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

7 This interview was requested by Chairman Gary Peters
8 and Ranking Member Rand Paul, as well as Subcommittee Chair
9 Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member Ron Johnson, as part
10 of the Committee's investigation of the July 13, 2024,
11 assassination attempt on former President Trump, and the
12 U.S. Secret Service planning and security related to the
13 Butler rally on July 13, 2024.

14 On July 25, 2024, Chairmen Peters and Blumenthal, and
15 Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested voluntary
16 transcribed interviews with U.S. Secret Service personnel,
17 and again, on September 11, 2024, requested additional
18 transcribed interviews, including of Witness .

19 We will provide introductions today of our four
20 offices who are conducting this interview and explain how
21 we will proceed. And I will begin by introducing myself,
22 HSGAC Majority . I am Chief Counsel and Chief Investigative
23 Counsel for Chairman Gary Peters on the full committee. I
24 am joined here today by my colleagues, HSGAC Majority ,
25 Senior Investigator, and HSGAC Majority , Senior Investigative

1 Counsel. And I will turn it over to our colleagues.

2 HSGAC Minority : Good morning. My name is HSGAC Minority
3 HSGAC Minori for HSGAC minority. I'm joined by HSGAC Minority .

4 PSI Majority : And I'm PSI Majority , Counsel for PSI
5 majority.

6 PSI Minority : Good morning. I'm PSI Minority with
7 Senator Johnson's office as Staff Director. I'm joined by
8 my colleagues, PSI Minority , Chief Counsel, and PSI Minority
9 PSI Minority , Deputy Staff Director for Senator Johnson.

10 HSGAC Majority : And Witness , I'd now ask you to
11 introduce yourself and your title, and then your counsel.

12 Witness : I'm Witness , Special Agent,
13 U.S. Secret Service. My personal attorney is Witness Counsel .

14 Witness Counsel : My name is Witness Counsel . I am the private
15 counsel to the Federal Law Enforcement Officers
16 Association. I'm here in my representative capacity
17 virtually.

18 Agency Counsel : I'm Agency Counsel . I'm from the
19 Office of Chief Counsel, Secret Service.

20 Agency Counsel : I'm Agency Counsel from Department
21 of Homeland Security Office of General Counsel.

22 HSGAC Majority : During today's interview we'll do our best
23 to limit the number of people speaking at once and try and
24 go in order, so you can understand the questions being
25 asked and people asking the questions. That said, from

1 time to time there may be follow-up to a question we just
2 asked you. If any of the questions we're asking or the
3 follow-up are confusing, please ask us to clarify the
4 question and we'll be happy to do so.

5 Today the reporter is going to create a verbatim
6 record of what we discuss. With that in mind, as I'm sure
7 you're familiar, please respond verbally, because the
8 reporter cannot properly record any nonverbal responses.
9 Do you understand?

10 **Witness** : I understand.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : This interview is being conducted in an
12 unclassified setting, so if questions we ask call for
13 information you know to be classified or to implicate
14 classified information, we would ask that you state the
15 reason you cannot answer. And once you have clarified, to
16 the extent possible, please respond with as much
17 unclassified information as you can to be responsive to the
18 question, and if need be we can enter a classified session
19 and can arrange for that at a later date. Do you
20 understand?

21 **Witness** : I understand.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : It is the Committee's practice to honor
23 valid common law privilege claims and to accommodate
24 witnesses when those claims are made in good faith and
25 accompanied by a sufficient explanation, so that the

1 Committees can evaluate the claim. When deciding whether
2 to honor these privileges, the Committee will weigh its
3 need for the information against any legitimate basis for
4 withholding it. The interview today is occurring without
5 prejudice to any future discussions the Committee may seek,
6 and we reserve the right to request your participation at a
7 future date if need be.

8 If you have to take a break, other than the breaks we
9 plan to take -- we will break on the hour, or after an hour
10 session each -- just let us know and we will be happy to do
11 so, and we can accommodate you.

12 If you have any questions about what we are asking we
13 are happy to clarify. Just ask us to do so. And when you
14 respond you are required to answer questions truthfully.
15 Do you understand?

16 [Witness] : I understand.

17 [HSGAC Majority] : This also applies to questions posed by
18 congressional staff in an interview, including today's
19 interview. And specifically 18 USC Section 1001 makes it a
20 crime to make any materially false, fictitious, or
21 fraudulent statements or representations in the course of a
22 congressional investigation. This statute applies to your
23 statements in this interview. Do you understand?

24 [Witness] : I understand.

25 [HSGAC Majority] : Is there any reason that you would not be

1 able to provide truthful answers today?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : We would also ask that you not speak about
4 what we discuss in this interview with anyone outside of
5 who is in the room today, in order to preserve the
6 integrity of our investigation. We will provide counsel
7 with a copy of this transcript and an errata in order to
8 make corrections, or access to the transcript.

9 Do you have any questions before we begin?

10 **Witness** : No, sir.

11 **Agency Counsel** : Just very quickly, the Secret Service
12 and the Department of Homeland Security have made available
13 to the Committee, consistent with requests from the
14 Chairman, information and records that would not be
15 publicly released. This includes information and records
16 covered under the Privacy Act, personnel and other personal
17 privacy information, for official use only, intelligence
18 and law enforcement sensitive records, and raw intelligence
19 information.

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

24 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving
25 any protections, and for the purposes of administrative

1 efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during the
2 transcribed interview, are making these assertions at the
3 outset of the transcribed interview to preserve all
4 assertions of protection from the public release or
5 disclosure of information or records used or discussed
6 during the transcribed interview.

7 The transcript and any attachments are protected from
8 dissemination to the same extent as the documents and
9 information that they are based on. Please consult with
10 the Secret Service and the Department prior to any public
11 release or disclosure. The Secret Service and the
12 Department have not consented to, and were assured that
13 there would not be any audio recordings of this interview.
14 The agencies understand that the interview will be
15 transcribed by the court reporter, and that the court
16 reporter may use a recording for the purpose of
17 transcription.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Just for the record, I am reiterating that
19 [unclear] transcribed interviews that the Committee will be
20 bound solely by Senate and Committee rules. We will adhere
21 to them. And in addition, as is the Committee's practice,
22 in advance of any publication of nonpublic information,
23 including information we learn in today's interview, it is
24 our practice to provide individuals who provided that
25 information or agencies and their counsel excerpts in

1 advance of publication so that they may provide any factual
2 corrections. That would be our intention here, as well.
3 As you know, we have made one public interim report, and we
4 intend to make additional publications, and we will adhere
5 to best practice.

6 With respect to the transcript itself, the
7 Committee retains the transcript as a record. It is the
8 property of the Committee, and as discussed we will provide
9 counsels with an opportunity to review and correct.

10 There will be an audio recording. That audio
11 recording, to my understanding, is only to be used for the
12 basis of creating the transcript itself. And I just ask
13 that our offices all acknowledge we will rely on the
14 transcript itself as the basis for the record for this
15 interview. Thank you.

16 And just for the record, the offices have all agreed.
17 And with that I would like to begin. We would just ask,
18 [Witness], if you could begin by stating your
19 background with the Secret Service, when you began, any
20 training you've had, and lead us up to the status that you
21 had as of July 13th and your responsibilities on that date.

22 [Witness]: Okay. So I started with the Secret
23 Service October of 2022. And I went through the Academy
24 and graduated in September 2023. So I've only been in the
25 field now just over a year. Leading up to the event I was

1 at NATO, for the NATO Summit, and then [unclear] the July
2 13th event for Trump, and was assigned as a Counter Sniper
3 Response Agent for that event.

4 HSGAC Majority: And when did you receive the call?

5 Witness: July 11th.

6 Agency Counsel: I'm sorry, HSGAC Majority. I really hate to
7 interrupt, but I cannot hear any sound from Special Agent

8 Witness.

9 HSGAC Majority: I will repeat my question, and if you could
10 just let us know if you hear Mr. Witness response. When
11 did you receive the call that you would be working the July
12 13th event?

13 Witness: On July 11th.

14 HSGAC Majority: Did you hear that response?

15 Agency Counsel: Yes, HSGAC Majority, I did hear that. When he
16 was giving his previous answer his mic worked
17 intermittently. I don't know if others who are on the line
18 are having the same issue.

19 Unidentified Voice: I am having the same issue. I'm
20 only picking up every few words.

21 HSGAC Majority: Okay. I'm going to switch my microphone,
22 and if you could just let us know if you hear Mr.

23 Witness next response or if you are having the same
24 problem. We will try and troubleshoot it. Right now we'll
25 just move to the next question, and just please let us know

1 if you hear the full response.

2 [Pause.]

3 HSGAC Majority : HSGAC Majority . I'm a [inaudible]. You
4 said you started with the Secret Service in October of '22
5 and graduated in [inaudible]. Did you start with the
6 uniformed division?

7 Witness : No.

8 HSGAC Majority : So you've been a special agent since you
9 graduated the Academy in September of 2023?

10 Witness : Yes.

11 HSGAC Majority : And the folks who are virtual here
12 [inaudible].

13 Agency Counsel : I believe you were addressing us, and
14 your mic now seems to be cutting out. All I heard was "for
15 the folks who are virtual."

16 HSGAC Majority : We're going to move to another location and
17 pick it up, and that should solve the problem.

18 [Pause.]

19 HSGAC Majority : We're back on the record. Thank you,
20 Special Agent Witness . So you were saying you were never
21 in the uniformed division. You've been a special agent
22 since September of '23. Is that right?

23 Witness : Correct.

24 HSGAC Majority : Are you assigned to a particular field
25 office?

1 **Witness** : Oklahoma City Field Office.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : Regarding this rally in Butler on July
3 13th, did you take any notes, either handwritten or
4 electronically, either before, during, or after, about that
5 event?

6 **Witness** : I have just what I did online, I
7 submitted it in our SharePoint.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Sorry. You had what?

9 **Witness** : Just a timeline of what the events
10 went on, for the interview purpose.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you make that available to the
12 Secret Service?

13 **Witness** : Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. I would request Secret Service
15 counsel, if we haven't received that already, that we would
16 request that document. Do you know if that's been provided
17 to the Committee?

18 **Agency Counsel** : I will have to double check. My
19 understanding was that everything had been provided, but I
20 will, as usual, double check.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you. Regarding your assignment to
22 this rally on July 13th, when were you told you'd be
23 assigned? I think you said July 11th -- is that right?

24 **Witness** : Correct.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that the same time you were told that

1 you would be assigned as the CS response agent?

2 **Witness** : I did not find out until July 12th.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Who told you you'd be the CS response
4 agent?

5 **Witness** : I believe it was a site agent that
6 sent out the posting assignments. I don't remember her
7 name offhand.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you explain why you were selected to
9 staff this event if you were in the Oklahoma City office?

10 **Witness** : So for any agent in Secret Service we
11 get assigned to anywhere in the U.S. for any assignment.
12 It's just what they need whatever particular event.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of any other agents who
14 were assigned to this event from your field office?

15 **Witness** : Not my field office, no.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And do you know why you were
17 selected to be a CS response agent for this event?

18 **Witness** : There's no particular region for being
19 selected as CS Response. I guess they go down the list of
20 positions that they need for that particular event and then
21 they'll just put the names in there of agents that are
22 selected.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : We're passing a document to you. It's
24 been marked Exhibit 1.

25 **Witness** : Okay.

