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

HSGAC Majority Okay. Good morning. This is a transcribed interview of U.S. Secret Service Special Agent Witness being conducted by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

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

On July 25, 2024, Chairmen Peters, Blumenthal, and Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested a voluntary transcribed interview with U.S. Secret Service personnel, including Witness

We will currently provide introductions for our four offices and explain how today's interview will proceed. And to begin I would ask Witness can you please state your name and your title, for the record.

Witness Witness Special Agent with the United States Secret Service Counter Assault Team.

HSGAC Majority Thank you. And I will pause here now and

1 ask that counsel for all parties please introduce  
2 themselves, as well, starting with the Secret Service.

3 MR. [Agency Counsel] Hi. [Agency Counsel], Deputy Chief  
4 Counsel, United States Secret Service.

5 MS. [Agency Counsel] [Agency Counsel], Office of General  
6 Counsel, DHS Oversight Counsel.

7 [Witness Counsel]: And if it's my turn, my name is [Witness Counsel]  
8 [Witness Counsel] and I'm private counsel to Special Agent [Witness]

9 [HSGAC Majority] Thank you. As I mentioned, we will have  
10 four offices taking part in this transcribed interview.

11 My name is [HSGAC Majority] I am the Chief Counsel and  
12 Chief Investigative Counsel for Chairman Gary Peters, for  
13 the majority staff of the Senate Homeland Security and  
14 Governmental Affairs Committee. I am joined today by my  
15 colleagues, [HSGAC Majority] Deputy Chief Counsel for the  
16 Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
17 Committee; and [HSGAC Majority] Senior Investigator for the  
18 Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
19 Committee. And I will pause now for my colleagues to  
20 introduce themselves.

21 [HSGAC Minority] Hi there. Thank you for being here. My  
22 name is [HSGAC Minority] I work for Ranking Member Paul  
23 on HSGAC minority, and I'm here with my colleagues, [HSGAC Minority]  
24 Stevens and [HSGAC Minority] as well.

25 MR. D'AUBERT: Hi. Good morning. My name is [PSI Majority]

1     **PSI Majority**     I'm Counsel for Chairman Blumenthal of the  
2     Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

3             **PSI Minority**     Good morning, sir. Thank you for your  
4     time today. My name is **PSI Minority**     I'm the Deputy  
5     Staff Director on Ranking Member Ron Johnson's staff. I am  
6     joined today with my colleague, **PSI Minority**     He is  
7     Chief Counsel.

8             **HSGAC Majority**     During today's interview we are going to do  
9     our best to limit the number of people asking questions  
10    during a given hour, so you can understand the questions  
11    clearly and who is asking. That said, from time to time  
12    individuals may have follow-up or clarifying questions, so  
13    you may hear from others around the table.

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

19            **Witness**     Yes, sir.

20            **HSGAC Majority**     This interview is unclassified. So if any  
21    of the questions call for information that you know to  
22    implicate classified information please state for the  
23    record, as well, the reason you understand the requested  
24    information to be classified, and once you have clarified,  
25    to the extent possible, please respond with as much



1 publicly available unclassified information as you are  
2 able to do so. In general, we are seeking to obtain public  
3 information, so should we ask a question that implicates  
4 information you cannot answer in this setting just please  
5 indicate that and we'll clarify our question so that you  
6 can answer publicly. Should the need arise for a  
7 classified setting and session to address any relevant  
8 issues, we can arrange for that to happen, and we can do  
9 so. Do you understand?

10 **Witness** Yes, sir.

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

20 This interview today is occurring without prejudice to  
21 any future discussions of the Committee, and we reserve the  
22 right to request your participation in a future interview,  
23 if necessary.

24 If you need to take a break, other than the breaks  
25 we're going to offer at the end of the hour, please let us

1 know and we'll be happy to accommodate. But we will plan  
2 to break on the hour.

3 If you have any questions about what we're asking, if  
4 our question is compound and not clear, please feel free to  
5 ask us to clarify and we'll do our best to ask the question  
6 a different way.

7 You are required to answer questions before Congress  
8 truthfully. Do you understand?

9 **Witness** Yes, sir.

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

18 **Witness** Yes, sir.

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

22 **Witness** No, sir.

23 **HSGAC Majority** We would ask that you not speak about what  
24 we discuss in this interview with anyone outside of who is  
25 in the room today, in order for us to preserve the

1 integrity of our investigation. We would also ask that  
2 you not remove or make any copies of the photographs or  
3 exhibits that you will be shown today. Do you understand?

4 **Witness** Yes, sir.

5 **HSGAC Majority** We will provide counsel with a copy of this  
6 transcript of this interview as soon as possible, and an  
7 errata sheet to make any corrections so we have a clear  
8 record and factual record for today's interview.

9 Before we begin our questions I just want to pause and  
10 see if you or if your counsel have any questions.

11 **Witness** I do not have any questions.

12 **MR. Agency Counsel** None for us. I just have a brief  
13 statement here for the record.

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

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

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

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

14          The Secret Service and the Department have not  
15          consented to, and were ensured that there would not be any  
16          audio or video recordings of this interview. We appreciate  
17          that.

18          The agencies understand the interview will be  
19          transcribed by a court reporter.

20          Thank you. And this was **Agency Counsel** from the U.S.  
21          Secret Service.

22          **HSGAC Majority** I will briefly address each of those. With  
23          respect to any recordings, my understanding is that the  
24          only recording will be that for the transcript itself. I  
25          will just pause to ask that the other offices here confirm

1 there are no other recordings.

2 MR. **Witness Counsel** This is **Witness Counsel**. I want to  
3 represent, for the record, that I am not recording  
4 anything.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And the other offices have also  
6 indicated there are no other recordings.

7 With respect to any markings that the Department may  
8 wish to make identifying law enforcement-sensitive or other  
9 markings, we would invite you to do so, and we will  
10 consider those as we assess any information that we intend  
11 to make public. We do intend to have a public-facing  
12 report following our efforts and investigation, and as is  
13 the Committee's practice, we will, in advance of any public  
14 report, for nonpublic information including information we  
15 receive today that we intend to rely on in that report, we  
16 would provide excerpts in advance for the Department to  
17 provide any factual corrections.

18 With that I think we will turn to the questioning now,  
19 **Witness** and I'm just going to start with an overview  
20 question. So if you could, I'd like you to just begin by  
21 first giving us an overview, one, of your current  
22 responsibilities, and two, of your roles and  
23 responsibilities for the July 13th, Butler rally, including  
24 your efforts as they relate to planning or security in  
25 advance of the event and on the day of.

1       **Witness**     So my current responsibilities on the  
2 Counter Assault Team generally are just a working member of  
3 a Counter Assault Team that goes out to protect the  
4 protectee. That could be, honestly, just **LES**  
5 **LES** waiting for an attack to happen, waiting for the TL  
6 to give us a call sign or something to deploy out or to  
7 maneuver somewhere else around to eliminate a threat.

8       That day, on July 13th, my role was to conduct an  
9 advance via telephonic events to help set up the tactical  
10 assets at the site.

11       **HSGAC Majority**   I'm now going to pause and turn it over to  
12 my colleague, **HSGAC Majority**

13       **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you, and hi again, Special Agent  
14 **Witness**   My name is **HSGAC Majority**     I'm with Chairman

15 Peters. Just taking a step back, could you start by  
16 telling us how long you've been with the Secret Service.

17       **Witness**     So I've been employed with Secret Service  
18 since August 2018, and I've been on the Counter Assault  
19 Team since December of 2022.

20       **HSGAC Majority**   What was your role prior to joining the  
21 Counter Assault Team?

22       **Witness**     I was under Investigations in the National  
23 Field Office.

24       **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. And which office -- forgive me  
25 for -- I might not understand the structure, but right now

1 with the Counter Assault Team are you assigned to a  
2 specific region or office?

3 **Witness** I'm assigned to SOD, Special Operations  
4 Division, which is operated out of Washington, D.C.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you. And you said just now that  
6 your responsibility was to conduct telephonic advance to  
7 help set up the July 13th rally. Can you tell us, first,  
8 you know, when you first became aware of the rally and when  
9 you were assigned that responsibility?

10 **Witness** Yeah. So I just want to clarify that I was  
11 the advance for the tactical assets and nothing else. So I  
12 was assigned that responsibility maybe a week prior. And  
13 whenever I'm telling you that this was a telephonic  
14 advance, that's because I didn't get to the site until that  
15 day I arrived **LES**.

16 So the advance usually starts out with just an email  
17 and a police meeting, that obviously I was not there for  
18 the police meeting. My contact information was passed over  
19 to all the locals, the local like tactical or SWAT  
20 commanders, and then they would reach out to me or I would  
21 reach out to them after the police meeting and discuss  
22 manpower and what I would -- what I would request for  
23 additional TAC assets for those sites.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Gotcha. And then just again taking a  
25 step back, you said that you arrived on the day of because

1 you were with the protectee. Had you been assigned to  
2 the -- how long had you been assigned to the protectee  
3 prior to July 13th?

4 **Witness** I don't want to put an exact date but I want  
5 to say it was roughly probably 23, 24 days.

6 **HSGAC Majority** You said twenty --

7 **Witness** Like 23, 24.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Twenty-four days?

9 **Witness** Between 20 and 25 days. I've been with the  
10 protectee since June, the later part of June. I don't  
11 remember the exact date I got there.

12 **HSGAC Majority** So since June, or roughly about then,  
13 you were assigned to travel and to staff, to provide  
14 security at all of the protectee's events?

15 **Witness** Not all of them. So there is -- so the --  
16 I'm trying to figure out how to break this down. So the  
17 former -- the protectee I was with is former President  
18 Trump. **LES**

19 **LES** . **LES** -- I'm not  
20 sure whenever they started assigning him counter assault,  
21 but whenever I went to his detail there was **LES** of  
22 two counter assault. So we would break down the visits  
23 according to who was working on those days, and kind of  
24 just went about it like that. Does that make sense?

25 **HSGAC Majority** Yes. Thank you. And did you have any



1 advance responsibilities for former President Trump  
2 during the weeks that you were assigned to him prior to  
3 July 13th?

4 **Witness** Yes. I had one other advance, Chesapeake,  
5 Virginia, rally.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Do you remember roughly when that was?

7 **Witness** I don't. A couple of weeks before, I  
8 believe.

9 **HSGAC Majority** And can you just give us a brief  
10 overview as, you know, the -- is it correct to say that you  
11 were the lead CAT advance agent? I don't know what the  
12 correct term is. Is that -- the tactical lead advance?  
13 What's the correct term to use?

14 **Witness** You're talking about what my role is?

15 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah.

16 **Witness** Typically it's called the CAT advance.  
17 That's what it is.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And can you give us a brief overview of  
19 what the CAT advance responsibilities entail?

20 **Witness** For an advance?

21 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

22 **Witness** For POTUS or --

23 **HSGAC Majority** For POTUS or any protectee. And if  
24 there's a difference it would be helpful to describe that.

25 **Witness** Yeah. So the general responsibilities would

1 be to set up tactical assets at every site, at a visit,  
2 so that they could divert, suppress, or neutralize [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED]. So that way the working  
4 shift, or the working agents around the protectee can  
5 evacuate the protectee while the Counter Assault Team  
6 addresses that. So the Counter Assault Team is not going  
7 to -- [REDACTED]  
8 possible, so these other assets that we're organizing  
9 during the advance would be [REDACTED] or possibly  
10 somewhere else. [REDACTED],  
11 [REDACTED]. That  
12 would be the general role of the CAT advance.

13 [REDACTED] Got it. And you said you worked one  
14 other advance for former President Trump. Did you conduct  
15 that advance in person on-site, or was that remote, as  
16 well?

17 [REDACTED] Telephonically.

18 [REDACTED] And, you know, you said your role is to  
19 coordinate and plan for all of the tactical assets. Does  
20 that include counter sniper assets, as well?

21 [REDACTED] Only whenever counter sniper is not  
22 available or not assigned to the -- not assigned to the  
23 advance.

24 [REDACTED] And in your experience, how often does  
25 that happen?

1       **Witness**       It depends on what detail. POTUS, never.

2       They're always there. But obviously POTUS gets all of the  
3       assets. For former President Trump, this was the first  
4       time that counter sniper, on July 13th was the first time  
5       that counter sniper, that I've been a part of it, and  
6       advance was there to conduct the advance.

7       **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. So for the July 13th rally, there  
8       was a separate counter sniper advance member who handled  
9       that portion of the advance.

10      **Witness**       Yes. And I don't want to speak directly on  
11      their advance, but they would control all the counter  
12      snipers.

13      **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. Gotcha. So you were exclusively  
14      responsible for planning for the tactical, or for the  
15      counter assault assets.

16      **Witness**       That is correct.

17      **HSGAC Majority**   Got it. Thank you. And so going back  
18      to the time on here, you said you were notified about a  
19      week prior, and you said that was over email that you got  
20      that assignment?

21      **Witness**       Yes. An email, and actually, that could've  
22      been -- I could've been working and verbally told, as well.  
23      But regardless, an email was sent about a police meeting.  
24      This is how they all start out. Like a police meeting will  
25      be this date at this time, and then once I receive that I

1 would call the lead agent and tell the lead that I will  
2 be doing this advance telephonically. I will not be there  
3 for the police meeting, so this is what I'm looking for on  
4 the tactical assets at the police meeting. I would give --  
5 I would say, "Can you pass over my number and my email and  
6 have any tactical representation at those meetings to give  
7 me a call and we can discuss jurisdiction issues, manpower  
8 issues, and kind of what we're going to be looking for  
9 regarding the event."

10 **HSGAC Majority** Gotcha. And you said you would've  
11 called the lead agent. Who as the lead agent, in this  
12 case?

13 **Witness** I don't recall her name.

14 **HSGAC Majority** **Lead Agent** Does that sound  
15 familiar?

16 **Witness** That sounds familiar.

17 **HSGAC Majority** And then our understanding is that the  
18 police meeting for the July 13th event took place on July  
19 8th. Does that sound correct to you?

20 **Witness** It could be. I don't really remember the  
21 dates.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah. And, you know, in advance of that  
23 police meeting what conversations did you have with the  
24 lead agent or other communications or phone conversations  
25 regarding what tactical information would need to be

1 conveyed at that meeting?

2 **Witness** I'm sorry. I'm confused on the question.

3 **HSGAC Majority** That was a confusing question. Before  
4 the police meeting took place, what did you convey to the  
5 lead agent about what you wanted her to --

6 **Witness** Just to pass over my information to any  
7 tactical representative at the meeting, and that way I  
8 could get with them about what Counter Assault was looking  
9 for, for the advance. That was really about it.

10 **HSGAC Majority** So you didn't make any determinations  
11 about what counter assault assets would be required prior  
12 to the police meeting?

13 **Witness** No, I can't do that, just because I don't  
14 even know what the sites look like or anything. Does that  
15 make sense?

16 **HSGAC Majority** Yes. Gotcha. And then after the police  
17 meeting, when was the first time that you spoke with the  
18 state or local officer?

19 **Witness** I believe after the police meeting that day  
20 I received a couple of emails from the state and local  
21 agencies with phone numbers, and then I would reach out to  
22 them telephonically.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And do you recall when you first reached  
24 out to them, and to who, to whom?

25 **Witness** I don't recall. It would've been that day

1 or the next day, so we could start planning manpower.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And do you remember who it was that you  
3 spoke with?

4 **Witness** Yes. So I can really pronounce first names,  
5 but the last names I don't want to butcher, so I'll try my  
6 best. So Pennsylvania State Police, I don't know his rank,  
7 but **PSP Officer** maybe, reached out to me via email, and  
8 then he had another couple telephone numbers on there. But  
9 one of those telephone numbers were the team leader for  
10 that day, **PSP** and his last name starts with a **PSP** I'm not  
11 sure how to pronounce it. He was the main point of contact  
12 for the Pennsylvania State Police that I was going through.  
13 And then for Site 1, Allegheny County Airport, they were,  
14 **PSP** his last name starts with an **PSP** I'm not really  
15 sure how to pronounce that either. He was the Site 1  
16 tactical commander that I was working with. And then for  
17 the Butler County was **Butler ESU Commander** was the SWAT tactical  
18 commander.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Gotcha. And then you said you got  
20 initial contact from **PSP Officer** and then do you  
21 remember when you first had contact with **Butler ESU Commander**

22 **Witness** Yes. I received his number from I believe  
23 the lead, and I called him directly.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And what did you discuss on that first  
25 call?

1       **Witness**     The first call would've been manpower. So  
2 we didn't know what the site was going to be at that time,  
3 I don't believe. So really just what type of manpower he  
4 had available. And generally I gave him just like a  
5 general request of what I would normally give at a rally  
6 site, which would be **LES**  
7 **LES** if possible, and a QRF. And when we were talking he  
8 said that he would have enough manpower to man two response  
9 teams and a QRF.

10       **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And -- sorry. And you had just  
11 mentioned something about not knowing the site. Could you  
12 clarify? At that point did you not know the physical  
13 location of the site or you just didn't know the specifics  
14 of the site because you hadn't been there?

15       **Witness**     I did not know the physical location of that  
16 site at that time. And it's very common for these sites to  
17 change, all the way up to the day before. But I did not  
18 know the physical location of that site, and so therefore I  
19 did not know what the site even looked like. So I can't  
20 just tell a local TAC commander that, hey, I'm going to  
21 need all these resources if I don't know what it's going to  
22 be.

23       **HSGAC Majority** And when did you find out where the  
24 physical location was?

25       **Witness**     Later on during that week. I don't know

1 what day.

2 **HSGAC Majority** Do you remember how you found out?

3 **Witness** Probably a telephone call.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Do you remember who would've made the  
5 call?

6 **Witness** The lead.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And when you spoke to **Butler ESU Commander**  
8 about the -- you said it was the typical manpower request  
9 for an outdoor rally, **LES** Counter Assault Teams and a QRF  
10 team, and just to clarify, QRF, that's Quick Response  
11 Force?

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

13 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe for us what the  
14 distinction between a Counter Assault Team and a QRF team?

15 **Witness** Yeah. So I'm just going to go ahead and  
16 just start by saying that the assets for that day, I had  
17 **LES** response teams. **LES** was at the 10 o'clock and  
18 **LES** was at the 6 o'clock. The QRF **LES**, and  
19 that was a **LES** to get to the site. So a QRF  
20 would be additional tactical assets if our response team is  
21 handling another situation and we need additional assets  
22 somewhere else. So a QRF would just be extra manpower.

23 **HSGAC Majority** And is there a distinction in the kind  
24 of threat or attack that a Counter Assault Team versus a  
25 QRF team would be called on to respond to?



