or the area around it. Did
22 I get that right?

23 **Witness** That was my understanding.

24 **HSGAC Majority** So just to be really clear, your
25 understanding was the building itself would be closed, the

1 public wouldn't be able to access the building, but what
2 was your understanding of the area surrounding? Was that
3 open for people to walk through as they pleased, or did you
4 understand there to be other restrictions of movement in
5 that space?

6 **Witness** My understanding was that there would not
7 be movement in that space because there would be police
8 posted in that area that would deter movement in that area,
9 to include the AGR buildings.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And just to be a little bit more
11 specific, the broader area between the fence line -- and
12 I'm not talking about right up against the building, but
13 our understanding is that was sort of a free flow zone.
14 Was that where, you know, aside from trying to get to the
15 doors and get in the building or to climb up it, that it
16 was open to the public to, you know, look through the fence
17 and try to watch the rally or, you know, set up, drink
18 beers, whatever they were doing out there. Was that your
19 understanding, as well?

20 **Witness** There was not restriction on the grounds
21 outside of that area, but accessing the buildings and the
22 areas immediately surrounding those buildings was supposed
23 to be restricted.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And I'm sorry to harp on this.

25 **Witness** Sure.

1 **HSGAC Majority** But you said the area immediately
2 surrounding the building, I'm just trying to understand
3 what that meant to you, whether that was, you know, like a
4 five- or ten-foot, you know, buffer around the building or
5 just --

6 **Witness** I don't have a number. I just know that
7 the areas within the buildings, AGR buildings over there,
8 to deter people from accessing the building and the
9 surrounding, which would be the roof.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So your understanding is that the police
11 posting in the area would accomplish that.

12 **Witness** Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And are you referring to the
14 Pennsylvania State Police -- sorry, I forget which Exhibit
15 had the PSP plan, Exhibit 3, page 4, circles 4 and 5, which
16 I believe you already said on the record was between those
17 two fences. Those are the police postings that you're
18 referring to.

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And on the fences, our understanding is
21 that there were two fences. Were they both preexisting
22 fences, as far as you're aware of, or was one put up by the
23 Secret Service?

24 **Witness** No, we didn't put up any fences.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And I just had one or two other quick

1 follow-ups on something you said earlier about the site
2 agents doing checks to make sure that the posts were in
3 place, if I heard that right. Could you elaborate on what
4 checks the site agents were supposed to do regarding police
5 postings?

6 **Witness** Well, the site agents were at the site the
7 entire day, so throughout their day they are there to brief
8 the agents from Secret Service and HSI that were standing
9 posts, brief the Uniformed Division that was on the
10 magnetometers, and then proceed to post them up within our
11 postings that were already established. Also throughout
12 the day they were to walk the site, make sure that things
13 were conducted correctly within the site, that the sweeps
14 were happening correctly, mitigating anything that could've
15 been found during the sweeps, along with the TSD advance,
16 making sure that when they're ready to bring public in,
17 they bring public in, and that that's flowing correctly.
18 But then they're also doing walkarounds on the site to make
19 sure that anything that we were supposed to have in place
20 for mitigation or for any other issues was in place.

21 The site agent from the Trump detail would've done a
22 final walkthrough and sent photos to the second supervisor
23 to make sure that whatever they talked about the day before
24 in their walkthroughs was mitigated and taken care of. And
25 if they had any issues, as they had been walking around

1 throughout the day, whether or not they had issues with
2 police or with Secret Service or with the site itself,
3 those issues should've been raised to either myself or the
4 second supervisor.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Thank you. That's very helpful.
6 I have more, but for after the break. I think **HSGAC Majority** might
7 have a couple.

8 **HSGAC Majority** I'd like to refer you back to Exhibit 3.
9 If you look at page 2 and 3 there are several mentions, and
10 you've testified to this already, about line of sight
11 concerns. Can you just clarify, line of sight concern, is
12 that the Secret Service's concern that some outside person,
13 some entity, looking in may be able to see or do harm
14 because of their ability to see the protectee itself? Is
15 that what a line of sight concern is?

16 **Witness** Yes. A line of sight concern is people
17 that are able to have a direct line of sight from the
18 outside, **LES**.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And so on July 11th, the second bullet that
20 says, with respect to line of sight concerns, "Relay the
21 request for additional equipment to block it was denied by
22 DJT staff." What did you do when this request was denied?

23 **Witness** I talked to DJT, to Trump campaign staff,
24 and said that, look, if you don't come up with something
25 that you're going to let us use that it's going to be

1 brought up again with the second supervisor. They knew the
2 second supervisor very well and knew that he would bring it
3 up and try to find ways to mitigate at the last minute,
4 which would impact the way that they were building their
5 site. So it was better to get it done, or to mitigate
6 those discussions now and be able to accomplish that.

7 It was brought up with the site agents the next day.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Let me stop you there. That's July 11th.
9 Was it mitigated on July 11th?

10 **Witness** Well, the site was not built on July 11th.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And was the plan to mitigate it resolved on
12 July 11th?

13 **Witness** The plans in place to mitigate the line of
14 sight there were police postings in the area of the AGR
15 building and other buildings, for the Counter Sniper Teams
16 that had visibility on that area and coverage on that area,
17 and to continue working on putting farm equipment or other
18 equipment in that area. There was also supposed to be
19 bleachers in that area that would've blocked some line of
20 sight and screens coming to block some line of sight.

21 **HSGAC Majority** So as of July 11th, with respect to what
22 you just said about the plans to continue to work on the
23 farm equipment, was the status, at that point -- because
24 you did not have that resolved -- relayed to anybody in
25 state or local police?

1 **Witness** I was not a part of the conversation that
2 is listed on here. The part of the conversation that's
3 listed with **PSP Officer in Charge** who was the one that brought up
4 the farm equipment, that he was told that they did not
5 approve the farm equipment. He is the one that talked to
6 them personally about that.

7 **HSGAC Majority** July 12th, line of sight issues again.
8 Again, U.S. Secret Service asked to move them back out of
9 the photo, but staff did not use the trucks. The concern
10 relayed is this would, quote, "be in the media photo." Was
11 that line of sight concern ever resolved?

12 **Witness** So those Penske trucks were in the area at
13 the time, helping with the buildout. Those trucks were not
14 used. They continued to speak about some farm equipment
15 that they had. The Counter Sniper Teams that we had in
16 place, the police postings we had in place, the screens
17 that were going to be in place, and the bleachers that
18 would be in place, that would all mitigate being able to
19 obstruct line of sight from that area.

20 **HSGAC Majority** So you had other mitigation efforts among
21 those that you just listed to address line of sight
22 concerns. The trucks, was that ever one of the mitigation
23 efforts that was ultimately used on July 13th?

24 **Witness** They were not used.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Did the inability to resolve that

1 particular line of sight concern on the 12th ever get
2 relayed, to your knowledge, to state or local law
3 enforcement officials?

4 **Witness** Not to my knowledge.

5 **HSGAC Majority** On the 12th, when you're relaying these
6 line of sight concerns, is that after you are made aware of
7 the credible threat that resulted in the additional sniper
8 assistance?

9 **Witness** That is after I was given the brief call
10 about the credible intelligence.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge -- well first, did
12 you ever relay that you had been told there was a credible
13 threat that was going to trigger additional counter sniper
14 assistance to anybody in state and local law enforcement?

15 **Witness** I did not relay it to them personally.

16 **HSGAC Majority** To your knowledge, did any U.S. Secret
17 Service official relay that information to state or local
18 officials?

19 **Witness** I don't have knowledge.

20 **HSGAC Majority** You had testified earlier just now that,
21 quote, you "do not approve anything." You mentioned
22 coordination. Is that correct?

23 **Witness** Correct. I coordinate and submit.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Who above you does approve assets,
25 correction plans, or anything else?

1 **Witness** It depends on what parts of the advance
2 team it is. The counter snipers and anything with SOD,
3 Special Operations Division, is approved by their division.
4 The CUAS would've been approved by the Trump detail,
5 because that was an entity that came from Trump details.
6 The TSD assets would've been approved by TSD personnel and
7 their management staff. And the Uniformed Division assets
8 that we used were approved by OPO or the Office of
9 Protective Operations.

10 **HSGAC Majority** If you, as a lead agent, determined that
11 there are insufficient assets and/or line of sight or other
12 protective entities available to sufficiently secure a
13 site, do you have the ability, yourself, to order
14 mitigation efforts to allay those concerns?

15 **Witness** If concerns are raised to me, I have the
16 ability to raise those concerns to a higher level.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And did you, with respect to line of sight
18 concerns and coverage concerns about the perimeter, relay
19 those to a higher individual?

20 **Witness** The line of sight concerns were relayed
21 both to the field office supervisor and the second
22 supervisor that came from the Trump detail. The Trump
23 detail second supervisors came on the 12th and did their
24 own walkthrough of the site, and looked at what concerns
25 that they needed to address.

1 HSGAC Majority Do you know if those concerns were
2 addressed?

3 Witness I was not present when they spoke about the
4 concerns that they had. Further concerns were not raised
5 to me after that.

6 HSGAC Majority Exhibit 3, page 3, third bullet from the
7 end, says at 1:30 p.m. on the day of the attempted
8 assassination, on July 13th, at 1:30 p.m. U.S. Secret
9 Service CS -- is that counter sniper?

10 Witness Yes.

11 HSGAC Majority -- briefed a face-to-face on the second
12 floor of the AGR building. Were you aware of that
13 happening on the 13th?

14 Witness I was not at the site so I'm not aware of
15 what happened at the site. But this also says that we
16 couldn't confirm. That was only something that had been
17 reported, but on this draft it wasn't confirmed whether or
18 not that happened.

19 HSGAC Majority Do you know whether or not that ever
20 happened?

21 Witness I do not know whether or not that that
22 happened. I wasn't at the site until former President
23 Trump was at the site.

24 HSGAC Majority Did you ever, prior to the 13th, enter the
25 AGR building?

1 **Witness** I did not enter the AGR building.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And did you, prior to the 13th, ever speak
3 with state and local law enforcement officials?

4 **Witness** I spoke with state and local law
5 enforcement officials throughout the entire week.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And have you already -- I'm sorry. If you
7 have already listed that we can go back and look at it. If
8 you have not, can you list the state and local officials
9 you personally spoke with?

10 **Witness** I can list the entities I spoke with.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Go ahead.

12 **Witness** Some of them I don't know all their names
13 off the top of my head. I spoke with Pennsylvania State
14 Police, I spoke with the Butler Sheriff's Office, I spoke
15 with Butler ESU supervisor, I spoke with Pittsburgh Bureau
16 of Police, I spoke with Allegheny County Police, and that's
17 all I can recall at this time.

18 **HSGAC Majority** I have two more brief questions and then
19 we'll break.

20 **Witness Counsel**: Can we take just a five-second break
21 quickly, while you're preparing?

22 **HSGAC Majority** Sure.

23 [Pause.]

24 **HSGAC Majority** Special Agent **Witness** My name is **HSGAC Majority**

25 **HSGAC Majority** Just following up on this question about line of

1 sight. I'm handing you back Exhibit 2. This is the map
2 that you drew of the perimeters as well as the three X's.
3 I believe that you marked the three X's to indicate the
4 Penske trucks. Is that right?

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And the location of those three X's, is
7 that where you had proposed to put the trucks?

8 **Witness** That the area where we proposed to put
9 either farm equipment or the trucks.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And it looks like the three X's are not
11 in between, in other words, not in the line of sight,
12 between the stage and the AGR building. Is that right?

13 **Witness** The stage was about, somewhere around 100
14 feet from some of the tents and other things that were in
15 the area. I can't completely -- it's not to scale. I
16 can't completely show that it's the scale, where my X's
17 were versus where the actual stage and everything else was.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Well, do you recall if you or anyone
19 else proposed to put those Penske trucks in the position
20 between the stage and the AGR building to block that
21 specific line of sight?

22 **Witness** There was a proposal to put farm equipment
23 or trucks in the area between the stage and the buildings
24 that were line of sight to that area.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if that was specifically

1 going to include AGR?

2 **Witness** It would've included AGR, the complex of
3 the AGR, which was right there.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. You mentioned that there were
5 several buildings that posed line of sight concerns that
6 included AGR. Were any of those other buildings closer to
7 the stage than AGR?

8 **Witness** I don't have recollection of how much --
9 what distances any of the other buildings were that were
10 not within the perimeter.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And on that same exhibit you had
12 drawn the different perimeters, including the outer
13 perimeter, which you drew around the whole picture, to
14 include AGR. But you had said earlier that the area around
15 AGR was not secured. In other words, people were able to
16 mill about around the AGR building. So how was that area,
17 in the outer perimeter, functionally different from the
18 middle perimeter, where the mags were screening people? In
19 other words, what was the purpose of that outer perimeter?

20 **Witness** Within the inner perimeter is where the
21 people are screened to come in and the buildings, the
22 actual like farm area is all screened from threats within
23 that area. The area outside of that has different
24 mitigation in place in order to have observation on threats
25 that could be outside that area.

1 **HSGAC Majority** And what mitigation is that? Is that
2 what you testified to earlier, about state and local
3 postings out in that outer perimeter?

4 **Witness** The mitigations that we were supposed to
5 have in place would've been trucks or farm equipment being
6 able to block line of sight, the local police being in the
7 area, the snipers being in place in order to see that area,
8 that zone of coverage.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. When a layman hears the terms
10 "perimeter," I think some people think of a hard border.

11 **Witness** Right.

12 **HSGAC Majority** But just to clarify, the outer perimeter
13 was not a hard border of any kind that prevented
14 unauthorized people from coming inside that outer
15 perimeter.

16 **Witness** No. When we consider a perimeter for
17 Secret Service, the perimeter that we secure is what we are
18 able to secure with inside -- with our laws and regulations
19 that we operate under. The perimeter on the outside,
20 although it could be secured in other ways, it's not
21 necessarily as hard and as fast as having complete access
22 shut off.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. And just one more. You had
24 said earlier that were aware of concerns raised to Special
25 Agents **Site Agent** and **Site Counterpart** about AGR, but they weren't raised

1 to you. Is that right?

2 **Witness** I did not say I was aware of the concerns
3 that were raised to them. I said that the conversations
4 were not raised to me.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Right. But were you aware before the
6 rally that concerns had been raised to Special Agents

7 **Site Counterpart** and **Site Agent**

8 **Witness** I was not aware of that.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

10 **Witness Counsel**: Are you referring to concerns related to
11 AGR specifically, or to line of sight, generally?

12 **HSGAC Majority** To AGR specifically.

13 **Witness Counsel**: Okay.

14 **Witness** Those concerns were not relayed to me from
15 either of them.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. Thank you. I'll turn it
17 over to my colleague now.

18 **HSGAC Majority** We're at the hour mark, a little over the
19 hour mark, so we'll take a quick break and pick up after.

20 [Recess.]

21 **Witness Counsel**: I just wanted to note quickly, on Exhibit
22 2, which is the drawing of the inner, middle, and outer
23 perimeter, the drawing doesn't actually include the stage
24 area or the bleachers, and it's all very, very approximate.
25 So I just wanted to note, or even "rough" or probably a

1 better word than "approximate." So I just wanted to note
2 that in terms of the discussion on mitigation and where
3 mitigation may go, and how that may impact line of sight,
4 to call this "back of a napkin" would be generous, and I
5 just wanted to make clear for the record that that's the
6 case.

7 **HSGAC Minority** **HSGAC Minority** again for Ranking
8 Member Paul. Thank you for being here today. We're going
9 to jump around a little bit, but I'll start. You mentioned
10 that you had never been to the Butler Farm Show site
11 before. Had you ever been anywhere in Butler,
12 Pennsylvania, before?

13 **Witness** I have shopping. I have never been to a
14 site in Butler.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Prior to the rally, were you
16 assigned to sit in CNOS? Is that the candidate --

17 **Witness** Yes, the Candidate Nomination Operations
18 Section, I believe it is? That was my assignment for CNOS.
19 Every service agent receives an assignment during campaign
20 years to assist with campaigns and different candidates
21 that come up during that campaign time. And my assignment
22 was to do operations or logistics, and it came about that I
23 did a rotation with Trump Ops.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And when was that?

25 **Witness** That was prior to this, so it was mid-June,

1 and I returned home on July 2nd.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And where is that located?

3 **Witness** West Palm Beach, Florida.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you were there for, I'm
5 sorry, how long?

6 **Witness** Three weeks.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Three weeks. And who did you interact
8 with while you were there?

9 **Witness** I interacted with the Operations Section.
10 Second Supervisor **DTD 2nd Sup.** is the supervisor over
11 Operations, so I interacted with him. I interacted with
12 others on the campaign, the shift for Trump, and I
13 interacted with the SAC and DSAC for the Trump detail.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Is that something that's typical before
15 you're a site lead or before you lead an event, or --

16 **Witness** No. It just happened to be my assignment,
17 fell into that.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And what did you -- so what did you
19 learn while you were there? Is it specific to the Trump
20 campaign, or is it just generally how the campaign
21 operating section works?