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

3 HSGAC Majority : So this is a July 10th email. It's
4 marked Bates 3234. Did you receive this email?

5 Witness : Sorry. I'm reading the email.

6 HSGAC Majority : Sure.

7 Witness : I'm familiar with the email.

8 HSGAC Majority : Sorry. You said you're not familiar?

9 Witness : No. Yes, sorry. I am familiar.

10 HSGAC Majority : You said you believe it was a site agent
11 who told you you'd be assigned as the CS response agent?

12 Witness : Yes, according to the Post Site
13 Assignment Log.

14 HSGAC Majority : And who told you you'd be assigned, when
15 you were told on July 11th that you'd be assigned to the
16 rally generally?

17 Witness : That was my supervisor. I believe it
18 was either A/ASAC or A/ASAC .

19 HSGAC Majority : How do you spell their last names?

20 Witness : A/ASAC ,
21 I believe.

22 HSGAC Majority : You said that it may have been another
23 individual?

24 Witness : A/ASAC .

25 HSGAC Majority : How do you spell that last name?

1 **Witness** : **USSS Agent** .

2 **HSGAC Majority** : So this email on July 10, saying, "FYI,
3 I will be submitting your name for this assignment.
4 Sorry." You don't recall receiving that?

5 **Witness** : I'm reading further now. Yes, I do
6 remember getting that.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. So this first email at the top,
8 in response to that email about side note, "I need to make
9 a correction to my LA voucher." Did you send that email in
10 response to the one below it?

11 **Witness** : Yes. I was on an assignment prior to
12 this assignment.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. Do you recall who sent you
14 this email, where it says, "FYI, I will be submitting your
15 name for this assignment"?

16 **Witness** : Like I said, it was either **A/ASAC**
17 **or** **A/ASAC** . I want to say it was **A/ASAC** , our
18 now acting ASAC.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you know why he said, "Sorry?"

20 **Witness** : Because we'd been traveling back to
21 back on trips, so he didn't want to -- he felt bad having
22 to quick roll me to another trip.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. Can you walk us through how
24 the CS response role works? So first, how many times had
25 you worked as a CS response agent before the Butler rally?

1 **Witness** : That would be my first time.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : What's your understanding of what the
3 purpose is of a CS response agent?

4 **Witness** : So my understanding is CS response is
5 simply just you respond to any threat that the CS team may
6 deem necessary for you to respond to.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Is it to locate an individual who needs
8 to be located, or is it to respond to a discreet individual
9 or situation that the CS agents or officers already know
10 the location of?

11 **Witness** : Generally it's someone that they know
12 the location of.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that distinction clear to other
14 Secret Service personnel? In other words, is it your
15 understanding that the role of the CS response agent is
16 clear in that it's usually used to respond to something,
17 the location of which is known, rather than to go out and
18 look for something?

19 **Witness** : So I can't speak to anybody else other
20 than myself. However, for me, that's my understanding of
21 it.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you encountered any confusion about
23 that?

24 **Witness** : No.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Is the CS response agent provided only

1 to events where counter snipers are provided?

2 **Witness** : Yes, from my understanding.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Is it your understanding that the Butler
4 rally on July 13th was the first time Secret Service sent
5 counter snipers to former President Trump's events?

6 **Witness** : I'm unaware of that.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : When you were in the field, at an event
8 as a CS response agent, is there a hierarchy of who you
9 report to? Do you report to the CS lead?

10 **Witness** : So the CS lead is supposed to reach
11 out to me if there's any type of event. So yes, to answer
12 that question.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : So is it only the CS lead's authority to
14 deploy you or to dispatch you to respond to something at an
15 event, or can other Secret Service personnel direct you?

16 **Witness** : Other Secret Service personnel, so
17 like the Security Room or Command Post, whichever term you
18 want to use for it. They can reach out to you, as well.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : But it is it generally supposed to be an
20 asset of the counter snipers? In other words, the counter
21 sniper team, for lack of a better word, owns the asset of a
22 CS response agent to be used for their purposes, or is it
23 really Secret Service writ large can use this asset at
24 these events?

25 **Witness** : So from my understanding, CS response

1 can have multiple duties at that event. However, like I
2 said, this was my first time doing CS response, so I'm
3 unaware of their normal protocol. However, it is my
4 understanding that, yes, the Security Room personnel are
5 able to deploy us as they see fit during the event.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. Are you familiar with the
7 Protective Intelligence, or PI, Agent role?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : What's your understanding of that role?

10 **Witness** : Their purpose, from my understanding,
11 is to respond to anyone that is deemed suspicious or
12 otherwise showing suspicious behavior.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you know if a PI agent receives
14 particular training?

15 **Witness** : Not as a post-stander. They do have
16 Protective Intelligence Division. They go through
17 something completely separate. But as a post-stander, not
18 from my understanding, no.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you worked as PI agent before?

20 **Witness** : I have not.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : In your understanding, do PI agents and
22 CS response agents work closely together at events?

23 **Witness** : Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : How so. How do they work together?

25 **Witness** : So you're both filling a role that

1 you're looking for, well, PI looks for more of a suspicious
2 individual, and you look for more of a threat. Generally a
3 threat can, at times, become -- or, sorry, a suspicious
4 person can, in certain scenarios, become a threat, as we
5 saw in this event. However, that would be their connection
6 there. They can help each other find said suspicious
7 person or whatever it may be.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Is it your understanding that a CS
9 response agent and PI agent are in close proximity together
10 during events?

11 **Witness** : It is not my understanding that that
12 is a requirement, no.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. Regarding the Butler rally on
14 July 13th, did you have any involvement in planning for the
15 rally?

16 **Witness** : No.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you rely on any information ahead of
18 the rally to prepare?

19 **Witness** : Just the Assignment Log I would get.
20 That and a brief on the morning of.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you receive any other documentation
22 ahead of the rally?

23 **Witness** : I'd have to look at my email, but I'm
24 pretty sure we received a good bit of documents via
25 digital.

1 HSGAC Majority : Did you attend or give any briefings --

2 Witness : We attended -- oh --

3 HSGAC Majority : -- sorry, specific to the rally.

4 Witness : Yes. On the day of the event, July
5 13th, in the morning, we got a brief.

6 HSGAC Majority : Do you recall what time that was?

7 Witness : Offhand I would say between 9 and 10
8 o'clock in the morning.

9 HSGAC Majority : Was that just Secret Service personnel
10 at that briefing?

11 Witness : Secret Service and HSI.

12 HSGAC Majority : Did you survey the site at all or do any
13 kind of walkthrough before the event began?

14 Witness : Yes.

15 HSGAC Majority : What did you do?

16 Witness : So the site agent and lead, they would
17 essentially do a roll call and make sure they have
18 everybody on that list that were assigned to their
19 particular post-standing positions. The site agent took
20 half the group and the lead took the other half of the
21 group to kind of show them where their positions were going
22 to be and discuss further what the responsibilities are at
23 each post.

24 HSGAC Majority : Did you conduct any kind of threat
25 assessment of the grounds or buildings?

1 **Witness** : Personally I did, yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : What did you assess?

3 **Witness** : I just simply -- we got assigned a
4 golf cart, CS response as well as PI, and then the site and
5 the lead. I just drove around the park. At the time there
6 was no one in the park, so I just drove around to kind of
7 see the area, get familiar with it. Like I said, I'd never
8 done this position before, so.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : So you got familiar with the area. But
10 did you assess the site for any vulnerabilities or
11 concerns?

12 **Witness** : Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : What did you determine?

14 **Witness** : From my understanding, at a point, I
15 hadn't discussed with the CS lead so I was trying to figure
16 out where the sniper teams would be located, which I later
17 on found out, that there were a few vulnerabilities.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : And what were they?

19 **Witness** : The water tower was one that was
20 voiced a few times.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that all in terms of vulnerabilities
22 identified?

23 **Witness** : Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : Was that documented anywhere?

25 **Witness** : You talking about the packet that I

1 received?

2 HSGAC Majority : The identified vulnerabilities including
3 the water tower.

4 Witness : Oh no, there was no document for that.
5 That was just a visual on my own.

6 HSGAC Majority : Are there any other documents or
7 information that would've been helpful to receive ahead of
8 the rally, that you expected to receive?

9 Witness : No. I received a CS packet, but
10 otherwise I was, for that particular position, that's
11 usually what you would get.

12 HSGAC Majority : Had you been to Butler before this
13 rally?

14 Witness : No.

15 HSGAC Majority : And in terms of your responsibility as a
16 CS response agent, did you have a specific area of
17 responsibility?

18 Witness : Just the event itself. I mean, can
19 you specify?

20 HSGAC Majority : Did you have a post, or were you roving?

21 Witness : I was roving.

22 HSGAC Majority : In the golf cart, you said?

23 Witness : Yes.

24 HSGAC Majority : And is it typical, in your
25 understanding, to have LES Secret Service CS response

1 **LES** at an event this large?

2 **Witness** : I'm unaware.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you know if there was any discussion
4 of sending **LES** CS response agents to this rally?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Regarding the security perimeter of this
7 rally, how, of at all, does a security perimeter at a rally
8 affect your responsibilities as a CS response agent?

9 **Witness** : Simply put, the better secure the
10 outer perimeter is, that helps relieve the concern of any
11 potential threat from those positions. Yeah.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Were your duties or responsibilities
13 limited to within the security perimeter?

14 **Witness** : You're talking about inside where the
15 magnetometers, the inner perimeter? Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Right. Your duties were indeed limited
17 to that area. Is that what you're saying?

18 **Witness** : They're not limited to it, but that's
19 where we were positioned up, as directed by the CS lead.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : But if you were directed to respond to
21 something beyond the security perimeter you would have that
22 capability? That's not outside of your authority or
23 capability to respond outside the security perimeter?

24 **Witness** : From my understanding, no, it's not.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. What was your understanding

1 of the perimeter at the Butler rally?

2 **Witness** : Inner perimeter was anything where the
3 immediate area was, like the stage up to the magnetometers.
4 And then the middle perimeter was essentially the field
5 between the crowd and the AGR building, and the outer
6 perimeter would be beyond the AGR building, circling -- I
7 apologize, I don't remember the street names, but front and
8 back street of the event would be the outer perimeter,
9 essentially border.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : And to clarify, the middle perimeter
11 that you described, between the fence and AGR, that was
12 outside the secure magnetometer area. Is that right?

13 **Witness** : You're discussing the one at 3
14 o'clock? So yes, that was outside the mags, blocked off by
15 a fence.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Right. Understood. Did you have any
17 concerns about the perimeter?

18 **Witness** : Not at the time, no.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Not at the time. Have you since raised
20 concerns or had concerns about the perimeter?

21 **Witness** : I do now, yes.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : And what are they?

23 **Witness** : Lack of manning, personnel, in the
24 area.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you expound on that? So what did

1 you observe that raised those concerns for you?

2 **Witness** : It wasn't until shots fired did I
3 realize there wasn't enough local -- so typically you'll
4 have more locals on the outer and middle perimeter, more so
5 the outer perimeter, to help deal with crowds and traffic.
6 Now this is all from my perspective. I don't know if there
7 were more individuals there or not prior to that. However,
8 when I arrived at the building there was not the amount of
9 people that I expected there to be, as far as law
10 enforcement.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : And when you say when you arrived at the
12 building, you mean after shots fired?

13 **Witness** : Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Did anyone else have any concerns, that
15 you were aware of, before the rally about the perimeter?