1       **Witness**     No. Technically, there could be multiple  
2     QRF teams. So during the counter assault advance the  
3     primary focus that I'm on is making sure that my tactical  
4     assets are assigned to the Counter Assault Team and not  
5     anybody else, because I don't want my guys to go deploy on,  
6     I don't know, whatever situation that's not an organized  
7     attack, and then get caught up and then an organized attack  
8     happened and then they can't even help me out.

9       So my QRF was only related to me asking them to move  
10    on whatever situation it was.

11    **HSGAC Majority**   So just to clarify, the QRF team would  
12    be called on to respond to a situation other than an

13    **LES**

14    **Witness**     It depends on how many QRFs and who has  
15    them. Counter Assault, I had **LES** QRF. The site agents  
16    could've had whatever they wanted to for civil disturbance  
17    units, or that could be a QRF. It could be a multiple  
18    thing. A QRF could be really anything. My QRF is tactical  
19    related for an **LES**

20    **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. Got it. And so you had said that  
21    at some point a couple of days out from the event you did  
22    find out where the site was. And then how did you  
23    determine the specifics of, you know, which tactical assets  
24    would be needed and where they would be assigned?

25    **Witness**     So once I determined -- once I found out

1 where the site was and I was on the phone with **Butler ESU Commander**  
2 who was the Butler County ESU commander, we're talking and  
3 I could zoom in and kind of see the map and everything. So  
4 typically for something like this obviously we don't know  
5 when an attack or where an attack is going to happen, but  
6 we can plan and put assets in place to mitigate those  
7 attacks according to where maybe like a crowd of people is  
8 coming in or different situations, depending on what the  
9 site looks like.

10 So in this instance we had a response team at the 10  
11 o'clock, outside the main checkpoint where the people were  
12 coming in. **LES**

13 **LES**

14 **LES**, that could maneuver wherever we needed them to  
15 on the outer perimeter. And then we a team at the 6  
16 o'clock, **LES**  
17 maneuver if we need to anywhere around the crowd, and help  
18 mitigate any type of organized threat there.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And you mentioned the perimeter. When  
20 did you become aware of where the security perimeter was  
21 going to be set for the event?

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

23 **HSGAC Majority** And when you were determining placement  
24 of the tactical assets, whether it was a couple of days --  
25 it's fine that you don't remember the specifics -- at that

1 point did you know where the security perimeter would be?

2 **Witness** So I don't think I did. But in respect to  
3 placing teams, to me personally it really don't matter  
4 where the perimeter is, because I'm going to tell the  
5 response team, for example, to be outside the main mags,  
6 which would be on the outer perimeter, whether that  
7 perimeter is **LES** out or **LES** out. And then a  
8 response team, like for this one at the 6 o'clock, would be  
9 on the **LES**, right behind the barn, so they can  
10 maneuver around the **LES**. Like as far as the  
11 perimeter goes, I don't know when it was set or where it  
12 was set. I just, from my conversations with the tactical  
13 assets and the lead, that's how I base where I put the  
14 response teams at.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And then just to be 100 percent clear,  
16 did you have any role in determining where the perimeter  
17 was?

18 **Witness** No.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And did you have any concerns when you  
20 learned where the perimeter was set?

21 **Witness** No.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And you said that you arrived  
23 with former President Trump on the day of the 13th. Can  
24 you walk us through sort of the timing of your arrival?

25 **Witness** The exact times?

1 HSGAC Majority Or roughly, like when --

2 Witness We arrived sometime that evening. I don't  
3 know the times. And then I remember the LES was  
4 probably like an hour or so. That's just an estimate. And  
5 we arrived at Site 2 at that point. I don't know the exact  
6 times.

7 HSGAC Majority But you arrived at --

8 Witness It was still daylight.

9 HSGAC Majority -- LES

10 LES ?

11 Witness Yeah, at Pittsburgh Airport.

12 HSGAC Majority And did you interact with any state or  
13 local officials at that first site?

14 Witness Yes. So whenever we arrived at the airport,  
15 as soon as I got off the plane I walked back to my LES  
16 team, which is my LES, which is Pennsylvania  
17 State Police. It was a LES team. I handed them a  
18 radio, and then I received a radio from them. And then  
19 that was the only time I talked to anybody. Because it's a  
20 pretty quick turnaround. You know, once you get there he  
21 LES You don't -- it's not  
22 time to really do too much.

23 HSGAC Majority Okay. And I just want to make sure I  
24 heard you right. You said that you received a radio from  
25 the Pennsylvania State Police?

1           **Witness**       And I gave them a radio.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   You gave them a Secret Service radio?

3           **Witness**       Yes, so that we would have coms during the  
4   motorcade movements.

5           **HSGAC Majority**   And the Pennsylvania State Police  
6   officer that you exchanged the radios with, do you recall  
7   who that was?

8           **Witness**       It was a team leader, **PSP** and his last name  
9   starts with a **PSP** I don't know how to pronounce it.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   And that was somebody who was assigned  
11   to be with the **LES**

12          **Witness**       Yeah. So the Pennsylvania State Police **LES**  
13   **LES** team was a **LES** team, a **LES** team.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   And then what happened as you arrived at  
15   the rally site?

16          **Witness**       So we arrived at the rally site. Once the  
17   **LES**  
18   **LES**  
19   **LES**. And I was talking to **LES** about scenarios  
20   as -- so during the week, like during the briefs, we had  
21   that week with the **LES** or just any response team or any  
22   local TAC asset, I was just going over those briefs just to  
23   make sure, again, that they knew exactly what to do.

24          **HSGAC Majority**   So **LES** refers to whom?

25          **Witness**       **LES** is what we would consider our

1 LES So when we're doing an advance, LES is  
2 always the LES team, and then the response team,  
3 could be LES Depending on how big the site is  
4 I've seen LES. But those teams are -- you  
5 would call them on those call signs. So it would be like  
6 LES from LES or LES from LES

7 HSGAC Majority And who are the agents on LES

8 Witness That would be the Pennsylvania State Police.

9 HSGAC Majority Okay.

10 Witness it would be a LES

11 HSGAC Majority And you said you had multiple briefings  
12 with them prior to the event?

13 Witness Yeah, telephonic briefings, just like I did  
14 with all the other ones.

15 HSGAC Majority And you said then there was also  
16 LES and LES

17 Witness Yeah. That would be the LES response team  
18 at the 10 o'clock and the LES response team at the 6  
19 o'clock.

20 HSGAC Majority And did you have separate briefings with  
21 them prior, or was it all together?

22 Witness With Butler ESU Commander the SWAT commander.

23 HSGAC Majority Okay. And was he the only local officer  
24 that you spoke with in advance of the rally?

25 Witness For those LES response teams, it was.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   And what kind -- when you said there  
2   were briefings, were there more formal briefings with like  
3   operational plans, or was it just phone calls?

4       **Witness**       It would be phone calls, briefings, as what  
5   we, the Counter Assault Team, expected from these response  
6   teams. So for those response teams or **LES** -- just let me  
7   talk about **LES** real quick. So **LES**'s responsibility  
8   would be to, if there was something to happen at Site 2,  
9   let's just say the President was on the stage, or the  
10  former President, the protectee was on the stage, their  
11  response would be to set up **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **LES**

14 **LES**

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

16 **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **LES**

19 to go to wherever we are going next. That would be like  
20 **LES**'s responsibility.

21       As far as like the response teams, it would be to be  
22 available to **LES**.

23 Let's just say **LES** that was outside at the 10  
24 o'clock, there on the outer perimeter, they would be tasked  
25 to **LES**

1 and to mitigate that attack.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And do you recall roughly how many  
3 conversations you had had with **Butler ESU Commander** prior to the 13th?

4 **Witness** I don't recall. It was multiple.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And did you share -- either did you  
6 share with him or did he share with you any documents or --

7 **Witness** All the documents that I received, like the  
8 site diagrams and the final surveys and stuff, were  
9 forwarded. I didn't forward them to **Butler ESU Commander** but he was  
10 supposed to get them from the lead.

11 **HSGAC Majority** And sorry. Can you say again which  
12 documents those were?

13 **Witness** It was just the final paperwork from the  
14 Donald Trump detail, that they put together.

15 **HSGAC Majority** And you said that was -- is there a name  
16 for it, like you said it was a Site Survey or a Final  
17 Survey?

18 **Witness** It would be the -- it was just the Final  
19 Survey document that is put together on every visit. I'm  
20 sure you all have a copy of it in front of you all  
21 somewhere.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And did **Butler ESU Commander** share with you the  
23 Butler ESU Operational Plan?

24 **Witness** I don't recall if I received that plan.

25 So I just want to go back to that question. So on



1 that, on his Operational Plan, I'm sure it was probably  
2 more than just the counter assaults. And so with that  
3 being said, that's why I wouldn't have received it.

4 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. But you said, just to clarify,  
5 you had been talking to him multiple times beforehand --

6 **Witness** Yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority** -- specifically about **LES**

8 **LES** and did the QRF team have a different name?

9 **Witness** The QRF team is just going to be a quick  
10 response team if we needed more manpower somewhere. Yeah,  
11 so the taskings of the QRF would be, for example, or for  
12 that day was to be available to respond wherever we needed  
13 them to, whether it's outer perimeter or it could've been  
14 even a **LES** out, if something was to happen **LES**

15 **LES**

16 **LES**

17 **LES**

18 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. So going back to the timeline  
19 on the day of, you said you arrived at the airport,  
20 exchanged radios with the Pennsylvania State Police, got in  
21 the motorcade. What happened then once you arrived on-site  
22 at the Farm Show?

23 **Witness** So once we arrived on-site we did our radio  
24 checks with our Counter Sniper Teams, and the motorcade,  
25 once the **LES** doing his normal

1 activities, the LES

2 LES. Once the protectee started  
3 moving to the dais or the stage, myself and the Counter  
4 Assault Team, myself and Special Agent CAT Operator and one other  
5 Butler County ESU, we moved to offstage announce.

6 Now, I want to back up a little bit. So upon arrival  
7 of Site 2, I talked to Mr. Butler ESU Commander about having a Butler  
8 County ESU team leader meet us at the tent at arrival so  
9 that we would have communications with the response teams.  
10 So his tasking was to stay next to me the whole time. That  
11 way if we needed to maneuver a response team somewhere we  
12 would have coms to do that.

13 HSGAC Majority Got it. And you said you talked to Butler ES  
14 Butler ESU Com about that when you got there. Was that something you  
15 had discussed in advance, as well?

16 Witness Oh yes. That was not that day. That was in  
17 advance. So when we pulled up there, this was already  
18 planned out. He was waiting there for me.

19 HSGAC Majority Okay. Do you recall who that person  
20 was?

21 Witness Butler ESU Asst. Com --

22 HSGAC Majority -- Butler ESU Asst. Commander 1

23 Witness Starts with an Butler ES Yep.

24 HSGAC Majority And so he met you at the tent and he  
25 stayed with you and Special Agent CAT Operator the entirety of the

1 day?

2 **Witness** Yes, the rest of that trip he was with us.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And you said that the purpose of having  
4 the local tactical officer with you was so that you would  
5 have a more direct line of communication with the local  
6 tactical teams?

7 **Witness** The response teams, because, like I said, I  
8 didn't get there until the day of, and it was -- and also  
9 it was an hour motorcade to that site, so I couldn't give  
10 him any radios. So typically on something like that we  
11 would have -- we would pair up with a local like tactical  
12 guy in one of the SWAT teams, too. That way he can have  
13 radio coms with those guys. So if we needed to maneuver  
14 them somewhere or send them somewhere, we could.

15 **HSGAC Majority** So you just said typically you would  
16 have met with and exchanged radios with somebody from the  
17 local tactical?

18 **Witness** It just depends on each advance, yes. So --  
19 and I want to clarify, like POTUS advances are way  
20 different than the CNOS advances. And so on a POTUS  
21 advance a counter assault agent is there for **LES**,  
22 planning these and handing out radios. Like this is a  
23 different type of advance where it's done telephonically,  
24 and so you have to come up with a communication plan where  
25 you may have to meet one of the local TAC teams at the site

1 as soon as you get there, a member, and he would be  
2 embedded with you at that point.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And just to clarify. So that was the  
4 plan from at least a few days out, for the --

5 **Witness** Yeah, I don't know the timeline, but yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** And you said you had your own Secret  
7 Service radio. That's correct?

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

9 **HSGAC Majority** And what were the frequencies that were  
10 available or that you used that day?

11 **Witness** **Channel**

12 **HSGAC Majority** And who else would've been on **Channel**

13 **Witness** That would've been the shift agents, the  
14 detail leader, the shift leader. There should've been  
15 somebody in the Security Room monitoring **Channel** Hercules,  
16 or the counter snipers would have been on **Channel** Counter  
17 assault would've been on **Channel** And honestly, any other  
18 Secret Service personnel could have turned it to **Channel** and  
19 monitored it, but those teams would definitely have been on  
20 it, 100 percent.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And did the Pennsylvania State Police --

22 **Witness** They had my radio.

23 **HSGAC Majority** Oh, so they would've been on **Channel** as  
24 well?

25 **Witness** Yes. And I also had their radio, because I

1 didn't have one of those guys with me. So I was able to  
2 give them a radio.

3 **HSGAC Majority** And were there other Secret Service  
4 frequencies in use that day, that you're aware of?

5 **Witness** **Channel** was a second channel. That would've  
6 been just a tactical channel if we needed it. We didn't  
7 use it, but if we needed it we could've swapped over to  
8 **Channel** And then I'm sure there was other channels, because  
9 most of the time, like the post-standers would be on a  
10 channel, maybe other units might be on a different channel,  
11 as well, depending on the situation and depending on how  
12 much radio traffic there is.

13 **HSGAC Majority** And you said **Channel** was available as a  
14 tactical channel but it wasn't in use?

15 **Witness** It was like a secondary channel for just  
16 counter assault. It wasn't -- like we always have a couple  
17 of channels, but we didn't use it. We didn't have to use  
18 it. Just in case we needed to swap over if radio traffic  
19 was just getting so crazy. I bet you all can imagine how  
20 that could go.

21 **HSGAC Majority** And for the Pennsylvania State Police  
22 radio, were you monitoring that --

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** -- throughout the day, as well? And was  
25 that just one channel that you were on there?

1       **Witness**     Yes. I don't recall the channel. They  
2     just handed me the radio.

3       **HSGAC Majority**   And just to be completely clear, did you  
4     have any direct radio communication with any local law  
5     enforcement?

6       **Witness**     As far as --

7       **HSGAC Majority**   Like did you have any way to get on the  
8     radio and communicate directly with anyone on Butler ESU or  
9     any of the --

10      **Witness**     So Butler ESU, my point of contact with them  
11     was the team leader that met me at the tent. So me  
12     personally I could not get on the radio but I could look  
13     over at him and be like, "Hey, what's going on?" or "Hey,  
14     move these guys here," or "Tell the QRF to go to the  
15     hospital." That would be my point. That would be how that  
16     would work.

17      **HSGAC Majority**   Got it. And you said that the setup  
18     varies depending on the event, based on your experience  
19     with past --

20      **Witness**     The what?

21      **HSGAC Majority**   You said that the communications setup  
22     would vary depending on the type of event and the type of  
23     protectee.

24      **Witness**     So the communication would -- the  
25     communication plans for these events would be -- yeah, I

1 mean, so they're going to be -- it's going to vary  
2 depending on event and depending on detail. But for a  
3 counter assault -- and I'm just specifically talking for  
4 counter assault -- I come up with my own communication  
5 plan, on every one, on every advance, because our role is  
6 different than being on the outer perimeter, standing at a  
7 post. I don't care what their communication plan is. I've  
8 got to be able to talk directly to my response teams and  
9 maneuver them on attacks and stuff. So that's why I come  
10 up with my own communication plan, and then I monitor like  
11 **Channel** which is the shift's primary communication, and I  
12 can talk to them on **Channel** and then I can talk to the  
13 response teams on a different radio or have a local  
14 embedded with me that can maneuver those guys.

15 So as far as like planning on communication, I make my  
16 own coms plans. I don't let somebody else tell me, "Hey,  
17 this is what you're going to be doing."

18 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. So have you worked at prior  
19 events where you also had a local officer embedded with you  
20 to facilitate communications?

21 **Witness** That's a common practice with counter  
22 assault, just because of communication purposes. Because  
23 we don't want to be in a situation where we can't  
24 communicate at all to our response teams.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

1           **Witness**       So that's the best practice.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   And just to remind you what you said  
3 earlier, you said for some events you would also have a  
4 radio exchange with the local --

5           **Witness**       So I'll give you an example.   So like on  
6 POTUS advance, where you're there for **LES**, you would  
7 exchange radios with locals because you would have your  
8 Counter Assault Team, a **LES** Counter Assault Team coming  
9 to you that would be the tactical element around the  
10 protectee.   And then the response teams that you would have  
11 set up at each site, you would do a radio exchange the day  
12 before or something with them.

13          **HSGAC Majority**   In your experience, did that radio  
14 exchange ever happen at an event that wasn't for POTUS?

15          **Witness**       Has that ever happened?   Not on any advance  
16 that I've ever done for a non-POTUS.   **LES**  
17 **LES**, there would be radio exchanges, just  
18 because you're there **LES**, as well.   But for small  
19 details or CNOS advances -- where if the counter assault  
20 agent is there on the ground for **LES**, there's mostly  
21 likely going to be radio exchanges.   I don't see why there  
22 wouldn't be.

23          **HSGAC Majority**   Got it.   And so you said you had your  
24 own communication plan for counter assault at the rally.  
25 And you had mentioned earlier also that on the Secret



1 Service radio, on **Channel** your understanding was that  
2 there was someone in the Security Room on that channel?

3 **Witness** I don't know if there was or not, but  
4 typically there would be.

5 **HSGAC Majority** And just so we're all clear, the  
6 Security Room, that's a term that is used interchangeably  
7 with the Command Center?

8 **Witness** So each site has a Security Room, and then  
9 there would be a Command Post that's kind of all the sites  
10 would directly go to.

11 **HSGAC Majority** So could you explain that?

12 **Witness** So for example, if a protectee is going to  
13 Washington, D.C., and he's stopping at five different  
14 places in Washington, D.C., **LES**  
15 a **LES**, and then that **LES**, or those  
16 **LES**, let's just say five sites, would  
17 directly communicate with the **LES**. It would be  
18 like a **LES** and then the advance, and the **LES**  
19 **LES**

20 Because most of the time the sites are so far apart.  
21 So let's just go to July 13th. Site 1, at the airport, was  
22 an hour away from Site 2. So how could the Security Room  
23 talk to the Security Room at Site 1, at Site 2? I don't  
24 think that would be possible, right? I mean, it would be  
25 possible with some type of form of communication, I guess,

1 but typically there would be a Command Post that would  
2 have larger -- I don't know anything about radios, but a  
3 way to, like larger radios that could push out frequencies  
4 further, I guess, that they communicate on.