22 **Witness** So doing operations for the campaign or for
23 a nominee, or a presumptive nominee, one of the candidates,
24 you're assigned to logistics. So it's more so logistics
25 for the agents they're supporting, such as their rental

1 cars, they're flights, their hotels, making sure their
2 scheduling is correct, and that they have what they need on
3 the road.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Did you learn anything about the assets
5 that are typically provided to the Trump campaign detail?

6 **Witness** I learned what was typical for the ask,
7 from the package of assets requested, and what assets at
8 the time were typically requested but did not always
9 happen.

10 **HSGAC Minority** So is it fair to say that the asks
11 doesn't typically reflect what's actually provided, or --

12 **Witness** Sometimes the ask is what is actually
13 provided and sometimes it's not.

14 **HSGAC Minority** So can you talk a little bit about what
15 you noticed was asked for at times by the --

16 **Witness** The ask had been made for a CAT advance,
17 for different campaign stops. The ask had been made for
18 magnetometer advance officer for campaign stops. The ask
19 had been made for **LES** advance personnel for campaign
20 stops. The assets that were generally asked for were a

21 **LES**

22 **LES**

23 **LES**, and I can't recollect other
24 assets.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And those requests that you had seen,

1 were those denied or were those generally approved?

2 **Witness** They were fulfilled when they were able to
3 be fulfilled.

4 **HSGAC Minority** So if you could try to quantify it -- I
5 won't hold you to exact numbers -- but did you see many of
6 these requests being fulfilled?

7 **Witness** The magnetometer advance request was not
8 fulfilled for a campaign. The **LES** had not been
9 fulfilled while I was there. And the counter assault, I
10 cannot recall whether or not there were any that were
11 fulfilled when I was there or not.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And did you see any requests for Counter
13 Surveillance Units while you were there?

14 **Witness** I did not.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And what about counter snipers?

16 **Witness** No. This was the first event that got
17 snipers.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Did you see any requests for either of
19 those assets?

20 **Witness** I don't recall seeing requests for either
21 of those assets.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Would you have been able to see
23 everything that was requested during that period?

24 **Witness** During the period of time I was there I
25 could see it.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know why there were no
2 counter surveillance units requested for Butler?

3 **Witness** I can't speculate why they weren't
4 requested, but it wasn't typical to request counter
5 surveillance assets from Secret Service.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Who would be requesting the Counter
7 Surveillance Unit?

8 **Witness** The detail would've requested that.

9 **HSGAC Minority** The detail. And then who fills out the
10 Manpower Request?

11 **Witness** The Manpower Request is filled out
12 primarily by myself, gathering information that comes from
13 the other advance team members.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And is there a portion of the Manpower
15 Request that is for the Counter Surveillance Unit, the CSU?

16 **Witness** There is. However, that Manpower Request
17 is a blanketed form for all protection details from the
18 Secret Service. So just because those boxes are on there
19 doesn't mean that it's something that's definitely used per
20 each detail.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall any discussions about
22 potentially requesting or having a CSU there?

23 **Witness** There was not a discussion that I was aware
24 of.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. We're going to introduce Exhibit

1 6, which I believe are your notes. I highlighted, I think,
2 the portion that I wanted to bring your attention to.

3 [Exhibit No. 6 was
4 marked for identification.]

5 **HSGAC Minority** Is there a highlight on there?

6 **Witness** There is not.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. If you look towards the right
8 side of that, going up from the bottom, it says "CSU
9 Placement?"

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall what that is referring to?

12 **Witness** That is referring to, we did not have
13 traditional Secret Service CSU placement or CSU assets.
14 State Police was providing plainclothes assets, and they
15 **LES**. So that's referring to making
16 sure -- this is almost like a to-do list or issues that I
17 needed to make sure that I tidied up, and that was just
18 something on my to-do list, that I needed to make sure
19 where, **LES**, or that they were going to
20 be **LES**, from Pennsylvania State Police.

21 **HSGAC Minority** So Pennsylvania State Police was
22 fulfilling the role that typically a CSU would --

23 **Witness** Well they didn't -- there was no advance in
24 that role. They were on day of, on the 13th. They were
25 providing **LES** assets **LES**.

1 HSGAC Minority To conduct LES .

2 Witness To be a LES and conduct
3 LES , yes.

4 HSGAC Minority How many PSP?

5 Witness To my knowledge there was going to be LES .
6 On the PSP Ops Plan that you have there are LES names
7 listed, but I knew of at least LES .

8 HSGAC Minority And who were they going to be in
9 communication with, with Secret Service?

10 Witness Per their Ops Plan they were going to be in
11 communication with the sergeant that was in the Security
12 Room, from PSP, and they did have contact information for
13 the protective intelligence advance, as well.

14 HSGAC Minority And do you know where they were posted,
15 or did they move around?

16 Witness They moved around.

17 HSGAC Minority Okay. I want to go to the counter
18 sniper issue. So you said you were notified by the second
19 supervisor for the Trump detail that you'd be getting a
20 Secret Service counter sniper on the same day that you were
21 requesting that asset from the locals.

22 Witness Yes.

23 HSGAC Minority So that was July 9th. Is that right?

24 Witness Yes.

25 HSGAC Minority So on the same day you were asked to go

1 see if you could get local sniper coverage, and then found
2 out that Secret Service was going to handle it. Do you
3 know about how much time lapsed in between those calls?

4 **Witness** I don't have recollection of how much time
5 elapsed between those calls, but prior to me hearing back
6 from the local supervisor for Butler ESU I did hear back
7 from the second supervisor from the Trump detail, stating
8 that there would be an advance technician from Secret
9 Service provided.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall what time that was?

11 **Witness** Late morning to early afternoon.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know where the second
13 supervisor for the Trump campaign was when he called?

14 **Witness** I don't know where he was. He called me
15 from his phone.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if he was working a detail?

17 **Witness** I don't know what he was working that day.
18 I just know that he called me from his Secret Service phone
19 to my Secret Service phone.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And he said something about a
21 credible threat. Can you remind me of the language he used
22 again?

23 **Witness** He said that there was credible
24 intelligence that he could not speak about, and that we
25 were going to get Secret Service counter sniper advance for

1 that reason.

2 **HSGAC Minority** And did he say why he couldn't speak
3 about it?

4 **Witness** Because it was information that he wasn't
5 able to pass.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Did he say it was classified?

7 **Witness** He did not use the word "classified" on the
8 phone, but from my general knowledge when you say that you
9 cannot pass something on the phone, the understanding is
10 that it's classified and he can't speak about it on the
11 phone.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Do you have a security clearance?

13 **Witness** I do have a security clearance.

14 **HSGAC Minority** What level?

15 **Witness** I believe it's **LES**.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And, I mean, this seems like -- I
17 don't know how this typically works, but this seems like
18 it's kind of unique that you would quickly find out that
19 you're getting Secret Service counter snipers after trying
20 to get local ones, that there's a credible threat, days
21 before the event. I mean, is this something that happens
22 typically?

23 **Witness** It's not the first time that I've heard
24 that language.

25 **HSGAC Minority** How many times have you heard that

1 language?

2 **Witness** I can't put a number on it, but it's not
3 the first time that I've heard that language.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Is it the fourth time? I mean, does
5 this happen frequently?

6 **Witness** It's not frequent, but it's not the first
7 time I've heard language about something that needs to be
8 discussed further that can't be discussed on the phone.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you asked him to call your
10 supervisor. Is that right?

11 **Witness** I asked him to let my supervisor know.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know if he did?

13 **Witness** I don't have exposure to whether or not
14 that conversation happened. From what I have talked with
15 my supervisor, he was not aware.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And did you notify anyone after that,
17 within your own office, about the language that he used, a
18 credible intelligence threat?

19 **Witness** I can't recall specific conversations using
20 that language.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Or any language related to any kind of
22 threat.

23 **Witness** I relayed that we were getting sniper teams
24 for their intel.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Did anyone ask you why you were getting

1 sniper teams?

2 **Witness** I told them that we did not have -- I
3 didn't have visibility on the intel.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Did you alter the Security Plan at all
5 after learning that Secret Service was sending counter
6 snipers?

7 **Witness** The Security Plan was -- this was before we
8 even talked to local police and had the meeting on the 9th.
9 This was before the Security Plan was etched out and
10 drafted. We continued to walk through the site and discuss
11 how to post Secret Service assets and how to continue to
12 look at mitigating line of sight and other issues and
13 vulnerabilities that we had.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Did having knowledge that there was a
15 credible threat against your protectee change the way that
16 you looked at how you were going to secure the Butler site?

17 **Witness** Having knowledge that, as a protectee and
18 as a Secret Service agent looking at that, everything is a
19 vulnerability and a threat. With the information that we
20 had at the time, we put a plan in place with different
21 mitigation tools in order to work to secure the site.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Did you personally feel like there was
23 an elevated threat, given this information that you were
24 told?

25 **Witness** The information was not escalated and spoke

1 about on any other occasion, so we used the information
2 that we had at the time to put the Security Plan in place.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Does the Pittsburgh Field Office have a
4 **LES**, a **LES** [REDACTED]?

5 **Witness** The Pittsburgh Field Office should have a
6 **LES** [REDACTED].

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So there are --

8 **Witness** There's things in place.

9 **HSGAC Minority** There's the ability to receive
10 classified information. Okay.

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Were you aware of any threats against
13 Trump specifically prior to the July 13th event?

14 **Witness** I was aware of the general language of
15 state-sponsored threats from the past.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what kind of threats?

17 **Witness** It's just general language. I wasn't aware
18 of anything specific besides that.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And I'm assuming that those are the
20 Iranian threats. Correct me if I'm wrong. State-sponsored
21 Iranian threats?

22 **Witness** The assumption was that they were state
23 sponsored. You could allude to that.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Had you been briefed by the
25 Secret Service on those threats?

1 **Witness** No.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you ever been briefed by the
3 Secret Service on any threats to --

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Minority** -- to Donald Trump?

6 **Witness** To Donald Trump? No.

7 **HSGAC Minority** But previously you've been briefed about
8 other protectees?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you've never been briefed
11 about Donald Trump in your time?

12 **Witness** No specific briefings.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. You said that you were there at
14 the first visit of **C/S Team Lead** to the Butler site. Is
15 that correct?

16 **Witness** Yes, I was.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And about what time was that, do you
18 recall?

19 **Witness** On the 10th, somewhere around noon.

20 **HSGAC Minority** And did you walk through the entire site
21 with **C/S Team Lead** or you just met him for a portion of
22 that?

23 **Witness** I met him for a portion. I was doing the
24 manpower justification walkthrough with the field office
25 supervisor at the time.

1 **HSGAC Minority** How long was he there that day?

2 **Witness** From that specific time period? Maybe an
3 hour, but they were conducting the advance the entire week.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And what did you see him do at that
5 initial site visit?

6 **Witness** I know he got on the roof of the barns that
7 were behind the stage.

8 **HSGAC Minority** You saw him get on the barn roof where
9 Hercules 1 was posted?

10 **Witness** He was where the Secret Service personnel
11 were posted, where the Secret Service sniper teams were
12 posted. He went on those roofs.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you see his position for
14 each?

15 **Witness** I did not see his position. I'm not
16 trained in being a counter sniper, so however he conducted
17 and what he positions he went in was not --

18 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall how long he remained
19 on each of the roofs?

20 **Witness** I don't.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was it longer than 10 minutes?

22 **Witness** I wasn't paying particular attention to
23 what timing he was on that roof.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you see him get on the roof
25 of the AGR building at all?

1 **Witness** I did not.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if he did get on the roof of
3 the AGR building?

4 **Witness** I don't have visual as to what he did with
5 his vulnerability assessment when he conducted his advance.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if he went inside the AGR
7 building?

8 **Witness** I don't know if he went in there.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I want to point you to Exhibit 3,
10 that was previously introduced, the timeline. Let me know
11 when you have that in front of you, the unreacted Exhibit
12 3. Is that correct? Do you still have that in front of
13 you?

14 **Witness** I do.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. On page, I guess it's page 3, on
16 July 13th -- and we went over this a little bit, but I just
17 want to clarify -- July 13th down to 1 p.m. starts where
18 we're talking about the counter sniper briefing. And then
19 you'd mentioned earlier that you can't confirm that those
20 occurred. Where did you guys get this info, the info
21 that's in this timeline? Relating to the counter snipers
22 specifically, where did this information come from?

23 **Witness** I don't have recollection of where that
24 information came from. What I can tell you is that from my
25 expectations and understanding, there were several

1 briefings that were supposed to take place and several
2 different things in place for the mitigation of line of
3 sight and other vulnerabilities within the site. And I was
4 not on-site that day, until Trump was, so I am not able to
5 ascertain as to if they happened.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And this exhibit, this is a compilation
7 of the field office's recollection of the timeline?

8 **Witness** Yes.

9 **HSGAC Minority** So is it fair to say that at least in
10 this draft document, which I'll ask you about in a minute,
11 that no one in the Pittsburgh Field Office could confirm
12 whether or not any of those counter sniper briefings
13 occurred that day?

14 **Witness** As of the writing of this, the Pittsburgh
15 Field Office, as it's listed on there, was not able to
16 confirm those meetings.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Is there another version of this
18 document, an updated version or a final version?

19 **Witness** I don't know if there is another version or
20 not. This is just the draft that I was working off of when
21 I made my notes, after the fact.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So you haven't seen or contributed to
23 anything after past this version?

24 **Witness** I did not, in person, contribute to
25 anything.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Did you not, in person, contribute to
2 it?

3 **Witness** Past what was put out, I was on phone calls
4 from a distance. I was not at the office after that
5 Thursday.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then if you look up, in a
7 couple of the bullets before, the source that's listed is a
8 text messages in a couple of places from CS **C/S Team Lead**
9 phone. How did that information get to the Pittsburgh
10 Field Office. Did you all have **C/S Team Lead** phone?

11 **Witness** No. Within collaboration, when we were
12 putting this together, there was headquarters inputs.
13 During the four days, three of which I was present in
14 person, we sat down in the office, contributed what facts
15 we knew together and corroborated those facts, and whatever
16 facts that we did not have. The headquarters
17 representative, from headquarters, would call in and ask
18 questions, as pertinent questions, ask about news reports
19 and whether or not we knew about them or what types of
20 information was coming from that news report, whether it
21 was true, not true, or if there were sources, and other
22 information such as that text message, being able to put
23 that on the timeline.

24 **HSGAC Minority** So when you say "headquarters," Secret
25 Service headquarters?

1 **Witness** There was a direct connection with
2 executive staff from Secret Service headquarters.

3 **HSGAC Minority** So this document is not just the
4 Pittsburgh Field Office. It also incorporates
5 headquarters' views of the day of the event?

6 **Witness** Headquarters did have some contributions
7 because this document, after it was drafted in its full
8 extent, was sent to executive staff so that they could
9 brief the executive staff and the former director.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if any other agencies
11 contributed in any way to this?

12 **Witness** Not to my recollection. This was Secret
13 Service-based information.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And you mentioned earlier that your
15 request for additional mags wasn't completely filled. Are
16 you aware of any other resource requests that were not
17 fulfilled?

18 **Witness** If you go by emails from the Trump detail,
19 the **LES**, or Counter Assault Advance Agent, was not
20 fulfilled. The **LES** advance was not fulfilled.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware of any CUAS requests that
22 weren't fulfilled?

23 **Witness** My understanding is that that would fall
24 under airspace, and that the CUAS agent from Secret
25 Service, from the Trump detail, was assigned prior to that.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware of any requests for the
2 **LES** CUAS system that was denied?

3 **Witness** I can't recollect what exactly was denied
4 from airspace.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. But there was something denied,
6 to your recollection?

7 **Witness** I can recollect that there was some type of
8 email from airspace that was not fulfilled.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And when did you first learn that the
10 CUAS, one of the systems, was down on the day of the event?

11 **Witness** Sometime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The
12 second supervisor from the Trump detail advised me, in
13 passing, that they were having trouble with the software
14 for the CUAS systems at the rally site.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever experienced that happening
16 before with the CUAS software capabilities?

17 **Witness** This was the first time that I've had
18 someone assigned with that technology.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And were you asked to do anything, or it
20 was just mentioned to you?

21 **Witness** No. It was just mentioned.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did that concern you?

23 **Witness** It's another thing to mitigate and to try
24 and elevate to get it fixed.

25 **HSGAC Minority** What Federal agencies were present the

1 day of the event, other than Secret Service?

2 **Witness** Homeland Security Investigations, HSI.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Any others?

4 **Witness** Not that I recall.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware of any ATF agents being at
6 the event?