16 **Witness** : Only the same thing as the water
17 tower.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : And regarding the AGR building, same
19 question. Did you have any concerns or identify any
20 vulnerabilities about the AGR building before the rally?

21 **Witness** : No. It was my understanding that
22 there was a sniper team on the roof of the AGR building, so
23 that was concern was removed once I was told that.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : Who told you that?

25 **Witness** : The CS lead.

1 HSGAC Majority : The CS lead, you said?

2 Witness : Yes, sir.

3 HSGAC Majority : And what was his name or her name?

4 Witness : His -- I have his name --

5 C/S Team Lead .

6 HSGAC Majority : So what did he tell you exactly?

7 Witness : So I don't remember exactly, but I
8 went over the packet with him, and on the CS response
9 packet it shows where our CS teams will be located, our
10 LES teams. And one was on top of the AGR building, so
11 he's pointing it out to me, and one was at the horse track
12 -- I don't remember what they called it specifically -- and
13 then two on the barn behind the stage.

14 HSGAC Majority : So this map, was it your interpretation
15 of that map that led you to believe that the local snipers
16 would be on top of the roof of the AGR building, or did
17 C/S Team Lead explicitly tell you that they would be on the
18 roof?

19 Witness : I'd have to say it's probably more my
20 understanding of it.

21 HSGAC Majority : Okay. So C/S Team Lead didn't say that
22 those locals would be on the roof. It was just that was
23 your impression of looking at the icons on the map that he
24 gave you?

25 Witness : Yes.

1 HSGAC Majority : Understood. Were you aware of any
2 concerns about line of sight from the AGR building to the
3 stage?

4 Witness : I was not. I wasn't in a perspective
5 from the AGR building to the view, any type of line-of-
6 sight issues.

7 HSGAC Majority : Were you aware of any efforts to
8 mitigate any line-of-sight issues.

9 Witness : No.

10 HSGAC Majority : So you mentioned that after the fact you
11 certainly had these concerns about a lack of manpower
12 around the AGR building, but before the rally what was your
13 understanding of who would be responsible for securing the
14 AGR building?

15 Witness : It was my understanding, by our
16 diagrams, was state and local personnel, as well as that
17 LES team that was in that building, in that situation.

18 HSGAC Majority : Do you know who decided that?

19 Witness : I do not.

20 HSGAC Majority : Was that documented anywhere besides the
21 map that you said C/S Team Lead showed you?

22 Witness : That they were -- that they had
23 individuals around that building?

24 HSGAC Majority : Right.

25 Witness : I believe we had a site diagram that

1 was sent to us in that email. I can't remember what day it
2 was. But there was a diagram that showed posts throughout
3 the event.

4 HSGAC Majority : And can you talk more about the manpower
5 that you saw around the AGR building during the event? So
6 before shots fired, describe the presence of law
7 enforcement you saw in the AGR area.

8 Witness : So during the event I wasn't
9 necessarily looking at the AGR building, so I couldn't
10 provide that information.

11 HSGAC Majority : Were you aware of anyone else reporting
12 any concerns about the AGR building before the event?

13 Witness : Before the event started?

14 HSGAC Majority : Right.

15 Witness : No.

16 HSGAC Majority : So moving forward to the day of the
17 event, what time did you arrive at the Butler site?

18 Witness : I believe it was around 9:00.

19 HSGAC Majority : That's on Saturday the 13th?

20 Witness : Yes, sir.

21 HSGAC Majority : And where did you come from? What was
22 your previous assignment?

23 Witness : I was in D.C. for the NATO Summit.

24 HSGAC Majority : Did you drive out to Pittsburgh area
25 that Saturday morning or the Friday night?

1 Did you send that email?

2 **Witness** : Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : So it looks like you wrote, "I have been
4 rolled twice now." What does it mean to be rolled twice?

5 **Witness** : You're on a prior assignment, prior
6 protection assignment. Like I mentioned, I was at NATO
7 prior, and then prior to NATO I was in L.A. for another
8 protection assignment.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : I see. So as opposed to doing your
10 regular duties in the Oklahoma City Field Office, "rolled"
11 means being assigned to a protective assignment.

12 **Witness** : Correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. You also wrote in the
14 email, "Unfortunately, our whole office has been getting
15 it." Again, what does that mean, that the special agents
16 in Oklahoma City had been assigned to protective events?

17 **Witness** : Correct. Agency-wide.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : You stated in the email that you didn't
19 have a raid vest. Why did you not have a raid vest?

20 **Witness** : Because our first assignment was plain
21 clothes, and the second assignment was a suit. It was my
22 understanding that I was coming home after that second
23 assignment, so we did not pack a raid vest. It was a
24 mistake on my own.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Why was it a mistake if you didn't need

1 the raid vest for the other assignments?

2 **Witness** : Because they tell you to plan for the
3 worst, so I should've had it with me.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. Did the lack of a raid vest
5 at all affect your duties or responsibilities in terms of
6 what you were assigned to do at Butler?

7 **Witness** : No.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Did the lack of a raid vest at all
9 affect your ability to carry out your duties or
10 responsibilities?

11 **Witness** : No.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Where were you the night before the
13 rally, so Friday the 12th?

14 **Witness** : At my hotel.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : When did you arrive? Do you recall?

16 **Witness** : I don't recall the time, no.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : What did you do that night?

18 **Witness** : I probably laid in my hotel bed and
19 went to sleep. I don't remember.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : We're going to pass around this time
21 another email marked Exhibit 3.

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

24 **HSGAC Majority** : This email is from July 13th at 1:32
25 p.m. It's marked Bates 2234.

1 So in this email the sender says, "I got to brief you
2 for CS response." Did you receive this email?

3 **Witness** : Yes, from **C/S Team Lead** .

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Understanding that this was your first
5 event as a CS response agent, was it your understanding
6 that it was typical for the CS response agent to meet with
7 the CS lead at an event?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : When would you expect that to happen?

10 **Witness** : There's no expectation of time.
11 Really, whenever they're available, I would assume.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Were you not concerned at the timing of
13 this briefing that the 1:32 p.m. notification to get you to
14 brief with **C/S Team Lead** , that still left plenty of time
15 for you to get into position and prepare for the rally?

16 **Witness** : Yes. As CS response you don't go on
17 post until **LES** , so that was quite a few
18 hours before.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you end up having this briefing with
20 **C/S Team Lead** ?

21 **Witness** : Yes.

22 **Witness** : And what did you discuss?

23 **Witness** : He handed me the CS response packet
24 that I mentioned earlier, with the grid lines, and then he
25 asked me the same question, "Is this your first time?" and

1 I said, "Yes." And he said, you know, "Just hang out and
2 if we need you we'll call you on your cellphone."

3 HSGAC Majority : So it was protocol to call you on the
4 cellphone as opposed to a radio?

5 Witness : I just assumed that was what was
6 easiest for them since they were going to be back and forth
7 with the other LES teams. It was less voices on that
8 channel.

9 HSGAC Majority : On the Secret Service channel, you mean?

10 Witness : Correct.

11 HSGAC Majority : Understood. You said earlier that you
12 were roving. Were you in one particular area for the
13 majority of the time, or more than others?

14 Witness : So by roving, as CS response and PI,
15 during the lead-up to LES, you're relieving other
16 posts that they need to use the bathroom or grab food, or
17 whatever, grab water. So by roving I mean going around to
18 each other's posts and helping them out.

19 HSGAC Majority : So did you end up just happening to be
20 in any particular area more than any other areas?

21 Witness : It was either at a command post or by
22 the stage.

23 HSGAC Majority : Or Secret Service Security Room? Is
24 that what you mean by Command Post?

25 Witness : Yes.

1 HSGAC Majority : Okay. Were you paired with a local
2 counterpart?

3 Witness : A State Trooper, yes.

4 HSGAC Majority : And who was that?

5 Witness : I believe his first name is PSP Trooper and
6 his last name is PSP Trooper .

7 HSGAC Majority : When did you first learn that you would
8 have that local counterpart?

9 Witness : It was, I want to say, around noonish
10 that day. I mean, I knew I had a State Trooper
11 counterpart. Not who specifically.

12 HSGAC Majority : Understood. So did you meet him
13 physically face-to-face around noon?

14 Witness : Yes, on July 13th, yeah.

15 HSGAC Majority : Did you discuss anything about how to
16 handle the duties that day?

17 Witness : I did.

18 HSGAC Majority : What did you discuss?

19 Witness : Pretty much repeated what the CS lead
20 explained to me, showed him the grid, how we would respond
21 if there was a threat, and that leading up to, LES ,
22 we were kind of just roving to help out where needed.

23 HSGAC Majority : So what generally is the role of a local
24 counterpart to a CS response agent?

25 Witness : So they have the local authority that

1 we would not have.

2 HSGAC Majority : Such as what?

3 Witness : Arrests, or if there's any type of,
4 really I guess any local or state law that we can't enforce
5 necessarily for that area.

6 HSGAC Majority : Did you have any other concerns ahead of
7 the rally that we haven't discussed?

8 Witness : No.

9 HSGAC Majority : I'd like to talk a bit about suspicious
10 person. So generally speaking, what's your understanding
11 of a CS response agent's responsibility when there's a
12 suspicious person in the crowd or otherwise at an event?

13 Witness : So like I mentioned earlier, for CS
14 response, from my understanding, we are not generally the
15 one to respond to a suspicious person. We respond to a
16 threat, which is someone who is obviously posing a direct
17 threat to the event or our protectee. The ones that
18 usually would report to a suspicious person would be PI or
19 CSU.

20 HSGAC Majority : Before shots were fired, were you aware
21 of a suspicious person in the general area of the 3
22 o'clock, which is north of the stage, around the AGR
23 building?

24 Witness : About a minute prior to I knew that he
25 was on the AGR building.

1 HSGAC Majority : But did you become aware of a suspicious
2 person report earlier than that?

3 Witness : Yes.

4 HSGAC Majority : And when did you become aware of that?

5 Witness : I want to say it was 5:50-ish is when
6 I was given a call.

7 HSGAC Majority : You were given a call, you said?

8 Witness : Correct.

9 HSGAC Majority : Who called you?

10 Witness : I don't remember his name right now
11 offhand, but he was in the Security Room. He was part of
12 Trump's detail. He was counter UAS individual.

13 HSGAC Majority : Special Agent C/UAS Advance Lead -- does that sound
14 familiar?

15 Witness : Yes. Yep.

16 HSGAC Majority : That's who called you, you believe?

17 Witness : Yes.

18 HSGAC Majority : And what did he say?

19 Witness : He just explained that there was a
20 suspicious person who had a rangefinder, and that he was
21 trying to let me and PI and whoever else know that, pretty
22 much everybody we can, know that they want to interview
23 him, just to see why he had a rangefinder.

24 HSGAC Majority : What was your reaction to hearing that
25 this suspicious person had a rangefinder?

1 **Witness** : I wasn't too alerted by it. I mean,
2 it's not uncommon for people to have -- I mean, you don't
3 see it every day, but a rangefinder isn't necessarily
4 illegal. However, it is very suspicious, as we know. So I
5 informed my State Trooper counterpart, and we started to
6 look for the individual.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Is it common, in your understanding, to
8 see rally attendees with a rangefinder at these types of
9 events?

10 **Witness** : I don't have prior experience with
11 that, no.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Did Special Agent **C/UAS Advance** give you any
13 information about where the suspicious person was in terms
14 of inside or outside the middle perimeter?