5 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. So what was your understanding of  
6 the Command Post setup at Site 2, at the rally?

7 **Witness** I don't get into Command Post or Security  
8 Room setups. That's not my role.

9 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. And then just getting  
10 back to the setup with the -- I believe it's **Butler ESU Asst. Commander 1**  
11 who is the local officer embedded with you. He had access  
12 to local radios. Were you able to physically hear  
13 transmissions on his radio throughout the day?

14 **Witness** No.

15 **HSGAC Majority** Did he have like an earpiece?

16 **Witness** Yes. So he had just the standard -- his  
17 radios were probably hooked up to some type of  
18 communication device that allows him to hear things through  
19 his ears, that he had some **LES**

20 **LES**

21 **HSGAC Majority** And then throughout the day did he relay  
22 anything to you in person about what he was hearing over  
23 the radio?

24 **Witness** Yes. So once we got to offstage announce,  
25 like I told you earlier, once the protectee went through

1 offstage, I mean went to the stage, myself, the counter  
2 assault agent, Special Agent <sup>CAT Operator</sup> and <sup>Butler ESU Asst. Commar</sup> the TL for  
3 Butler County ESU, we were walking to the offstage  
4 announce, because counter assault, LES

5 LES. So when he's on the stage we  
6 go to offstage announce, so we can respond. I stopped by  
7 LES just to advise them, like, "Hey, if something  
8 happens on the stage, feel free to set the perimeter right  
9 then. Don't wait for me to tell you to do it. We're going

10 LES

11 LES

12 to where we're going."

13 So briefed LES again, just to make sure they were  
14 clear on what was expected. We went to offstage announce.  
15 Once we were standing at offstage announce, we wasn't there  
16 long. Hercules come over, or counter sniper. Our Secret  
17 Service counter sniper come over Channel and said, "Something  
18 going on at the three o'clock. It looks like" -- and this  
19 is not a quote because I don't remember exactly what was  
20 said. But something going on at the three o'clock, and it  
21 looks like officers are dealing with a situation out there.

22 At that point, when I heard that on the radio, I  
23 looked over at my counterpart, <sup>Butler ESU Asst. Commar</sup> and I asked him,  
24 "What's going on at the three o'clock? Are you hearing  
25 anything on the radios?" And he was sitting there

1 listening for a few seconds, and then he come over -- he  
2 came back to me and said, "Well, it sounds like there's a  
3 QRF enroute there." And then I said, "What's going on? Is  
4 it a fight? Is it a protest?" And then that's when the  
5 shot -- we heard the shots, literally in seconds. And  
6 that's when we responded.

7 **HSGAC Majority** And then understanding that it's hard to  
8 remember specific timing, after you heard over **Channel** that  
9 something was going on a three o'clock, and you asked the  
10 local officer if he was hearing anything, roughly how much  
11 time had elapsed at that point?

12 **Witness** Seconds.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Seconds. And then between when you  
14 asked him and he -- roughly how much time was he listening  
15 on the radio before he relayed to you --

16 **Witness** Seconds. I mean, it was quick. Like it all  
17 happened very quick.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And what exactly -- I mean, I don't  
19 expect you to recall exactly his words, but your  
20 recollection is that he said the QRF team was called out?

21 **Witness** Yeah. So like I mentioned earlier, during  
22 the counter assault advance I would -- my QRF was not  
23 supposed to move unless I or a counter assault member or  
24 the shift leader asked them to. But like I said, there  
25 could be multiple QRFs for different things. So when he

1 said there was a QRF enroute there, I was thinking that  
2 maybe there was a protest or a fight going on out there,  
3 because I didn't ask the QRF team to move. And so I was  
4 thinking it could be like maybe a civil disturbance QRF  
5 team or something on standby somewhere. And that's why I  
6 asked him, "What's going on? Is there a fight? Is there a  
7 protest?" And then, literally, that's when the shots  
8 happened right then. It wasn't -- it was just seconds.  
9 There was no time for -- I don't even think he probably  
10 could've even got a question out to see what was going on.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Got it. And prior to that radio on the  
12 Secret Service counter sniper about something happening,  
13 had you heard anything either over the radio or otherwise  
14 about a suspicious individual or something that they were  
15 tracking?

16 **Witness** Never heard anything about a suspicious  
17 individual that day at all. Nothing.

18 **HSGAC Majority** And based on your previous experience  
19 working protectee events, how common would you say it is  
20 for you, in your role, to receive information about, you  
21 know, local law enforcement tracking a suspicious  
22 individual?

23 **Witness** I wouldn't say it would be just too common.  
24 It depends on the individual and I guess the threat  
25 assessment. But, I mean, typically we wouldn't just

1 receive something, because that's a pretty common thing  
2 concerning people at sites and stuff, you know. But there  
3 are times during the advance process where like, for  
4 example, Protective Intelligence Division will get a list  
5 **LES** and just send  
6 out to the advance team. But we didn't -- I didn't receive  
7 anything about any suspicious individuals or anything.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And in your experience how common  
9 would it be before either a counter sniper or somebody else on  
10 the Secret Service to share over the radio, you know, the  
11 fact that local law enforcement is currently responding to  
12 some kind of issue?

13 **Witness** I'm sorry. Can you -- you mean like how  
14 often is that?

15 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah. So you said that there was a  
16 radio transmission from one of the Counter Sniper Teams,  
17 letting you know that it looks like locals are dealing with  
18 some kind of situation. Is that something --

19 **Witness** Yeah, that's a pretty common -- because  
20 they're kind of more like overwatch, so they can see  
21 everything. So they're going to tell us if something looks  
22 suspicious or something's going on, wherever it's at.  
23 Yeah, that's a common thing.

24 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. I know there's a lot  
25 more to cover, but I'm going to pause here, and I'll see if

1 any of my colleagues have more before we break. Thank  
2 you.

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

4 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to return to the seconds before  
5 you heard those shots in detail in a moment, but I'm going  
6 to ask a separate line of questioning first.

7 So in response to a question just now about how you  
8 might respond to suspicious activity you said that depends  
9 on the threat assessment. Prior to July 13th, had you  
10 received any information about a particular threat as it  
11 related to the protectee?

12 **Witness** For July 13th?

13 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

14 **Witness** No.

15 **HSGAC Majority** On July 13th, had you received any  
16 information that day about a particular threat to the  
17 protectee?

18 **Witness** No.

19 **HSGAC Majority** And then in response to my question just  
20 now you asked for clarification about whether the threat  
21 information itself related to the Butler event. Other than  
22 information that might relate to the Butler event, had you  
23 received information about a threat?

24 **Witness** No. No, I did not receive any threatening -  
25 - anything about any individual or any threats on July 13th

1 or before, about that.

2 **HSGAC Majority** You also discussed how a CAT advance  
3 differs greatly with respect to POTUS, VPOTUS events and  
4 candidate or other events. One of the differences you  
5 mentioned was the duration and time you're on-site to  
6 examine something. You said typically **LES** Is  
7 that right?

8 **Witness** Typically, depending on the advance and how,  
9 I guess, how much notice you have before the advance. You  
10 know, there are obviously short-notice trips. But on  
11 average you would be on-site **LES**  
12 **LES** .

13 **HSGAC Majority** What are the things that you would do, in  
14 your role, for whatever the duration may be, **LES**  
15 **LES** ?

16 **Witness** Okay. So I would go to the police meeting.  
17 That would be the first meeting that they would have before  
18 an event. That's where all the police in that area come  
19 together, state and local, with Secret Service, and it  
20 could be even some Federal counterparts there, exchange  
21 numbers. Once the numbers are exchanged and the briefing  
22 about what's about to take place, the event, you know, why  
23 we're coming there, we would all break up on in our  
24 sections, and I would, for example, counter assault, I  
25 would ask all the tactical representatives there at the



1 briefing to meet with me in this corner or something.  
2 And then we would talk about the different sites, manpower,  
3 and the type of event it is, obviously. So if it's just a  
4 meeting with two or three people, the manpower is going to  
5 be different than a 15,000-person rally, outdoor rally. So  
6 we would talk about those things.

7 And then as soon as possible we would try to get  
8 walkthroughs at each site and determine where we want to  
9 place our assets.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Why is the walkthrough important?

11 **Witness** So we can visually see what's going on. For  
12 me, personally, on the counter assault side, I can kind of  
13 look -- I'm looking for areas of ambushes, where is most  
14 likely an ambush going to happen, chokepoints, wood lines.  
15 I mean, it could be a number of -- if we're right on a  
16 river, **LES**

17 **LES** So I'm looking at places  
18 like that, ambush points, to where. And then I'm placing

19 **LES**

20 **LES** That's the most important thing to  
21 me, during a counter assault advance.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Other differences.

23 **Witness** What do you mean?

24 **HSGAC Majority** Between POTUS/VPOTUS event, CAT advances,  
25 and candidate.

1           **Witness**       Oh, what's the other differences? So for  
2    like -- **LES**                               There's really **LES**  
3    **LES**               Now, for small details, for example, like  
4    former Presidents, it would be telephonic interviews, just  
5    because of manpower. And typically **LES** **LES**  
6    **LES**                               so doing like small  
7    detail counter assault advances is not a common thing.

8           HSGAC Majority   One of the things you described, when you  
9   referenced manpower, are you talking about resource  
10   availability?

11           **Witness**       Yeah.    So the Counter Assault Team is  
12   **LES**                               .   **LES**  
13   **LES**       And then there are only certain times, typically,  
14   that the **LES**                               **LES**                               , or maybe  
15   the **LES**                               .   So like the Counter  
16   Assault Team is not a big team, and so whenever we get  
17   tasked to do small detail stuff, for example, like the  
18   former President, our manpower shrinks a lot as far as  
19   sending guys out in advances **LES**  
20   because we're still covering those people too.

21 So when we're talking about LES [REDACTED], you know,  
22 we get LES [REDACTED] in a day on each shift, and then  
23 you have everywhere he's going, which you've got to send  
24 advance agents out for. And then LES [REDACTED]. I  
25 mean, you're talking about manpower can get pretty tight.

1 So sending a counter assault advance on a small detail,  
2 yeah, I just don't think that manpower-wise that it would  
3 be feasible.

4 **HSGAC Majority** So did resource availability play a role in  
5 what capabilities you had, including manpower, for this  
6 event in Butler?

7 **Witness** I don't think so, just because my role as  
8 the counter assault, I can -- I would rather be on the  
9 ground so I can visually see everything. But I could also,  
10 telephonically, I can pretty much do an advance  
11 telephonically as long as I can pull up on **LES** and  
12 stuff and see what the venue is, and then I could ask the  
13 site agents, or counter sniper if they're there, or I could  
14 ask the lead or the locals, my local tactical partners,  
15 "Hey, what's this look like? Are there any rivers coming  
16 up? What's the chokepoints here?" And kind of look at  
17 points, and then they will reference those points, and I  
18 can pull them up on maps.

19 But yeah, I mean, manpower is always going to be an  
20 issue with us. So the more manpower, the better.

21 **HSGAC Majority** You also said earlier that at least with  
22 respect to your knowledge, the 13th was the first time a  
23 counter sniper had been added to the event for non-POTUS.

24 **Witness** Secret Service counter sniper.

25 **HSGAC Majority** That Secret Service counter sniper, to your

1 knowledge, did he also, or did that team also have a plan  
2 or advance that it had to complete?

3 **Witness** I don't really want to speak on their  
4 planning and behalf, but I'm sure they would have to come  
5 up with some type of plan.

6 **HSGAC Majority** Well, I ask because I want to understand  
7 the interplay between all planning. So first, with respect  
8 to you --

9 **Witness** I received a Secret Service counter sniper  
10 plan.

11 **HSGAC Majority** Written?

12 **Witness** Via email, and it was on the Final Survey.

13 **HSGAC Majority** When did you receive that?

14 **Witness** I'm not really sure of the timing, but it  
15 would've been a day or two before, possibly.

16 **HSGAC Majority** I'm going to mark a document as Exhibit 1.  
17 The document is entitled, "Preliminary Survey." Iti does  
18 not have a Bates stamp. It is approximately 10 pages

19 [Exhibit No. 1 was  
20 marked for identification.]

21 **HSGAC Majority** Taking a look at this document entitled  
22 "Preliminary Survey," do you recognize it?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** And what is it?

25 **Witness** This is just a typical Preliminary Survey

1 of the events, the overview of each site, and the visit  
2 itself.

3 HSGAC Majority Does it contain the information you were  
4 referencing to me about the counter sniper plan?

5 Witness Yes.

6 HSGAC Majority And what information is contained in there?

7 Witness So at Site 2 it says -- let me see. So at  
8 Site 2 it just says counter sniper, or it says "C-S, two 2-  
9 man Hercules elevated at four o'clock and eight o'clock."  
10 And then on other assets it says, LES local" -- no,  
11 sorry -- "two 2-man local counter sniper teams elevated at  
12 four and eight o'clock, barn roof."

13 HSGAC Majority So that gives you information in advance  
14 about manpower numbers --

15 Witness Yes.

16 HSGAC Majority -- approximate locations, elevations.

17 Witness Yes.

18 HSGAC Majority Does it give you any other information  
19 that's necessary for your work?

20 Witness No, nothing that I would need.

21 HSGAC Majority Are you and your CAT planning included in  
22 this survey?

23 Witness Yes.

24 HSGAC Majority And what information is included on that?

25 Witness It would be, so for Site 2 it would be one

1 LES team, LES , and then  
2 it my local assets, so it would be LES  
3 teams, six o'clock and ten o'clock.

4 HSGAC Majority And how is that information important for  
5 the overall plan?

6 Witness So everybody would know exactly what  
7 tactical assets and where they're located.

8 HSGAC Majority You said that the first time you saw the  
9 Butler site physically, with your own eyes, was after the  
10 motorcade arrived at the event. You didn't give a time,  
11 but approximately, can you say how long before the event  
12 started?

13 Witness Maybe 15, 20 minutes before he got on the  
14 stage. That's an approximate time. I have no idea.

15 HSGAC Majority In that time, did you make an initial  
16 assessment, in accordance with how you would for any event,  
17 of your needs and your capabilities and whether they were  
18 met?

19 Witness Yes. So typically on these rallies, they're  
20 all built out the same. I made an initial -- I walked  
21 around the LES , just to make sure that  
22 there were no vulnerabilities as far as like an ambush  
23 could get there, and it was a LES  
24 LES . I looked at the stage area, and I noticed  
25 that there was LES -- LES

1 LES [REDACTED], just in case. That's  
2 where they ended up going anyways. But on all these  
3 rallies they're built out the same, where they have  
4 bleachers and bleachers, and then there's LES [REDACTED]

5 LES [REDACTED]

6 LES [REDACTED]

7 LES [REDACTED]

8 Typically there's bike racks there, and there was for  
9 this one. But in an EA situation somebody is going to move

10 LES [REDACTED]. I looked at

11 that. And then from where I was at the LES [REDACTED]  
12 area I could see down the perimeters, at least at the six  
13 and the nine o'clock areas, and I could see that the  
14 perimeters were pretty far back, whereas like when I say  
15 that, like there wasn't people just walking everywhere.

16 You know what I'm saying?

17 But for counter assault advance, there's really not  
18 just too much, like you said. Like the assets, I felt like  
19 we had for counter assault were okay.

20 HSGAC Majority So when you were on the ground for the  
21 first time, making your preliminary assessment with the  
22 ability to see physically what was there, did you deem it  
23 necessary to make any changes to your plan, other than --

24 Witness No.

25 HSGAC Majority And I guess to understand correctly, were

1 the bike racks moved? Was that a change?

2 **Witness** That's only going to be -- so that's only  
3 going to happen if something, an EA situation was to  
4 happen.

5 **HSGAC Majority** So, sorry. Your response was no, you made  
6 no other changes.

7 **Witness** No. I didn't make any changes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Are you aware of any other documents that  
9 go into planning that you need to be aware of with respect  
10 to your responsibilities in advance of a particular non-  
11 POTUS/VPOTUS event?

12 **Witness** The only documents that I look for, for any  
13 advance, would be the site diagrams from the site agents,  
14 and then any type of tactical survey for the TAC teams, to  
15 let me know what, you know, their locations and manpower.

16 **HSGAC Majority** And did you have a tactical survey to  
17 review in this?

18 **Witness** I had CS's tactical survey.

19 **HSGAC Majority** One last question and then we'll pause.  
20 You mentioned in an earlier line of questioning that with  
21 respect to the responsibilities that you have, as a CAT  
22 team member, the perimeter itself doesn't matter in terms  
23 of what is outside and what is inside. Is that the case  
24 with respect to just your manpower assessment or is it  
25 going to matter if, for example, the perimeter is such that



1 there is a larger area of individuals on the outside of  
2 the perimeter, or, conversely, a larger amount of  
3 individuals on an inside of the perimeter, and the security  
4 that is going to relate to each of those individuals?

5 **Witness** So the security -- the perimeter is set by  
6 the site agents. Now with that being said --

7 **HSGAC Majority** Site agents, you said?

8 **Witness** Site agent or -- sometimes, **LES**,  
9 there could be a site agent and then a site assist agent,  
10 and they could have a local counterpart agent with them, as  
11 well. So all that said, based on what they believe. You  
12 get what I'm saying, what needs to be done. Maybe  
13 walkthroughs or whatever.

14 When the counter assault, that initial perimeter,  
15 let's just say like you said. If it's super big and  
16 there's a bunch of people -- let's just say it's like a  
17 college football game, thousands of people -- the perimeter  
18 is very important, but as far as the perimeter goes it's  
19 not going to dictate where I place people. I mean, it will  
20 dictate where I place people, but I will just ask for more  
21 response teams. Does that make sense?

22 **HSGAC Majority** Yes. I don't want to put words in your  
23 mouth, so you tell me if I'm correct. Are you saying that  
24 the location of the perimeter in relation to the size is  
25 going to dictate the number of resources you need?

1           **Witness**       Yes.   One hundred percent.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Okay.   At this point let's take a break,  
3   and we'll resume questioning in five minutes.

4           MR. **Witness Counsel**   Okay.   Thank you very much.   I'll remain  
5   on the line.

6           [Recess.]

7           **HSGAC Majority**   I want to make sure counsel is back.

8           [Pause.]