7 **Witness** I heard something after the fact but I
8 don't know why they were there or where they were, or if
9 they came after it was declared a crime scene or not.

10 **HSGAC Minority** What did you hear?

11 **Witness** I heard someone mention AFT, but I did not
12 hear when they were present.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you don't recall plainclothes
14 ATF agent coming up to Special Agent **Site Counterpart** and talking to
15 her about any egress issues with the bike racks?

16 **Witness** I was not at the site, so I do not have any
17 visibility on any conversations that happened at the site.
18 She did not raise anything to me of a concern that needed
19 to be raised further, and talked about with the detail. I
20 do know that the egress was an issue at the site, and prior
21 to us arriving that Special Agent **Site Counterpart** had to break some
22 bike rake and cut some flags and recreate that emergency
23 egress area.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And so if you go on page 4 of Exhibit 3,
25 I think that's reflected, at approximately the third

1 bullet, approximately 5 p.m. Agents had to cut zip-ties
2 that held bike racks together, that were impeding the
3 emergency egress route. Would you be aware, as the lead,
4 would you be aware of plainclothes ATF agents being at the
5 site? Was it something that would be communicated to you?

6 **Witness** It should've been relayed to me if there
7 were **LES** ATF plainclothes agents at the site.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And you still have not heard why --

9 **Witness** I've never -- this is the first time
10 hearing of this at all.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. At around 5:38 p.m., you received
12 an email. I want to introduce Exhibit 7.

13 [Exhibit No. 7 was
14 marked for identification.]

15 **HSGAC Minority** You received an email from, I believe,
16 **SAIC Buffalo** stating, "Please give me a shout in the CP when
17 you're able." What was this email about?

18 **Witness** I don't know what the email was about. We
19 never spoke about it.

20 **HSGAC Minority** You never what?

21 **Witness** We never spoke.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And who is **SAIC Buffalo**

23 **Witness** He was the agent assigned to the Security
24 Room at the time.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And that was at 5:38.

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority** So why didn't you communicate with him?

3 **Witness** I did not see the email.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Did you see the email after?

5 **Witness** I believe I saw the email after the fact.

6 I had no recollection of seeing this email during the time.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Have you communicated with **SAIC Buffalo**

8 since 5:38 p.m. the day of the --

9 **Witness** I talked to him after I was at the hospital
10 already.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And what did you all speak about?

12 **Witness** The FBI was coming to the site and place,
13 and timelines.

14 **HSGAC Minority** So he never told you what he was --

15 **Witness** He did not tell me what he was asking
16 about.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know what time the Security Room
18 first started getting notified of suspicious persons?

19 **Witness** I only can go by the timeline that we have.
20 I was not notified of suspicious persons or any issues or
21 concerns at the site.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So you don't know if that's what **SAIC Buffalo**
23 **SAIC Buffalo** was trying to communicate to you?

24 **Witness** I don't. We had just arrived at that time,
25 and as well as being the lead advance I was also the

1 transportation advance, and I was responsible for
2 realigning the entire motorcade to make sure that we had it
3 on-site in proper form for any type of emergency departure
4 or regular departure otherwise.

5 **HSGAC Minority** This **HSGAC Minority** with Senator Paul's
6 office. Have you ever served a search warrant before?

7 **Witness** Have I served search warrants? Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Before you serve a search warrant, if
9 you've got intelligence that the person was armed, would
10 that change your ops plan? And I'll make it more specific.
11 Let's say that they're armed and dangerous, and possibly
12 explosives. What I'm saying is the more threats or the
13 more dangers you get known in your research or your intel,
14 would you enhance your operational plan serving a search
15 warrant?

16 **Witness** So hypothetically on that, the intel that I
17 have at that time, it would raise questions and concerns
18 that would come up that would be raised to a higher level,
19 to come up with the ops plan.

20 **HSGAC Minority** So the answer is yes.

21 **Witness** Hypothetically, if I had information that
22 needed to be addressed as a threat, it would be addressed.

23 **HSGAC Minority** So the reason I ask that question is
24 because you mentioned multiple times that you were
25 specifically told that there was some intel. And you also

1 said that that's not the first time you've heard that. But
2 my question would be, is that the first time you've heard
3 that there was direct intel that they could not relate to
4 you over the phone, countered with the statement that based
5 upon that we're going to send a Counter Sniper Team to this
6 event. Have you ever encountered that before in your
7 career?

8 **Witness** I have encountered that we prefer to use
9 our own sniper teams when available, and that he first
10 asked if we could use local sniper teams, and then the
11 second supervisor brought up that we would then be having
12 available the Counter Sniper Teams from Secret Service.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Specifically with a former President of
14 the United States, because we've been told that this is the
15 first time ever that they have done this. So let's stay
16 specifically with a former President. Have you ever had
17 intel, been told about intel, in addition to now we're
18 going to send Counter Sniper Team to a former President
19 site for a campaign rally?

20 **Witness** I have never worked a former President
21 campaign rally site before this time.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So getting that -- the reason
23 I'm getting to that, should those not be things that you're
24 hearing that would raise the alarm bells to maybe we do
25 need to secure this site a little bit more. Maybe we need

1 to address these line of sight concerns a little bit more
2 to push?

3 Because I guess the question I have is what's the
4 purpose of a lead agent if they're not going to be in the
5 role of if they see gaps or if they -- and you've
6 identified that there were some issues. Do you not have
7 the authority to say, "Stop a second. We've got some
8 additional threats. Obviously addressing these threats
9 with counter snipers. And I still have these line of sight
10 concerns." Is there any role that you could play in that
11 to maybe get someone to take action?

12 **Witness** So as a lead advance I coordinate what
13 assets and advance team members that we have in place, to
14 be able to get them the assets that we need to secure the
15 site and make up a good Security Plan. Based on what
16 intelligence we knew at the time, we were comfortable with
17 the plan, or I was comfortable with how I acted in putting
18 those assets in place, from my understanding and
19 expectations that the assets and the mitigation for the
20 vulnerabilities for line of sight from the AGR and other
21 buildings were going to be in place and addressed. No
22 concerns were ever brought up to me, otherwise, that those
23 things were not in place.

24 **HSGAC Minority** You said your understanding of the
25 intelligence. You did not have the intelligence. Is that

1 right?

2 **Witness** My understanding and expectations from what
3 we did know and the mitigation that I understood that we
4 were going to have in place, that those assets would be in
5 place for those vulnerabilities.

6 **Witness Counsel**: Can I just make a quick clarification, I
7 believe, for the record? I believe Special Agent **Witness** used
8 the term "intelligence," but meant information that they
9 had. As she described, she did not have knowledge of any
10 specific intelligence. She was referring, I believe, to
11 the information they had at hand, generally, at the time.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And if we can go back to Exhibit
13 3, page 4, it says, at 5:51, "Secret Service Security Room
14 is notified by PSP of suspicious person with rangefinder,"
15 and the source on that is **SAIC Buffalo**.
16 That's the individual that you said was in charge of the
17 Security Room?

18 **Witness** That was the agent that was working the
19 Security Room, yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Is he part of the Pittsburgh office?

21 **Witness** He is not. A phone call was made to him to
22 receive the information.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know where this information came
24 from, in the Pittsburgh timeline? It came from him, or
25 headquarters?

1 **Witness** When we were sitting there, discussing, at
2 the field office, that information was typed in the
3 Pittsburgh Field Office.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. By who?

5 **Witness** It was a collaboration between Field Office
6 Supervisor **SAIC Pittsburgh** and **SAIC HQ**.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then at 5:52, Secret Service
8 Security Room passes, via email and text, this information
9 to the Counter Sniper Response and Site PI.

10 **Witness** That was the same phone call from SAIC
11 **SAIC Buffalo** as he was having Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** send those messages.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And who did they send those messages to?

13 **Witness** To the counter sniper response agent and
14 the protective intelligence response agent.

15 **HSGAC Minority** What are their names?

16 **Witness** It's **CSRT Agent** of the Secret Service
17 for counter sniper response, and **Protective Intel Agent** [ph] for
18 protective intelligence response.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know where they were located
20 when they received this message?

21 **Witness** I don't know where they were located when
22 they received the message.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if they were dispatched?

24 **Witness** My understanding is that those messages
25 sent were dispatching them to go look, but I was not in the

1 location nor was it put over a radio that they were being
2 dispatched to anything.

3 **HSGAC Minority** And where were you at this time?

4 **Witness** At that time I was, like I said, working on
5 having the vehicles turned around for the departures, as
6 well as with the protectee, former President Trump. My
7 responsibility during all of this was to be with the
8 protectee and continue to shadow movements that he was
9 making at the time.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Was the protectee notified that there
11 was a suspicious person with a rangefinder?

12 **Witness** The information was not passed to the
13 detail.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Why?

15 **Witness** I can't make any speculation as to why it
16 wasn't. It wasn't passed to me, and it wasn't passed to
17 the detail.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And was this information passed to
19 Special Agent **Site Agent**

20 **Witness** I don't know if it was passed to her. I
21 just know that it wasn't passed to myself and that the
22 supervisors I was working with from the detail did not
23 receive the information either.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Should that information have been
25 passed?

1 **Witness** Any pertinent information should have been
2 passed over the radio.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Do you feel like that is pertinent
4 information?

5 **Witness** I would believe that any pertinent
6 information involving the site and the protectee would be
7 passed over the radio.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Do you believe that information
9 regarding a suspicious person with a rangefinder is
10 pertinent information that should have been passed to you
11 and the protectee's detail?

12 **Witness** I believe if there was pertinent
13 information about a suspicious individual --

14 **HSGAC Minority** If you don't want to answer that
15 question, you can please just say that.

16 **Witness** Yes, pertinent information such as that
17 should be passed.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And at this point, I guess we
19 haven't decided if it's pertinent information yet, but
20 where was the protectee? Had he gotten on stage yet?

21 **Witness** He was not on stage yet.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Was there any conversation about not
23 having him take the stage?

24 **Witness** We did not have the information to make a
25 determination for him not to make the stage.

1 **HSGAC Minority** If you would have had that information,
2 would you have recommended that he take the stage?

3 **Witness** If I had received that information I
4 would've raised it to the detail leader and second
5 supervisor as to make a decision whether or not that we
6 would've held or taken the stage.

7 **HSGAC Minority** What's your current employment status?

8 **Witness** I am currently on situational telework.

9 **HSGAC Minority** What is that, situational telework?
10 I've never heard that term.

11 **Witness** **LES** . I'm not working
12 actively on protection or investigations.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Is that administrative leave? Is it a
14 formal disciplinary --

15 **Witness** It's not classified as formal disciplinary
16 and it's not classified as administrative leave. I was
17 told that I was on situational telework from home, that I
18 can answer calls that need to be answered. However, I was
19 not actively working on protection or investigations.

20 **HSGAC Minority** And when were you notified of this?

21 **Witness** Um --

22 **HSGAC Minority** Roughly.

23 **Witness** I'm trying to think. A week from last
24 Wednesday.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And who notified you?

1 **Witness** SAIC **SAIC Pittsburgh** notified the five us from the
2 Pittsburgh office that he had received a message from
3 executive staff that we would need to go home and be on
4 situational telework.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know who the other
6 individuals are?

7 **Witness** The other individuals --

8 **Agency Counsel**: This is going to get into the potential
9 for talking about other employees being disciplined. I'd
10 ask you to stay away from that.

11 **HSGAC Minority** That wasn't the question. I asked what
12 other -- if she knew what other people were placed on
13 situational telework.

14 **Witness** The only individuals that I've been in
15 contact with are the individuals that I worked with from
16 the Pittsburgh Field Office.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And what are their names?

18 **Witness** I'm sorry?

19 **HSGAC Minority** And what are their names?

20 **Witness** SAIC **SAIC Pittsburgh** Special Agent **Intel Advance Lead**, ATSAIC
21 **ATSAIC**, myself, and Senior Special Agent **Site Counterpart**

22 **HSGAC Minority** And are you aware of anyone else being
23 put on situational telework?

24 **Witness** I have had no communication with anyone
25 else.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Just a couple follow-up questions.

3 Since you're the lead agent on this, who openly was in
4 charge of the communication failure, siloing that
5 information that it did not get out. Whose responsibility
6 was that, that day, for the July 13th event?

7 **Witness** I can't pinpoint one exact situational
8 person or communication device that --

9 **HSGAC Minority** Who was in charge of the communications
10 that day?

11 **Witness** The communication is in collaboration with
12 all of the locals and state and the Secret Service.

13 **HSGAC Minority** The United States Secret Service, who
14 was in charge of communications on July 13th at the Butler,
15 Pennsylvania, event? There had to be somebody that you've
16 assigned to be in charge of communications.

17 **Witness** Which piece of communications are you
18 referring to?

19 **HSGAC Minority** Overall. Okay, the failure of getting
20 the information out of Crooks, the rangefinder, suspicious
21 person. Who would've been in charge of getting that
22 information out to the agents in the field?

23 **Witness** If the information would've been passed to
24 Secret Service in either the Security Room or to the site
25 agents or to anyone else on the advance team, the

1 information would've been passed.

2 **HSGAC Minority** I still didn't hear an answer of who
3 was responsible. But I'll move on to another question. Is
4 it normal for you all to do a collective timeline creation,
5 like you did with this?

6 **Witness** Well, this was a major event that resulted
7 in an FBI investigation, so in order to sit down and have
8 the briefing material available for the executive staff we
9 put a timeline together.

10 **Witness Counsel**: And I would just add, at the question of
11 supervisors, and this was obviously a unique event. You've
12 never experienced this before.

13 **HSGAC Minority** And that was going to be my last thing.
14 And I understand that's what you were told by your
15 supervisors to help with. But my question for the record
16 is, would you allow witnesses -- you've investigated a lot
17 -- witnesses of a critical incident to collaborate on their
18 statements?

19 **Witness Counsel**: Can we take a breather for a minute.

20 [Pause.]

21 **Witness Counsel**: So I think on that one, given that it was
22 at the direction of the Secret Service and the supervisors,
23 that question is best put to the Secret Service.

24 **HSGAC Minority** How about you personally? Say that
25 you're investigating a crime. In your history of

1 investigating crimes, which you have, would you allow
2 witnesses of a criminal investigation to corroborate or
3 discuss the timelines or the incident, or would you
4 separate them?

5 **Witness** **Com**: Again, I think that's a hypothetical
6 question. If there's an actual question about her
7 experience and if this has ever occurred, putting aside the
8 relevance, you know, I think that's something she could
9 speak to. But a hypothetical like this, I think, is best
10 put to the Service, because obviously the Service is in a
11 position to answer that, given that they seem to have
12 actioned this undertaking.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever participated in a major
15 event like this, while you were on a detail?

16 **Witness** An unusual circumstance?

17 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah.

18 **Witness** Nothing to this capacity.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Anything to a lesser capacity?

20 **Witness** Sure. I've had a couple events happen on
21 leads such as a local department have a negligent discharge
22 or a bird strike of a plane, but nothing to this magnitude.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Anything where you had to be interviewed
24 by the FBI after?

25 **Witness** No.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And were you on the Vice
2 President's detail on January 6th?

3 **Witness** I was not working that day.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. But you were --

5 **Witness** I was assigned to the detail, but I was not
6 working that day.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Are you aware if there was collective
8 timelines put together after that event?

9 **Witness Counsel**: Again, I think that's a hypothetical.

10 **HSGAC Minority** I asked if she was aware.

11 **Witness** I am not aware of the investigation that
12 happened with January 6th, because I was not involved with
13 that day.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

15 **PSI Minority** Agent **Witness** **PSI Minority** I want
16 to focus in on some of the communications stuff, but first
17 I want to make sure, to Secret Service, we've talked about
18 other drafts of that timeline that was provided to us. If
19 there are other drafts we want all of the drafts, including
20 any final drafts.

21 **Agency Counsel**: Understood.

22 **PSI Minority** And then, second, we've talked a lot
23 about the redactions in all of the documents that have been
24 produced. You know, for Ranking Member Johnson,
25 transparency is very big thing, and so I'm going to enter

1 in the rest of the unredacted records as Exhibit 8.

2 [Exhibit No. 8 was
3 marked for identification.]

4 **Agency Counsel** : If that's the case then I would ask
5 that we take a break, because I need to talk to DHS OGC and
6 also to my chief counsel, because I think we have somewhat
7 of a misunderstanding about certain things. So I would ask
8 for a break.

9 **PSI Minority** I'll defer to --

10 **HSGAC Majority** I'll defer to whether you want to ask other
11 questions to continue this hour and have them addressed at
12 the break, or whether you want to enter this and have them
13 break.

14 **PSI Minority** Let's move on to other questions, and
15 then we can come back to that.

16 So I'm going to pass around another document. It's
17 the 2024 Campaign Operational Guide. So in the interim we
18 will mark this Exhibit 9.