15 **Witness** : No, not to that effect, that I
16 remember.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : So did Special Agent **C/UAS Advance**, for lack of
18 a better word, direct you or deploy you to go look for the
19 suspicious person?

20 **Witness** : He asked me to look for him, yes.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : So given what you said earlier about
22 your understanding of the role of CS response usually to
23 respond to a threat rather than to look for a suspicious
24 person, were you surprised to be given that assignment or
25 duty?

1 **Witness** : No. Like I said, we help each other
2 out, so if there's someone that is suspicious we can, if we
3 at the time have no potential threat, we'll look for
4 suspicious individuals.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : When you had the briefing with
6 **C/S Team Lead** , did he speak to the role of CS response in terms
7 of what he would expect you to respond to versus not
8 respond to?

9 **Witness** : No. He just said what to respond to,
10 not what not to respond to.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : And what did he say that you would be
12 responding to.

13 **Witness** : Threats.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Threats. He didn't mention looking for
15 suspicious individuals?

16 **Witness** : Not that I recall.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. In terms of hearing from the CUAS
18 agent, I understand you say you weren't terribly surprised
19 to be asked, in general, to respond to a suspicious person,
20 but were you surprised to hear from the lead CUAS agent
21 asking you to do this? Did that seem out of the chain of
22 command to you?

23 **Witness** : Not necessarily, because he was
24 helping in the Security Room, so I kind of figure that he
25 was passed down from the Security Room post-stander, which

1 was the SAC. I know that the radios get kind of busy so I
2 figured he just passed it over to him, since he was sitting
3 right next to him.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : So what was your understanding of what
5 your task was to do, in terms of looking for the suspicious
6 person?

7 **Witness** : Just interview him once we found him.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Interview and to try to determine what
9 he was doing?

10 **Witness** : Exactly.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : When you were, again for lack of a
12 better word, dispatched or deployed to look for this
13 person, did you notify Officer **C/S Team Lead** ?

14 **Witness** : I did not.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Why not?

16 **Witness** : I assumed it was coming from them to
17 the Command Post.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm going to hand you another document.
19 This one, I believe, is a text. Marking this Exhibit 4.

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

22 **HSGAC Majority** : So this marked Bates stamped 2239
23 through -44. This is from Saturday, July 13th. The first
24 text is at 5:52 p.m. Did you receive this text? You can
25 note on the next page, 2240, there's a photograph.

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : You did receive it. Who sent it?

3 **Witness** : **C/UAS Advance Lead** was the first one to send it to
4 me.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : So it was your understanding that this
6 was a picture of the suspicious person you were supposed to
7 be looking for?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And what did you do in response
10 to receiving this?

11 **Witness** : I gave it to my State Trooper
12 counterpart, and I texted it to him, as well, and then I
13 encountered PI, the PI agent, and I sent it to her, as
14 well.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : What was her name?

16 **Witness** : I don't remember offhand, but I
17 believe it was **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** [sic] something or another.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** -- does that sound right?

19 **Witness** : Yes. Thank you.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you. And if you turn to page
21 2241, there's an additional text at 5:50 p.m., which
22 appears to have the same photo attached on 2242. And then
23 at 2243 there's another text at 6:04 p.m., and again on
24 2244 it appears to have the same photo. So did you receive
25 this photo three different times? Is that what I'm seeing?

1 **Witness** : I don't believe I received it three
2 times. I thought I sent it -- it looks like this one was
3 sent to **Site Protective Intelligence Agent**

4 **HSGAC Majority** : I see. So 2241 is where you then sent
5 the photos to others. Is that right?

6 **Witness** : Let me see here.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : 2241, the From field is redacted, but it
8 says, "OK, C." So is it your understand that that's from
9 you?

10 **Witness** : Yep. I believe the second one would
11 be to my State Trooper counterpart, and a third one,
12 because it's a few minutes later, yep, that was to
13 **Site Protective Intelligence Agent**, out of Phoenix, I guess.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Sorry. Is that the PI agent?

15 **Witness** : Correct.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Yeah, understood. Thank you. So can
17 you walk us through what you did to try to locate the
18 suspicious individual?

19 **Witness** : Yes. So once we got the text of
20 actually what he looked like, my State Trooper counterpart
21 and I got in the golf cart and we started to head up the
22 road towards the Command Post to just try and circle the
23 perimeter, of the inner and middle perimeter. When we got
24 halfway up that road we encountered PI, and I stopped her
25 and asked her if she had the same call as me, and she said

1 yes, she did. She said that her State Trooper counterpart
2 was already over on the opposite side, so at 3 o'clock,
3 that middle perimeter field, with a couple other local law
4 enforcement and a truck, looking for the individual, and
5 that we should spread out from there, she would go back up
6 towards the Command Post and look up that way, and I would
7 go back down towards the south end, or I don't know if it
8 was the south end, the 6 o'clock of the stage, and look
9 around there.

10 HSGAC Majority : So backing up, when you began to search
11 for him, was this around 5:52 when you first got this text
12 from Agent C/UAS Advance
Lread ?

13 Witness : Yes, it was immediately after.

14 HSGAC Majority : Do you recall what time you ran into the
15 PI agent?

16 Witness : It was whenever I sent that text, I
17 believe. It was I guess after 6, I guess.

18 HSGAC Majority : And she told you that her counterpart
19 was over by AGR?

20 Witness : He was in that middle field between
21 AGR. AGR wasn't mentioned yet at all.

22 HSGAC Majority : So at that point did you stick together
23 with Agent Site Protective Intelligence
Agent , or did you separate?

24 Witness : No, we separated. She went up towards
25 the Command Post and around that way, heading back towards

1 where her counterpart was, and myself and my counterpart
2 went the opposite way.

3 HSGAC Majority : And what was the opposite way?

4 Witness : Headed back towards the stage and
5 around where the crowd was.

6 HSGAC Majority : At that point, when you separated from
7 Agent Site Protective Intelligence Agent , was it your understanding that she would
8 continue to look for the suspicious person?

9 Witness : Yes.

10 HSGAC Majority : And I know you said you didn't notify
11 Officer C/S Team Lead that you were being dispatched, but were
12 you in contact with him or any other CS?

13 Witness : No.

14 HSGAC Majority : No. Were you in contact or
15 communication with any other Secret Service personnel at
16 that point?

17 Witness : Just the PI and the Security Room.
18 That would be the only other ones.

19 HSGAC Majority : Were you relaying any information back
20 to the Security Room about your search?

21 Witness : No.

22 HSGAC Majority : And is that just because you didn't have
23 any updates to give?

24 Witness : Correct.

25 HSGAC Majority : Do you know if your counterpart, Trooper

1 PSP Trooper, was in contact with any PSP or other local law
2 enforcement about your search for the suspicious person?

3 Witness: He was. I sent him that picture and
4 he distributed it out to his folks that were there, as
5 well. So we had more eyes looking.

6 HSGAC Majority: Do you know if he received any
7 information from his PSP colleagues or other local
8 colleagues about further information about the suspicious
9 person?

10 Witness: I don't recall him ever mentioning
11 that, no.

12 HSGAC Majority: Were you ever told to stop looking or go
13 back to, you know, your post or roving duties at any point?

14 Witness: We were never told to stop looking,
15 no.

16 HSGAC Majority: Did anything prevent you in any way from
17 looking for him, whether it's the location of the securing
18 perimeter, the fencing, being able to come in and out of
19 secure areas, et cetera? Did anything prevent you or
20 inhibit you from searching wherever you wanted to?

21 Witness: No. I mean, there were other things
22 that happened throughout the event. Like I said, it was a
23 suspicious person, so for me there were a couple of medical
24 emergencies that happened right in front of me and people
25 kind of grabbed us or asked us for assistance, and I would

1 have to call EMS real quick and then continue on with the
2 search. There were a couple of fights that we had to break
3 up by the stage. It was a little chaotic all in that last
4 15, 20 minutes, around the stage area and on the 9 o'clock
5 side, while we were still looking, so that prolonged our
6 search, as well.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : So let's break this down. You mentioned
8 medical issues. So this is after 5:52, when you had
9 started your search. Is that right?

10 **Witness** : Yes.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : So do you recall how many medical issues
12 you encountered?

13 **Witness** : I do not recall. There was a lot that
14 day.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : So you personally were involved in
16 responding to medical issues?

17 **Witness** : Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that people overheating?

19 **Witness** : Overheating or passing out. We had a
20 few people pass out. Actually, we had a lot of people pass
21 out in the crowd.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : So at least one medical issue after
23 5:52. Is that right?

24 **Witness** : Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : And you said breaking up fights near the

1 stage?

2 **Witness** : Yes. A lady got elbowed in the fact,
3 and I guess they were trying to get the closest to the
4 stage, and there was an altercation, and myself and the
5 State Trooper counterpart, what he's there for is to handle
6 this type of issue. So with it being that close to the
7 stage with President Trump coming on, pretty relatively
8 soon that took priority since it was right there. So we
9 removed them from that situation and I guess had one go to
10 one corner and the one go to the other corner, and then we
11 continued on.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : And again, this was after 5:52. So it
13 was during your search.

14 **Witness** : Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you recall how long that took?

16 **Witness** : I do not.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you recall how long it took to
18 respond to the medical situations?

19 **Witness** : I do not, no.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. So what happened next with your
21 search for the suspicious person?

22 **Witness** : So we hadn't had any news of any
23 update whatsoever on him. The last I was told was that he
24 was up towards the far 12 o'clock of the event, so pretty
25 far away, and that was -- I don't remember a time exactly

1 but it was in between that time. So my focus at this point
2 was to try and get in position for when Trump was coming on
3 the stage, just to be readily available for the CS team in
4 case they saw something while he was coming up on the stage
5 I could respond accordingly. So that's what I started to
6 head towards once the time came closer for him to come up
7 on the stage.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : I want to address a couple of things you
9 just said. First, did you say that you heard that a
10 suspicious person was at the 12 o'clock?

11 **Witness** : Yeah. So at the front -- I don't have
12 a map on me, sorry -- but up where the Security Room is I
13 heard that he was pretty much essentially to the right of
14 the Security Room, so your 2 o'clock area, which is why
15 that State Trooper from the PI counterpart was over on that
16 way looking, and that no one had seen him since essentially
17 the first time they saw him. So that's when I started to
18 move myself back to the stage area.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And you said you moved yourself back
20 towards the stage area in preparation for the former
21 President to be on the stage?

22 **Witness** : Correct.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : But were you still engaging in the
24 search for the suspicious person at that point?

25 **Witness** : I was being aware. I was keeping my

1 eye out, looking for the individual, because he wasn't
2 wearing what most of the other people were wearing, so I
3 was hoping he would stand out a little bit better. So
4 yeah, I mean, I was still looking, actively looking, as I'm
5 also trying to get into position.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : So why didn't you go over to the 2 or 3
7 o'clock area if that was where he was reported to be?

8 **Witness** : We already had people there.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : So was it coordinated in terms of you
10 were told to search a certain area and other people were
11 told to search another area?

12 **Witness** : It was coordinated between myself and
13 PI, as I mentioned.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : And you said the PI agent's local
15 counterpart was over in the 2 or 3 o'clock area?

16 **Witness** : Correct.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And you didn't want to duplicate
18 those efforts. Is that why you didn't go over there?

19 **Witness** : I thought it unnecessary, yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. Did you report back to the
21 Security Room at any point about your status at that point?