9           MR. **Witness Counsel**   Can you hear me?

10          **HSGAC Minority**   Yes, we can hear you.   Can you hear us?

11          MR. **Witness Counsel**   Okay.   Yep.   Yep.   Thank you.

12          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay, great.   We're going to bounce  
13   around a little bit, but I wanted to talk a little bit  
14   about the advance and the preplanning.   It's really helpful  
15   to hear from your perspective because I can tell you from  
16   our perspective the term "briefing" means something totally  
17   different to us.   So it's helpful to hear how it's used in  
18   your world, because for us it means, you know, some long,  
19   verbal meeting, very formal.   So it's helpful to hear what  
20   that means, because when we see it on paper I didn't  
21   immediately recognize what it was.

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

23          **HSGAC Minority**   So when did former President Trump start  
24   receiving continuous coverage via the CAT team?

25          **Witness**       I don't know the exact time frame, but I

1 know we pushed the Counter Assault Team, the counter  
2 assault agents, off -- they were there for at least three  
3 weeks. So I would say at least three weeks before I was  
4 there, and I was there for 20 to 25 days.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And you said that's not typical?

6 **Witness** Not typical for what?

7 **HSGAC Minority** That's not typical for a former  
8 President to receive CAT teams?

9 **Witness** It's not typical. Now, I'm sure there are  
10 certain situations where they have before, but normally no.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And would that be more situation or  
12 event specific as opposed to -- because you all were  
13 providing continuous, 24/7 CAT team coverage. Is that  
14 right?

15 **Witness** We were covering **LES**.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So if the former President were  
17 stationary in a location for a set period of time, he would  
18 not have CAT team?

19 **Witness** So station for a set time as far as like one  
20 **LES**

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

22 **Witness** But as far as stationary **LES**  
23 **LES**

24 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know why CAT team was  
25 assigned to him?

1           **Witness**       I have no idea.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. Is that something that you would  
3 typically be aware of, or you just --

4           **Witness**       No. It wouldn't affect my job on a daily  
5 basis because the protectee doesn't matter. I mean, we  
6 would still do the same thing.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. I understand. And you mentioned  
8 that CAT is designed for the President. The Vice President  
9 does receive CAT team coverage, sometimes the First Lady.  
10 The First Lady was in the area that day, July 13th.  
11 Correct? Did she have CAT team members?

12          **Witness**       Not that I know of.

13          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.

14          **Witness**       She could've, but I don't think -- I don't  
15 know 100 percent.

16          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. That's helpful.

17          **Witness**       And whenever I said that counter assault  
18 **LES** , there are situations where they can  
19 be assigned to other people too. So I'm just throwing that  
20 out there. Like I don't want to be --

21          **HSGAC Minority**   Of course. And how many events, roughly  
22 -- because you've been on the CAT team since 2022, you  
23 said?

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

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Do you know roughly how many events

1 you've covered?

2 **Witness** For --

3 **HSGAC Minority** Anyone?

4 **Witness** Any protectee?

5 **HSGAC Minority** Over 100?

6 **Witness** A bunch, yeah. Like every day, you know.

7 It's not like -- the Counter Assault Team is not like a  
8 typical SWAT team or something, where you're at training,  
9 training, training, training, training, and then you  
10 deploy. We are activated, or we are working every day,  
11 shift work and stuff. So, I mean, depending on POTUS or  
12 VPOTUS or wherever you're assigned to that day, and whether  
13 they are in and out, you know, I mean, there's a bunch.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And have you ever been assigned to a  
15 candidate under the -- is it the Candidate Nominating  
16 Operations?

17 **Witness** I never have.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

19 **Witness** Only because I didn't come until 2022.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So it may have been done  
21 previously.

22 **Witness** Oh yeah.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So you talked a little bit about  
24 protective intelligence. What does that mean in terms of  
25 protection?

1       **Witness**     So protective intelligence, that's like  
2     another division, and that would be like the threats  
3     against the protectee. They do come out for advances. I'm  
4     not sure which advances they go to or whatnot, but they  
5     also monitor like people that have made threatening  
6     statements or are capable of carrying out threats. I mean,  
7     essentially it's just a threat database, and people  
8     assigned to that division to help with threat analysis  
9     really.

10       **HSGAC Minority**   And so do they have people on the  
11     ground?

12       **Witness**     Typically, yes. I can't speak for July 13th  
13     because I have no idea. But typically, yes.

14       **HSGAC Minority**   And what would be their role on the  
15     ground?

16       **Witness**     You know, I never was in protective  
17     intelligence so I -- I mean, just from working with people  
18     in the past, their role on the ground, there would be  
19     different -- so let me break it down just a little further.  
20     So let's just say July 13th. Well, that's not a good  
21     example because it's not a big event. But typically  
22     protective intelligence, they would send out somebody from  
23     actual PID. Protective Intelligence Division would send  
24     out an advance guy, and then that advance guy would also  
25     have different protective intelligence agents under him at

1 each site. So, and they would essentially, if somebody  
2 suspicious or something was to happen, or maybe somebody on  
3 a watch list was to show up, or somebody started saying  
4 some threatening words or something concerning, they would  
5 go talk to those people and interview those people.

6 **HSGAC Minority** So they have advance agents that they  
7 send out, but they're also on the ground on the day of the  
8 event, potentially, at times?

9 **Witness** Yeah, potentially. I don't really know like  
10 how they do their advances and the manpower they send out.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And then do you ever interact with them  
12 in your role?

13 **Witness** If I was on the ground I would, because we  
14 would have briefings throughout the week, countdown  
15 briefings or whatever they want to call them, where  
16 everybody just basically says, like counter assault, I  
17 would stand up and say, "So right now at Site 1 we're  
18 looking at these assets. Site 2, we're looking at these  
19 assets," and everybody goes around the room. So PID,  
20 Protective Intelligence, their representative would say,  
21 "Yes, right now we're not tracking no threats in the area,"  
22 or they may be saying, "Right now there's **LES**," or  
23 whatever the scenario may be in the area, but "right now  
24 they're not concerning or making any type of threatening  
25 movements, or anything like that.

1           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And you said that sometimes  
2 they'll run a list **LES** and provide that if someone  
3 maybe pinged the system?

4           **Witness**       Yes.

5           **HSGAC Minority**   And so are those attendees of whatever  
6 event, is that how they have the names?

7           **Witness**       Are you asking if all the attendees are  
8 screened?

9           **HSGAC Minority**   No. I'm just asking, you just mentioned  
10 the list. So that's --

11          **Witness**       So like a **LES** would be like people  
12 that was already in the protective intelligence system from  
13 like previous threats. So once you're in that system, I  
14 don't want to speak too much on it because I have no idea,  
15 but I know that once you're in that system, and then like a  
16 protectee comes to that region, **LES**  
17 **LES**

18          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.

19          **Witness**       But as far as counter assault goes, I  
20 wouldn't -- I do look at **LES**, but like if there was  
21 -- like for July 13th there wasn't a list that I know  
22 about. But even if there was, I wouldn't -- I'm not going  
23 to be in a place where I'm going to be able to identify  
24 somebody, if that makes sense.

25          **HSGAC Minority**   Yeah.



1           **Witness**       Yeah.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   And so on the ground on July 13th, if  
3   there were agents there, and, you know, would they be  
4   looking for people on the roof or people who look  
5   suspicious? Is that something that would be part of their  
6   role?

7           **Witness**       I wouldn't think PID, that wouldn't be a  
8   part of their role.

9           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.

10          **Witness**       Because they're just going to respond to a  
11   suspicious person based on like, let's just say like a  
12   local officer or maybe a Secret Service post-stander at a  
13   certain gate or something, just staying there, and somebody  
14   comes up there and says, "I need to speak to the President.  
15   I have this letter. You know, he's asked me to come," and  
16   obviously he hasn't. That would be something that they  
17   would respond to.

18               Now as far as looking at suspicious people and stuff  
19   on the roof, I mean, that would be essentially everybody's  
20   role, not even Secret Service, depending on what you're  
21   posted. And a lot of it comes down to what your post-  
22   stander, like your post-stander assignment is, I guess you  
23   could say, and your responsibilities of it. So if you're  
24   posted -- let's just say you are posted at a gate, they may  
25   say, you know, make sure only our **LES** come through

1 this gate. And if you're at like a building or  
2 something, then make sure, maintain integrity of like the  
3 sweep. Make sure nobody puts any backpacks down or  
4 something. And then they could say, you know, have  
5 overwatch of a roof if that was the case, but that wouldn't  
6 be just typically a PI role. That's not their role.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Would that be local law  
8 enforcement's role?

9 **Witness** It depends. It depends on where -- so I  
10 don't want to break down -- I'm not on a detail, so as far  
11 as like advance like site advances on a detail perspective  
12 I don't really know just too much about, but I know that  
13 the site agents would post people up, Secret Service, and  
14 they would determine what role Secret Service would cover,  
15 what role local law enforcement would cover, what posts  
16 these people are at, et cetera.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

18 **Witness** That would be their role, yeah.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm going to pass it along to  
20 **HSGAC Minority** who is going to ask a few questions.

21 **HSGAC Minority** I'm **HSGAC Minority** Senator Paul's  
22 office, and as I told your counterpart the other day I  
23 appreciate your dedication to what you've done. It's a  
24 long process, so thank you.

25 **Witness** Thank you.

1       **HSGAC Minority**    I've got a few questions, and some of  
2       them are just follow-ups or maybe to tie in some loose ends  
3       on some answers that have already been given.

4       You explained your telephonic process of events such  
5       as July 13th, and I can totally understand and appreciate  
6       the fact you can't be everywhere on these advances, so  
7       you're relying on **LES**, and even  
8       other people on the ground. But just to confirm, I believe  
9       I heard this, that your on-site visits in person are, what  
10      I would say, a more effective way of doing it than  
11      telephonic?

12      **Witness**       Yes, I would agree with that.

13      **HSGAC Minority**    Probably almost immeasurable the  
14      difference in being there in person or doing it in person  
15      than over the phone or [inaudible].

16      **Witness**       Yes. Now I will say that there are times  
17      when -- so I told you that typically we're on the ground  
18      **LES**, or **LES**  
19      **LES**. Now, that does not mean that we are  
20      working that -- we are working, but a lot of times these  
21      administrations don't even have these sites approved until  
22      a day before. So from a counter assault perspective, I can  
23      try to get manpower together through that week, but if I  
24      don't know the site until the day before, and then trying  
25      to get communication plans for that site, and then trying

1 to get briefings done, and then the normal Secret Service  
2 briefings.

3 So what I'm trying to say is yeah, it would be great  
4 if we had advance, like we could send somebody out LES  
5 at a time, but it would also be great if these sites were  
6 confirmed a week at a time, as well.

7 HSGAC Minority If we lived in a perfect world.

8 Witness If we lived in a perfect world. That's  
9 right.

10 HSGAC Minority Perfect. Thank you. Who made the  
11 decision to do these advances telephonic? And I think that  
12 you just answered that, but those are based upon your time,  
13 distance, availability. Correct? I mean, if you had the  
14 time you would go and do them in person? But as you just  
15 stated, to confirm, it's based upon a lot of different  
16 variables.

17 Witness It's a lot of different variables. I'm not  
18 really sure who made the exact decision to do them  
19 telephonically. I was just told that that's how they were  
20 going to be for this, just because of manpower issues. And  
21 it would be hard to send -- like for Trump we had LES  
22 LES that were covering him before July 13th,  
23 trying to cover all his movements in a 24-hour period, and  
24 then sending one of those guys to do an advance just takes  
25 that team down to LES And then for LES to

1 get enough rest, to eat, you know, to have time besides  
2 working 24/7, I just don't see how that could happen. So  
3 that's why I think they were saying to do them  
4 telephonically.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And to confirm, as I think I've heard  
6 earlier, your posture does change or fluctuate, depending  
7 on location, who you're protecting, vulnerabilities that  
8 are identified. Am I correct on that?

9 **Witness** Yes.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And the last question I have is on  
11 communications. Interoperability coms, you talked about  
12 that just a little bit, your process in that. And the  
13 process of setting that up is different with POTUS versus a  
14 former President. Is that what I heard you say?

15 **Witness** I'm not going to say that it's not the same.  
16 In this situation it was different. It just depends on if  
17 you can get an advance guy there to help. I mean, if I  
18 was, on July 13th, if I would've been there in Butler  
19 County and had access to multiple radios I could've put a  
20 radio request in to get -- let's just say I needed **LES**  
21 radios for my response teams at every site. I could  
22 receive those radios and then pass them out like the day  
23 before.

24 **HSGAC Minority** So that's my last thing. July 13th was  
25 different from your prior experiences on how that was

1 taking place.

2 **Witness** As far as the protectee of Trump? Yes, that  
3 was different. And then a POTUS advance.

4 **HSGAC Minority** That's all I have.

5 **Witness** Yes, sir.

6 **HSGAC Minority** So can you help clarify the difference  
7 between a Security Room and a Command Post? Sometimes  
8 they're used interchangeably, but it sounds like sometimes  
9 they're not.

10 **Witness** Yeah. So typically, like I said, a Security  
11 Room is site dependent, and a Command Post is the whole  
12 event. So at a Command Post there should be -- that would  
13 be where all the representatives for each agency would be  
14 located, and the coms should be pushed out from the Command  
15 Post to Security Rooms.

16 Now, let's just say Site 1 Security Room there was an  
17 issue there, or there was an issue at Site 1. Site 1  
18 Security Room would relay that to the Command Post.  
19 Command Post would relay that to Site 2, to relay to us,  
20 like, "Hey, there's an issue at Site 1. Don't go there  
21 right now."

22 So I guess the Command Post is just a bigger -- it's  
23 where everybody should be co-located, and a Security Room  
24 would only be -- so like the Security Room for Site 2 would  
25 not have Site 1 assets in it, if it was in a different

1 jurisdiction.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And would a Security Room have  
3 state law enforcement, local law enforcement?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Minority** And where was the Security Room for the  
6 event?

7 **Witness** I have no idea. I don't get involved in  
8 those details. It wouldn't matter to me, on the counter  
9 assault side.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Do you have communication to the  
11 Security Room?

12 **Witness** It would be through **Channel**

13 **HSGAC Minority** Through **Channel** Okay.

14 **Witness** Yep. Or if it was like a POTUS event it  
15 would be through our TAC channel or, you know -- yes, I  
16 would have access to those. Yep.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And then do you also have  
18 communication with the Command Post?

19 **Witness** Yes. It would be through whatever channels  
20 that they would give us.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you recall around what  
22 time former President Trump took the stage?

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

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you recall if it was before or  
25 after you heard about the local law enforcement addressing

1 an issue?

2 **Witness** He was already on the stage.

3 **HSGAC Minority** He was already on the stage. So who  
4 makes the decision whether or not to have a protectee make  
5 a movement if there is some kind of altercation going on or  
6 some situation?

7 **Witness** It would be the detail leader.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

9 **Witness** Or the shift leader, I guess, could do that,  
10 as well. I mean, if I would've heard something I would've,  
11 on the counter assault side, I would've radioed in to the  
12 shift leader and would've said, "Hey, there's somebody on  
13 the building at the three o'clock, possibly with a rifle."  
14 And then the shift leader -- the detail leader would hear  
15 that and the shift leader, I would be directly talking to  
16 the shift leader, and then they would make a decision,  
17 based on them, yeah.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And who would be responsible for  
19 communicating that to either the protectee, or moving the  
20 protectee as a result?

21 **Witness** So it depends on where the threat is and  
22 what it is. So for example, on July 13th, that was on the  
23 outer perimeter, from what my knowledge was, and so that  
24 would be local law enforcement's responsibility to radio  
25 that in to the Security Room, who would push it out to us.



1           **HSGAC Minority**     And then in your role, would CAT be  
2     responsible for actually moving the protectee, or would  
3     somebody else?

4      Witness      LES      --      LES      --      LES

5 LES

6 LES . We just provide tactical coverage. So if --  
7 let's just go to July 13th. With the protectee being on  
8 the ground or on the stage, just laying there, for however  
9 seconds or minutes, like that's not our determination. Our  
10 determination is, okay, LES

11 LES

12 LES

13 LES

14 LES

15 LES [REDACTED], as far as

16 **LES** and making those decisions, as detail  
17 leader and shift leader.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And then any events that you've worked  
19 previously, has there been a situation where a protectee  
20 was either delayed or moved as a result of some kind of  
21 altercation or incident?

22           **Witness**     Not that I can recall, but I'm sure it's  
23   happened.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

25           **Witness**       But I can't recall nothing just right off

1 the top of my head.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

3 **PSI Minority** Hi, **Witness** This is **PSI Minority**  
4 with Ranking Member Johnson's office. Thank you again for  
5 your time today. I'm going to have a few follow-up  
6 questions regarding some of the earlier questions from  
7 today, and then I kind of want to go back into the timeline  
8 of what you experienced on July 13th.

9 **Witness** Yes, sir.

10 **PSI Minority** So to begin with the follow-up  
11 questions, who told you to do the advance work  
12 telephonically?

13 **Witness** So I'm not really sure, to be honest. I  
14 think that was just the -- so whenever I received the  
15 assignment to do the **LES** detail or the Trump detail, the  
16 information was passed from previous counter assault guys  
17 to, you know, this is how we've been operating, this is how  
18 we've been doing advances. So I'm not sure if that was  
19 established at the very beginning through SOD leadership on  
20 how to, you know, do these telephonically, or if that was  
21 established, you know, two weeks before them. It was  
22 obviously established before I got there because I was told  
23 to do them telephonically from the beginning. So I'm not  
24 really sure how that was relayed or who came up with that.  
25 But it was just relayed to us, that's how they've been

1 operating on the detail.

2 **PSI Minority** And when you were told to do this  
3 advance work telephonically, were you part of a group that  
4 -- was it an email that described different areas of  
5 responsibilities or was it just directly to you and your  
6 role?

7 **Witness** What do you mean, an email of  
8 responsibilities?

9 **PSI Minority** However the notification was delivered.

10 **Witness** So how was I notified of this advance?

11 **PSI Minority** Yeah.

12 **Witness** Yeah, so it was -- I mean, we knew that the  
13 Pittsburgh rally was going to happen, or a rally in  
14 Pennsylvania was going to happen. It's just a matter of  
15 which counter assault agent had done the advance before  
16 that one and who is up next, you know, during the time of -  
17 - our time on Trump's detail. So like the rally in  
18 Chesapeake was probably two weeks before the Pennsylvania  
19 rally, and I'd done that one, so the next rally or the next  
20 site, or whatever he was doing, would be a different  
21 counter assault, and it just kind of just rolls, and I was  
22 just up for it at that time.