19 [Exhibit No. 9 was
20 marked for identification.]

21 **PSI Minority** Okay. So this document, as you can
22 tell, is the Communications Plan for the 2024 campaign.
23 And if you flip to page 2, it talks about the Command Post,
24 and it says, "The lead advance agent is responsible for
25 ensuring the following being completed," and it talks about

1 a number of things that need to be done for Command Post.

2 Was there a Command Post for July 13th?

3 **Witness** There was not a command post. There was a
4 Security Room.

5 **PSI Minority** There was a Security Room. Okay.

6 Let's flip over to page 3, then, where it talks about the
7 Security Room. And I guess at the start, since there
8 wasn't a Command Post, what was your role as it relates to
9 the establishment and staffing of the Security Room?

10 **Witness** My role was to ensure that we had personnel
11 from Secret Service to relay radio traffic in the Security
12 Room to the appropriate personnel.

13 **PSI Minority** Did you have any role in determining
14 what local or state law enforcement would be placed in the
15 Security Room?

16 **Witness** During the police meeting that we had on
17 July 8th, I invited and requested any local and state law
18 enforcement that was going to have any assets or personnel
19 involved with the July 13th event to have personnel in the
20 Security Room.

21 **PSI Minority** What local officials took you up on
22 that officer?

23 **Witness** To my knowledge there was a Pennsylvania
24 State Police in that Security Room, and there was Butler
25 EMS, or Emergency Services, in that room. Those were the

1 only ones that I know for sure.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. So we know of several other
3 local law enforcement entities that were on site that day,
4 including Butler local PD, Butler ESU, Beaver ESU, and
5 Washington ESU. Was an offer made to any of those
6 entities, or was a discussion had with those entities about
7 sitting in the Security Room?

8 **Witness** So Washington ESU and Butler -- I'm sorry,
9 Beaver ESU, was working in collaboration with Butler ESU,
10 and they had direct communication with them, and that was
11 part of their plan.

12 **PSI Minority** Right. Was anybody from Butler PD or
13 Butler ESU placed in the Security Room that day?

14 **Witness** Butler was asked to be in the Security
15 Room. Since I've heard that someone was from Butler in the
16 room, but I was not there so I couldn't confirm that they
17 were there.

18 **PSI Minority** Who asked Butler to be in the Security
19 Room?

20 **Witness** At the police meeting I asked for all
21 assets that would be available to help us and to be
22 assisting us at the site to have a representative in the
23 Security Room.

24 **PSI Minority** You asked that specifically of Butler,
25 or was that phrased to the larger group?

1 **Witness** It was phrased to the entire group, asking
2 all participants that were going to be involved to have
3 representation.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. Looking at the Security Room
5 section, it says, "The site agent is responsible for
6 coordinating its physical setup and staffing." I know we
7 talked about there was a site agent from the Donald Trump
8 detail and there was the site assist from the Pittsburgh
9 office. Which one of those two was responsible for the
10 Security Room?

11 **Witness** Both of them are responsible for making
12 sure that the site has adequate resources and everything
13 that was part of the plan is in place. The radio for the
14 Security Room from Secret Service came from the Pittsburgh
15 Field Office.

16 **PSI Minority** So the Pittsburgh office site assist,
17 was that the ultimate party responsible for the staffing
18 and setup of the Security Room that day? Was that Agent

19 **Site Counterpart**

20 **Witness** Both site agents from -- should have --
21 both site agents were responsible for making sure that
22 posts and assets were in place.

23 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to move forward a little
24 bit. You talked a little bit of the time of you getting to
25 the event. I know you said you weren't at the event at the

1 start. You got there with the former President, so 5:33,
2 right, based on your timeline?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. Where are you at 5:33?

5 **Witness** After former President Trump arrived, I
6 walked into the tent that the limo was in that he arrived
7 in, addressed the supervisor of the detail. And then once
8 he moved into the next tent I walked outside to make sure
9 that the vehicles for the motorcade were turned around for
10 an egress.

11 **PSI Minority** Okay. And you were there the entire
12 time?

13 **Witness** I was where the entire time?

14 **PSI Minority** With the vehicles turned around for
15 egress, or what happens after that, and what time is that,
16 approximately?

17 **Witness** I don't have a time on that. I just know
18 that prior to him finishing in the photo area, in that
19 tent, that I came back to the tent areas where he was, and
20 then touched base with the second supervisor from the Trump
21 detail, and made sure that any concerns or issues were
22 addressed and that we were good to move forward.

23 **PSI Minority** Okay. And so I think based on videos
24 it looks like the former President takes the stage
25 approximately around 6:03. Do you go out on the stage with

1 him at 6:03?

2 **Witness** I do not go on the stage. I shadowed his
3 movements from the catwalk to the stage. I was behind the
4 stage, on ground level.

5 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to show you a document.
6 It is a log of local radio communications, and this will be
7 Exhibit 10.

8 [Exhibit No. 10 was
9 marked for identification.]

10 **PSI Minority** Sorry. Give me one second.

11 [Pause.]

12 **PSI Minority** If you go to page 7 of that document,
13 timestamped 17:42, so 5:42, approximately 9 minutes after
14 you've arrived, there's a message at the top that says,
15 "Just an FYI. We had a younger white male, long hair,
16 looking around the AGR building. He was viewed with a
17 rangefinder, sitting the stage. He was up against the
18 building. I believe he was looking up at us and he walked
19 around the side of the building."

20 Were you aware of that message at 17:42?

21 **Witness** I was not aware of that.

22 **PSI Minority** How were the locals supposed to
23 communicate that message to the folks who were with the
24 former President behind the stage?

25 **Witness** There was a Security Room setup with

1 representatives from Pennsylvania State Police. In their
2 plan they discussed the radio frequencies that both Butler
3 and Pennsylvania State Police would be on. And when I
4 arrived at the site the counter assault agents that came
5 LES met directly with
6 one of the Butler ESU officers, and handed him a Secret
7 Service radio.

8 PSI Minority One of the Butler ESU officers had a
9 Secret Service radio that day?

10 Witness Yes.

11 PSI Minority What Butler ESU officer?

12 Witness They were all in camo. I didn't see a
13 nameplate. But I had conversation with CAT Advance Lead from
14 Counter Assault from Secret Service, prior to that day that
15 he was going to meet at the motorcade with a radio from
16 Secret Service, and he was going to give it to Butler ESU.
17 Once we arrived and I came out of the tent I saw that
18 Butler ESU unit go up to CAT Advance Lead and be handed a Secret
19 Service radio.

20 PSI Minority And CAT Advance Lead never gave you the name
21 of that agent or officer?

22 Witness He did not tell me exactly who it was, but
23 it was on a briefing call that he was going to give a radio
24 over to Butler ESU.

25 PSI Minority Did Butler ESU ever indicate that they

1 were going to provide radios to any Secret Service agents?

2 **Witness** I do not have direct knowledge of them
3 giving radios or having conversations about radios.

4 **PSI Minority** Did Technician **C/S Team Lead** or any of the
5 counter sniper officers who were there that day indicate
6 that Butler had offered them radios?

7 **Witness** I did not have a conversation with
8 Technician **C/S Team Lead** about that.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to show you another
10 record, and this will be Exhibit 10 -- Exhibit 11,
11 apologies.

12 [Exhibit No. 11 was
13 marked for identification.]

14 **PSI Minority** So I know you have this in your
15 timeline. This is the 5:45 text message sent from one of
16 the local counter snipers, or one of the local snipers to
17 the Secret Service counter snipers. It appears to be that
18 same message that we just heard was sent out over the local
19 radios at 5:42, along with two pictures of the individual.
20 Were you aware of this text message on the day of the
21 event?

22 **Witness** No, I was not aware of this text message.

23 **PSI Minority** And I know we touched on it a little
24 bit in some of the earlier questions, but I just want to
25 make sure I'm clear. As the lead agent, if one of the

1 other Secret Service agents on-site or officers on-site
2 that day received information of a suspicious individual,
3 close proximity to where a protectee was going to be, with
4 a known line of sight concern, using a rangefinder toward
5 the stage, would that be something that should be
6 communicated to you?

7 **Witness** I can't answer the hypothetical. All I can
8 tell you is that pertinent information should be
9 communicated over the radio and to all assets that are
10 working.

11 **PSI Minority** Okay. Let's not make it a
12 hypothetical. You said you've been a lead agent for a
13 number of events.

14 **Witness** Sure.

15 **PSI Minority** When a suspicious individual has ever -
16 - has a suspicious individual ever been identified at any
17 of those events?

18 **Witness** It's varying degrees of the word
19 "suspicion," yes.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. Was that communicated to you
21 Special Agent the lead agent that a suspicious individual
22 had been identified at any of those events?

23 **Witness** It was not communicated to me as lead
24 agent, no.

25 **PSI Minority** Have you ever been communicated, as a

1 lead agent, that a suspicious individual was identified at
2 an event?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **Witness Counsel**: Sorry. Let me just make sure we're not
5 missing each other here. Is your question, **PSI Minority** in the
6 past has it ever been communicated to her that there were
7 suspicious individuals identified?

8 **PSI Minority** Yes.

9 **Witness** Yes. In the past when issues have arised
10 at sites for motorcades or anywhere else that an individual
11 was suspicious or not suspicious, with pertinent
12 information, that was communicated to me or communicated
13 over the radio directly.

14 **Witness Counsel**: And can we take just one moment, quickly?

15 [Pause.]

16 **Witness** I just want to clarify that going back to
17 you said when there were line of sight concerns, I was not
18 at the site during the build-out. I was not at the site
19 the entire day, until I got there with former President
20 Trump. And my understanding and expectations were that
21 those concerns had already been mitigated, and no other
22 information had been brought further to me at that time,
23 that those concerns had not been mitigated.

24 **PSI Minority** When you got to the site that day, did
25 you see if the line of sight concerns had been mitigated?

1 **Witness** When I got to the site that day, my focus
2 was not on that area. My focus was on the protectee and
3 what I was working at that time.

4 **PSI Minority** But you were around the stage, when you
5 got there, right?

6 **Witness** From the angle that I was on the stage I
7 did not see that angle of buildings or any other line of
8 sight.

9 **PSI Minority** So you assumed that the line of sight
10 had been taken care of.

11 **Witness** No issues or concerns had been brought up
12 to me at that time, that something was not mitigated and
13 taken care of. So my expectations and understanding was
14 that those issues had been mitigated.

15 **PSI Minority** After the events, is it your
16 understanding that the issues had been mitigated?

17 **Witness** I mean, it's obvious after the events that
18 a lot of pieces of this failed, and that's why I'm sitting
19 here today. But my understanding at the time, with the
20 information I had, was that those things had been
21 mitigated.

22 **PSI Minority** So at the time of this communication,
23 at the time that this individual had been identified, the
24 line of sight concerns still -- or the line of sight issues
25 still existed.

1 **Witness** I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

2 **PSI Minority** At the time of this text message and at
3 the time of the radio communication from local officials
4 identifying a suspicious individual with a rangefinder, the
5 line of sight issues still existed at the site.

6 **Witness** To my knowledge, at that time, I did not
7 know that those line of sight issues still existed.

8 **PSI Minority** Now you know they still existed, so
9 they still existed at the time the message was sent.

10 **Witness** Correct. But what I'm saying is that my
11 knowledge at that time is that I did not know that they
12 existed.

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. I know that we are at that hour
14 mark, so let's go ahead and take a break now.

15 [Recess.]

16 **Agency Counsel** : All right. It's my understanding,
17 counsel, is you still plan to introduce the entirety of the
18 unredacted packet as an exhibit?

19 **PSI Minority** Yes.

20 **Agency Counsel** : Okay. Then it's my understanding, and
21 based on previous discussions and a discussion I just had,
22 is that the Secret Service will be given an opportunity to
23 review any information before it's released, to be made
24 public. If somebody doesn't plan to give the Secret
25 Service the opportunity to release or to review information

1 and redact information before it's made public, if you
2 could please let me know that now, that would be very
3 helpful.

4 Our concern is really for employee safety. I will be
5 honest and say that all of our employees who are being
6 called to be interviewed are, in fact, nervous about their
7 safety, or at least the ones that I've spoken to have been.
8 And so the possibility of their personal information being
9 released obviously is a matter of great concern. I'm not
10 saying that you will do that. What I'm asking is that we
11 will be given the opportunity to review any information
12 that may be released prior to its release.

13 **HSGAC Majority** So that you for that additional
14 information, and with respect to our Committee practice
15 will reiterate the majority's intent here to honor that
16 practice, which is, as you have stated it, in advance of
17 any public-facing effort we do in reliance on nonpublic
18 information, including individuals' names. We will provide
19 an opportunity to review those excerpts and to raise,
20 including safety concerns. I would ask if there's any
21 additional statements the other offices want to make, they
22 can make them now.

23 **PSI Minority** I'm just going to mark that package
24 Exhibit 12.

25 [Exhibit No. 12 was

marked for identification.]

HSGAC Majority And with respect to this practice, my understanding is that is the way in which PSI practice operates, as well?

PSI Minority Yes.

PSI Majority Yes. All right. I have a few questions, if we're ready to proceed. Thank you again, Special Agent Witness I wanted to go back to a comment you made about your role involving making that everyone on the ground has the knowledge and equipment necessary. Am I understanding that correctly?

Witness Yes.

PSI Majority For the CUAS role, do you know what agent was responsible for operating the counter UAS equipment?

Witness It was Agent C-UAS Advance Lead

PSI Majority And in your role of determining the knowledge of the assets on the ground, how do you determine their knowledge and expertise?

Witness I can only go off of based on what their assignment is coming from their detail or from their respective branch. So the Trump detail had assigned Agent C-UAS Advance Lead specifically to the CUAS role because that was something that he had direct knowledge of.

PSI Majority And when you saw that, did you talk to

1 C-UAS Advance Lead Did you look at his background? Or did you
2 just kind of take it at face value?

3 Witness It's not my responsibility to judge his
4 background or what knowledge he has or doesn't have. I was
5 going off of the assignments from the Trump detail. The
6 Trump detail assigned C-UAS Advance Lead to the CUAS role as one of
7 the agents that has a responsibility from their detail and
8 has the knowledge from their detail as to using the CUAS
9 mitigation equipment.

10 PSI Majority When we spoke to C-UAS Advance Lead our
11 understanding is that he had less than one hour of training
12 on the CUAS equipment. Were you aware that C-UAS Advance Lead had
13 less than one hour of training on the equipment?

14 Witness I was not aware of what type of training he
15 has. I just know that I do not have the training. I have
16 not used the equipment. And the Trump detail assigned him
17 to the advance because he had knowledge of the equipment.

18 PSI Majority And it is my understanding that there
19 is a certification for using the CUAS equipment. Do you
20 ever analyze or assess whether individuals have
21 certification in the equipment they are responsible for?

22 Witness I don't. Like I said, as a lead advance,
23 when I'm given the team I make sure that they have the,
24 whatever concerns or issues they have and they bring them
25 up to myself or higher than myself. I make sure that those

1 concerns are addressed if they're brought to me. And I
2 make sure that whoever is assigned to those assignments has
3 in place the people or the area or whatever they deem
4 necessary to complete their role.

5 **PSI Majority** And I guess the question comes down to
6 how you determine whether they have the necessary skills.

7 **Witness** I talked to Agent **C-UAS Advance Lead** on the 12th, when
8 he was at the site. I asked him if he had any issues or
9 concerns, if there was anything he needed, and he told me
10 he was good. He did not need anything, did not have any
11 issues or concerns. And the Trump detail had assigned him
12 specifically as someone to run the CUAS equipment. I do
13 not have the knowledge of the equipment, so I'm not going
14 to question the Trump detail as to what type of knowledge
15 he has. They specifically assigned him for that reason.

16 **PSI Majority** I also understand that you said that
17 there was an air advance that was denied.

18 **Witness** There was not. It isn't an **LES**.

19 **PSI Majority** And can you tell us a little bit more
20 about that?

21 **Witness** As a formality email, there was a request
22 sent to airspace asking for personnel from that division to
23 respond as an advance.

24 **PSI Majority** And what would that have entailed?

25 **Witness** I am not sure what it entailed for former

1 President Trump's detail.

2 [PSI Majority] But typically what would an [LES]
3 advance look like?

4 [Witness] I can only tell you what it would look like
5 from other experiences with other details, but I don't know
6 what they were specifically asking for from Trump. So with
7 other experiences it's someone coming and setting up the
8 NOTAMS in person and talking with the FAA.

9 [PSI Majority] Got it. Okay, quick question. You
10 said that you were -- that you're on situational telework.
11 Do you know how long that will last for?

12 [Witness] I do not.

13 [PSI Majority] They did not communicate that to you.
14 And you said you're only allowed to take necessary phone
15 calls. Does that include preparing for these interviews?