22 **Witness** : I don't recall that I did, no.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of whether the locals in
24 the 2 or 3 o'clock area found anything?

25 **Witness** : I'm unaware of it.

1 HSGAC Majority: Did you hear a radio alert over your
2 Secret Service radio about the locals addressing something
3 at the 3 o'clock?

4 Witness: No.

5 HSGAC Majority: Have you since become aware of that
6 radio transmission?

7 Witness: I have been told, yes.

8 HSGAC Majority: What's your understanding for why you
9 didn't receive it?

10 Witness: I was in a crowd of 20,000 people.

11 HSGAC Majority: So you mean you just couldn't hear?

12 Witness: Correct.

13 HSGAC Majority: Did you have trouble hearing radio
14 transmissions that day beyond that one?

15 Witness: Yes. That's why I had C/UAS Advance
16 rather than talk on the radio. Lead

17 HSGAC Majority: Describe your radio setup. Is it an
18 earpiece?

19 Witness: It's an earpiece.

20 HSGAC Majority: And you were routinely having trouble
21 hearing?

22 Witness: When I'm around the crowd, yes. It's
23 quite loud.

24 HSGAC Majority: Okay.

25 Witness: Even with the radio turned all the way

1 up.

2 HSGAC Majority : And I know you said this was the first
3 time you had worked as a CS response agent, but had you
4 worked protective roles in large outdoor rallies like this
5 before?

6 Witness : Not this large, no.

7 HSGAC Majority : Okay. Was this the first time you'd
8 experience that kind of difficulty hearing on the radio?

9 Witness : Yes.

10 HSGAC Majority : So it's your understanding that you
11 should have received that transmission about the 3 o'clock,
12 you just didn't hear it?

13 Witness : Correct.

14 HSGAC Majority : Do you know what frequency it was
15 submitted over, like LES

16 Witness : I don't recall the channel.

17 HSGAC Majority : Were you on the LES channel?

18 Witness : I was on whatever correct channel was
19 for that day.

20 HSGAC Majority : You don't recall which one it was?

21 Witness : No, because we had been talking prior
22 to that anyways.

23 HSGAC Majority : Do you recall becoming aware of anyone
24 on the roof before shots were fired?

25 Witness : Moments before, like probably 15, 20

1 seconds. C/UAS Advance
Lead gave me a call and said, "There's someone
2 on the building," and that's immediately when I turned
3 around to find out what building.

4 HSGAC Majority : So what exactly did he tell you?

5 Witness : He just said, "There's someone on the
6 AGR building," and I asked him who. He said it was
7 suspected to be the individual. And then I said, "Okay.
8 We're heading that way." I turned to my State Trooper
9 counterpart, and at the time I was not aware of which
10 building they meant exactly. AGR building, there was two
11 of them over there. So I asked them which one's the AGR
12 building. Since they're locals I figured they would
13 understand more than someone who's from Oklahoma City. And
14 eventually one of the local cops that was standing back
15 there behind the stage pointed it out to us, and at that
16 point that's when the first shot went off, about 10 feet
17 above our head.

18 HSGAC Majority : So you were by the stage when Agent
19 C/UAS Advance
Lead called you?

20 Witness : Yes.

21 HSGAC Majority : And he called you, you said, moments
22 before shots were fired?

23 Witness : Correct.

24 HSGAC Majority : And in response, did you say you started
25 to move towards AGR?

1 **Witness** : Yes. I was at the 9 o'clock of the
2 stage, behind the bike rack, trying to discuss with the
3 locals there where the AGR building is, and that's when
4 they pointed to it, and the moment they pointed to it I
5 turned around to start heading that way, and that's when
6 the shot went off.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you have any understanding from
8 Special Agent **C/UAS Advance Lead** about how the situation was being
9 handled beyond what he told you about what you should be
10 doing?

11 **Witness** : No.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : So what's your responsibility in that
13 situation? We talked earlier about CS Response being
14 responsible for suspicious individuals versus threats.
15 Were you expected or not at all surprised that you'd be
16 asked to respond to someone on a roof?

17 **Witness** : Yes. I was not at all surprised.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : And you said you associated this with
19 the suspicious individual earlier. So in other words, you
20 thought it was the person with the rangefinder?

21 **Witness** : Correct.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : And you didn't hear any radio alerts
23 about someone on the roof? It was just the call from
24 Special Agent **C/UAS Advance Lead**?

25 **Witness** : Correct.

1 **HSGAC Minority** : Did you consider radioing it, that
2 information?

3 **Witness** : No. I was more concerned about
4 finding the threat.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you ever observe anyone on the roof
6 before shots were fired?

7 **Witness** : Not before shots fired, no.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you have a view -- I understand you
9 were asking the locals where AGR was, but once you were
10 told where it was did you have a view of the roof from
11 there?

12 **Witness** : Not a clear view, no.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Were you made aware of anyone who was
14 armed? Did Special Agent **C/UAS Advance Lead** tell you that the
15 individual on the roof was armed, or did anyone else tell
16 you that?

17 **Witness** : I don't recall if he said he was armed
18 or not. I believe he did.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Sorry. You said you believe he did tell
20 you that?

21 **Witness** : Yes, on that phone call.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : So walks us through again why that
23 wouldn't be radioed? It seems if it's the individual with
24 a rangefinder on the roof and armed, did it not strike you
25 that that should be sent out over the radio for more Secret

1 Service personnel to be notified beyond just a phone call
2 from one person?

3 [Witness] : I agree. Usually that call would be
4 put out over by Security Room, so I don't understand why it
5 wouldn't have been.

6 [HSGAC Majority] : Why did it not occur to you to radio it
7 at that point?

8 [Witness] : As I mentioned, I was trying to talk
9 to the locals about finding where that building was. But
10 yeah, in hindsight, sure, I probably should've radioed it.

11 [HSGAC Majority] : Were you ever aware of any discussion or
12 deliberations about potentially preventing President Trump
13 from taking the stage or from taking him off the stage?

14 [Witness] : I was unaware of any.

15 [HSGAC Majority] : Did it occur to you that that might be a
16 proper course of action once you had heard about someone on
17 the roof that was armed, with a rangefinder?

18 [Witness] : It didn't occur to me at the moment,
19 no.

20 [HSGAC Majority] : Is it your understanding that the Secret
21 Service has the capability or authority or ability to
22 remove a protectee from a stage if there's a threat?

23 [Witness] : Yes.

24 [HSGAC Majority] : And what kind of threat do you think --
25 what level of a threat do you think would have to rise to

1 constitute a situation where a protectee should be removed
2 from the stage?

3 **Witness** : One like this.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : So then why do you think it was not
5 radioed or why did it not occur to you to suggest that?

6 **Witness** : I can't speak to why they didn't do it
7 either.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : So just to be clear, you never saw the
9 suspicious person you were looking for before shots fired?

10 **Witness** : No.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : Which we now know to be Mr. Crooks. You
12 never saw him before shots were fired?

13 **Witness** : Not before shots fired, no.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : So when shots were fired you were still
15 by the stage. Is that right?

16 **Witness** : Correct.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you describe what you observed or
18 heard or saw?

19 **Witness** : So the first shot went off about 5, 10
20 feet above our head. The second shot was obviously
21 immediately right after. I was winged by a piece of
22 shrapnel in the hand, so I started bleeding pretty good.
23 My partner thought that I was shot, but I was not shot. It
24 was just a piece of shrapnel.

25 At that point we started running towards the fence,

1 hopped the fence, and ran over to the AGR building and
2 responded accordingly, as fast as we could, to get to the
3 threat.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : You said you got shrapnel in your hand?

5 **Witness** : Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : What was the shrapnel from? Do you have
7 an understanding of that?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you understand it was bullet shrapnel
10 or debris from something a bullet hit?

11 **Witness** : We would assume bullet shrapnel, only
12 because of where I was standing in their direct path, but
13 it's unknown. There was no confirmation of what it was.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you since gotten confirmation?

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Could you tell the direction that the
17 shots were coming from?

18 **Witness** : Yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : What was your understanding?

20 **Witness** : The AGR building. I mean, in that
21 direction, yes, from the AGR building.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : And how many shots do you recall
23 hearing?

24 **Witness** : Only two, but after that I was running
25 towards the building, and I was just tunnel vision going to

1 the building. So outside that I wasn't necessarily hearing
2 the shots fired. I was more so just running towards the
3 building.

4 HSGAC Majority : And what happened next?

5 Witness : At the building? Is that what you're
6 asking?

7 HSGAC Majority : Yes.

8 Witness : At the building my State Trooper
9 counterpart and I lifted three TAC gentlemen up on the
10 roof, and then we entered the building to clear the
11 building.

12 HSGAC Majority : So you didn't get on the roof?

13 Witness : I did not.

14 HSGAC Majority : When you were still back by the stage,
15 and I suppose running towards the AGR, do you recall seeing
16 or hearing any local law enforcement fire their weapon?

17 Witness : No.

18 HSGAC Majority : Did you observe, you know, hear or see
19 the counter snipers, the Secret Service counter snipers
20 fire their weapon?

21 Witness : I did not.

22 HSGAC Majority : Have you since learned that local law
23 enforcement fired their weapon at Mr. Crooks?

24 Witness : I have heard that, yes.

25 HSGAC Majority : Have you received any kind of official

1 confirmation about that?

2 [Witness] : Only about our sniper, our personal
3 sniper.

4 [HSGAC Majority] : But not the local?

5 [Witness] : Not the local.

6 [HSGAC Majority] : So you said you were injured in the
7 hand. How bad was the injury?

8 [Witness] : Not bad.

9 [HSGAC Majority] : It didn't prevent you from responding
10 over to the AGR building?

11 [Witness] : No.

12 [HSGAC Majority] : I'm going to hand you a document about
13 that. This is Exhibit 4 -- 5, thanks, Exhibit 5.

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

16 [HSGAC Majority] : So I believe these are texts to and from
17 you from July 13th. The first one is 8:05 p.m. and then
18 8:23 p.m. So this is Bates 2247 through -49.

19 This first text looks like it's from someone in
20 Oklahoma City Field Office to you. I that right?

21 [Witness] : I believe that was to my supervisor,
22 A/ASAC .

23 [HSGAC Majority] : Sorry. Was it from [A/ASAC] to you?

24 [Witness] : Sorry. From me to him, I believe.
25 Let me read it.

1 HSGAC Majority : Sure.

2 Witness : Oh, so okay. I believe -- honestly, I
3 don't remember who sent this. I want to say it was either
4 SAIC OKC, our SAIC, or my -- yeah, that would make
5 sense, probably my SAIC.

6 HSGAC Majority : So your Oklahoma City Field Office SAIC
7 to you. That's your understanding?

8 Witness : I believe so, yes.

9 HSGAC Majority : So this is talking about the injury that
10 you received to your hand. Is that what he's referring to
11 there, about your injury?

12 Witness : Yes.

13 : Can you turn to page 2249? There are
14 some redactions on this page. The Secret Service added
15 these redactions.

16 Witness : Yep.

17 HSGAC Majority : Do you know what's under the redactions?
18 So after it says "and it's really nothing" do you recall
19 what you said there?

20 Witness : I do not.

21 HSGAC Majority : And when you say "where the shot hit
22 above us," that's referring to the shooter's shots towards
23 the stage where you were still near the stage?

24 Witness : The initial shots, yes.

25 HSGAC Majority : Okay. Do you recall what time you left

1 the rally site?