23 **PSI Minority** And when you were notified about doing  
24 advance work for the counter assault aspect of the event,  
25 did you know who was in charge of the other advance work

1 for the other responsibilities at the event?

2 **Witness** I wouldn't know that until an email from the  
3 lead. The lead will typically send out an email saying,  
4 hey, this is the advance for Site 1, the advance for Site  
5 2, the advance for transportation security, the advance for  
6 TSD, you know, and so on, the advance for counter assault,  
7 which is me.

8 **PSI Minority** And when did you receive that  
9 notification?

10 **Witness** That would've been probably like Monday. I  
11 don't know the time exactly, but that would've been  
12 probably like a week or so before.

13 **PSI Minority** And it was at that point that you could  
14 see the other individuals involved?

15 **Witness** If they were determined. Sometimes it's  
16 TBD, based on a lot of different factors.

17 **PSI Minority** At that point, was the counter sniper  
18 lead notified?

19 **Witness** To be honest, I don't think that he was. I  
20 think he was notified maybe during the middle of the week,  
21 because I remember him calling me personally and saying,  
22 "Hey, I just got notified of this advance. This is the  
23 first time that we've been notified. We'll be at Site 2."  
24 We just kind of went over everything. He was like, "Are  
25 you there?" and I told him, I said, "No. We're doing ours

1 telephonically." And he said, "Okay."

2 And then that's kind of -- he was kind of, how I  
3 receive some of my information on like, hey, what's the  
4 site look like? What are the chokepoints? And that's kind  
5 of -- counter sniper and counter assault work heavily  
6 together on these advances.

7 **PSI Minority** It's typical for both teams to  
8 coordinate?

9 **Witness** Oh, 100 percent.

10 **PSI Minority** And who was this individual that  
11 contacted you?

12 **Witness** I don't remember his name?

13 **PSI Minority** Had you worked --

14 **Witness** When I say we worked a lot together, we do  
15 work a lot together on advances. But on a daily basis,  
16 like we don't **LES**  
17 **LES**. So I don't know  
18 these guys' names personally, unless like I went through  
19 agent school with them or something.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay.

21 **Witness** I believe his last name started with a **LES**

22 **PSI Minority** With a **LES**

23 **Witness** Yeah. **LES** I've never worked with him before  
24 until this.

25 **PSI Minority** Okay. And you mentioned that this call

1 occurred a few days after you were initially notified  
2 that you would be conducting advance for --

3 **Witness** Yeah. I would say that he had a couple of  
4 days to do the advance.

5 **PSI Minority** And when you -- was that the first --  
6 so when he contacted you, was that the first time that you  
7 found out that a counter sniper team would be involved at  
8 this event?

9 **Witness** Yes. He contacted me, and then that's where  
10 I found out.

11 **PSI Minority** And what was your reaction?

12 **Witness** I said, "Great. Here are some contact  
13 numbers." So I passed over some contact numbers, like **Butler ES**  
14 **Butler ESU Command** just Butler County ESU, Pennsylvania State Police,  
15 because he's going to need those numbers to see what type  
16 of assets they can provide.

17 **PSI Minority** At that time, had you known that  
18 counter sniper teams had never been provided to former  
19 President Trump's events?

20 **Witness** I don't think I knew that at that time,  
21 until he told me that on the phone.

22 **PSI Minority** And what was your reaction to hearing  
23 that.

24 **Witness** I was glad to see them there, you know. I  
25 mean, I wasn't not surprised or surprised. I mean, they're

1 going to do their advance regardless, the same way I'm  
2 going to do mine. I don't think it's going to affect the  
3 way they operate or anything. It's just another protectee,  
4 you know.

5 **PSI Minority** Did hearing that this Counter Sniper  
6 Team would be present at this event, and that seemed to be  
7 something that was unprecedented for these types of events,  
8 did that -- did you feel that there could be a heightened  
9 threat level?

10 **Witness** No. Honestly, whenever they told me that,  
11 that was the first time Trump received counter sniper, I  
12 said, okay, well, maybe he -- he just started receiving  
13 counter assault just a couple of months before, so I was  
14 like, okay, well, I guess it's time, you know, he's  
15 starting to grow bigger crowds, or whatever, however the  
16 administration, Secret Service administration deems to send  
17 people. Well, I guess it's time for counter snipers to  
18 start coming out.

19 **PSI Minority** And in that initial discussion, did  
20 this individual associated with the Counter Sniper Team  
21 inform you how many people he would be sending to the  
22 event?

23 **Witness** Are you talking about assets of July 13th,  
24 that day?

25 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir.

1           **Witness**       Yes.

2           **PSI Minority**       And how many people?   How many assets?

3           **Witness**       So he told me that there would be two 2-man  
4   Secret Service sniper teams at the eight and four o'clock,  
5   which were on the barns behind the stage, and then there  
6   would be a local counter sniper team at the three o'clock,  
7   at the AGR building, and then another team in the horse  
8   announcer box of a building at the ten o'clock, eleven  
9   o'clock area.

10          **PSI Minority**       And from your professional experience,  
11   did that sound sufficient?

12          **Witness**       Yeah.   It sounded sufficient to me.   It  
13   looked like they had everything covered.   I've never done  
14   CS advances so I'm not really sure what areas and stuff  
15   they look for.   But four sniper teams, that's more than  
16   I've ever had at a small detail, seen.

17          **PSI Minority**       As you were conducting your own advance  
18   work, did you notice the AGR building?

19          **Witness**       Like I said, I'd done mine telephonically.  
20   I did know that there was a building at the three o'clock.  
21   I didn't know it was the AGR building.

22          **PSI Minority**       Did that building, at its location,  
23   pose any risks to you from a counter assault perspective?

24          **Witness**       I would say yes.   I mean, there's always  
25   going to be a risk to the counter assault if there's an



1 elevated building, and we're trying to do our job and  
2 we're getting shot at from an elevated position, from a  
3 sniper, you know. That would be bad. So there's a risk  
4 there, 100 percent. But the CS team is designed to  
5 mitigate those risks, and he said there would be a sniper  
6 team there at the three o'clock, at the AGR building.

7 **PSI Minority** Did you discuss that risk with the  
8 individual associated with the Counter Sniper Teams?

9 **Witness** As in like in depth?

10 **PSI Minority** As in that you had noticed that there  
11 could be a risk.

12 **Witness** So this is how our conversations usually go.  
13 So whenever he arrived and did his initial site  
14 walkthrough, because he was there on the ground, I asked  
15 him, I said, "Hey, what's your concerns about your --  
16 what's your long-range concerns, like areas of concern?"  
17 And this is the response, just like at every advance I ever  
18 do is, "Well, you've got this building over here at the  
19 three o'clock, and you've got this building over here, and  
20 you've got a wood line **LES**

21 **LES** So we go through all that.

22 So whenever he determines these areas of -- that  
23 potential threats could be, or like concerns, I'm not going  
24 to -- I can't talk about their advance because I don't  
25 know. But that's why they place people where they do, if

1 that makes sense.

2 **PSI Minority** When you completed your advance work  
3 did you create a final document or a final report?

4 **Witness** No. I was briefed not to do any paperwork  
5 because I was not there on the ground. It was telephonic.  
6 So I don't know how I could even come up with paperwork if  
7 I wasn't there. It would almost be a lie.

8 **PSI Minority** Could you explain to us why you can't  
9 do paperwork, just so we can understand?

10 **Witness** I mean, I could've come up with some type of  
11 paperwork, as far as maybe like in the survey, that would  
12 say, you know -- so let's go to a **LES** real quick.  
13 So a **LES** I would do a TAC survey and what we call  
14 visuals, tactical visuals. And that's based on me being  
15 there, seeing everything, and putting all that information  
16 together.

17 For something like this, where I'm not there, I  
18 wouldn't do that type of paperwork. I probably could've  
19 done that paperwork. I just don't know how I could've made  
20 the visuals and stuff without being there on the ground.  
21 And as far as the TAC survey goes, I mean, the preliminary  
22 lists everything tactical that I would put in a TAC survey.

23 **PSI Minority** And just so we're clear on record, the  
24 survey that you're referring to, sir, is what was marked as  
25 Exhibit 1, the Preliminary Survey, that we had discussed

1 earlier. And going into the information that's contained  
2 in the survey, I'll just turn to page 3 of Exhibit 1, where  
3 it mentions, towards the bottom, the CAT assets. So were  
4 you the person to indicate that information on this survey,  
5 or did someone else put this information in the survey?

6 **Witness** Page 3?

7 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir.

8 **Witness** Under "Other Assets"?

9 **PSI Minority** There's a **Witness** that says "CAT."

10 **Witness** Yeah. So I would not fill this out. This  
11 would be the site agent or the lead agent that would fill  
12 these surveys out. I just tell them the manpower that my  
13 assets that's going to be there, and then they would put it  
14 in these surveys.

15 **PSI Minority** And I think you mentioned the name of  
16 at least one of those individuals prior, but again, could  
17 you remind us who the site agent and who the lead agent  
18 were for this event?

19 **Witness** The lead agent, her first name was **Lead Agent**

20 **PSI Minority** Mm-hmm.

21 **Witness** I don't who the site agents were. I'm  
22 terrible with names. I'm only good with faces. Sorry  
23 about that.

24 **PSI Minority** Well, on page 1 of Exhibit 1 we'll see  
25 if you wouldn't mind trying your best, if you remember.

1 There are a number of boxes. Under "Advance Team" there  
2 are a number of boxes labeled with responsibility. The  
3 names are blank. These are redactions that were applied to  
4 these documents before being submitted to the Committees.  
5 So we just covered the lead for the responsibility. Do you  
6 know the airport site agent?

7 **Witness** No, sir.

8 **PSI Minority** And we talked about the site agent. Do  
9 you know the site counterpart?

10 **Witness** No, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** Intelligence?

12 **Witness** No, sir.

13 **PSI Minority** Counter sniper?

14 **Witness** I just know his last name starts with, I  
15 think it was a **LES** I'm not 100 percent sure on that.

16 **PSI Minority** And TSD?

17 **Witness** No, sir. So these units, these people that  
18 you're asking me these names, I know it's kind of hard to  
19 visualize this, but like we -- these are different units  
20 and different offices, and the Secret Service is big. So  
21 like these people that you're asking me about, like this is  
22 the only time I've probably ever ran into these people, and  
23 I probably won't ever do it again.

24 Now for me not being there that week, and it was all  
25 telephonic, that's why I wouldn't know these names. If I

1 was there that week I could be like, oh yeah, that's this  
2 person or this person. But I wasn't there.

3 **PSI Minority** So given that, I want to ask you about  
4 your direct chain of command at the event, and maybe it's  
5 the same chain of command at any event. But if you  
6 wouldn't mind clarifying that for us. Could you tell us  
7 who your chain of command, or just describe your chain of  
8 command on July 13th?

9 **Witness** So on July 13th, that day would be -- on any  
10 advance, any situation, our chain of command would go  
11 through our team leader, a CAT team leader, and then that  
12 team leader would talk directly to the shift leader on  
13 exactly what he wants people to do.

14 **PSI Minority** And the name of those individuals?

15 **Witness** So that day, or on July 13th, and on Trump's  
16 detail the time I was there, there wasn't a specific TL  
17 because they were kind of -- it was -- it was just normal  
18 CAT special agents. There wasn't like a team leader.  
19 There are only **LES** team leaders that's over each team.  
20 And those team leaders are out on **LES** stuff or **LES**  
21 stuff. So on the Trump detail I guess you could  
22 technically say I was the acting team leader, because I'd  
23 done the advance. But in reality there was nobody set. So  
24 in a situation like July 13th, I was the one who come over  
25 the radio on **Channel** and said there were shots fired, because

1 nobody else said anything. And then we went out to the  
2 stage, and then we were waiting for the shift leader to  
3 make a call, LES

4 LES

5 So as far as like chain of command LES  
6 advance or a typical event, it would go through the team  
7 leader to the shift leader.

8 PSI Minority And then once the shift leader receives  
9 information, what does the shift leader do with that?

10 Witness He would pass it -- you're talking about the  
11 shift leader?

12 PSI Minority Yes, sir.

13 Witness He would pass it to the detail leader or  
14 make a decision right then and there, depending on what the  
15 information is.

16 PSI Minority And after that is there anyone else  
17 further up the chain?

18 Witness No. So as far -- like there's nobody  
19 sitting somewhere that's going to say, hey, do this or  
20 that. It's all based on the information at the time and  
21 was passed. So counter assault, if we receive -- we  
22 shouldn't receive anything that the shift leader or detail  
23 leader can't hear anyways. But if we were to do that, we  
24 would push it to them, and they would make a decision based  
25 on that information. They don't have to call nobody or

1 radio in and say, hey. They make those decisions right  
2 then and there.

3 **PSI Minority** And in terms of the pecking order, just  
4 so I understand, where does the shift leader fall in  
5 relation to the site agent or the lead site agent?

6 **Witness** So the site agent or like the lead agent for  
7 the event, they're just special agents. They're just  
8 regular special like I am. That's their assignment for  
9 that event, is Site 2 or the lead for the whole thing. The  
10 shift leader is a supervisor who is in control of the  
11 shift, the working agents around the protectee. So the  
12 shift leader is essentially telling the shift, hey, you  
13 need to go post on this corner or push out over here. The  
14 detail leader is the main supervisor for the detail that is  
15 directly contact -- **LES**  
16 **LES**.

17 So the shift leader will make decisions, but  
18 ultimately, I think everything comes down to the detail  
19 leader making, hey, we're going here or we're doing that.  
20 And then the shift leader will say, "All right, guys. We  
21 want you to push out here, cover these four corners,"  
22 talking about the shift. And then counter assault, if it's  
23 an EA situation, then we would do our tactics.

24 **PSI Minority** And the name of the shift leader at the  
25 event?

1       **Witness**     What was his name? I believe his last  
2 name starts with a **LES** but I'm not -- I don't know his full  
3 name. But on the radio we wouldn't call them by names. It  
4 would be **LES** or something, if we were to talk directly  
5 to them on the radio.

6       **PSI Minority**     And the name --

7       **Witness**     Or I would just say "shift leader."

8       **PSI Minority**     Okay. And the name of the detail  
9 leader?

10       **Witness**     That would be -- I believe that day it was  
11 **DTD SAIC**

12       **PSI Minority**     Okay.

13       **Witness**     -- over Donald Trump's detail.

14       **PSI Minority**     Had you worked with this detail leader  
15 prior?

16       **Witness**     Just a couple of weeks before, like doing  
17 golf movements or through -- I'm not really sure if he was  
18 at the -- which detail leader was at the Chesapeake site or  
19 at any other of the sites that we've done. But yeah, I  
20 mean, I worked with him quite a bit, I would say, in the  
21 last three weeks, probably on a daily basis, if not at  
22 least every other day. Because they rotate detail leaders.

23       **PSI Minority**     And is this detail leader, from our  
24 professional background and given what you may or may not  
25 know about him, is he a veteran of the service?



1           **Witness**       Yes.

2           **PSI Minority**       Do you know roughly how long he's  
3 worked?

4           **Witness**       No.

5           **PSI Minority**       And regarding the rest or the detail,  
6 have you had any interactions with those individuals?

7           **Witness**       Yes.

8           **PSI Minority**       How would you refer to their level of  
9 experience or time with the service?

10          **Witness**       As far as their time with the service or  
11 experience on the detail, I don't know. I'm not sure when  
12 they were hired. I'm not sure when they were put on the  
13 detail. I know there were some agents that were assigned  
14 to Donald Trump's detail and then there were some that were  
15 what we call CNOS, or campaign agents, to help out with  
16 manpower. But I don't know who was who or anything.

17          **PSI Minority**       Regarding the Preliminary Survey, who  
18 is the final approval of the Preliminary Survey?

19          **Witness**       Honestly, I have no idea. I'm just a  
20 special agent with the Counter Assault Team. I don't work  
21 on the administration side. I would say that somebody in  
22 the detail, whatever detail it is, would approve it. Or  
23 maybe office supervisor. I'm sure it has to go through a  
24 couple of different levels. I would send my paperwork to  
25 the lead agent. On a typical advance, I send my paperwork

1 to CAT Operations, who looks over it, tells me you need  
2 to fix these, make these corrections. It could be grammar  
3 or something. And then, or they'll say, "Okay, it looks  
4 good to go. You can send it to the lead." The lead agent  
5 will get it and then put it together in a survey, and then  
6 it gets sent to wherever for approval. I'm not sure where  
7 that's at.

8 **PSI Minority** We're going to go back to the timeline  
9 really soon, but before we do I want to go to back to  
10 Exhibit 1, and turn your attention to page 5 of 10. And I  
11 want to draw your attention to the box. It's on the left  
12 side, towards the bottom, that says, "CS." Is that counter  
13 sniper?

14 **Witness** Yes. Yes.

15 **PSI Minority** And is that, to the best of your  
16 knowledge, the location of those counter snipers?

17 **Witness** Yes.

18 **PSI Minority** I want to bring your attention to the  
19 box on the righthand side, even lower on the page, that  
20 says, "Other Assets." And the second line underneath that  
21 category states, "Two 2-man local CS team (elevated 4  
22 o'clock & 8 o'clock) barn roof." What barn roof is this  
23 referring to?

24 **Witness** So from looking at this document, it looks  
25 like there was a mistake made right there. The local CS

1 teams were not at the four and eight o'clock. That was  
2 the Secret Service CS teams. And you're just going to have  
3 to ask the Secret Service counter snipers what they were  
4 supposed to go there. But they're not the ones who had put  
5 this in there anyways. It would be the Site 2 agent or the  
6 lead agent. So it just seems like it was a mistake made.

7 **PSI Minority** And to be clear, from your  
8 understanding, where were the local teams located?

9 **Witness** The local teams, there was one team that was  
10 supposed to be located at the three o'clock, off the --  
11 somewhere at the AGR building, and then another team, like  
12 the ten o'clock-ish area, in a horse announcer box, a  
13 couple hundred yards out, just like the AGR building. Yes.

14 **PSI Minority** I'm going to present to you another  
15 record that we'll label as Exhibit 2. This is a document  
16 titled "Site Post Instructions," and it's Bates No. 219 to  
17 225.

18 [Exhibit No. 2 was  
19 marked for identification.]

20 **PSI Minority** Sir, I'll give you a moment just so you  
21 could take a look at this document.

22 [Pause.]

23 **PSI Minority** Are you familiar with this document,  
24 sir?

25 **Witness** This is just a common document that's sent

1 by the site agents to their posts, to the post-standers.

2 **PSI Minority** Did you receive this document?