16 [Witness] The only phone calls I've taken for this
17 interview are to tell me when I'm responding here.

18 [PSI Majority] And then one more question, set of
19 questions. Just to go back to the line of sight concerns
20 that we addressed before. You mentioned trucks, bleachers,
21 screens, farm equipment. Can we just go through that one
22 more time to understand, because it sounds like there was a
23 conversation that evolved over time.

24 [Witness] Sure.

25 [PSI Majority] So you first identified the line of

1 sight concerns, and suggested mitigating them with trucks.

2 Is that correct?

3 **Witness** The line of sight concerns were addressed
4 several times throughout the week with both Trump campaign
5 staff, the site agent, second supervisor from Trump detail,
6 myself, and local police. Different ways that, from my
7 understanding, there would be different ways of mitigation
8 for that particular area were to put some farm equipment in
9 some of those areas, to have the bleachers at an angle
10 where they would take away some line of sight. The screens
11 would take some line of sight away, as well as police being
12 in the area to deter anyone from those buildings, and the
13 local -- I'm sorry -- Secret Service counter snipers had
14 visibility of that sector.

15 **PSI Majority** And am I correct in recalling that you
16 said that the Trump campaign pushed back on the physical
17 obstruction to avoid it being in the media shot. Am I
18 understanding that correctly?

19 **Witness** That was their comments on what they were
20 pushing back from. However, we continued those discussions
21 all week. We continued them throughout Friday. The site
22 had still not been built out as of the time I left Friday.
23 The second supervisors, the site agents, they were
24 continuing to walk through the site and discussed line of
25 sight and other issues.

1 I was not at the site on Saturday until the former
2 President was there. So to be clear, the site agents, part
3 of their responsibility is to continue walking through the
4 site the entire day of the event, to make sure that
5 mitigation is in place or any holes are filled that need to
6 be filled, and to relay information back to myself and the
7 detail, which would be the second supervisor, as to if
8 those things were not put in place.

9 **PSI Majority** So it sounds like there was a
10 disagreement about whether there should be a physical
11 boundary there or not, and in the end there was no physical
12 boundary. I guess my question comes down to, a number of
13 times we've asked -- and it's not just you but I'll say our
14 colleagues --

15 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

16 **PSI Majority** -- we've asked, "Well, whose decision
17 was this? You know, who made the decision?" And the
18 answer has come back, you know, it's a consensus, or,
19 "Well, I passed it along to this office, that passes it
20 along to that office, that passes it along to this office."
21 And I guess there's just a question of like if there's a
22 disagreement, who is the last person that says yes and then
23 there's nobody else after them? That's the decision that
24 got made. Because it sounds like there's disagreements,
25 but when you register disagreements, who is the ultimate

1 person who says, "No, this is the way it's happening," and
2 then that's done. That's the end of the conversation.
3 Because it seems like there isn't ownership, to some
4 extent, but there's another layer of review, one after
5 another.

6 **Witness** So yes, those talks did continue throughout
7 the week. What I can say is the site was not built out
8 when I was there on Friday. It had not continued to be
9 built out -- or it was continuing, I'm sorry -- to be built
10 out. The second supervisor and the campaign supervisor was
11 there with the site agents, continuing to make those
12 discussions and make those adjustments that needed to be
13 addressed. From that conversation, those issues and
14 concerns of things that not being addressed were not
15 relayed to me at any time Friday. The site was not
16 finished being built out until sometime Saturday. The site
17 agents were at the site, walking around, continuing to make
18 sure that everything was in place that needed to be in
19 place, and whatever holes needed to be filled were filled.

20 And I can only tell you that I did not receive
21 information from them or anyone else at the site that it
22 wasn't built properly and things were not filled and
23 mitigated.

24 **PSI Majority** I mean, I guess beyond just that --
25 and I know I'm pushing my time here -- it just seems like

1 beyond just saying, you know, there's physical safety
2 concerns here beyond the objects. At multiple steps along
3 the way, if you have a strong disagreement, who -- I guess
4 I have a hard time pulling the thread of who has the
5 ability to say no, this is the way we're doing things, and
6 then that's the conversation, or if it just continues to
7 iterate to another department or another team or another
8 step or another office.

9 **Witness** Ultimately the Trump detail sent people to
10 overview the site and to overview the plan and to come
11 together with the site plan and to make sure that it was in
12 place, and do the walkthroughs on Friday. The Trump team
13 also had people in place, as the site agents, on Saturday,
14 as to whether or not those things were in place. I can't
15 speak as to any conversations that were had with anyone
16 else, but I can tell you that any issues were not raised to
17 me. And because those issues weren't raised to me, my
18 understanding was that whatever mitigation needed to
19 happen, had happened.

20 **PSI Majority** Thank you. I'll turn it over to my
21 colleague.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. This is **HSGAC Majority**
23 again with Senator Peters. I'm going to start by handing
24 you what I've marked as Exhibit 13.

25 [Exhibit No. 13 was

1 marked for identification.]

2 **HSGAC Majority** It's three pages. It's emails, but my
3 understanding is that these are emails memorializing text
4 messages.

5 **Witness** Text messages?

6 **HSGAC Majority** When you have a minute to look at it,
7 just let us know if you are familiar with these
8 communications.

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** And I know we did just receive the
11 unredacted versions, but since those aren't Bates stamped,
12 I just want to confirm with you that this is a text chain
13 between yourself and Agent **Site Counterpart** and Agent **Site Agent** Is that
14 correct?

15 **Witness** Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And then looking at the first page, that
17 Bates number 822, the first line reads, "So I think my
18 radio is screwed up. Of course, I've had problems ever
19 since I got the new radio." And this is Agent **Site Counterpart**
20 texting you and **Site Agent**

21 **Witness** Yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Can you give us some more context about
23 the radio problems that they --

24 **Witness** Sure. That was from her Secret Service-
25 issued radio. The radios have the ability to, in a certain

1 setting, be able to hear more than one Secret Service
2 channel at a time. And she was having trouble being able
3 to be on both the channel that the Trump detail shift was
4 on and the channel that the agents were on for the entire
5 site. It was not the radio from the Situation Room. It
6 was her personal issued radio.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. You said it was her personal
8 issued radio. And just taking a step back, you talked
9 about the different frequencies. Can you tell us which --
10 talking about Secret Service channels -- what channels were
11 in use and who was on which channel?

12 **Witness** I don't know whether or not the information
13 on the channels is --

14 **HSGAC Majority** We discussed the information, just in
15 terms of names. Like we know **Channel** were
16 used. I'm not asking for names of individuals, but which
17 one the post-standers were on, which the CAT and counter
18 snipers were on, what channels you were on throughout the
19 day.

20 **Witness Counsel**: And I just want to confirm, from my
21 understanding from the body language, that the Secret
22 Service has no objection to Special Agent **Witness** answering
23 that question.

24 **Witness** Can you repeat the question? Sorry.

25 **HSGAC Majority** As far as you know, what were the

1 different channels in use by the Secret Service that day?

2 [Witness] [Channel] would've been for the detail. [Channel]
3 would've been for everyone else. And then it switched to
4 [Channel].

5 [HSGAC Majority] Okay. And then when you say "everyone
6 else" --

7 [Witness] Post-standers, TSD --

8 [HSGAC Majority] Does that also include the CAT agents
9 and the counter snipers?

10 [Witness] I don't have recollection as to exactly
11 which radio station those two were on.

12 [HSGAC Majority] But just the [Channel] in use by the
13 Secret Service.

14 [Witness] To my knowledge.

15 [HSGAC Majority] And you mentioned that the channel for -
16 - that wasn't for the detail, [Channel], switched to [Channel]. Can
17 you tell us why that was the case?

18 [Witness] I don't recall which supervisor, but a
19 supervisor switched them from [Channel] to [Channel] prior to
20 arrival because they believed that the radio traffic was
21 bleeding over from the First Lady's detail.

22 [HSGAC Majority] Is that a problem that you've
23 encountered before at past events?

24 [Witness] Yes.

25 [HSGAC Majority] How common would you say it is?

1 **Witness** Any time there's radios within the same
2 distance, there's always a chance that there's bleed-over.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. And then jumping back to
4 Exhibit 13, the text chain. From looking at the unredacted
5 ones, the second line, "I've been on the phone with radio
6 folks and they think there's a problem, as well. I should
7 be fine on **Channel**, but it doesn't scan properly so I can
8 only listen to one channel at a time."

9 You said this was Agent **Site Counterpart** normal Secret
10 Service-issued radio that had a problem?

11 **Witness** It was, and she was -- to be clear, as the
12 site agents, the Trump detail site agent, it's customary
13 for them to switch over to the **Channel** channel or the shift
14 channel just prior to his arrival, and it's customary for
15 Agent **Site Counterpart** or the site agent from the field office, the
16 site assist from the field office, to be on the post-
17 stander channel for the duration.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And when you say it's customary
19 for them to be on the channel, does that mean that's the
20 only channel they're on, or are they scanning the alternate
21 ones?

22 **Witness** Their primary channel to be would to be on
23 the post-stander channel.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And which radio channel were you on that
25 day?

1 **Witness** I was on **Channel**.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And were you scanning **Channel** or
3 **Channel** also?

4 **Witness** I was not scanning them.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Did you have the ability to switch over
6 to that channel if you needed to or wanted to?

7 **Witness** Yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And aside from the issue that Agent
9 **Site Counterpart** had and the interference with the First Lady's
10 detail radio traffic, were there any other problems you
11 were aware of on July 13th with the Secret Service radios?

12 **Witness** I was not aware of any other problems
13 besides my radio had dropped code prior to former President
14 Trump arriving at the airport, so I switched radios with my
15 supervisor until we were able to get to the site and he
16 could get his coded.

17 **HSGAC Majority** I'm sorry. What does that mean, to drop
18 code?

19 **Witness** Sure. So it would mean that I could hear
20 some radio traffic but I wouldn't be able to communicate
21 back. The radios are encrypted, and so being able to hear
22 the radio traffic on both sides was of essence. And he was
23 in a vehicle with another agent, and a car radio that were
24 both coded, so he switched radios with me prior to wheels
25 down, so that I would have a functioning radio, and then

1 the plan was for him to use the coder from the Security
2 Room to code the radio that he had then, once he got to the
3 site.

4 **Witness Counsel**: And just for clarity, Special Agent **Witness**
5 had a functioning radio the entire day.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And then moving beyond just the
7 Secret Service radios, you talked a little bit before about
8 the setup with state and locals and how those
9 communications were supposed to flow. Just to make sure I
10 heard you earlier correctly, you had said your
11 understanding was that someone from Butler ESU received a
12 Secret Service radio from **CAT Advance Lead** ?

13 **Witness** He did. With the communication plan, there
14 was -- Pennsylvania State Police had someone in the
15 Security Room that had their radio systems and was able to
16 communicate openly with their individuals but also was able
17 to respond with a Secret Service agent that was in the
18 Security Room, to be able to make that information flow.
19 That radio was also issued to Butler ESU from Secret
20 **CAT Advance Lead** as well as the phone numbers of the
21 advance agents to -- or within the ops plans that were
22 given out in respect to the other agencies.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And you mentioned the
24 communication plan. Just to clarify, are you talking about
25 a particular document or just --

1 **Witness** The overall plan to be able to relay
2 communications. The plan was to be able to -- there was a
3 state PSP sergeant in the room, the Security Room, that was
4 able to communicate what his radio traffic was with the
5 Secret Service in the Security Room.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And I want to unpack some of the
7 explanation you gave a little bit. But first just one
8 quick question. Do you know if there is documented -- if
9 the plan for **CAT Advance Lead** to give a radio to someone from
10 Butler ESU, if that's documented anywhere?

11 **Witness** I don't know if it's documented. It was
12 briefed over a briefing call. If you see my handwritten
13 notes, it is written on my handwritten notes that that
14 radio transfer was going to happen.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And to your knowledge were there any
16 other radio exchanges planned or that happened between
17 either Pennsylvania State Police and the Secret Service or
18 any local law enforcement and the Secret Service?

19 **Witness** At that site I'm not sure of any other
20 planned exchanges. I just know that one specifically. At
21 the airport, I gave a radio to Allegheny County SWAT, who
22 was then also our tactical assets on the ground at the
23 airport.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then the exchange between
25 **CAT Advance Lead** and Butler ESU, that was at the rally site, at

1 the Farm Show?

2 **Witness** That was upon arrival, once we got out of
3 the cars, yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And you had said -- go back to
5 some of the things you said about the plan and the role of
6 the Pennsylvania State Police. Let's shift over to the
7 Security Room and the setup there. You mentioned earlier
8 that at the July 8th, I believe, the police meeting, you
9 had invited all agencies in attendance to have a
10 representative in the Security Room.

11 **Witness** Yes, I did.

12 **HSGAC Majority** Is that right? I'm going to introduce -
13 - what exhibit are we up to? -- 14.

14 [Exhibit No. 14 was
15 marked for identification.]

16 **HSGAC Majority** This is Bates No. 1046 to 1048, the U.S.
17 Secret Service Police Meeting Sign-in Sheet. Is this a
18 document you're familiar with?

19 **Witness** I am.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And is this a standard document the
21 Secret Service uses?

22 **Witness** It is. We ask that the entities in
23 attendance fill it out. I can tell you that not all the
24 entities in attendance did fill it out, because I do have
25 business cards from meeting with Butler EMS and Butler

1 Sheriff's Office, from meeting them face-to-face at that
2 meeting, that are not on that form.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. You said Butler EMS and the
4 Sheriff's Office?

5 **Witness** Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall if somebody from Butler
7 ESU specifically was there?

8 **Witness** There was a representative from Butler ESU
9 there.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

11 **Witness Counsel**: And just for the record, that information
12 has been provided to the Secret Service.

13 **HSGAC Majority** You said the names --

14 **Witness Counsel**: Copies of the business cards.

15 **HSGAC Majority** The business cards?

16 **Witness** Yes. The copies of the business cards, and
17 in my notes was also an individual from Butler ESU that was
18 representing Butler ESU that day.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And you had mentioned earlier
20 that at that meeting you told the local agencies that they
21 were encouraged to have a representative at the Security
22 Room. Was there any follow-up after that meeting regarding
23 which agencies would have representatives in the Security
24 Room that day?

25 **Witness** There was no specific follow-up as to who

1 would have in the Security Room, but we discussed the
2 agencies that were going to be assisting us, which were
3 Pennsylvania State Police and Butler Sheriff's Office, and
4 their communication -- or, I'm sorry -- and then being
5 invited into the Security Room. We had another meeting,
6 discussed where the Security Room would be, and the police
7 assets walked through the site with their site
8 counterparts.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And was there -- who would have been
10 responsible for, I guess, the final list of who was
11 expected to be in the room that day?

12 **Witness** So it's customary for Secret Service to
13 invite local partners to be in the Security Room. It's not
14 a requirement. The local partners, if they refused to, or
15 denied that request to be in the Security Room, that's also
16 not unheard of. I have done many advances, and sometimes
17 those partners come into the Security Room and sometimes
18 they don't.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Do you know if any local agencies
20 specifically, you know, affirmatively declined the request
21 to be in the Security Room?

22 **Witness** From this specific advance I do not know
23 any agency that declined.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Were you aware that there was a separate
25 command post staffed by local Butler County --

1 **Witness** I was aware that the command post truck was
2 being used to mitigate line of sight on the other side of
3 the site. The understanding, in talks that I had with the
4 local law enforcement, was that they would have one person
5 in that command truck, and that they would have
6 representation in the Security Room.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And you said this was your understanding
8 from talking to whom?

9 **Witness** From the meetings that I had with Butler
10 Emergency Services and Pennsylvania State Police on the
11 9th.

12 **HSGAC Majority** And both of those entities separately
13 told you that they planned to have somebody in the Security
14 Room.

15 **Witness** During the discussion of whether or not
16 that command truck was going to be on-site and asking for
17 that command truck to be blocking line of sight on the
18 other side of the site. They stated that they would have
19 someone in the Security Room, but they also would have one
20 person inside the command truck.

21 **HSGAC Majority** They being -- the reason I'm pushing, is
22 our understanding was that within the Secret Service
23 Security Room that there was a PSP official, there was not,
24 as far as we've been told, anybody from Butler ESU, and
25 that there may have been somebody from Butler County

1 Sheriff's Office. Is that consistent with what --

2 **Witness** From my understanding, after the fact, I
3 was told there was a PSP sergeant in there, that there was
4 someone from Butler Emergency Services, and that there was
5 possibly someone in there from Butler, but they did not say
6 exactly which entity of Butler that they were from.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And then just as we're trying to
8 understand the communications setup, there's the Security
9 Room or Command Post, and we've heard both of those terms.
10 I understand there's a technical distinction. But for the
11 purposes of the rally on July 13th, is it fair to say that
12 those terms have been used interchangeably?