2 [Witness] : After midnight, I believe.

3 [HSGAC Majority] : After midnight. What were you doing
4 roughly between 6 and 12, you know, shots fired until when
5 you left?

6 [Witness] : So searching that building took about
7 an hour. After we were done at the building we went to the
8 Command Post. I started helping out wherever they needed
9 help, transported the mother and daughters to the police
10 barracks. That's what that third or last text is about in
11 your exhibit, or sorry, second one, arrived police
12 barracks. I drove them to the police barracks, since they
13 didn't have a vehicle large enough to take all of them in
14 one vehicle, and then came back and gathered up other
15 witnesses at the event. And at that point we really just
16 stood by until -- we were told to stand by until the FBI
17 decided whether they were going to interview us that night
18 or the following morning.

19 [HSGAC Majority] : Do you recall hearing any other reports
20 of a suspicious person that day beside the one?

21 [Witness] : No. Just him.

22 [HSGAC Majority] : Do you recall hearing any reports about
23 an individual or individuals in a red shirt or yellow
24 shirt?

25 [Witness] : Okay so yeah, sorry. I thought you

1 meant leading up to it. The reason we went into the
2 building would be they said that there were two other
3 individuals, but they didn't say necessarily what they were
4 or whatnot, that were around the building or potentially in
5 the building. We had no idea. Protocol either way
6 would've been to clear that building, because that's where
7 he was, the shooter. But at this point we had no clue
8 whether or not there were multiples or not. There was no
9 guarantee.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Sorry. So can you take a step back?
11 You said you were responding to AGR because of these
12 individuals. Is that what you said?

13 **Witness** : No. I responded to AGR because shots
14 were fired.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Right.

16 **Witness** : I responded inside of the AGR building
17 because we were informed that there were potentially two
18 other individuals. We had no clue where they were, and
19 from my understanding that's why we went in. But we were
20 going to go in either way since that was the building that
21 the shooter was on.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : So what were you told about these
23 individuals?

24 **Witness** : Just that there were two other
25 individuals. I don't recall if they said they were armed

1 or not. But they were two other individuals that they felt
2 they were with the shooter.

3 HSGAC Majority : And I had mentioned red shirt and yellow
4 shirt. Do you recall hearing that?

5 Witness : I remember red shirt. I don't
6 remember yellow shirt. But I remember red shirt. I don't
7 remember when I heard that, but I do remember a red shirt.

8 HSGAC Majority : Do you recall what ended up happening?
9 Were they located?

10 Witness : They were, but that was never
11 communicated to us until after we came out of the building.

12 HSGAC Majority : What ended up happening? Were they
13 detained and questioned by local law enforcement?

14 Witness : I'm unaware of what happened to them.
15 I just know that they were detained.

16 HSGAC Majority : But it was no longer a concern to you?
17 In other words, when did you stop looking for them?

18 Witness : I didn't until we came out of the
19 building and heard that they were detained.

20 HSGAC Majority : I see.

21 Witness : So we searched the entire building.
22 That's why it took an hour, because we had no clue that
23 they were detained pretty much from the beginning of the
24 search.

25 HSGAC Majority : So when you came out you saw these

1 individuals who were detained?

2 [Witness] : Yes.

3 [HSGAC Majority] : Can you describe them?

4 [Witness] : No. I mean, they were -- I just saw
5 two individuals on the ground. I didn't remember a yellow
6 shirt. I remember a red shirt, for whatever reason. But
7 they mentioned that they were both detained.

8 [HSGAC Majority] : Do you have any understanding of what
9 ended up happening? Were they released at that point?

10 [Witness] : I don't recall. I was never informed
11 of that.

12 [HSGAC Majority] : And you haven't been made aware since
13 then if they had been detained or arrested?

14 [Witness] : No.

15 [HSGAC Majority] : Okay.

16 [HSGAC Majority] : I've got three short follow-ups. You
17 mentioned earlier that the Secret Service did have
18 authority to remove a protectee from a public event. Is
19 that correct?

20 [Witness] : Yes.

21 [HSGAC Majority] : What is your understanding of how that is
22 supposed to work, in practice?

23 [Witness] : From my understanding it's the detail
24 that would be informed of any type of threat, whether it be
25 from the CS lead or the Security Room. They'll mention,

1 "Hey, you know, we have a potential threat. Probably not a
2 good idea to bring the prior President up onto the stage at
3 this time."

4 HSGAC Majority: And how did that come to be your
5 understanding? Was there training where you learned this?
6 Was it communicated to you just on the job, showing how it
7 works?

8 Witness: In training they mention to you that,
9 you know, the detail lead will -- from my understanding
10 they'll do like a threat assessment prior to, or something
11 along the lines. If there's nothing vocalized or
12 communicated then I guess they carry on with the event.

13 HSGAC Majority: Who, to your knowledge, within the Secret
14 Service, has the authority to remove the protectee?

15 Witness: Really any agent there can.

16 HSGAC Majority: And in practice, is there only, among the
17 various types of agents, the specialists, the line agents,
18 you mentioned in your response the detail, who, in
19 practice, is going to physically be in close proximity to
20 the President, and does that ever change?

21 Witness: It's the detail, the direct detail.
22 So there's detail lead and his shift, and that never
23 changes. They're always with him.

24 HSGAC Majority: So in any instance in which any protectee,
25 in this case the former President, is potentially going to

1 be removed, is it correct to say that the sole group within
2 the Secret Service that would be the ones to do that
3 removal would be agents in the detail?

4 **Witness** : Yes, from my understanding.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you ever been part of an event where
6 that has happened, where a protectee has either been
7 removed from the public at an event or been held from going
8 out to an event?

9 **Witness** : No.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : You also mentioned being injured this day,
11 on the 13th. Have you ever been injured before in your work
12 with the Secret Service?

13 **Witness** : No.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : In any of your work prior to July 13th,
15 have you ever, at the NATO event, the California event, or
16 anything when you're in practice in the field, have you
17 ever been a part of an event where threats to the protectee
18 were raised to a level higher than just suspicious
19 activity?

20 **Witness** : No.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Any questions before we break?

22 **PSI Majority** : Sure. Just a few things. This won't
23 take long. You mentioned sort of discussing the process of
24 assignments. I think you said they go down the list of
25 agents they need. Is that a list of sort of -- does that

1 include all field offices, do you know?

2 **Witness**: Yeah, so generally how it works, to
3 give you a better understanding, they put out a
4 solicitation to all field offices that if they need in that
5 area for whatever event, and they'll put a requirement of
6 bodies that they need from that field office. So for
7 example, my office, we're usually so small it's usually one
8 or two agents that they ask for from our office, and then
9 our supervisors submit our name for that event, and then
10 all those names go to a separate database for the site
11 agent or lead who is in charge of that event, so in this
12 case the rally, and then they'll have all their post-
13 standers listed at that point. And then they just plug and
14 play at that point. There's no rhyme or reason, per se.
15 If people have prior experience in that field and they
16 acknowledge then maybe they'll put them in that field. But
17 even then that's not a guarantee.

18 **PSI Majority**: Okay. And then you'd mentioned that
19 sort of based off the briefing materials that you got ahead
20 of the event that it was your understanding that there
21 would be local snipers positioned on the AGR building.

22 **Witness**: Correct.

23 : How, in these briefing materials or in
24 your conversations with Counter Sniper **C/S Team Lead**, were
25 these buildings labeled?

1 **Witness** : As in like --

2 **PSI Majority** : I'm asking because you said later you
3 were unsure which the AGR building was when you were
4 alerted that there was a threat there. In the briefing
5 materials that you received, how was the AGR building and
6 other buildings identified?

7 **Witness** : So there is an AGR building which is
8 that one there, and to the left of it there's another AGR
9 building. So I just didn't know if it was the left one or
10 the right one.

11 **PSI Majority** : And then regarding sort of the sequence
12 with which you had concerns about the setup and the
13 perimeter that day, earlier you said that you didn't have
14 any concerns until sort of the moment of shots fired. You
15 said, though, that when you arrived there weren't the
16 amount of people that you had expected to be there, sort of
17 for that middle perimeter. Did I get that right?

18 **Witness** : So near the AGR building. Like I
19 mentioned earlier, I expected the sniper team at that
20 moment to be on the roof. So for there to be an individual
21 on the roof, my concern was how did this individual get
22 there if we had a team on the roof.

23 : Okay.

24 **Witness** : And I voiced that when I got to the
25 building, to the locals that I did see, not necessarily

1 nicely. So I just didn't think there was enough presence
2 there that you would expect, I guess, if there was that
3 potential threat.

4 **PSI Majority** : And you had that thought that there
5 wasn't enough presence. When did that thought occur to
6 you?

7 **Witness** : As I was running over towards the
8 building.

9 **PSI Majority** : Okay.

10 **Witness** : Yeah.

11 **PSI Majority** : And then the last thing, you said
12 typically CS Response do not go on post until **LES**
13 before arrival. That's the arrival of the protectee?

14 **Witness** : Correct.

15 **PSI Majority** : Okay. Yeah, that's it for me.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. We'll go off the record. We'll take
17 a short break and come back in 5-ish minutes.

18 **Witness** : Okay.

19 [Recess.]

20 **Witness Counsel** : -- hour or so. We'll ask some
21 questions over on this side here.

22 My name is **HSGAC Minority**. I'm with Senator Rand
23 Paul's office. And first of all, thank you for your
24 service. Appreciate what you do.

25 You were in a pretty tough position, limited time as

1 an agent, first time as a Counter Sniper Response. It was
2 a tough position to be in to begin with. And when you were
3 there, I want to hit on a little bit about your discussions
4 with the counter sniper lead, [C/S Team Lead]. You were given
5 your role at that point, correct? I mean, he told you what
6 he expected from you since, I guess, and you were working
7 for him. Correct?

8 [Witness]: Correct.

9 [HSGAC Minority]: Did you feel comfortable with what he
10 had told you, and were you clear on your role and your
11 responsibilities after speaking with him?

12 [Witness]: Yes, sir.

13 [HSGAC Minority]: Did you feel comfortable at any point
14 if you saw something maybe that was an alarm to you that
15 you would feel comfortable raising that to someone, if you
16 were given information that may be contrary to what you
17 thought was correct. Being newer in the field, would you
18 feel comfortable pushing back against a seasoned agent?

19 [Witness]: Regarding a potential threat -- is
20 that what you're asking?

21 [HSGAC Minority]: Yes, sir.

22 [Witness]: Yes, I have no problem with that.

23 [HSGAC Minority]: Okay. Thank you. How many people were
24 at that rally that day? You said it was very large.
25 What's your estimate?

1 **Witness** : I believe the number was upwards of
2 15,000.

3 **HSGAC Minority** : How many calls of service did you
4 respond to personally?

5 **Witness** : I lost track after about 20.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : Who was dispatching you?

7 **Witness** : So for medical emergencies it was more
8 so, I guess, visual. As far as suspicious individuals that
9 was from the Security Room. That's the only communication
10 I got from them. And as far as conflict, that was both the
11 Security Room and other agents, because I had that State
12 Trooper counterpart.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : And with the briefing with the counter
14 sniper lead, did he tell you that that would be part of
15 your role, as well?

16 **Witness** : No. That was only what I did up to
17 the **LES**. Then I assumed strictly just the role of CS
18 response.