3 **Witness** I possibly did. This document, to me, is  
4 really just -- the only thing -- I don't read all these  
5 instructions because it's really, it's not part of counter  
6 assault. But yeah, I've seen these documents before.

7 **PSI Minority** I want to bring your attention to the  
8 page with the Bates No. 224. The numbers are located in  
9 the top right of each page.

10 **Witness** Yes, sir.

11 **PSI Minority** Towards the bottom of the page there's  
12 a category that says "Counter Sniper." For each of these  
13 sections, would the individual or lead in charge of the  
14 advance, would they be responsible for filling in this  
15 information in this document, do you know?

16 **Witness** I would say the -- so I would say the site  
17 agent would be responsible for this.

18 **PSI Minority** The site agent?

19 **Witness** Yeah. But yeah. I would -- I'm not 100  
20 percent sure on that. It's not counter assault that would  
21 be.

22 **PSI Minority** Under the category of "Counter Sniper"  
23 there, there's a line that states, "**LES** 2-2 man  
24 Butler County ESU Sniper Teams, Inside AGR Building @ 3  
25 o'clock, off dais." Based on what you saw that day and

1 your understanding of the preparations for the event, is  
2 that accurate, that description of the location of that  
3 team?

4 **Witness** If you're asking if I seen them up there,  
5 that's a no. If you're asking that the -- if I just knew  
6 that they were there or not, then that's a no. But based  
7 on this description and what I receive and talk to the CS  
8 advance that there would be a counter sniper there at the  
9 three o'clock at the AGR building, a local counter sniper.  
10 But as far as counter assault confirming that when we got  
11 there, I wouldn't know. I mean, that building was out  
12 there. I was in tents. I mean, I couldn't see nothing,  
13 you know.

14 **PSI Minority** So that actually is a good segue into  
15 what you saw that day, and now we can go back into our  
16 timeline with the time that's remaining. So when you  
17 arrived at the venue did you notice the counter snipers in  
18 their locations?

19 **Witness** I noticed our CS Secret Service counter  
20 snipers, yes.

21 **PSI Minority** And where did you notice them?

22 **Witness** At the four and eight o'clock.

23 **PSI Minority** Is that the barn?

24 **Witness** Yes, on the barn. Yes.

25 **PSI Minority** And you noticed the two teams there.

1           **Witness**     Yes.

2           **PSI Minority**   Did you notice what directions they  
3 were facing?

4           **Witness**     Yes.

5           **PSI Minority**   And what directions were they facing?

6           **Witness**     So the team at the four o'clock would've  
7 been facing more like at the three o'clock area, and the  
8 team at the eight o'clock would've been facing more like  
9 the nine o'clock area.

10          **PSI Minority**   Is it typical, based on your  
11 experience, for these counter snipers to change positions,  
12 to look in one area and then look in the other?

13          **Witness**     I would say they can change based on where  
14 the threat's at, but I'm not a counter sniper, and I don't  
15 do counter sniper advances. But I would say that they're  
16 going to move based on where the threat is at the time.

17          **PSI Minority**   So when you arrived they were already  
18 set up in those positions that you described. Now I want  
19 to go to the moment that you heard the information from  
20 presumably one of these individuals on the radio. Do you  
21 know which individual radioed in over **Channel** about this  
22 information related to the three o'clock?

23          **Witness**     No, sir. No. I just know it was Hercules.

24          **PSI Minority**   You don't know which team?

25          **Witness**     No.

1           **PSI Minority**       And in that radio notification did  
2   that individual signify that there was an issue near the  
3   AGR building? In other words, did they use the name "AGR  
4   building"?

5           **Witness**       They used three o'clock. If they did say  
6   AGR, I just don't recall.

7           **PSI Minority**       Okay.

8           **Witness**       I just remember three o'clock.

9           **PSI Minority**       And after you received the notification  
10  did you leave this area to look -- did you leave the area  
11  to look towards that direction at all?

12          **Witness**       No. So we're in offstage announce, which is  
13  inside the tent that leads to the catwalk that goes out to  
14  the stage. And once we received that information I looked  
15  over to my counterpart, local counterpart, and asked him if  
16  there's anything on his radio regarding the three o'clock.  
17  And then just a couple of seconds went by and he said, "It  
18  sounds like they're sending a QRF to that area." And I  
19  said, "Okay. Well, what's going on? Is there a fight? Is  
20  it a protest?" And then that's when the shots happened.  
21  That all happened in a matter of seconds. It wasn't -- I  
22  know it's hard to visualize, but like when I tell you a  
23  matter of seconds, like there was no way for me to just do  
24  this and kind of see what was going on, you know.

25          **PSI Minority**       And so you heard the shots fired from

1 within the tent?

2 **Witness** Inside the tent, yes.

3 **PSI Minority** And approximately how many shots did  
4 you hear?

5 **Witness** I don't recall. It was just several in a  
6 row.

7 **PSI Minority** From inside the tent could you tell  
8 what direction they were coming from?

9 **Witness** No. I didn't know where the shots were even  
10 coming from until later, after we already left. I didn't  
11 know where anything was.

12 **PSI Minority** And once you heard the shots, what did  
13 you do next?

14 **Witness** We deployed.

15 **PSI Minority** To where?

16 **Witness** Oh, sorry. So we have different tactics  
17 that we do at different things. So like for example, this  
18 is a stage, so whenever we got to offstage announce and we  
19 were looking at the catwalk we come to determine like I'll

20 **LES**

21 **LES** if something was to happen, and the other, my

22 counterpart, **PII** **CAT Operator** Special Agent **CAT Operator** would go to the

23 **LES** We would **LES**

24 just to make sure there was no shooters **LES**

25 **LES**



1 get more visual, LES [REDACTED]  
2 LES [REDACTED]. And  
3 that's what we done.

4 PSI Minority [REDACTED] By the time you got to the stage and  
5 were at the stage did you hear any other gunshots fired?

6 Witness [REDACTED] No.

7 PSI Minority [REDACTED] When you were on the stage did you know  
8 where the shots were being fired?

9 Witness [REDACTED] No.

10 PSI Minority [REDACTED] How did you know that the shooter was  
11 down?

12 Witness [REDACTED] One of the shift agents said the shooter was  
13 down. So I must've missed it on the radio, just because I  
14 was so focused on looking at 15,000 people, trying to find  
15 a gun somewhere. But I would say that Hercules come over  
16 the radio and said shooter was down. Because that would be  
17 the only way that the shift would know that.

18 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Did you hear Hercules on the radio?

19 Witness [REDACTED] I did not personally, but I was so focused  
20 in trying to find where the shots were coming from, and if  
21 they were in the crowd, and I was looking at all the people  
22 in the crowd's reactions and pointing and stuff, trying to  
23 figure out where the shooter was. So I did not hear  
24 anything on the radio. I'm not saying there wasn't nothing  
25 said, but there could've been something said from Hercules.

1 But I heard from the shift agent said, "The shooter's  
2 down. [REDACTED], " is what I heard.

3 [REDACTED] PSI Minority I want to turn to our next exhibit.  
4 This will be Exhibit 3. And these are pictures that were  
5 taken by press at the day of the rally, on July 13, 2024.

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

8 [REDACTED] PSI Minority Can you identify the individuals in  
9 Image 1?

10 [REDACTED] Witness Yes.

11 [REDACTED] PSI Minority Who are those individuals? We can just  
12 start from left to right.

13 [REDACTED] Witness The gentleman in the camo, that would be the  
14 TL that I asked to meet me, the Butler County TL that I  
15 asked to meet me -- the Butler County ESU TL that I asked  
16 to meet me at the tent for coms purposes. That's [REDACTED]  
17 his last name starts with an [REDACTED] Right there in the center  
18 of the top picture is myself. And then the female agent to  
19 the right is -- what is her name? -- I believe it's [REDACTED]  
20 but I'm not 100 percent sure.

21 [REDACTED] PSI Minority Is that individual part of former  
22 President Trump's detail?

23 [REDACTED] Witness I don't know all the people that's on the  
24 detail, but it's either a detail member, a detail agent, or  
25 a CNOS agent assigned to the detail.

1       **PSI Minority**       And for Image 2, sir, if we can just  
2       talk about the individual in the foreground.

3      **Witness**      In the black?

4 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir.

5       **Witness**       That's Special Agent **CAT Operator** with the  
6       Counter Assault Team.

7 **PSI Minority** Thank you.

8                   **Witness**           Yes, sir.

9           **PSI Minority**           And once you heard that the shooter was  
10   down, could you tell us what you did next?

11       **Witness**       So once we heard the shooter was down, they  
12       were saying we were going to the **LES**       At that point --

13       PSI Minority       And the LES you said --

14      **Witness**      The **LES** is just like the **LES** ,

15 LES

16 LES

17 LES

18 They said we're going to the LES so that that point -- I  
19 don't know if you all remember watching the video or if you  
20 all have seen the video, but at that point I got off the  
21 stage. I was the one, if you're looking at the stage from  
22 the video, I was to the right. But if you're at clock  
23 positions I was at the nine o'clock, okay.

24           So I get off the stage, and you see me kind of

25   disappear for a second, because I'm making sure that the

1 LES . Once I made LES  
2 LES  
3 make sure my LES element had set up a perimeter at the  
4 LES which they did. I started working my  
5 way back towards the stage, and that's whenever they were  
6 already getting the protectee off the stage, and then  
7 moving towards LES

8 PSI Minority And once you arrived to that location  
9 what did you do next?

10 Witness We stayed right there around the shift and  
11 the protectee until he was LES , and once the doors  
12 LES  
13 LES  
14 LES .

15 PSI Minority And just a few final questions before  
16 this round is over, and we can break again. Do you know  
17 how long the counter sniper that fired at Crooks had Crooks  
18 in his sight?

19 Witness I have no idea.

20 PSI Minority Did you speak to any of the counter  
21 snipers about their response at this event following the  
22 event?

23 Witness Yes.

24 PSI Minority Who did you speak to?

25 Witness I spoke to everyone but the shooter, and

1 that was only because we were all in the same room like  
2 this, at headquarters, for interviews with the FBI and the  
3 Pennsylvania State Police.

4 **PSI Minority** Do you know who fired the shot that  
5 killed Crooks?

6 **Witness** I don't know that person personally.

7 **PSI Minority** Do you know the name of the individual?

8 **Witness** I believe his last name is **Hercules 1 C/S** I've never  
9 had any interaction with him.

10 **PSI Minority** In your discussions with the other  
11 members of the team did anyone raise to you concerns about  
12 not having enough time to take the shot or if they were  
13 denied permission to fire?

14 **Witness** No. They would never be -- there's nobody  
15 they would call to ask for permission. They can fire on  
16 their own authorities, like the Counter Assault Team. The  
17 team at the four o'clock did tell me that they couldn't  
18 find the shooter because there was trees in the way, so  
19 they didn't know where the shooter was. They just heard  
20 the shots and they were trying to find him. And that would  
21 be the team that was faced towards the three o'clock area.  
22 That's really all that was said.

23 **PSI Minority** And did anyone indicate if they had  
24 seen movement on the AGR building --

25 **Witness** No. Nobody said anything like that.

1           **PSI Minority**       Let me just finish the question.

2           **Witness**        Oh, yes.   Sorry.

3           **PSI Minority**       Did anyone indicate whether or not they  
4   had seen movement on the roof of the AGR building prior to  
5   shots fired?

6           **Witness**        No.   No movement.   It was all ground  
7   movement.   They just seen officers look like they were  
8   trying to deal with something over there.

9           **PSI Minority**       And one final question before I guess  
10   we can break again.   Has anyone from DHS or the Secret  
11   Service instructed you not to speak with Congress?

12          **Witness**        No.

13          **PSI Minority**       Okay.

14          **HSGAC Majority**   Okay.   We will take a five-minute break,  
15   and then we'll go back on.

16          MR. **Agency Counsel**   Okay.   I'll stay on the line.   Thank  
17   you.

18          [Recess.]

19          **HSGAC Majority**   Hopefully not too many more questions.

20   Thank you again, Special Agent **Witness**   This is **HSGAC Majority**

21   **HSGAC Majority**   again with Senator Peters.   I have a few follow-up  
22   questions for you.   I want to start with another exhibit  
23   here, which I'm going to mark Exhibit 4.

24                               [Exhibit No. 4 was

25                               marked for identification.]

1       **HSGAC Majority**    If you could take a look and then  
2    just let us know when you're ready, if you're familiar with  
3    this.

4       **Witness**        Yes.    Yes, I'm familiar.

5       **HSGAC Majority**   And can you tell us what this document  
6    is?

7       **Witness**        It's the site diagram for Site 1.

8       **HSGAC Majority**   And then the other pages are the same  
9    for Site 2?

10      **Witness**        Yes, the site diagrams for Site 1 and 2.

11      **HSGAC Majority**   Yes.    And if you could take a look at  
12    the second page.   There's a map on this page with several  
13    markings on it.   And on the lefthand side is some of the  
14    information that we've discussed earlier.   Under "EA  
15    Assets" it lists **LES** team and two 2-man  
16    Hercules elevated at 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock.   Am I correct  
17    that the **LES** team is your team, the Counter  
18    Assault Team?

19      **Witness**        Yes.

20      **HSGAC Majority**   And the 2-man Hercules elevated are the  
21    two Secret Service Counter Sniper Teams?

22      **Witness**        Yes.

23      **HSGAC Majority**   And the map on the righthand side, did  
24    you have a role in putting together this map?

25      **Witness**        No.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   The map does show two blue squares  
2   that say "Local TAC." And my understanding is you were  
3   responsible for determining where those tactical teams  
4   would be placed. Correct?

5       **Witness**       Yes.

6       **HSGAC Majority**   Do you know who created this map?

7       **Witness**       I don't know who created it, but it was  
8   either the Site 2 agent or the Site 2 counterpart maybe.

9       **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. But you provided information --  
10   the local TAC placement on here reflects the information  
11   that you provided.

12      **Witness**       Yes.

13      **HSGAC Majority**   And remind me again. You said that you  
14   conveyed the tactical asset plan to whom again?

15      **Witness**       I conveyed my TAC assets to the lead Site 1  
16   and Site 2.

17      **HSGAC Majority**   Okay. And did you provide any kind of  
18   diagram or map to them, or was it verbally communicated  
19   where they would be?

20      **Witness**       Verbally communicated, yes.

21      **HSGAC Majority**   So this diagram is based on your verbal  
22   communications.

23      **Witness**       Yes. But my assets are right where they  
24   need to be.

25      **HSGAC Majority**   And are your assets represented on this



1 diagram?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Can you describe where?

4 **Witness** The six o'clock of the stage, in the blue  
5 box it says Local TAC, and then the ten o'clock of the  
6 stage where it says Local TAC in the blue box.

7 **HSGAC Majority** So there is not a separate designation  
8 for the Secret Service CAT team?

9 **Witness** You talking about the actual Counter Assault  
10 Team?

11 **HSGAC Majority** Yes.

12 **Witness** It's not showed on here but we would be in  
13 **LES** .

14 **HSGAC Majority** In **LES** that --

15 **Witness** Yes, where **LES** are.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Would you mind marking on that  
17 map --

18 **Witness** We're not a static team, so yeah, I can mark  
19 it. So we're going to stay **LES**  
20 **LES** .

21 Does that make sense? But I'll show you where we were. Do  
22 you want where we were on the arrival? Where we were on  
23 the shooting?

24 **HSGAC Majority** If you don't mind marking all of them,  
25 you're able to. It's not every movement, but like the

1 major, like upon arrival. And I don't know if, on page  
2 3, if that zoomed-in diagram is more helpful.

3 **Witness** Yeah. I'll just do that one. So on arrival  
4 we would've been somewhere right here. That's the CAT  
5 vehicle. And then this is the arrival. **LES**

6 **LES**

7 **LES**

8 then the departure we were more on this -- they moved our

9 **LES**

10 **LES**

11 **LES**

12 **LES**

13 **LES** and the **LES** was pointed out this way.

14 **LES**

15 **LES** we went from our  
16 vehicle to offstage announce, to the tent right here. And  
17 so we were standing. When the shots were fired we were  
18 standing right here.

19 **HSGAC Majority** So you just marked with an X and your  
20 initials where you were standing when the shots were fired?

21 **Witness** When the shots were fired.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And would you mind marking the arrival  
23 spot with an A and the departure spot with a D.

24 **Witness** A, and then we'll put D.

25 **HSGAC Majority** Thank you very much.

1           **Witness**       Sorry.

2           **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you.   And then just to be clear,  
3   you know, on this site diagram, you said, because you were  
4   doing your advance telephonically and communicating with  
5   the agents on-site over the phone or verbally, that you  
6   never submitted any formal plan for approval.   For other  
7   events that you've worked, would there have been a plan  
8   that somebody would've received and signed off on?

9           **Witness**       Depending on the event, yes.

10          **HSGAC Majority**   And when you relayed your plan for the  
11   tactical assets, was there -- I guess I'm trying to  
12   understand whether somebody has to approve that, even if  
13   it's verbally.   Like how did that conversation go when you  
14   said, you know, when you related this is my plan for where  
15   I'm placing the assets.   Was there any affirmative --

16          **Witness**       Yeah, so I actually talked about it with the  
17   lead and the Site 2 DTD [ph] agent on the phone, confirming  
18   exactly where they were going to be.   Because they were  
19   asking me a ton of questions like most site agents and  
20   leads do, you know, why are they here, why are they not  
21   here, you know, stuff like that, and I had to explain all  
22   that to them.   And they said, okay, sounds good.

23               But as far as like management approval, that wouldn't  
24   be -- there's nobody there approving my assets from  
25   management on any site, on any advance.   I ask for assets,

1 and if they don't get provided to me, from what I want,  
2 then I go to Counter Assault Operations and say, hey, they  
3 can't provide me the number of teams that I need for this  
4 event. And then Counter Assault Operations, at that point,  
5 would make available counter assault guys or the ERT team,  
6 Secret Service ERT team, which falls under Special  
7 Operations Division would make available those guys to help  
8 cover places.

9 But as far as like additional -- as far as any assets  
10 on any place I've ever been, I request what I need, and  
11 once those obligations are filled or not filled, whether  
12 it's filled by locals or Counter Assault Team members,  
13 additional members that are needed, I fill out my paperwork  
14 and, you know, it gets approved and then I send it to the  
15 lead.

16 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. Got it. Understood. And just to  
17 recap, in terms of the placement of the assets, once the  
18 number of assets is determined, that would be the site  
19 agent and lead agent who you would convey your placement  
20 plan to and answer any questions they had about that.