13 **Witness** I think that agents tend to use those
14 interchangeably, but Command Post is generally a command
15 over the entire visit, and that would've been for other
16 protectees, not necessarily for a former President
17 protectee, but that would be, at an alternate location that
18 would have more command staff from other agencies. The
19 Security Room is what we had at the site, but a lot of the
20 transcripts you'll see is using Command Post and Security
21 Room interchangeably.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And the Security Room or Command
23 Post that the Secret Service had on-site, that's supposed
24 to be the communications hub for the event.

25 **Witness** For that site event, yes.

1 **HSGAC Majority** And you had talked before about the role
2 of both the site agent and site assist, I guess Agents
3 **Site Counterpart** and **Site Agent** And we've also -- you also mentioned the
4 security room agent, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
5 **SAIC Buffalo** . Is that right?

6 **Witness** Special Agent in Charge of the Buffalo
7 Field Office, yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Can you explain the distinction and his
9 responsibilities versus the site agents' responsibilities
10 in terms of setting up?

11 **Witness** Well, his responsibilities in the Security
12 Room is to ensure that the radios are set up and they
13 function in a successful manner. He does radio checks with
14 all of the Secret Service postings, and in this case also
15 the HSI postings, with the radios provided. And his
16 function is also to pass pertinent information and
17 movements of former President Trump over the radio on both
18 channels.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And did he have a direct role
20 in facilitating communications between the state and local
21 entities in the Security Room?

22 **Witness** He was placed in the Security Room with the
23 other entities in order to be able to facilitate that
24 information and relay pertinent information over the radio.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And you said something earlier about --

1 and I apologize, I wasn't following exactly -- about the
2 PSP plan and their planned radio frequencies. Did you say
3 earlier that your understanding was that PSP would have
4 some kind of interoperability with the local radios?

5 **Witness** From talks with PSP and from my
6 understanding of their ops plan, the channels appeared to
7 be interoperational.

8 **HSGAC Majority** And if you could just turn back to
9 Exhibit 3, which is the PSP Operations Plan, looking at
10 page 3. And I'm looking at the paragraph marked
11 "Communications."

12 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Is that what you're referring to, in
14 terms for the plan for communicating between PSP and
15 locals?

16 **Witness** Yes. They had the communication plan on
17 there as well as phone numbers from all their command staff
18 and the Security Room PSP that was operational.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then the phone numbers, just
20 for the record, we're looking at pages 8 and 9, and there
21 are several phone numbers listed for different local
22 departments. But just to go back to page 3, in the
23 Communications paragraph, which says, "The primary PSP
24 operations channel for this detail will be **LES** [ph]
25 on Motorola radio. The secondary channel will be **LES**." I'm

1 skipping ahead. And I don't see anything in this paragraph
2 regarding radio communications between PSP and local law
3 enforcement. Is that your understanding?

4 **Witness** I don't see it specifically outlined in
5 there. The meeting that we had on the 9th had Butler
6 Emergency Services, who is -- who has direct knowledge of
7 their communications, as well as PSP. And the issue that
8 they could not communicate back and forth on radios was not
9 raised.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And is it fair to say that in
11 your role as lead agent, in terms of communications between
12 the state and local agencies, that's something that you
13 would not typically have any role or visibility into?

14 **Witness** Correct. My role is to make sure that I
15 put them in contact with each other so that they can
16 communicate and be able to do -- and can fulfill their
17 functions.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then just sort of to sum up,
19 am I understanding correctly that the expectation for
20 pertinent information flowing from local law enforcement to
21 the Secret Service, the expectation is that that would flow
22 to the Security Room, to the PSP official who was stationed
23 there?

24 **Witness** Yes. They could go direct with their
25 officials that are in there. Part of the communication,

1 they did have phone numbers, as well, for advance members,
2 and there were some posts on PSP that were also stationed
3 with Secret Service agents. So in the event that something
4 went over the radio that they could not communicate, there
5 was also other PSP members that could have reiterated and
6 recommunicated that information.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. And then you may have
8 said this before, but I just wanted to be clear. As far as
9 you're aware, did anybody from the Secret Service have a
10 radio from Butler ESU that day, or any local law
11 enforcement agency?

12 **Witness** I do not know whether or not anyone from
13 Secret Service had a local radio.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Is that, in your experience, is it
15 typically covered, either formally or informally, in the
16 planning what, if any, radio exchanges will occur?

17 **Witness** Informally. Like I said, the discussion
18 had been with the agent, the CAT agent coming off the
19 plane, that a radio would be exchanged with Butler ESU, to
20 give them one of our radios. I don't have direct knowledge
21 of any of those other informal conversations happening.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. And then on July 13th,
23 were you in the Security Room at any point?

24 **Witness** No. I was not.

25 **HSGAC Majority** And I won't take up too much more time,

1 but I just wanted to really quickly jump back to the
2 timeline of July 13th and your movements.

3 **Witness** Mm-hmm.

4 **HSGAC Majority** You said earlier you departed the site
5 around 3:00. Is that right?

6 **Witness** On what day?

7 **HSGAC Majority** On July 13th.

8 **Witness** No. I'm more than happy to run through my
9 entire movements for that day, if that would be an option.
10 But I did not go to the site on July 13th until I was there
11 with former President Trump.

12 **Witness Counsel**: She departed on the 12th, around 3:00.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. So you arrived with the
14 former President. And I know you had walked through
15 earlier where you moved after that. And just to confirm,
16 did you receive -- you did not receive any notifications on
17 radio or cellphone, any other means, regarding a suspicious
18 individual that was being tracked?

19 **Witness** I did not receive any information.

20 **HSGAC Majority** And where were you when shots were
21 fired?

22 **Witness** I was behind the stage, on the right
23 corner, on ground level.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And did you, I guess to the
25 extent that you can remember, in the either seconds or

1 minutes leading up, did you observe anything indicating
2 that anything was wrong? I guess I'm saying, did you hear
3 the shots when they were fired?

4 **Witness** I did hear the shots when they were fired.
5 And prior to the shots being fired, Secret Service sniper
6 team went over **Channel** frequency and said that Butler was
7 working something at the three o'clock, paused, and then
8 reiterated another time that Butler was working something
9 at the three o'clock. After the second time, within a very
10 short period of time, is when the first shot rang out.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And then completely
12 understanding, not expecting you to remember specific, you
13 know, seconds or minutes, but that radio transmission, to
14 the best of your recollection, was it minutes or seconds
15 before the --

16 **Witness** The second time?

17 **HSGAC Majority** I guess the first and the second time.

18 **Witness** I can't recall how brief it was in between,
19 but it wasn't a long period of time. After the second
20 radio transmission it was very brief as to when shots were
21 then rung out.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And you heard the first radio
23 transmission, did you do anything in response?

24 **Witness** Well, I was located behind the actual stage
25 platform, where it was my responsibility. Part of my

1 responsibility is to put maximum to the protectee when
2 we're on-site and when we're dealing with any type of
3 problem or any type of audience that's going on for any of
4 these events. So I was placed where I was, and I was
5 watching the crowd from the angles that I was at. And so I
6 did not move until the first shot rang out, and then I went
7 and got on the stage and found an area of former President
8 Trump that needed to be covered with a body.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And earlier you talked about
10 how you had been, at previous events, not on July 13th, but
11 that it wasn't unheard of for you, as the lead agent, to be
12 informed of a suspicious person at a protectee event.

13 **Witness** Sure. Any time anything out of the
14 ordinary or anything pertinent happens -- or not even
15 pertinent. Any time information needs to flow, I have been
16 -- it's been acknowledge and it's been passed to me, in the
17 past.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And how does that information typically
19 flow, in your experience? Like who do you receive
20 notifications from?

21 **Witness** It varied. I could receive it from the
22 Security Room. I could receive it from whatever advance
23 entity it was. I could receive it over the radio, however
24 that that information flowed. But I can tell you that on
25 July 13th I did not receive any of that information.

1 **HSGAC Majority** And July 13th you said you were -- you
2 had your Secret Service radio, you were on the **Channel**
3 channel. We previously spoke about some text messages that
4 you had sent earlier in the day with Agents **Site Counterpart** and
5 **Site Agent** Were you in communication with anybody else on the
6 13th, either by text or on the phone or any other method we
7 haven't already covered?

8 **Witness** I was in communication with both those site
9 agents on numerous times that day. I was in communication
10 with the second supervisor. I was in communication with my
11 supervisor. I was in communication with the local police,
12 the state police, who was my counterpart. I was in
13 communication with the shift that was working with the
14 Trump detail, from the time that they got to the airport
15 down in West Palm to the time that they got up to us in
16 Pittsburgh.

17 **HSGAC Majority** Sorry to interrupt.

18 **Witness** Sure.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Are you talking about email, phone,
20 text, or a variety?

21 **Witness** A variety of those.

22 **HSGAC Majority** I didn't mean to cut you off.

23 **Witness** No, a variety. As I'm sure you'll see in
24 my communications, I communicated via phone and text and
25 email with those individuals. I communicated with numerous

1 individuals after the event happened. But I also
2 communicated on the radio quite frequently as I was the
3 lead and transportation advance.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. All right. Thank you.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Hi, Senior Special Agent **Witness** I have a
6 few follow-up questions, or some follow-up questions. What
7 is the purpose of having Secret Service coordinate and
8 provide security assets for events?

9 **Witness** Can you rephrase that, please?

10 **HSGAC Majority** Sure. What is the purpose of having
11 Secret Service coordinate and provide security assets for
12 events, like the campaign rally on July 13th?

13 **Witness** The purpose of having Secret Service
14 coordinate that is to put all Secret Service and local
15 partners and other entities in contact, to be able to come
16 up with a plan to secure the event and have a successful
17 visit.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And who is ultimately in charge of
19 coordinating those events for Secret Service on July 13th?

20 **Witness** There's no ultimate person in charge of
21 coordinating. All I can tell you is the job that I did was
22 bringing those other entities together with the advance
23 team and making sure that they were able to come up with a
24 plan, and then having the plan documented in place as to
25 how we were going to proceed.

1 **HSGAC Majority** If state or local law enforcement are
2 not capable of sufficiently securing identified
3 vulnerabilities within the outer perimeter, such as the AGR
4 building, whose responsibility is it to secure coverage?

5 **Witness** Is this a hypothetical, as in --

6 **HSGAC Majority** Not a hypothetical.

7 **Witness** So you're asking if state police and local
8 police would've raised concerns that they were not able to?

9 **HSGAC Majority** No. You've secured many events before
10 as a lead agent. Correct? If state or local law
11 enforcement tell you, as a lead agent, or let Secret
12 Service know that they are not capable of sufficiently
13 securing identified vulnerabilities in the outer perimeter,
14 whose responsibility is it to secure coverage?

15 **Witness** If state or local police bring up those
16 concerns and address those concerns with Secret Service
17 personnel that they are not able to cover any type of plan,
18 to include the AGR or any other site or posting that
19 they've been asked to help with, then those concerns need
20 to be raised higher and brought to the lead's attention and
21 also to the detail's attention so that we can collaborate
22 to figure out additional assets to be able to secure that.

23 **HSGAC Majority** So is it correct that ultimately that
24 it's the Secret Service's responsibility to ensure
25 coverage?

1 **Witness** The Secret Service works together with all
2 those entities, and if those entities raise a concern that
3 they cannot complete that function, then those are raised
4 within the Secret Service to be able to come up with
5 alternative methods to secure that.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And when state or local law enforcement
7 indicate they will cover a vulnerable area within the outer
8 perimeter, whose responsibility is it within Secret Service
9 to make sure that vulnerability is sufficiently covered?

10 **Witness** I can tell you that --

11 **HSGAC Majority** Just whose responsibility, which person.

12 **Witness** There's no particular person. I can tell
13 you that the site agents and the other entities that
14 would've had personnel to work at the site would be
15 responsible to make sure to walk the site and make sure
16 that everything that they have is in place at the time of.
17 And if they don't have the assets in place or the
18 equipment, the mitigation in place, or if anything else
19 additional comes up as a concern, that needs to be raised
20 to the lead and the second supervisor.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And marking Exhibit 15, which is Secret
22 Service's Site Security diagrams.

23 [Exhibit No. 15 was
24 marked for identification.]

25 **HSGAC Majority** Have you seen this?

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** So turning to the second page, there's
3 no Bates stamp. Did you review this plan prior to the
4 event?

5 **Witness** I did review the plan prior to the event.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And did you review the Pennsylvania
7 State Police Operations Plan that indicated where their
8 post-standers would be positioned prior to the event?

9 **Witness** I briefly reviewed the Pennsylvania State
10 Police plan.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And you'll agree, looking at the Secret
12 Service Plan, there's no coverage around the AGR building.
13 Correct? There's no coverage on the roof. There's no
14 coverage around the building.

15 **Witness** So the stars that are on there for police
16 postings are approximates. They are not showing each and
17 every post that is on the plan or that had been documented
18 with the entities. That one does not show the sniper teams
19 that were on there specifically.

20 **HSGAC Majority** I don't mean to interrupt, but the
21 snipers terms were inside the building.

22 **Witness** Correct.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And the other, the Pennsylvania State
24 Police Operations post-standers also did not have
25 individuals posted near the AGR building. Are there any

1 other diagrams that were produced that indicated coverage
2 of the AGR building?

3 **Witness** This was the diagram that was proposed,
4 that went along with the Preliminary Survey.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And did the lack of coverage of the AGR
6 building raise concerns to you?

7 **Witness** From my knowledge of what had been asked
8 and briefed to me from the site agents was that we would
9 have, and from Pennsylvania State Police, is that we would
10 have local police postings in the area.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe Secret Service counter
12 snipers fire their weapon?

13 **Witness** I did not observe them fire their weapon at
14 that time. I was on the stage with my body over former
15 President Trump's body.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Did you observe, and again either see or
17 hear, any other law enforcement fire their weapon that day,
18 including local law enforcement?

19 **Witness** I heard gunshots. My body was over former
20 President Trump's body at the time, with my focus on that.
21 I did not -- I wasn't able to discern who was firing their
22 weapon.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Have you since received confirmation
24 that local law enforcement fired their weapon?

25 **Witness** I can only go by the media reports I saw.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Great. Thank you.

2 **HSGAC Majority** One more question. Who was responsible
3 for tricking down the suspicious individual with a
4 rangefinder once he was identified and announced by local
5 law enforcement?

6 **Witness** Once the information was sent to the Secret
7 Service, they sent that information onto the Counter Sniper
8 Response, and the Protective Intelligence Response.

9 **HSGAC Minority** I want to go back to the advance
10 timeline, Exhibit 3. Who was the individual that you said
11 was from headquarters that assisted with this timeline?

12 **Witness** **SAIC HQ** .

13 **HSGAC Minority** And what is his position?

14 **Witness** I'm not sure what his exact position is at
15 this time.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And when did he arrive in Pittsburgh?

17 **Witness** He got there Tuesday.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And he stayed until you were placed on -
19 -

20 **Witness** He was there throughout the week. I'm not
21 sure which day he went back.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And did he ever communicate his purpose
23 there?

24 **Witness** His purpose was to support our office and
25 to help with the assistance of the request from executive

1 staff to put together a timeline so the director had some -
2 - the former director -- had a timeline to brief Congress.

3 **HSGAC Minority** So this was the timeline that was used
4 to brief Congress?

5 **Witness** This was a timeline draft that was used to
6 brief the director, so that the director would have
7 visibility on the event.

8 **Witness Counsel**: Just to be clear, maybe she can specify
9 her understanding of that. I don't know that you were in
10 the briefing or not with the former director, but just so
11 we're all very clear on kind of what your visibility is
12 into this document and what you understand it was used for
13 but may not know.

14 **Witness** My visibility was that this document, the
15 draft document, had been assembled because the executive
16 staff was going to brief the former director at the time,
17 in preparations for exchanging knowledge, so that she had a
18 visibility on what happened at the event.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And is there anyone else from
20 headquarters that was sent to the field office?

21 **Witness** No one else from headquarters came that
22 week.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Is there anyone else from headquarters
24 that you communicated with in regard to this timeline?

25 **Witness** I did not directly communicate with anyone

1 from headquarters. In regard to the timeline, I know that
2 there were talks with executive staff to answer questions,
3 because this was put together for the former director to be
4 able to brief.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And were those discussions via email?
6 Via phone?

7 **Witness** Uh --

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

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

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So was this timeline supposed to
11 encompass the entirety of the event or just the Pittsburgh
12 Field Office's knowledge of the event?

13 **Witness** This was -- the draft encompassed what the
14 Pittsburgh Field Office knew of the advance and the event.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what was the threshold for
16 inclusion in this? Like I don't see anything about the
17 CUAS system not being operable. That information's not in
18 here. What was the threshold for something making it into
19 this timeline?