19 **HSGAC Minority** : So all that took place before **LES**
20 out. And once that took place you just strictly assumed
21 the role of counter sniper response.

22 **Witness** : Yes and no. As I mentioned earlier,
23 medical emergencies and conflict near the stage are still a
24 concern and can pose a potential threat, especially the
25 fights. So you still respond within that **LES** as long as,

1 you know, it looks within reason.

2 **HSGAC Minority** : How many suspicious person calls did
3 you specifically respond to?

4 **Witness** : That was just the only one for that
5 day that I recall.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : How many suspicious person calls did
7 you hear on the radio?

8 **Witness** : I don't remember hearing really
9 anything on the radio. The radio for that day, for me at
10 least, was very intermittent. That's why we relied heavily
11 on the cellphone.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : But you personally never responded to
13 another suspicious person call, and you're not aware of any
14 others during that day?

15 **Witness** : Correct.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Did you --

17 **Witness** : Other than -- sorry, not to cut you
18 off, sorry -- other than the ones that we mentioned after
19 the AGR, the shooter, and all that. The two other
20 individuals, that was post. But prior to no, no other
21 ones.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Did you do anything for **CUAS Advance**
Lead

23 **CUAS Advance**
Lead ? Was part of your role anything to do with the
24 counter surveillance system at all? Were you put in a
25 position to where if they had to take one down you were to

1 secure it? Anything to do with the counter drone systems?

2 [Witness] : So, again, PI and CS, from my
3 understanding, and from the email that we were both sent,
4 you act kind of as a dual hat, multi hat during that time
5 frame. So yes, if there was a UAV issue or drone, we could
6 respond to either the pilot or the drone itself, whoever
7 was called upon.

8 [HSGAC Minority] : So within [LES] of the event that
9 role of working, I guess we call it bifurcated role, would
10 that cease [LES] in and then you would strictly go, or
11 what would happen if, let's say, 30 minutes before the
12 protectee took the stage you had a CAUS issue with a
13 threat? How do you choose which one to respond to?

14 [Witness] : Clarification, I guess, on what the
15 threat is. But I personally would have responded to the
16 threat, and the PI, I would assume, would respond to the
17 UAS.

18 [HSGAC Minority] : I guess this is a good time to ask
19 this, because I keep hearing you say suspicious activity
20 and threats.

21 [Witness] : Correct.

22 [HSGAC Minority] : Will you define those for us? What is
23 a suspicious activity, what is a threat, and what
24 differentiates the two, from your training?

25 [Witness] : From my training and my understanding,

1 a suspicious individual is more so someone displaying
2 suspicious -- like, for example, a recent event I went to,
3 from the protection assignment we had, everybody was there
4 for Trump. They were in red, white, and blue, the whole
5 nine yards. But if you have individual show up in all
6 black, a hoodie, it's 95 degrees outside, it's a little
7 suspicious. They still want us to interview them.

8 And the situation with our shooter, the rangefinder is
9 considered suspicious. It's not a threat. As I mentioned,
10 people will use rangefinders for a variety of reasons.
11 Granted at an event like this it is a little concerning,
12 but it's still suspicious. It's not a threat.

13 A threat is more so someone who is aggressive in
14 nature or they're carrying a weapon, they're climbing to
15 the top of a building to get a better vantage point, that
16 would be considered to us as a threat.

17 HSGAC Minority: Correct me if I'm wrong but did you
18 testify earlier that Counter Sniper Lead C/S Team Lead said
19 your specific role was to respond to threats?

20 Witness: Yes.

21 HSGAC Minority: And that is LES in. Correct?

22 Witness: Correct.

23 HSGAC Minority: Okay.

24 Witness: That's when you assume your
25 responsibilities, yes.

1 HSGAC Minority : At what point did the individual now
2 known as Mr. Crooks move from suspicious to a threat?

3 Witness : So for me, he was not a threat until I
4 got the phone call that he was on the AGR building, on the
5 roof.

6 HSGAC Minority : Did you begin looking for him as a
7 suspicious person within an hour of the event?

8 Witness : No --

9 HSGAC Minority : Within an hour of Donald Trump taking
10 the stage?

11 Witness : I didn't know about him until I think
12 it was 5:50, 5:51, so it was well within --

13 HSGAC Minority : So it was within the hour.

14 Witness : Yes, sorry. Yes.

15 HSGAC Minority : So your role at that point was, if I'm
16 not mistaken from your own testimony, was specifically
17 dealing with threats. But you were sent to look for a
18 suspicious person.

19 Witness : Correct.

20 HSGAC Minority : So let's talk about whenever you were
21 sent to look for the suspicious person. You mentioned that
22 while you were doing your search with the counterpart on
23 the golf cart you encountered the PI, and you all made a
24 decision to separate. Am I correct?

25 Witness : To cover more ground, yes.

1 HSGAC Minority: What was the rationale in that
2 decision, knowing that everything was focused on one area,
3 and there was nothing that we have heard -- maybe you know
4 -- intelligence-wise or radio-wise or any information to
5 suggest that that individual was anywhere else other than
6 the area of the AGR building.

7 Witness: That information was not given to me
8 that he was near the AGR building when we initiated our
9 search. So at the time of our search we had no clue
10 necessarily to where exactly he was. We knew he was in the
11 area of the 12 to 3 o'clock, but not near the AGR building.
12 There's that big gap between those.

13 HSGAC Minority: Well, yeah, I see what you're talking
14 about. When you're saying 12 to 3 from the dais over 3
15 o'clock, that was the area --

16 Witness: Yes, from all that to the Security
17 Room over, that's where we had his last known. That's why
18 I was heading that way, and that's when I encountered the
19 PI. People walk. People move. So he could've easily went
20 from the 12 to 3 to the 6 to the 9, or wherever it may be.
21 So putting all of our efforts into one localized area, when
22 he's moving, doesn't make sense.

23 In the regard of you have an entire area of 15,000
24 people, if you're looking in one small area and the guy's
25 moving, he's walking, he could easily blend be moving down

1 the side of the fence, or whatever the case may be.

2 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you know if anyone radioed out to
3 look for the suspicious person? Because if I'm correct,
4 you all had agents, post-standers all over that area that
5 would've been able to be on the lookout for that
6 individual, which would have alleviated the fear or issue
7 of concern that you're speaking of, not being able to cover
8 the entire area. But do you know if anyone put that on the
9 radio, all agents, we're looking for fill-in-the-blank.
10 Then you could've, as I said, you would've covered that
11 entire area with one radio call. Did you make that call or
12 do you know of anyone that made that call?

13 **Witness** : I did not make that call, and like I
14 said, my radio for the duration was very intermittent, so
15 if I missed it I don't know. But I never heard that call.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Would you be in a position to, once you
17 got that information from **C/UAS Advance Lead**, to get on your radio and
18 broadcast that so everyone would know that information?

19 **Witness** : Yes.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : Did you make that call on the radio?

21 **Witness** : As I stated, no.

22 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. I'm just trying to figure out,
23 because we have agents all over the area, where they're not
24 saturated in one area. And that's what we're trying to
25 figure out if there was a call made to notify everyone

1 collectively so they could all be looking for this
2 individual.

3 You said that you couldn't hear anything about the 3
4 o'clock, what was going on there, because your radio was
5 intermittent. Was it you just couldn't hear, or was the
6 radio cutting in and out?

7 **Witness** : I would go with I just couldn't hear
8 it.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Just couldn't hear it. And you said
10 this was the first large event that you have done. Am I
11 correct?

12 **Witness** : Yes.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Are these earpieces designed and
14 created for environments just like the one you were in ?

15 **Witness** : I can't answer that.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : My question is just simply because the
17 other agents, the shift agents, use the same equipment that
18 you were using. Am I correct?

19 **Witness** : Correct.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. When you were injured did they
21 do an injury report on you?

22 **Witness** : We did a, I believe it's a CA-1 form.
23 It's like a Workers Comp form, I guess. You have to fill
24 it out if you get injured on the job. That was following
25 the event.

1 HSGAC Minority : Sort of like an OSHA 300 form?

2 Witness : Correct.

3 HSGAC Minority : Did they photograph your injuries?

4 Witness : No.

5 HSGAC Minority : What was your understanding of the
6 roles -- again, I want to hit back on the local snipers.
7 You said that you were given the general diagram with the
8 labels of who is where. And just so we're clear, were you
9 told that the snipers were going to be on the roof, or I
10 think you used the word you "assumed"?

11 Witness : I assumed that they would be on the
12 roof, because they were displayed by a dot on the map, and
13 generally speaking, the best vantage point for that area
14 would be on the roof, just like we had the individuals
15 behind, on the barn. But I don't recall if C/S Team Lead
16 specifically said they would be on the roof, so I can't say
17 he did or did not say that.

18 HSGAC Minority : But you do remember that for some
19 reason when you saw that roof that was something that you
20 questioned.

21 Witness : Correct.

22 HSGAC Minority : Okay. I had one more question that I
23 was going to ask you, if I could find it here. I'm bad
24 with sticky notes. I apologize.

25 Do you know of anyone else there, besides yourself,

1 that was working in the same role or capacity? I believe
2 you stated that you were LES there that was the
3 Counter Sniper Response. Am I correct?

4 Witness : Correct.

5 HSGAC Minority : And I know this was the first time
6 you've worked one, but is that normal when you have a crowd
7 of 15,000 people?

8 Witness : I don't know if it's normal or not. I
9 couldn't attest to that.

10 HSGAC Minority : Okay.

11 Witness : As far as CS Response. For an event
12 that size.

13 HSGAC Minority : And I have about two more questions,
14 but what type of specific training did you get to perform
15 your duties as a Counter Sniper Response?

16 Witness : There's no specific course that you go
17 through for it. It's just essentially a topic that you
18 cover in training at the Academy.

19 HSGAC Minority : So that way everyone could be prepared
20 to fill that role --

21 Witness : Correct.

22 HSGAC Minority : -- as you said earlier.

23 Witness : Yes.

24 HSGAC Minority : Okay.

25 PSI Minority : Witness , my name is PSI Minority

1 PSI Minority . I work for Ranking Member Ron Johnson.

2 Before I begin my line of questioning I just want to
3 make a note to Secret Service of a request for all of Witness
4 Witness call logs. I do not believe we have received
5 that.

6 Agency Counsel : Understood.

7 PSI Minority : Witness , you mentioned earlier
8 about golf carts that were assigned to individuals or
9 groups of individuals that day. Do you know how many golf
10 carts were assigned?

11 Witness : At least two.

12 PSI Minority : At least two?

13 Witness : At least two.

14 PSI Minority : Okay. And who were those golf carts
15 assigned to?

16 Witness : They weren't necessarily assigned.
17 They were there to be available to CS, PI, site, lead,
18 predominantly those four. And if anybody else from the
19 Security Room needed it, for whatever reason, yeah.

20 PSI Minority : Did you see any other golf carts that
21 day besides those two?

22 Witness : There were a lot of golf carts there.
23 I mean, particularly ours, but someone else was using them,
24 so yeah, there were a few.

25 PSI Minority : From your understanding, when you saw

1 the other golf carts, was it your understanding that they
2 were in use by law enforcement somewhere?

3 [Witness] : Law enforcement, they were using them
4 to transport, so like EMS was using them to transport
5 individuals that passed out, to take them to the medical
6 tent, stuff like that.

7 [PSI Minority] : I want to go back to the time of when
8 you received calls from [C/UAS Advance Lead] You mentioned that you
9 received two calls from [C/UAS Advance Lead] that day. Is that
10 correct?