21 **Witness** As far as -- yes, I would tell them where  
22 they assets are and the roles and responsibilities, and  
23 then that way they can put them on their diagrams. But I  
24 would also convey that with other Counter Assault Team  
25 members or whoever the shift, you know, all that would be

1 briefed, as well, at some point.

2 **HSGAC Majority** And when you conveyed your plan to the  
3 site agent or lead agent, do you recall any specific  
4 questions or concerns that they had with your plan?

5 **Witness** No. No concerns. They just asked the  
6 typical questions that all agents ask, because they don't  
7 know what the Counter Assault Team, like the planning part  
8 of it, is. They just know that we're tactical guys that  
9 respond **LES** to the protectees, but they  
10 don't know like why are you putting them here. If you  
11 start telling them about chokepoints or like higher avenue  
12 areas of approach and stuff like that, they're going to be  
13 like -- their heads are going to be spinning. They're not  
14 going to know what I'm even talking about. So I have to  
15 explain to them, you know, this is why this team is here,  
16 this is why this team is there, this team is going to cover  
17 this area, this team -- and okay, sounds good, and we'll  
18 put them on the diagram.

19 **HSGAC Majority** Did you convey to them the plan to have  
20 a local officer embedded with your unit?

21 **Witness** Yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority** And did you convey that the purpose of  
23 that was for communication, to facilitate communications?

24 **Witness** Yes, because I needed somehow to speak to  
25 the response teams.

1       **HSGAC Majority**   Do you recall any specific discussion  
2   with the site agent or lead agent about that aspect of the  
3   communications plan?

4       **Witness**       No.

5       **HSGAC Majority**   Did they have any questions about the  
6   local --

7       **Witness**       No.   I mean, that's a pretty common  
8   procedure at times.

9       **HSGAC Majority**   Thank you.   And just jumping to  
10   something a little bit different, that you mentioned  
11   earlier, you had said, when talking about the chain of  
12   command, that you sort of functioned as the acting team  
13   leader for counter assault?

14       **Witness**       That's not like a specific role that I was  
15   assigned.   I mean, theoretically it could've been -- it's  
16   either me or Special Agent **CAT Operator** and since there was **LES**  
17   **LES**, we were just more or less just filling holes.

18       **HSGAC Majority**   And in your experience would the normal  
19   procedure be to have somebody designated as a lead agent  
20   during an event?

21       **Witness**       Are you talking about a counter assault  
22   lead?

23       **HSGAC Majority**   Yes.   Yes.

24       **Witness**       So most of the time the counter assault  
25   advance is not the team leader.   So the team leader would

1 come like the day before, on the car plane with the rest  
2 of the team, and he's the one that we would do walkthroughs  
3 the day before, and he would typically be like, yeah, I  
4 like where your response teams are, or maybe we need to  
5 move them over just a little bit more, kind of just making  
6 sure the plan is perfect. And then a TL would also  
7 communicate any type of call signs or anything that needs  
8 to go to the shift leader. He would be the one that we  
9 would go to direction for on that.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. But you said that's what  
11 typically happens, and in this case -- for other events  
12 you've worked for **LES**, where there's a  
13 smaller team, have there been instances where you arrive on  
14 the day of and there's somebody -- I don't know if it's the  
15 shift leader or whoever -- would say you're going to be the  
16 designed team leader today, and you're the one responsible  
17 for communicating up to the shift leader?

18 **Witness** Yes. So typically I've never worked, until  
19 this detail, Donald Trump's detail, I've never worked with  
20 a **LES** CAT team. It was either a **LES** CAT team or a **LES**  
21 **LES** CAT team that's represented as what we call an LNO.  
22 It's kind of just a liaison between the Secret Service and  
23 the local TAC elements. And an example of that would be  
24 like on the **LES** Like I said, when the  
25 **LES** gets counter assault, most of the time it's

1 not a full Counter Assault Team. It's a liaison to let  
2 the local teams know. You would do an advance but you're  
3 also that communication between the local teams and the  
4 shift leader.

5 So when you're just a LES [REDACTED] yeah, you are the  
6 TL. I mean, nobody's saying, "Hey, you're the TL this  
7 day," but who else is going to be it, right? On this day,  
8 there was LES [REDACTED], and since it's LES [REDACTED], I done the  
9 advance. So I guess you could assume that I was the TL,  
10 but there was nobody that was like, hey. The shift leader  
11 or nobody determines that.

12 Now on like a LES [REDACTED] where you do get a TL,  
13 he's the TL they know this, you know. That's who they're  
14 going to for answers and questions.

15 HSGAC Majority Got it. And then so on the 13th, when  
16 you're sort of functioning in that role, it would've been  
17 your responsibility, you said, to push any relevant  
18 information up to the shift leader or the team leader?

19 Witness Yeah, but they --

20 HSGAC Majority Information from the CAT team.

21 Witness Any information that was developed that they  
22 couldn't hear, yes.

23 HSGAC Majority And you had walked us through before the  
24 timeline of when you heard that there was an incident and  
25 when you heard from the local officer, Butler ESU Asst. Commander 1 that



1 they were deploying QRF, and you said that was just a  
2 matter of seconds before shots were fired. Based on your  
3 professional experience, if you had heard over the radio  
4 earlier that there was an individual on a roof, you know,  
5 not an armed individual but just an individual on a roof,  
6 if that was conveyed over the radio to you, is that  
7 something that you would've pushed up your chain of  
8 command?

9 **Witness** So I want to go back just real quick and  
10 clarify a couple of things. So typically a counter assault  
11 agent wouldn't have to pass that information because it  
12 would be blasted over the radio and everybody could hear  
13 it. So on this particular day, whenever I asked about the  
14 QRF, yes, if it would've been relayed there was somebody on  
15 the roof that was concerning, I would've relayed that,  
16 because obviously that information was not getting  
17 somewhere that was getting relayed to all of us. It was  
18 direct-to-direct, which shouldn't happen, and I would've  
19 relayed that information.

20 But this circumstance is abnormal. So typically that  
21 information would've come across to everybody. It wouldn't  
22 been a CS team that would have relayed that to us. It  
23 would've been through a Security Room that was on all  
24 channels. So yes, I would've relayed information if it was  
25 direct like that, and I realized, hey, this is not going,

1 like something going on, this is not -- but it happened  
2 within seconds, and I was trying to figure out if it was,  
3 in fact -- in my mind it was a protest or a fight, because  
4 nobody said nothing about nobody on a roof. It just says  
5 officers are looking like they're dealing with a situation  
6 at the three o'clock. That could be a number of things.  
7 Obviously, the worst would be a shooter on the roof, which  
8 that's what happened. None of that was conveyed to us.  
9 And most of the time when you hear things like there's a  
10 QRF being dispatched that counter assault is not doing,  
11 it's a civil disturbance unit going to crowd control or a  
12 protest. And since it was on the outer perimeter, in my  
13 mind it was like, okay, what's going on? Is there a fight?  
14 Is it crowd control? And if we would've had more time I'm  
15 sure -- I mean, I can't speculate, but he would have gave  
16 me more information and then I could've pushed it up, if it  
17 was relevant information.

18 **HSGAC Majority** All right. Thank you. And I appreciate  
19 your indulgence with these somewhat hypothetical questions.  
20 Just one more of those for you. Again, understanding the  
21 unique circumstances here, if you had been in a situation  
22 where you were getting information that wasn't going out  
23 over the radio to everyone, and you had learned that local  
24 law enforcement was in pursuit of a suspicious individual,  
25 would that be something that, in your judgment, you

1 would've pushed up your chain of command?

2 **Witness** So yes, but I want to -- when you say  
3 suspicious individual, looking at these sites and all these  
4 sites that I've ever done and advances and working, there  
5 are a ton of suspicious individuals. So when you're  
6 saying, to say suspicious individual running around on the  
7 outer perimeter, I mean, just that information alone, to  
8 me, it would not be as relevant as, "Hey, somebody is  
9 climbing up with their gun." I mean, how suspicious are  
10 they, you know. Do they have, like this event, do they have  
11 a rangefinder? Yes. Okay, now we're starting to think of  
12 something. And then now there's somebody on the roof,  
13 where this dude was taking --

14 So yes, I would have relayed that information if I  
15 would've known that there was a suspicious person at the  
16 beginning with a rangefinder, hours before, and that they  
17 were looking at -- but we didn't know any of that.

18 So the suspicious person, I mean, I'm going to have to  
19 need more information on a suspicious person.

20 **HSGAC Majority** I completely understand that, and thank  
21 you for that explanation.

22 I just had one more question on a different topic,  
23 going back to the communications during the day. You had  
24 explained the radio setup. Could you tell us if you had  
25 communications either on your personal or work cellphone

1 during that day, either text or phone calls?

2 **Witness** I'm sorry. What was the question?

3 **HSGAC Majority** Did you communicate with anyone on July  
4 13th, either on your personal or work cellphone, either  
5 calls or texts?

6 **Witness** On July 13th? Oh, I'm sure I did.

7 **HSGAC Majority** Or I guess I should say when you were at  
8 the rally site.

9 **Witness** Not that I can recall. Most of everything  
10 that -- I was probably looking at emails on my work phone,  
11 just updates as far as if anything was coming through, and  
12 stuff like that.

13 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. And one more question on a  
14 different topic. Were you aware, either on the 13th or  
15 afterwards, that reports of any local officer took a shot  
16 at Crooks prior to the Secret Service counter sniper?

17 **Witness** You talking about while we were there?

18 **HSGAC Majority** Yeah. Were you aware that that happened  
19 on the day of, or did you become aware of it after the  
20 fact?

21 **Witness** So I knew I heard a loud shot. I heard the  
22 shots from the shooter, which were very faint and in the  
23 distance, and then I heard a loud shot that sounded close  
24 to me. And I thought that was the Secret Service snipers  
25 that shot, and that's when we deployed. But then later I

1 found out, yes, that that wasn't the Secret Service  
2 sniper that shot. That was a local officer. I don't know  
3 where he was at, but I know he had to have been close  
4 because it was a very loud noise that shot at him, and the  
5 Secret Service sniper shot sometime after that. So I heard  
6 the shot. I didn't know what it was. And then I heard  
7 later on that there was a local officer that made a shot.

8 **HSGAC Majority** Do you recall when you found out or who  
9 told you?

10 **Witness** I think I heard it on the news or something.  
11 I don't know when or anything. I watched a lot of YouTube  
12 videos so it could've been on that. That's how I get most  
13 of my updates, it seems like.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Great. Well, that's all that I have.  
15 Again, thank you very much. I'll turn it over to my  
16 colleagues.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Was there a counter sniper response team  
18 at the Butler site?

19 **Witness** You're going to have to talk to the counter  
20 sniper advance. I have no idea. Typically there would be.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Because you said you worked  
22 closely with the Counter Sniper Team. Typically the CAT  
23 team works closely with the Counter Sniper Team?

24 **Witness** Yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority** So typically there are counter sniper

1 response teams that are assigned to the event. Are they  
2 Secret Service members?

3 **Witness** So typically it would be a Secret Service  
4 member and a local law enforcement officer, or state law  
5 enforcement.

6 **HSGAC Minority** And what's their role?

7 **Witness** As a counter -- so let's just say that the  
8 counter snipers are looking -- they're out looking at  
9 something and they kind of maybe see something suspicious.  
10 It might be something laying in the bushes, and they seem  
11 like maybe, whatever it is, that the counter sniper  
12 response team would go to that location to see what it was,  
13 to physically see if, hey, is there somebody laying here or  
14 what am I seeing, something just blowing that kind of looks  
15 kind of suspicious? You know, they would just check it  
16 out. That's what would happen.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And then would they relay -- who would  
18 they relay that information back to?

19 **Witness** It would all -- everybody should be able to  
20 hear it, but it would go to the Security Room, and at least  
21 counter snipers, for sure.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And so you don't know if there was one  
23 there.

24 **Witness** No. I wouldn't know that information. The  
25 counter sniper response teams are generally made like the

1 day before, during the post-stander. It's like a post-  
2 stander most of the time, that just gets assigned as that's  
3 their assignment for this event, yeah. And then the  
4 counter snipers would know all that stuff.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. We talked a little bit about  
6 requests. Have you ever had a request for additional CAT  
7 team members denied?

8 **Witness** No, I never have.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you traveled down with the  
10 protectee. Is that right?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Did you receive any briefing on the  
13 fight?

14 **Witness** Yes. We did a shift brief **LES**.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And do you recall what was discussed?

16 **Witness** So during a shift brief it would be the  
17 movements of the event, from landing at Site 1 all the way  
18 to Site 2, and then the movements there and then back. It  
19 would be everything in conjunction, EA routes, as far as  
20 like if something happens on the stage, this is where we're  
21 going, or if something happens at Site 1, this is where  
22 we're going. Stuff like that. That would be a shift  
23 brief.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And would any intelligence or threats be  
25 communicated during that type of brief?

1           **Witness**       Yes.

2           **HSGAC Minority**   Were any?

3           **Witness**       No.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   So there was no indication about any  
5 arrests that had been made the day before --

6           **Witness**       Nothing.

7           **HSGAC Minority**   -- regarding an assassination plot? No?

8           **Witness**       There was no -- nothing, yeah.

9           **HSGAC Minority**   And do you recall who else was there for  
10 that briefing on the plane?

11          **Witness**       It would be all the detail that day, the  
12 detail leaders. Who else was there? Counter assault.  
13 That would really be it. There's not too many other people  
14 that would be on that plane.

15          **HSGAC Minority**   And were the detail members that were  
16 part of that briefing, did it appear that they were part of  
17 the former President's regular detail, or were they part of  
18 the CNOS?

19          **Witness**       There were some regular detail and some  
20 CNOS. I don't know which ones were which.

21          **HSGAC Minority**   And are you able to give me like a rough  
22 breakdown?

23          **Witness**       If I knew I would tell you.

24          **HSGAC Minority**   Half and half, or --

25          **Witness**       Yeah, probably. I honestly just don't know.



1 HSGAC Minority Okay.

2 Witness I'm not trying to hide it. I just don't  
3 know.

4 HSGAC Minority No, I know. So you said you've never  
5 worked a LES TAC team, a LES TAC team you have, a LES  
6 LES What about a LES

7 Witness Yeah, LES, that's a pretty common.

8 HSGAC Minority Okay. Is that the typical, or --

9 Witness No. A typical CAT team for POTUS would be a  
10 LES cat team.

11 HSGAC Minority LES Okay.

12 Witness For VPOTUS it would be LES

13 HSGAC Minority And then do you know what the former  
14 President is now receiving?

15 Witness I think it's receiving LES and that would be  
16 LES each shift.

17 HSGAC Minority LES each shift.

18 Witness Yeah. I'm not sure how they're dividing it  
19 up as far as how many shifts there are or if there's a  
20 LES shift and a LES shift or what. But it should  
21 be LES

22 HSGAC Minority What exhibit are we on? Are we on 5?  
23 Okay. I'm going to introduce Exhibit 5.

24 [Exhibit No. 5 was  
25 marked for identification.]

1       **HSGAC Minority**   Are you familiar with -- this is a  
2   picture depicting what appears to me to be some kind of app  
3   or system.   Are you familiar with this?

4       **Witness**       I've never seen this before.

5       **HSGAC Minority**   You've never seen this?

6       **Witness**       I've never seen this picture.   I've never  
7   seen -- what is this, a cellphone, on somebody's --

8       **HSGAC Minority**   Yeah, I couldn't tell you either.   It  
9   looks like a cellphone or some kind of device.   You've  
10   never seen this system before?

11       **Witness**       Man, it looks like Google Maps or Apple  
12   Maps.   I mean, that's what that is -- I'm pretty sure  
13   that's what that is.

14       **HSGAC Minority**   If you look down in the middle it says  
15   "callsign" and then there's a white **Witness** which I believe is  
16   a redaction.   And then in the center of the actual picture  
17   it looks like it's the AGR building -- you're right, it  
18   looks like a Google Map -- and then there's a square that  
19   says "suspicious package."   So it looks like there's kind  
20   of an overlay.

21       **Witness**       Callsign.   I don't know what this is.   I'm  
22   going to be 100 percent honest.

23       **HSGAC Minority**   No, that's fine.

24       **Witness**       I don't know.   This could be some type of  
25   system maybe the locals were running or maybe a state

1 agency was running, just to maybe to identify things. I  
2 have no idea.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. But you don't believe, at least  
4 you've never seen this as something you've used in your  
5 assignments --

6 **Witness** It could be -- I don't think it's **LES**, but  
7 it could be **LES**. But the only reason why I don't think it  
8 is, is because I don't see nobody else on it. But **LES** is  
9 a system that we run. **LES** or  
10 something to that effect. But we can turn it on, on our  
11 **LES**. So  
12 **LES**  
13 **LES**  
14 everybody was.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

16 **Witness** That's only for counter assault. Like I  
17 don't know. The locals could run a same system. That's  
18 **LES** so if somebody was to  
19 **LES**  
20 **LES**  
21 **LES**. That could be this system, or a system like that. It  
22 could be. I'm not 100 percent sure.

23 **HSGAC Minority** And then on **LES**.  
24 You can't see the other agents that are --

25 **Witness** It just depends on who's on it. You could

1 possibly see that, yeah.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Okay. Thank you. A couple more  
3 questions. Are you aware of any part of the counter UAS  
4 system that was supposed to be operable that day not being  
5 operable?

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

7 **HSGAC Minority** Is that something that you would be  
8 typically made aware of?

9 **Witness** No.

10 **HSGAC Minority** No? Okay. You mentioned that prior to  
11 joining CAT you worked in investigations.

12 **Witness** In Nashville, yes, in the field office.

13 **HSGAC Minority** What kind? What was your focus?

14 **Witness** Are you talking about in the Secret Service  
15 or just law enforcement in general?

16 **HSGAC Minority** You previously worked in law enforcement  
17 first?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

20 **Witness** So in Nashville, under the Secret Service,  
21 we mainly did fraud investigations, protective intelligence  
22 investigations. And then I was on a special team called  
23 the **LES**. Typically, I mean,  
24 we just -- I'm not really supposed to -- that's classified  
25 stuff that I'm not really supposed to talk about. But I

1 can tell you that unit, LES  
2 LES. And that's mainly what I've  
3 done there.

4 HSGAC Minority Okay.

5 Witness And then before I worked for the Tennessee  
6 Bureau of Investigation. I worked narcotics for several  
7 years, and then before that I was a local officer.

8 HSGAC Minority Okay. Thanks. So you're used to  
9 interrogations.

10 Witness Yes. It's not my first time.

11 HSGAC Minority You mentioned earlier that you had  
12 spoken to all of the counter snipers that were there, I  
13 think except for the shooter. Is that right? So do you  
14 know the names of the others?