20 **Witness** These were bullet points to be discussed.
21 So not everything that we had knowledge of at the time nor
22 every bit of knowledge that is now known was in this
23 timeline. It was a draft with bullet points to discuss at
24 a further time.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Were there any disagreements about any

1 aspect of this timeline?

2 **Witness** I don't believe there were disagreements.
3 There were discussions as to whether or not -- if we could
4 not recall something, that it was put as something that we
5 couldn't confirm, and if we didn't have knowledge of
6 something, it was could not confirm.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. If we go down to page 3, the last
8 bullet, it says, "3:20, posting of Secret Service CS team."
9 What is that referring to?

10 **Witness** That was referring to, we knew, in general,
11 that the practice of the Counter Sniper Team from Secret
12 Service posts approximately **LES** prior to former
13 President Trump's arrival. But that was not something we
14 could confirm happened. So at that time it was put on
15 there that we could not confirm that that's what actually
16 happened.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Do you have any doubt about the time
18 that the counter snipers took the barn roof. It just seems
19 to me that that's a pretty visible thing, since they were
20 on top of the barn.

21 **Witness** Well, I wasn't there to be able to
22 acknowledge that that happened, and I --

23 **HSGAC Minority** Did the Pittsburgh Field Office have
24 anyone there?

25 **Witness** There was a site agent there, and there was

1 a field office supervisor there. However, they did not
2 have visibility to recollect the exact timing that they
3 were on the roof.

4 **HSGAC Minority** And it says, "Source, xxx." I assume
5 that you would have inputted the source if you could
6 confirm that."

7 **Witness** Once it was confirmed we would input the
8 source, yes.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And "discussed in DCC." What is DCC?

10 **Witness** I don't know what DCC stands for.

11 **HSGAC Minority** It's referenced a couple of times in
12 here. So you're not sure what DCC stands for?

13 **Witness** It might be the Directors Crisis Center,
14 but I'm not positive if that's what it is.

15 **HSGAC Minority** What's the Director's Crisis Center?

16 **Agency Counsel**: We can try and confirm what DCC stands
17 for, just so we're not --

18 **HSGAC Minority** Can she answer what the Director's
19 Crisis Center is? Is that possible?

20 **Agency Counsel**: No, you have to give a basic overview.

21 **Witness** Yeah. A basic overview is if there's any
22 type of event, that the executive staff is -- needs to be
23 visible on, that they have somewhere to meet, and they meet
24 and discuss the event.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And when you say "executive staff" --

1 **Witness** Executive staff is the executive staff of
2 headquarters of Secret Service.

3 **HSGAC Minority** So that would be something that was
4 discussed at 3:20 p.m., prior to the shooting, or after?

5 **Witness** No. Like I said, I'm not positive that
6 that means Director's Crisis Center. But from my
7 observations of this, it would've been discussed somewhere,
8 as to they believed that was the timing that they stood up
9 the Counter Sniper Teams. But it had not been confirmed as
10 to if that was what the time was.

11 **Witness Counsel**: And just for clarity, this entry, Senior
12 Special Agent **Witness** is speculating on all of this. She
13 wasn't there that day. There were five or six people
14 involved in creating the timeline, so clearly others input
15 that information and Special Agent **Witness** is just speculating
16 on what that might mean.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And the Pitt is Pittsburgh. INV?

18 **Witness** Pittsburgh is in investigative office, yes.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So the Pittsburgh Investigative
20 Office.

21 **Witness** That's considered under the investigative
22 branch of Secret Service, yes.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then at the end, the last
24 page, it says "missing." The last bullet of the last page
25 of that document says "missing S" -- I think it says SII.

1 **Witness** Those were from the other branches that
2 were conducting a timeline or investigation of their
3 timelines of what they did on the events of that day. So
4 like I said, this was a draft that had begun to be put
5 together in the Pittsburgh office from the knowledge that
6 the Pittsburgh agents had at the time.

7 **HSGAC Minority** And then is there any other glaring
8 information that's not included here, that you're aware of?

9 **Witness Counsel**: I'm not sure she can answer that.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Who is **AUSA** ?

11 **Witness** Sure. So it is customary to have an
12 Assistant United States Attorney present with us in
13 **LES** , to go to the site, so that if a
14 Federal law is broken that we have an AUSA, or Assistant
15 United States Attorney, with us that would be able to
16 acknowledge whether or not something would be prosecuted.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And when you say it's typical, does that
18 happen at every event?

19 **Witness** Not every event, but the offer is always
20 made when we have a protectee in district. What is typical
21 of the field office is that they give confirmation to the
22 United States Attorney's Office in their district to let
23 them know that we have a protectee coming to our district,
24 and that they are welcome to be present **LES** ,
25 and proceed with us throughout the day.

1 **HSGAC Minority** So it's DOJ, through the AUSA's office,
2 that makes the determination if they're going to take up
3 that offer?

4 **Witness** I don't know who makes the determination,
5 whether or not they're going to take up the offer.

6 **HSGAC Minority** But it's not Secret Service?

7 **Witness** Secret Service notifies and invites the
8 U.S. Attorney's Office to be -- to have personnel
9 available.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know where he was when the
11 shots were fired?

12 **Witness** I don't know his exact location when the
13 shots were fired, but he was on-site.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Did he stay on-site or did he leave with
15 the motorcade?

16 **Witness** He did stay on-site.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And what was he doing after?

18 **Witness** I don't know. I left the site.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Who was responsible for securing
20 the site until the FBI took over?

21 **Witness** The site agents, the field office
22 supervisor, and the local police worked together to secure
23 the site until the FBI took over.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then I'm going to introduce
25 Exhibit 16. It is a text message exchange from the morning

1 of the event, July 13th, at about 10 a.m. It should be a
2 text to and then a response.

3 [Exhibit No. 16 was
4 marked for identification.]

5 HSGAC Minority Are you familiar with these text
6 messages?

7 Witness Yes.

8 HSGAC Minority Can you tell us who the initial text is
9 from?

10 Witness I cannot tell you exactly who the initial
11 text is from. I believe --

12 HSGAC Minority It's redacted in ours.

13 Witness Right. I believe it's from one of the site
14 agents.

15 HSGAC Minority Okay. And who is it to?

16 Witness It's to me.

17 HSGAC Minority And what is the context of this? Were
18 you not feeling well?

19 Witness Sure. So Thursday night into Friday I was
20 sick. I had PII. Friday morning,

21 sometime around 5 a.m., PII

22 PII

23 PII

24 PII and continued about my
25 advance.

1 **HSGAC Minority** And so you said you couldn't tell me who
2 that was from?

3 **Witness** I believe it was one of the site agents. I
4 just don't which one.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you communicate that to
6 anyone else?

7 **Witness** That I was sick?

8 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah, or that you experienced a **PII**

9 **PII** ?

10 **Witness** Yes. I told my chain of command.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And did it impact your --

12 **Witness** It did not impact.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. What is the movement router?

14 **Witness** The movement router is the entities within
15 Secret Service that are working the event, and need to have
16 visibility on timing of when we're moving. So, for
17 instance, those movements mean when he landed at the
18 airport, when we left the airport, when we arrived at the
19 next site, those things are all on the movement router, per
20 se.

21 **HSGAC Minority** And is that just the people who are
22 working that protectee's event that are on the movement
23 router?

24 **Witness** The people who were on that router would've
25 been the detail that was working the event, the advance

1 team, the field office supervisors, the Security Room
2 agents, as well as, because the First Lady was in town, the
3 agents had visibility. I had them on a router, as well,
4 just so they knew that we would not be moving around the
5 same areas that they were moving around.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Is that typical if you have two
7 protectees in an area, for another protectee's detail to
8 have all of the movement information about another?

9 **Witness** It is. I put them on the router, and they
10 put me on their router because we landed at the same
11 airport, at the same FBO of the airport, and just different
12 sides of the airport. So our routes leaving the airport
13 and our timing leaving the airport would've been very
14 similar. So it's put on there for deconfliction.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And did they have that information about
16 the movement all the way through wheels up, what actually
17 ended up being wheels up?

18 **Witness** Yes. I had them on the email routers
19 preset before they were sent.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. What is the **LES** system?

21 **Witness** The **LES** system is a **LES**
22 system that the Secret Service uses **LES** to be
23 able to **LES**.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you met Acting Director
25 Rowe?

1 **Witness** Have I met Acting Director Rowe? No.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever spoken with him?

3 **Witness** Briefly, in passing.

4 **HSGAC Minority** When was that?

5 **Witness** Not any time in the past three years.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Your situational telework that
7 you mentioned, do you know who directed that?

8 **Witness** I was given the message from SAIC **SAIC Pittsburgh**
9 through **Dep. Ass. Director**.

10 **HSGAC Minority** **Dep. Ass. Director**? Okay. And do you
11 have a first name?

12 **Witness** **Dep. Ass. Director** **Dep. Ass. Director**

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

14 **Witness** Deputy Assistant Director.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So headquarters.

16 **Witness** Yes. He is part of the executive staff.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And have you ever received anything in
18 writing regarding the situational telework?

19 **Witness** Nothing was put in writing, due to the
20 safety of agents.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Nothing was put in writing to you about
22 your --

23 **Witness** Nothing was put in writing to us five, in
24 order to make sure that the identities were not leaked.

25 **HSGAC Minority** And I guess I'm kind of confused. So

1 they didn't send you a notification --

2 **Witness** -- direct order from my field office
3 supervisor, SAIC **SAIC Pittsburgh** from a phone call that he received
4 from **Dep. Ass. Director**.

5 **HSGAC Minority** So, I mean, to your knowledge, is it
6 that anything is going to be communicate via telephone call
7 now, for safety reasons going forward?

8 **Witness** Acknowledging that until the situation
9 changes in another way. The only -- I have not been given
10 visibility on how that would be communicated.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And have you had any
12 conversations about the potential length of the situational
13 telework?

14 **Witness** The only conversation was at least through
15 the mission assurance investigation that Secret Service
16 had.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And is there a date certain on that?

18 **Witness** I don't have a date.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you have to sign anything? I
20 guess no, because you weren't given anything in writing.

21 **Witness** I did not sign anything.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Did you previously have an active
23 telework agreement with the Secret Service?

24 **Witness** Secret Service, all employees sign an
25 Active Telework Agreement every year.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Had you ever teleworked previous to this
2 event?

3 **Witness** Minimally.

4 **HSGAC Minority** In an informal capacity?

5 **Witness** Sure. Minimally.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Minimally? Okay. Who have you
7 interviewed with since the event? What agencies?

8 **Witness** The first week after the event I was
9 interviewed by FBI for their criminal investigation.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Who else?

11 **Witness** I had my internal interview with Secret
12 Service.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Just one?

14 **Witness** Just one. The Blue Ribbon Panel came up to
15 Pittsburgh.

16 **HSGAC Minority** The Blue Ribbon Panel is the independent
17 review?

18 **Witness** I believe. Yes, I believe so.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I just wasn't sure. The FBI
20 interview, was PSP there?

21 **Witness** PSP was there, yes.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And that was not the night of the event?

23 **Witness** No. It was a few days after.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And how long was that interview?

25 **Witness** Approximately two hours.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Was that interview before or after the
2 timeline, the advance timeline that we were discussing
3 earlier, Exhibit 3?

4 **Witness** It was the same week.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Did you put together the timeline before
6 or after your interview with FBI?

7 **Witness** I assisted with the timeline throughout
8 that time and after that time, but I have only attested to
9 what I actually did and what my knowledge was at the time.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So do you recall if -- so you
11 were working on this timeline with input from other folks
12 before your FBI interview?

13 **Witness** I was, but I attested in my FBI interview
14 as well as other interviews that only the information that
15 was known to me and my job was what I attested to.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And did you notify FBI during your
17 interview of this timeline that was being prepared
18 collectively?

19 **Witness** They knew that we were -- yes, and I told
20 them exactly what I was referring to on the timeline.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what did FBI ask you that we
22 didn't cover here today?

23 **Witness** I can't recall anything that they asked
24 that you haven't ask.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did they ask you to provide

1 anything?

2 **Witness** Such as what?

3 **HSGAC Minority** Documents, text messages, call logs.

4 **Witness** I never directly gave anything to FBI.

5 I've given what I've been requested to Secret Service.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And what has Secret Service requested?

7 **Witness** Secret Service requested all emails,
8 photos, all of my working documents, and all of my notes
9 that I had in hand.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you communicate with any FBI
11 personnel the night of the event?

12 **Witness** There was FBI personnel that came to the
13 hospital, that I briefly met, and there was an FBI
14 Pittsburgh Office that called to tell me that someone was
15 coming to the hospital.

16 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall any of their names?

17 **Witness** I only know the -- I know that the FBI
18 agent from Pittsburgh office was **FBI**, who
19 called to tell me that someone was coming to the hospital
20 to meet us there, and that they were putting the -- they
21 were sending agents to the rally site to secure it. And I
22 believe the last name of the agent that came to the
23 hospital might have been **Agent**, I don't recall if that
24 was what it was.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And when did you first learn that

1 a rally attendee had died?

2 **Witness** When I was at the hospital.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Have you ever worked an event where
4 someone has died?

5 **Witness** I don't believe I've worked an event where
6 I've had direct knowledge of someone dying at the event.

7 **HSGAC Minority** In your view, does the Secret Service
8 have any responsibility for Mr. Comperatore's death?

9 **Witness Counsel**: I'm not sure -- I mean, if that's a
10 question about the Secret Service that's probably best
11 directed to [inaudible]. If the question is based on what
12 you did that day, that seems like something she could
13 answer.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Did you see any failures in the
15 security, based on your expertise and your experience, that
16 lead to the death?

17 **Witness** Obviously, sitting here today means that
18 something failed, and many things failed for this to come
19 together. All I can tell you is that there was a plan,
20 that I conducted myself with the utmost integrity and
21 responsibility of making sure that I put the plan together
22 with the other agents, and making sure that the plan was
23 communicated. I can only tell you my actions as to what I
24 did in prepping for that plan what was supposed to be in
25 place and what others' responsibilities were, such as line

1 of sight or what was supposed to be in place at that rally
2 at that day.

3 HSGAC Minority So can you elaborate? What were the
4 many things that failed that day?

5 Witness I think we can agree that communication
6 failed.

7 HSGAC Minority Just communication?

8 Witness There's the plan that we had worked on, the
9 mitigations that were supposed to be in place, my
10 understanding that those things to be in place for line of
11 sight. More than just the line of sight with the farm
12 equipment but also having police postings in place, having
13 the drone LES system in place, having the snipers
14 with visibility on those. All things that we're discussing
15 today that did not go according to plan. I can't put my
16 finger on just one piece of that or one person or one
17 aspect of the entire plan that did not go according to
18 plan.

19 PSI Minority Senior Special Agent Witness my name is
20 PSI Minority I'm with Ranking Member Ron Johnson's
21 office. Thank you for your time today.

22 Witness Yes, sir.

23 PSI Minority I want to first begin by going back to
24 Exhibit 12. This is the exhibit that was entered into the
25 record that contains what we believed were unredacted

1 copies of earlier production. I just want to note for the
2 record, there are still redactions in this document. Is
3 Secret Service aware of that, counsel?

4 **Agency Counsel**: Aware that there are redactions? I am
5 now being made aware of them by you, counsel, but I don't
6 have anything further to add at that point.

7 **PSI Minority** Well, I think we just want to be clear
8 that this is not an unredacted copy of what has been
9 previously produced to us. It's a less-redacted copy. So
10 Secret Service is still keeping records from this
11 Committee.

12 **Agency Counsel**: Well, withholding names, respectfully.
13 We are not attempting to withhold records. We're just
14 attempting to protect some private information.

15 **PSI Minority** And --

16 **Agency Counsel**: We --

17 **PSI Minority** [Unclear] to our oversight. I'm going
18 to go on and ask Senior Special Agent **Witness** a few questions
19 now. I'd like to go ahead and introduce Exhibit 17.

20 [Exhibit No. 17 was
21 marked for identification.]

22 **PSI Minority** **Witness**, this is the Preliminary
23 Survey that we discussed earlier.

24 **Witness** Sure.

25 **PSI Minority** You mentioned earlier that you

1 contributed to this document. Correct?

2 **Witness** I did contribute to the document.

3 **PSI Minority** In what way did you contribute to the
4 document?

5 **Witness** I filled out the front page. I filled out
6 the second page information. I filled out the sixth page
7 information, page 8, page 9, and page 10.

8 **PSI Minority** You filled out page 8, page 9, and page
9 10?

10 **Witness** Yes.

11 **PSI Minority** Understood. Is this document important
12 in terms of the planning of the security for any given
13 event?

14 **Witness** The document is important because it is,
15 what is known preliminarily going into the site. It's not
16 all-encompassing -- I'm sorry, into the visit, not just the
17 site. It's not all-encompassing of all information, but it
18 outlines information as what is known at the time that it's
19 submitted.

20 **PSI Minority** Is the accuracy of this document
21 important?

22 **Witness** I'm sorry?

23 **PSI Minority** The accuracy of this document, is it
24 important for this document to be accurate?

25 **Witness** Accurate to the best of the knowledge at

1 the time.

2 **PSI Minority** Okay. We had discussed earlier about a
3 credible threat that may have resulted in the Secret
4 Service counter snipers being added to the Security Plan.
5 You mentioned earlier that you had, after you learned about
6 it you told the individual who informed you to go to your
7 supervisor. Correct?

8 **Witness** Yes.

9 **PSI Minority** And when you went to your supervisor,
10 was it your understanding that the supervisor had a
11 separate conversation about this credible threat?

12 **Witness** I raised the concern that the second
13 supervisor from the Trump detail needed to relay that
14 information to the supervisor.

15 **PSI Minority** So your supervisor found out about this
16 credible threat through you?

17 **Witness** I told him that there was -- that the
18 message was that we were getting Secret Service counter
19 sniper assets because the second supervisor expressed that
20 there was credible intelligence.

21 **PSI Minority** Had your supervisor had any awareness
22 of the information that you relayed to him at the time?

23 **Witness** No, he did not.

24 **PSI Minority** So is it accurate to say that he
25 learned about this through you?

1 **Witness** He learned what I knew. He never learned
2 beyond that.

3 **PSI Minority** Okay. As far as your awareness goes,
4 had the credible threat resolved itself by the time of the
5 July 13th event?

6 **Witness** The language that was used by the second
7 supervisor had not been brought back to me again, from that
8 point forward.

9 **PSI Minority** I want to go to page --

10 **Witness Counsel**: Can I just pause on that quickly, because
11 I'm not sure, to the specific question of had it been
12 resolved. I just want to make sure we're very clear. Do
13 you have any knowledge, one way or the other, whether it
14 had been resolved?

15 **Witness** I have no knowledge one way or the other
16 that it had been resolved. All I know is that it was not
17 expressed to me again.

18 **PSI Minority** Thank you for the clarification.
19 I want to go to page 10 of the Preliminary Survey.

20 **Witness** Yeah.

21 **PSI Minority** You mentioned earlier that you had
22 filled this page out. Is that correct?

23 **Witness** I'm sorry?

24 **PSI Minority** You filled out this page?

25 **Witness** I did fill out this page.

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to go to the box that
2 says "Intelligence." Under that it says "SA" -- my version
3 is redacted still -- "SA (redacted) is the intelligence
4 advance for this visit. At this time, no adverse
5 intelligence has been developed concerning this visit. Any
6 adverse intelligence that may arise will be passed to all
7 working supervisors."

8 At the time that you filled out this document is that
9 -- was that your understanding of the intelligence?

10 **Witness** At the time I filled out this document my
11 understanding was that there was no adverse intelligence to
12 pass on to the group as a whole. This is not all-
13 encompassing as to intelligence, whether or not it can be
14 passed. If it's something classified, such as something
15 that was not passed to me to begin with, then that would
16 not be put in writing, as well. It would've been passed to
17 those that needed to know in this situation.

18 **PSI Minority** Did you supervisor need to know?

19 **Witness** My supervisor did need to know.

20 **PSI Minority** But in this document it states there's
21 no adverse intelligence. But you were made aware of a
22 credible threat. Why was that not communicated in this
23 document?

24 **Witness** The document is not all-encompassing, and
25 to put into writing that we had received intelligence from

1 another agency that we could not put into writing was not
2 going to go in that document. I passed on information to
3 my supervisor that the reason we were getting CS, or
4 counter sniper from Secret Service was that the second
5 supervisor from Trump detail had called and said that there
6 was a credible intelligence, but that is not something that
7 would be relayed onto this Preliminary Survey.

8 **PSI Minority** Well, I just want to dive into a little
9 bit of what you just said. You mentioned intelligence from
10 another agency would not be included in this document.

11 **Witness** So any intelligence that's, as a classified
12 manner I can just over -- kind of give an overview on that.
13 Whoever that intelligence is coming from, I do not have the
14 ability to share that, nor do other people. It's whoever
15 classifies it is who is going to decide that that's
16 classified.

17 And so something that's -- I'm being told over the
18 phone that I can't know what that intelligence is over the
19 phone, I told that supervisor, that second supervisor, that
20 he needed to relay that message to the field office
21 supervisor. But that being put on paper is not always the
22 case. And like I said, with this Preliminary Survey it's
23 not all-encompassing and not all information is always
24 going to be in place on this Preliminary Survey.

25 **PSI Minority** Well, I understand it's not all-

1 encompassing, but this document says "no adverse
2 intelligence has been developed concerning this visit." It
3 doesn't say there's some. It says "no."

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **Witness Counsel**: And again, you didn't have awareness of
6 what the intelligence may or may not have been.

7 **PSI Minority** Well, it was enough to add additional
8 counter snipers. That seems somewhat significant. And at
9 the very least, it doesn't seem like it's "none." Correct?

10 **Witness Counsel**: I think -- again, she didn't have any
11 specific information. It was not passed to her.

12 **PSI Minority** But to be clear, she had enough
13 information to know that there was a credible threat that
14 resulted in the additional deployment of Secret Service
15 counter snipers. That's very different than "no adverse
16 intelligence has been developed concerning this visit."
17 Correct?

18 **Witness Counsel**: I think that the question really -- and
19 this may be something that the Secret Service wants to
20 weigh in on --

21 **PSI Minority** Well, I was hoping that the person who
22 filled out this document could weigh in on it.

23 **Witness Counsel**: -- how the treatment of classified
24 information is handled in documents such as this.

25 **PSI Minority** We can pursue that with the Secret

1 Service, but --

2 **Witness Counsel**: But she doesn't have --

3 **PSI Minority** -- we can pursue that with the Secret
4 Service, but for right now, Senior Special Agent **Witness** do
5 you stand by this characterization in this document?

6 **Witness** I stand by that the document is not all-
7 encompassing and that it was a Preliminary Survey put
8 together, and that not -- everything was listed to the best
9 of the knowledge when the information was put together.
10 Just because it says "no adverse intelligence" does not
11 mean that there was something that we were able to put into
12 writing.

13 **PSI Minority** I want to -- and I know my time is
14 limited -- I want to turn to page 5 of this document. And

15 **Witness** I understand that you didn't fill out this
16 specific page.

17 **Witness** I did not, and I can tell you that there
18 are errors that were correct on this page.

19 **PSI Minority** Did you review this page before you
20 sent it to your supervisor?

21 **Witness** I did review. There was information that I
22 missed on the page, and that was corrected in a briefing
23 that happened later that evening, when the shift, which is
24 the agents around former President Trump, and the
25 supervisors that were with him during the briefing, that

1 information was corrected.

2 [PSI Minority] So just to pull that thread a little
3 bit --

4 [Witness] Mm-hmm.

5 [PSI Minority] -- so when you submitted this document
6 after you reviewed it, who did it go to?

7 [Witness] The document went to the Trump detail.

8 [PSI Minority] And at what point did you realize that
9 errors had been made on this page?

10 [Witness] Once we were briefing the entire advance
11 with the Trump detail supervisors and the site agents and
12 the CAT element that was coming [LES], and myself,
13 the errors were corrected in the briefing.

14 [PSI Minority] Who realized that there were errors on
15 this page?

16 [Witness] The Trump site agent briefed the correct
17 positioning for the sniper teams that were coming from the
18 locals.

19 [PSI Minority] And just so we can be clear on the
20 record, can you identify the error on this page, please?

21 [Witness] Sure. The error on this page for that is
22 in the "Other Assets." It says, "Two 2-man local CS teams
23 elevated 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock barn roof," and that is
24 incorrect. Those teams were inside, at the 3 o'clock and
25 10 o'clock.

1 **PSI Minority** And when this error was corrected, was
2 there a new Preliminary Survey document created to reflect
3 that correction?

4 **Witness** No, because the Preliminary Survey is
5 created and it moves forward with the paperwork. It is not
6 always set in stone with the plan yet. The plan sometimes
7 changes, all the way up until the minutes before he
8 arrives, such as his sequence of events or his, like,
9 timeline that he had at the site changed on our way to the
10 site. So that would be incorrect, just because it was not
11 known at the time that we put the document together.

12 There was also the police postings. It says "**LE**" and
13 that number is incorrect. The number altogether is near **LE**
14 with the assets that were there, but it was not the actual
15 number of posts.

16 **PSI Minority** Are you aware of a document that has
17 the correct version of the location of the counter snipers?

18 **Witness** The counter sniper advance sent an email
19 with his documents, that had in the body of the email the
20 correct locations of the counter sniper teams and the
21 sniper teams, and that was what was briefed when the site
22 agents, the counter assault agents **LES**,
23 myself, the second supervisor, the campaign supervisor, the
24 shift leader, and the detail leader from the Trump detail.

25 **PSI Minority** I want to note on the record that

1 Exhibit 15, the Site Diagrams, on page -- I guess it's page
2 2 -- also contains the same error. This is on Exhibit 15
3 of the Site Diagram.

4 **Witness** I'm sorry. Oh, on the Site Diagram, yes.

5 **PSI Minority** Yeah.

6 **Witness** That's generated from the Preliminary
7 Survey. It's all within the same program.

8 **PSI Minority** Okay. Was it your responsibility to
9 catch those errors before they were submitted?

10 **Witness** My responsibility is to look over all
11 paperwork and to be able to catch what I can going through
12 there. Obviously, I am not just responsible for just
13 paperwork. I'm responsible for many entities within the
14 advance, collaborating to put all those things together, as
15 well as I was responsible for the transportation advance.
16 So I put those together with the best of my ability, I
17 observed them, and those errors that were found were
18 addressed when they were found.

19 **PSI Minority** Did you use your personal phone to
20 conduct official business on the day of the July 13th
21 rally?

22 **Witness** No, I did not. I did not even have it on
23 my person.

24 **PSI Minority** Did you speak with the Secret Service
25 counter snipers after the event?

1 **Witness** The only phone call I had with them after
2 the event was at the airport, after he was wheels up, to
3 ask them what their location was, so that my supervisor
4 could meet them.

5 **PSI Minority** And which counter sniper did you have
6 that conversation with?

7 **Witness** I called the Counter Sniper Advance
8 **C/S Team Lead**

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. Has anyone from DHS or Secret
10 Service instructed you not to speak with Congress?

11 **Witness** No one has instructed me not to speak with
12 you.

13 **PSI Minority** And finally, you mentioned earlier that
14 one of the failures was the communications. In what way
15 did the communications fail on the day of the July 13th
16 rally?

17 **Witness** We had a plan in place for communications
18 to flow between Pennsylvania State Police, Secret Service,
19 and Butler Emergency Services and Butler within the
20 Security Room. That did not happen. So information did
21 not flow accordingly. I think that we can all agree to
22 that because I'm here, and that's something that we need to
23 discuss. But the communication is one piece that did not
24 go according to plan.

25 **PSI Minority** Thank you.

1 **HSGAC Majority** Just two last issues and then we will end
2 for the day. Can you look at Exhibit 15 please again? So
3 if you'll turn to page 2, and respecting that the gold
4 stars indicating police posts are not exact, if you look at
5 the three o'clock to the stage, is it accurately depicted
6 here that the building at that three o'clock is the closest
7 building outside of the perimeter, where those gold stars
8 are denoted here?

9 **Witness** Can you repeat that, please?

10 **HSGAC Majority** Is this building at the three o'clock
11 outside of the perimeter?

12 **Witness** It's in the general area of the three
13 o'clock. The clock from the stage would be the direction
14 that you see on there, that's facing off the podium to the
15 12, so the general direction would've been the three
16 o'clock.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And what I'm asking is, is this picture
18 accurately depicting that on the day, on the 13th, the
19 post-standers and the police presence where they were, are,
20 as it indicates here, inside of where that building is?

21 **Witness** I was not on-site until former President
22 Trump was on-site. I was not there to place those officers
23 or those post-standers.

24 **HSGAC Majority** I'm not asking about placement decisions.
25 I'm not asking about --

1 **Witness** But I did not observe those posts because I
2 was not on-site, as to when they were posted. So I could
3 not tell you. I did not have visibility on that area as to
4 if they were posted or not posted in the area.

5 **HSGAC Majority** To your understanding, is this building
6 located, in Exhibit 15 on page 2, at the three o'clock, the
7 AGR building in which Crooks was able to fire shots?

8 **Witness** It is in the vicinity of the three o'clock.
9 Whether or not that is to scale is -- I can't answer to
10 that. But it was at the three o'clock.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So to my colleague's questions earlier
12 about the errors that occurred that day -- and thank you
13 for your candor in answering those questions, and you've
14 identified communications, CUAS, and a number of other
15 entities -- you referenced things that were failures that
16 didn't go according to plan. Can you also, for a moment,
17 in your professional experience, assess, with respect to
18 the plan that did go into place this day, irrespective of
19 what did not go according to plan, do you assess that there
20 were errors in planning such that there should have been an
21 alternate plan for coverage of that building, mitigation
22 efforts for that building, or any other failures, in your
23 opinion, that implicate that building?

24 **Witness** I can't attest to what could have been in
25 place. The plan that we had in place had several factors

1 to be able to mitigate the line of sight for those
2 buildings, in particular, in that area. Those several
3 factors were the counter snipers, the local police being in
4 the area, and line of sight concerns being covered by
5 bleachers, equipment, and the screens.

6 **HSGAC Majority** In addition to everything else you've said
7 today, including the mitigation factors that were not there
8 that day, is it your view, based on your experience, that
9 the plan itself was flawed?

10 **Witness** Based on what I knew at the time, how we
11 put the plan in place, we had a plan, or I had a plan that
12 I was comfortable with, that I helped conduct and put
13 together. I can't give you hypotheticals on what could've,
14 should've, would've happened, but I can tell you what we
15 had in place for what we knew at the time.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Last question, and again, thank you for
17 your candor in answering these questions. The Blue Ribbon
18 Panel you spoke to --

19 **Witness** Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** -- did they ask about -- I'll use another
21 term -- lessons learned?

22 **Witness** They asked about recommendations.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And what, if any, recommendations did you
24 have?

25 **Witness** I did not have any recommendations. At

1 this point in time I -- I'm not one to talk about policy
2 and procedure and making new policies and procedures. So I
3 have not come up with any of my own recommendations.

4 **HSGAC Majority** As you sit here today, with respect to the
5 issues you've identified, and focusing specifically on
6 resources, communications, assets, and coordination, do you
7 have a view on additional support or changes you would like
8 to see to mitigate any risks that happened on July 13th
9 occurring again?

10 **Witness** I don't have a personal view on how I would
11 like to see policies and procedures change. Hindsight is
12 always 20/20, but there's nothing that I can list
13 personally at this time.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Is there anything we haven't discussed
15 here today that you would like us to know?

16 **Witness** There's nothing that I can think of off the
17 top of my head.

18 **HSGAC Majority** With that we will conclude today's
19 interview. Again, **Witness** I want to thank you very much
20 for your time here today and your willingness to speak with
21 us, and counsels, I want to thank you, as well. We greatly
22 appreciate that. As we stated earlier, we'd ask that you
23 not discuss with others what you discussed here today with
24 us to preserve the integrity of our review. We will follow
25 up with Secret Service about any requests you may have as

1 it relates to future public-facing reports we do, and we'll
2 be happy to address those with you.

3 Thank you.

4 [Whereas, at 5:51 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
79	11	Strike “unreacted” and replace with “unredacted”
82	15	Strike “mags” and replace with “magnetometers”
84	13	Add “a” after “recall”
158	6	Strike “communicate” and replace with “communicated”
164	1	Add “an” after “of”

Witness Counsel Errata

Page	Line	Correction
15	5	advances, operations, and was a WHIP, or an agent that
29	3	the police, the site agents, the plan was put together,
29	4	and we moved forward, from where the perimeter was proposed.
29	16	them together, and then proposing them to the field office
31	11	until the following day with the motorcade. So if the
39	17	conversations. I did not receive information from
65	13	I have been shopping. I have never been to the Farm Show
66	17	I fell into that.
67	1	cars, their flights, their hotels, making sure their
69	19	doesn’t mean that it’s something that’s definitely used for
81	18	questions, ask pertinent questions, ask about news reports
84	22	bike rack and cut some flags to recreate that emergency
117	8	for that particular area where to put some farm equipment in
117	20	pushing back on. However, we continued those discussions
146	3	for tracking down the suspicious individual with a
150	3	No, you can give a basic overview.
151	20	Pittsburgh is an investigative office, yes.
155	4	just don’t know which one.
158	6	that anything is going to be communicated via telephone call
162	11	directed to them. If the question is based on what