15 Witness I don't know the names. Only faces. But  
16 our conversations about that day were very brief. Just  
17 like my conversations to them were like thank God you were  
18 over there, because if you all wasn't there it could've  
19 been a totally different outcome, just things like that.  
20 Not really related to what you see here, you know, why  
21 didn't you do this, or, you know, why wasn't there a team  
22 over there. There was nothing like that.

23 HSGAC Minority And you all were being interviewed by  
24 FBI and PSP?

25 Witness Yes.

1           **HSGAC Minority**   And were you all interviewed  
2 together, or separately?

3           **Witness**       Separately.

4           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. And how long ago was that?

5           **Witness**       A couple of days after the shooting.

6           **HSGAC Minority**   Okay.

7           **Witness**       Just a witness interview.

8           **HSGAC Minority**   Right. And have you been interviewed by  
9 anyone else?

10          **Witness**       Yes. Inspections, Secret Service  
11 Inspections. Other than that, no.

12          **HSGAC Minority**   Okay. You haven't been interviewed by  
13 DHS or the Independent Review Board?

14          **Witness**       No.

15          **HSGAC Minority**   Do you have any plans to schedule that,  
16 or have you been reached out to?

17          **Witness**       If I'm reached out to I'll be more than  
18 happy to.

19          **HSGAC Minority**   And what other Federal agencies were  
20 present at the event, that you saw, or were aware of?

21          **Witness**       I don't recall. I wasn't aware of any, but  
22 I know it's typical that other Federal agencies do  
23 participate in events like this.

24          **HSGAC Minority**   So there were no agents from any other  
25 Federal agency that rode down with the protectee or

1 anything like that?

2 **Witness** Not that I can recall.

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

4 **PSI Minority** Hey, Agent **Witness** **PSI Minority** with  
5 Ranking Member Johnson's office. Thanks for talking with  
6 us. I want to zoom in real quick on the short time frame  
7 before the first shots are fired. I'm going to hand around  
8 two documents, and they'll be Exhibits 6 and 7. And one of  
9 them is a text message from July 13th from a local officer  
10 to one of the Secret Service counter snipers.

11 **Witness** Okay.

12 **PSI Minority** And that will be Exhibit 6.

13 [Exhibit No. 6 was  
14 marked for identification.]

15 **PSI Minority** And then Exhibit 7 is an email from  
16 July 13th. It looks like it's between the Secret Service  
17 and it's timestamped 5:53.

18 [Exhibit No. 7 was  
19 marked for identification.]

20 **PSI Minority** So looking at Exhibit 6, the text  
21 message first. It appears as though the individual is  
22 forwarding a description of a suspicious individual and he  
23 says, "Kid learning" -- and I believe he meant lurking --  
24 "around the building we are in, AGR I believe it is. I did  
25 see him with a rangefinder looking towards the stage." And

1 he asks if you want to notify Secret Service to look  
2 out, that they lost sight of him.

3 Were you aware any time before today that Secret  
4 Service snipers had been alerted and it's around 5:45 on  
5 the 13th, that there was a suspicious individual with a  
6 rangefinder around the AGR complex?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **PSI Minority** I know you mentioned earlier the  
9 rangefinder sort of elevates that level of suspicion.  
10 Would this have been something that you would've expected  
11 to have been reported out quickly to other agents, saying,  
12 "Hey, we've got a guy with a rangefinder around the  
13 building"?

14 **Witness** So I want to clarify. That would elevate my  
15 level of suspicion. There's not certain levels, that I  
16 know of, that hey, this meets this threshold or that  
17 threshold.

18 **PSI Minority** I understand. I'm taking from your  
19 personal position, right, as an individual who would want  
20 to flag something for other individuals. If you received  
21 this would you have radioed this out and said, "Hey, we've  
22 got a guy with a rangefinder being reported around the AGR  
23 building"?

24 **Witness** Yes, that would be some information that  
25 would need to be passed along, 100 percent, for sure.



1       **PSI Minority**

Okay. So let's jump over to the  
2   5:53 email. So that's Exhibit 7. And it appears from this  
3   email -- and I know it's a little bit hard to read on the  
4   front. The back page has got a little bit of a zoom-in on  
5   it. -- that it is forwarding that same description around,  
6   flagging that it's from local officers at the AGR building.  
7   It's forwarding the two images of the individual along with  
8   a description of the rangefinder. And I know at the top  
9   everything is blanked out again. It's redacted. These are  
10  not redactions we applied. These are redactions we  
11  received. It just says "UDS" next to the email addresses.  
12  What is UDS?

13       And if you look on the --

14       **Witness**

Are you saying, it says "To" and then it  
15  has, kind of right there in the middle it says -- is that  
16  UDS?

17       **PSI Minority**

If you look at the second page of that  
18  it should be zoomed in for you and a little bit clearer.  
19  Right there. There you go.

20       **Witness**

Oh, okay, yeah. Uniformed Division, I  
21  believe. Don't hold me to that because I have to --  
22  uniformed division -- I have no idea. I think it's  
23  Uniformed Division, but I'm not 100 percent sure on that.

24       **PSI Minority**

Did you receive this email at 5:53?

25       **Witness**

No.

1       **PSI Minority**       Okay. Would the uniformed division,  
2       upon receiving this email, would you have expected them to  
3       radio out to everyone on either **Channel** or -- I'm assuming  
4       they're on **Channel** right -- saying, "Hey, we did receive  
5       this report of this. Everybody should be aware." Is this  
6       something that would typically be radioed out across, for  
7       all communications?

8       **Witness**       Just based on these pictures?

9       **PSI Minority**       And the description of an individual  
10      with a rangefinder at the AGR building.

11      **Witness**       I think it should be pushed more, to more  
12      people, yes. But something like that typically probably  
13      wouldn't come to the Counter Assault Team unless it was  
14      elevated really fast.

15      **PSI Minority**       But it would've been pushed out over  
16      the full radio channel, like **Channel** --

17      **Witness**       I would think, well, **Channel** is what the shift  
18      -- the shift everybody is on. The post-standers would be  
19      on a different channel. I'm not sure what channel that  
20      would be. But I would think that that would be pushed  
21      over, at least at a minimum, to the post-standers.

22      **PSI Minority**       Sorry. Can we unpack that really  
23      quickly? So you were not on the same channel that day as  
24      the post-standers. You didn't have direct communication to  
25      the post-standers?

1       **Witness**     No, that's not typical. I'm only on the  
2 same channel as the shift agents. Post-standers, they  
3 operate on a different channel, and that channel is more  
4 likely to have more traffic on it regarding stuff like  
5 this, that would be pushed out on that channel. Because on  
6 **Channel** that's just for shift movements and for EA stuff like  
7 counter assault and stuff like that.

8       **PSI Minority**     Got it. Do you know where the counter  
9 snipers on that local post, or that broader post-stander  
10 channel, or were they just operating on the tactical  
11 channel and the shift channel?

12       **Witness**     Now, I'll say this. I don't know if there  
13 was a post-stander channel there for that particular site.  
14 I'm going off on --

15       **PSI Minority**     Yeah.

16       **Witness**     -- normal advances, **LES**, there  
17 would be a post-stander channel. Now for this one, I have  
18 no idea if there was a post-stander channel or not. But if  
19 there was one, I think you'd probably just need to talk to  
20 CS about that, because I'm not 100 percent sure what they  
21 were monitoring. I know they were on **Channel** because we did  
22 radio checks like we do on every time we pull up to a  
23 different site, we always do a radio check with them.

24       **PSI Minority**     So counter snipers would've been on at  
25 least **Channel** and **Channel**

1       **Witness**       Yes.

2       **PSI Minority**       Okay.

3       **Witness**       But **Channel** wasn't utilized, but it was  
4       available for tactical purposes, if we needed it, yes.

5       **PSI Minority**       Understood. And if there wasn't a  
6       post-stander radio channel, what would the post-standers  
7       have been communicating on?

8       **Witness**       **Channel** most likely.

9       **PSI Minority**       **Channel** okay. So if there was --

10      **Witness**       That's what I'm saying. There should have  
11      been a post-stander channel because I didn't hear no  
12      traffic at all on **Channel** and there's usually a lot of  
13      traffic regarding incidents like this right here, stuff  
14      like this, that would go -- so that's the very important  
15      think about a Security Room, right? So you have a Security  
16      Room and you have all these different channels that people  
17      are operating off of. So from being a post-stander before  
18      coming to counter assault, just out of the field office on  
19      various assignments, we would be on a different channel  
20      than the shift, or like the tactical units. That they  
21      would do, for example, if they would do radio checks, they  
22      would pass out, hey, Post 206 received some type of threat,  
23      or, you know, a suspicious person around your post, could  
24      you be on the lookout. If you do see this individual,  
25      radio back in to the Security Room so we can send a PI team

1 out there. Stuff like that.

2 So at a minimal, if there was a post-stander channel  
3 for this event, then yes, this should've been pushed out to  
4 them, 100 percent.

5 **PSI Minority** Got it, and we're going to move on  
6 shortly. But I know we sort of talked about the suspicion  
7 level and that you would radio to the shift leader. At  
8 5:53, former President Trump has not taken the stage. So  
9 if you hear this at 5:53, would this be something you would  
10 flag for the shift leader if they haven't heard this, to  
11 say, "Hey, we're getting reports of this happening at a  
12 complex that is relatively close to where the former  
13 President is going to take the stage"?

14 **Witness** Yes, 100 percent. But typically this  
15 information doesn't come straight to the Counter Assault  
16 Team.

17 **PSI Minority** No, no.

18 **Witness** But if I did hear this, which is to say yes,  
19 if my counterpart, **Butler ESU Asst. Comm** that day, was to reach out to me  
20 before we even got there, or one of the response teams was  
21 to reach out. Because that is kind of one their taskings  
22 is to, hey, let me know if something, you know, what's  
23 going on there, you know, if everything's still okay and  
24 stuff. And we didn't receive anything. But yes, I would  
25 push that out if that had come directly to me.

1       **PSI Minority**       Great. Thank you. I'm going to  
2       send around another document. It's going to be Exhibit 8.

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

5       **PSI Minority**       And the document coming around now is a  
6       local law enforcement radio log from the July 13th rally.  
7       And if you want to turn to page 12 of that, that's where  
8       we're going to focus our attention.

9       **Witness**       Page 12?

10      **PSI Minority**       Yes, sir. And about a third of the way  
11      down the page, at the timestamp that reads 18:11:24, and  
12      it's right next to an individual named **PII**       There's  
13      a message that says, "They said he has a long gun. QRF  
14      from Command, you need to deploy to the AGR building. BT  
15      has a male on the roof with a long gun. They have made  
16      contact with him."

17               So at 18:11:24. Is that about the time that you would  
18      say you turned to the local who was with you and asked,  
19      "Hey, are you hearing anything over the radio?"

20      **Witness**       I don't recall any of the time, but it was  
21      pretty quick after we got there to offstage announce when  
22      the protectee was out on the stage. He hadn't been there  
23      long.

24      **PSI Minority**       Got it. But that's the message that  
25      you recall being relayed to you, is that QRF was being

1 deployed over to the AGR building.

2 **Witness** Yes. A QRF -- to me this is what he said.  
3 He said, "It sounds like they're deploying a QRF to the  
4 three o'clock."

5 **PSI Minority** Okay. Okay.

6 **Witness** Yes.

7 **PSI Minority** So I know you said that the first time  
8 you heard anything over your radio about someone to the  
9 three o'clock, which is the AGR building side of the area,  
10 was shortly before this. Is that correct?

11 **Witness** Yes.

12 **PSI Minority** So --

13 **Witness** But the AGR building wasn't mentioned. It  
14 was three o'clock.

15 **PSI Minority** Understanding the AGR building wasn't  
16 mentioned. I'm just using AGR building for my own  
17 reference point. I know that the three o'clock side, it  
18 encompasses that general vicinity.

19 **Witness** Right.

20 **PSI Minority** I guess I just want to make sure I'm  
21 clear. So we talked about that, at 5:45 there's that text  
22 message to the Secret Service. At 5:53 there's an email  
23 that goes out. So we're talking about 18 minutes after  
24 that email, if that sounds about right, about 18 minutes to  
25 you, when you hear this happening? And I know the shots

1 fired are shortly thereafter, I believe, the first shots  
2 fired. A report goes out at 18:11:33. So very, very  
3 quickly after that QRF message.

4 **Witness** What was the question?

5 **PSI Minority** So it's about 18 minutes from the time  
6 of that message to when you hear the first radio call?

7 **Witness** Yeah, I mean, that's what the times say, it  
8 could be 18 minutes. I'm not adding them up in my head,  
9 but if that's what you're saying, then yeah.

10 **PSI Minority** I'm going to turn it over to my  
11 colleague.

12 **Witness** Okay.

13 **PSI Minority** Sir, this is **PSI Minority** again.  
14 When you arrived at the hospital, following the shooting,  
15 could you just let us know at what point approximately you  
16 heard that Secret Service had taken down the shooter?

17 **Witness** At the hospital?

18 **PSI Minority** Well, if it was at the hospital.

19 **Witness** Yes, it was at the hospital. I didn't know  
20 if it was a Secret Service person or a local officer that  
21 shot, or that eliminated the threat until I was at the  
22 hospital, and whenever our Counter Sniper Team got there  
23 and they asked me, **LES**

24 **LES**

25 **LES** And then I said, "Hey, where was



1 the shooter at?" and he said, "It was at the three  
2 o'clock, on the AGR building." But I didn't even know at  
3 that time that it was a Secret Service sniper. I just knew  
4 where the clock position was. I didn't know until later on  
5 that night, after I got off work, that it was a Secret  
6 Service counter sniper that shot. I honestly thought it  
7 was a local sniper, just because they're like, "Oh, it's on  
8 the AGR building." I was like, well, there's a local  
9 sniper over there. He must've shot him.

10 **PSI Minority** Were you ever made aware of a remote  
11 device found near the shooter's body?

12 **Witness** Yes, when I was at the hospital.

13 **PSI Minority** Do you know the approximate time when  
14 you were made aware of that?

15 **Witness** I don't, no. I was at the hospital.

16 **PSI Minority** And were you ever made aware of  
17 anything related to explosives found?

18 **Witness** Yes, but I was made aware that there was a -  
19 - the suspect's truck was found, possibly found. It was  
20 possibly his truck and possibly had explosives in it, if  
21 that's what you're asking. But nothing confirmed of if  
22 there was explosives or anything like that.

23 **PSI Minority** And when were you made aware of this?

24 **Witness** At the hospital.

25 **PSI Minority** Okay.

1 HSGAC Majority The former and the acting director of  
2 the Secret Service both testified before Congress that  
3 operational failures occurred that day. Based on your  
4 experience, what, if any, failures occurred that  
5 contributed to the assailant's ability to fire a shot at  
6 the former President?

7 Witness You know, could you ask me that question one  
8 more time? I just want to be clear on what exactly you're  
9 asking.

10 HSGAC Majority What, if any, failures contributed to the  
11 assailant's ability to fire shots at the former President?

12 MR. Witness Counsel I'm going to direct him not to answer  
13 that question at this point. We'll take it under  
14 consideration.

15 HSGAC Majority I'll be more specific. With your  
16 expertise, speak to any planning failures that you believe  
17 occurred on July 13th.

18 MR. Witness Counsel You muffled the question. Can you repeat  
19 it?

20 HSGAC Majority With your expertise, please provide your  
21 assessment of any planning failures that occurred on the  
22 13th.

23 MR. Witness Counsel I'm going to direct him not to answer  
24 that question.

25 HSGAC Majority Do you believe if a former President is

1 shot that a failure occurred?

2 **Witness** Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** Okay.

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm going to do it again. Fine.

5 **HSGAC Majority** With respect to that failure, the fact that  
6 a protectee is shot that day, do you believe planning  
7 played any role?

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'm going to direct him not to answer  
9 that question.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Why?

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** The answer to that question requires  
12 capturing a totality of circumstances that he may or may  
13 not be privy to at this time. I'd like the opportunity to  
14 reconsider it at a later date. But there are many, many  
15 different, a variety of facts that, as I said, he may not  
16 be privy to, that could be material to answering that  
17 question.

18 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** I don't want him to engage in crass  
20 speculation, and that's what we're doing. He's  
21 hypothesizing.

22 **HSGAC Majority** Understood.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** It's not based on a reality of what his  
24 knowledge is. That's --

25 **HSGAC Majority** Understood. I will be much more narrow.

1 Please do not speculate. Based solely on your area of  
2 responsibility, please speak to any failures that you  
3 believe occurred on July 13th.

4 **Witness** I'm going to tell him, don't answer that.  
5 You cannot ignore all the other factors that surrounded his  
6 circumstances that contributed to this matter, that he was  
7 not aware of. You're asking again. He's hypothesizing --

8 **HSGAC Majority** Please --

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- on a narrow set of circumstances.

10 **HSGAC Majority** Please do not hypothesize, and please speak  
11 --

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** I can discuss it with you another time.  
13 I'm willing to reconsider it, but not at this point.

14 **HSGAC Majority** Okay. The Committee has broad authority  
15 under Senate Resolution 59, Section 12E, to investigate the  
16 efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and  
17 departments of the U.S. government, including the United  
18 States Secret Service. This question is well within the  
19 authority of our Committee to ask. I'm going to pause  
20 here. I'll discuss with counsel. If we are unable to get  
21 answers to this question in our interviews we will have to  
22 consider additional steps to compel those answers.

23 MR. **Witness Counsel** Understood.

24 **HSGAC Majority** This is going to complete our interview

25 today. **Witness** I want to specifically thank you for your

1 participation today. We appreciate your ability to  
2 answer these questions. I want to thank counsel. Thank  
3 you both for your ability, for your participation today,  
4 and thanks to counsel who appeared remotely.

5 With respect to redactions, we'd like to work with  
6 you. With respect all of the exhibits that have been  
7 introduced in this interview and in the prior interviews,  
8 there is a narrow subset of documents that have been  
9 produced today. We'd like to find a way to get relevant,  
10 unredacted information, not information that's specific to  
11 contact information but relevant to our understanding of  
12 the documents themselves.

13 As we mentioned at the beginning, we ask that you not  
14 speak about what we discussed in this interview with anyone  
15 outside of this room today, to preserve the integrity of  
16 our investigation.

17 That will conclude this interview, and again, thank  
18 you for your time.

19 **Witness** Thank you.

20 MR. **Witness Counsel** Thank you.

21 [Whereas, at 1:36 p.m., the interview was concluded.]  
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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
59	8	Strike “designed” and replace with “designated”
118	13	Strike “fight” and replace with “flight”