11 [Witness] : Correct.

12 [PSI Minority] : When did you receive the first call?

13 [Witness] : I believe it was 5:50, 5:51, in that
14 time frame. It was in the 5:50's.

15 [PSI Minority] : And did he send you the picture of Mr.
16 Crooks?

17 [Witness] : Yes.

18 [PSI Minority] : Around that same time?

19 [Witness] : Correct, after we got off the phone.

20 [PSI Minority] : Okay. I want to introduce Exhibit No.
21 6, and my colleague will pass that to you, and I'll give
22 you a moment to take a look at it.

23 [Exhibit No. 6 was
24 marked for identification.]

25 [PSI Minority] : It is a transcript with PSP Trooper

1 PSP Trooper dated July 23, 2024.

2 Witness : Okay.

3 PSI Minority : This is a transcript that PSP Trooper
4 conducted with PSP and FBI, as well.

5 Witness : Okay.

6 PSI Minority : It's a short transcript, so I'll just
7 flag the page I want to bring your attention to. It's on
8 page 5. And on page 5, towards the top, it appears that
9 PSP Trooper begins to describe the actions that the both of
10 you took that day, shortly after receiving the call from
11 PSP Trooper . PSP Trooper says, in his testimony, "He said,
12 'Hey, we've got to go. We've got to go look for this guy,'
13 shows me a picture, and he said, 'He tried to come through
14 the gate with a rangefinder.'"

15 So at the moment that C/UAS Advance Lead called you, where
16 were you and PSP Trooper located?

17 Witness : We were by the stage.

18 PSI Minority : And were you with PSP Trooper at this
19 point?

20 Witness : Yes.

21 PSI Minority : In the golf cart?

22 Witness : I don't know where we were
23 specifically at that moment.

24 PSI Minority : Okay. Did you show PSP Trooper the
25 picture of Mr. Crooks?

1 **Witness** : I did, and I texted it to him, as
2 well.

3 **PSI Minority** : And in **PSP Trooper's** testimony here it
4 says that, it appears that he's saying that you told him
5 that Mr. Crooks tried to come through the gate with a
6 rangefinder. Did you say that to **PSP Trooper**?

7 **Witness** : That was my understanding at the time,
8 yes.

9 **PSI Minority** : How did you come to that understanding?

10 **Witness** : Because when **C/UAS Advance Lead** called he said we
11 had a guy -- I don't remember exactly what he said. My
12 recollection of the conversation on the phone was that we
13 had a guy trying to get to the event with a rangefinder,
14 and my understanding was that he tried to come through the
15 mags with it. I later found out that that's not what he
16 meant by that. He just meant there was a guy with a
17 rangefinder. He didn't necessarily mean inside the event,
18 which would've been good information to know.

19 **PSI Minority** : So **C/UAS Advance Lead** never told you
20 specifically that Mr. Crooks tried to enter the event with
21 a rangefinder.

22 **Witness** : No. The wording was more so like we
23 had a guy at the event with a rangefinder. So that, to me,
24 essentially what I thought that meant was he tried to come
25 through the mag. So it was my own interpretation of what

1 he said.

2 [PSI Minority] : Did [C/UAS Advance Lead] mention the mags or
3 magnetometers at all to you?

4 [Witness] : Not that I recall.

5 [PSI Minority] : Okay. Further down on that page --
6 again, we're on page 5 -- [PSP Trooper] goes on to say, "He
7 said somebody took a picture of him because he was looking
8 suspicious, and he said that he tried to come through the
9 gate with a rangefinder, but it was seized."

10 Was it your understanding that a rangefinder was
11 seized?

12 [Witness] : It was, because he also mentioned that
13 they had -- he said, I believe, that they encountered him
14 or something along those lines. So again, my
15 interpretation of it was that they encountered him as he
16 was trying to come through the mags, and they take those
17 type of things. And usually they want us to interview them
18 as a protocol, hey, you know, this is weird. People don't
19 typically bring that kind of thing. Let's interview the
20 guy.

21 So yeah, that was again my interpretation of what I
22 was told.

23 : But to be clear, [C/UAS Advance Lead] never told
24 you that a rangefinder was seized. Is that correct?

25 [Witness] : Correct.

1 **PSI Minority** : On that same page, towards the top
2 again, it's the last sentence of that larger paragraph, **[REDACTED]**
3 **PSP Trooper** describes, "So we got in the golf cart and started
4 going up. There is a private lane. And then we go up
5 around that, and we end up meeting with another Secret
6 Service agent. I believe she was from Intel, and she said
7 that her, and there were other units already looking for
8 him. And then we can go back to our posts. We went back
9 to where we were, by the bleachers."

10 Is it your understanding that in **PSP Trooper's**
11 testimony here that he's describing your interaction with
12 **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** ?

13 **Witness** : Correct.

14 **PSI Minority** : And when you and **PSP Trooper** met with
15 **PII** , can you describe where that meeting occurred?

16 **Witness** : So like he said, there was a private
17 road that was essentially just for law enforcement and
18 Secret Service transit between the front and the back of
19 the event. It happened maybe 50 to 100 yards from the
20 Security Room, on that road. I mean, I don't know whether,
21 landmark --

22 **PSI Minority** : Was she in a golf cart at that point?

23 **Witness** : Yes. Yep, sorry, yeah.

24 **PSI Minority** : And was she accompanied by anyone?

25 **Witness** : No. Her counterpart, like I mentioned

1 earlier, she said he was in a pickup truck on the opposite
2 side of the event, looking for him.

3 **PSI Minority** : And how did you learn that?

4 **Witness** : Through her.

5 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So she told you the location of
6 her counterpart.

7 **Witness** : Correct.

8 **PSI Minority** : And it was your understanding that he
9 was located where again?

10 **Witness** : On the upper 3 o'clock. So I guess if
11 you're looking at it it's like 1, 2 o'clock of the event,
12 where we all suspected he was last seen.

13 **PSI Minority** : Okay. How did you come to the
14 understanding of where he was located, Mr. Crooks?

15 **Witness** : From -- you talking about initially or
16 at that moment?

17 **PSI Minority** : Let's start initially and then we'll go
18 to that moment.

19 **Witness** : So initially, from **C/UAS Advance Lead**, he said he
20 was at the event, so I didn't know specifically, so I ended
21 up calling him back to get more specifics because I needed
22 a little bit more than just "at the event," with a crowd of
23 15,000 people. So he said he got the information from one
24 of the locals, and I asked him for one of the locals'
25 numbers. I ended up calling that local. I don't remember

1 his name offhand. And he also mentioned that he was in
2 that area, as well.

3 [PSI Minority] : And what was the area?

4 [Witness] : The right side. So at 12 o'clock, the
5 right side of the event.

6 [PSI Minority] : And you got a number for a local law
7 enforcement. You don't know who that person was affiliated
8 with or the name of that individual?

9 [Witness] : I don't offhand, no. I can get it,
10 I'm sure.

11 [PSI Minority] : Yeah. We would appreciate that. We
12 are hoping to receive your call logs, which will help us
13 understanding the timing of all this.

14 [Witness] : Yeah.

15 [PSI Minority] : So you made that phone call
16 approximately what time?

17 [Witness] : It was shortly after the second phone
18 call with [C/UAS Advance Lead], so 5:54, 5:55. I'd have to look at the
19 call log. It wasn't long after, maybe a couple of minutes,
20 because, like I said, I didn't have much information so I
21 wanted more information on the individual that we were
22 supposed to be looking for.

23 [PSI Minority] : Right. So before you got in the golf
24 cart to drive you received that information of what
25 direction you should go.

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **PSI Minority** : Okay. And now we can move on to the
3 moment where you're talking to **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** and your
4 understanding of where Mr. Crooks might be at this point in
5 time.

6 **Witness** : Correct. Oh, so okay. So I talked to
7 her, and I asked her if she's on the lookout for this
8 individual, as well. She said yes. I said, "Were you
9 given the picture?" She said, "Can you send it to me?" so
10 I sent it to her. And then I said, "Where's your
11 counterpart?" She explained that her counterpart and her
12 were already looking up in that area, that we want we can
13 go down and look down where we were, and look around there
14 to see if they can find him in the crowd or along the
15 fence, or whatever the case was. So that area was already
16 being, I guess, searched.

17 **PSI Minority** : The area --

18 **Witness** : Sorry. The initial area up by the top
19 of the event, the 1 to 3 o'clock.

20 **PSI Minority** : And what is your understanding of how
21 **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** knew where Mr. Crooks may be?

22 **Witness** : I guess I hadn't -- I guess she just
23 was informed, as well. I didn't ask her how she knew that.
24 At least I don't recall asking her why she knew that or how
25 she knew that.

1 **PSI Minority** : Did you show her a picture of Mr.
2 Crooks?

3 **Witness** : I did, yeah.

4 **PSI Minority** : And what was her reaction to that?

5 **Witness** : She told me to send it to her, which I
6 did, and I sent it to her in a text.

7 **PSI Minority** : And do you know if she received the
8 picture?

9 **Witness** : She did, yeah.

10 **PSI Minority** : And when she received it, did she
11 mention to you that she had already received a similar
12 picture before?

13 **Witness** : I don't recall if she did or not.

14 **PSI Minority** : Okay. And then so you felt confident,
15 based on your conversation with her, that the area
16 approximately 1 to 3 o'clock was sufficiently being
17 covered.

18 **Witness** : Yes.

19 **PSI Minority** : And can you tell me what you and **[REDACTED]**
20 **PSP Trooper** ?

21 **Witness** : So as I said, PI, she told me and him
22 to go back down. She's a senior agent, so I was kind of
23 gauging my response. She said, "Hey, we got up here.
24 We're looking in this area. You and him go back down
25 toward that area and start searching that area." So we

1 turned around, headed back towards the staging area. On
2 the way down towards the staging area I believe that's when
3 we encountered another medical emergency, a lady or someone
4 passed out, and they called us over. A bunch of people
5 were freaking out. So we ended up getting an EMS over to
6 them, and then a State Trooper who was in the area, as
7 well, we sent him over there to handle that so [PSP Trooper] and I
8 could move on back down towards the stage and handle the
9 situation down there as far as trying to expand our search
10 in that area.

11 [PSI Minority] : Are you aware of whether [Site Protective Intelligence
Agent]
12 went to AGR, directly to the building?

13 [Witness] : At what time?

14 [PSI Minority] : Either prior to or after your
15 interaction with her.

16 [Witness] : Not my understanding, no. I never
17 knew -- she did go to the AGR, is that what you're asking?

18 [PSI Minority] : I'm asking if you're aware of whether
19 she did or not.

20 [Witness] : No. My understanding is I'm the only
21 one that went to the AGR, and that was after the shooting,
22 for Secret Service-wise.

23 : On the exhibit that we were discussing
24 earlier, the transcript, I want to go to page 7 of 9.
25 Towards the top of that page [PSP Trooper] says, "right before

1 shots. This is what I started to get into, right before
2 shots were fired, [Witness] came up to me, where we were
3 post. He hits me on the back and he says, 'He's on the
4 roof of the AGR.'"

5 Could you describe what time you were made aware that
6 Mr. Crooks was on the roof of AGR?

7 [Witness]: It was within less than a minute prior
8 to the shooting.

9 [PSI Minority]: And you were made aware of this through
10 [C/UAS Advance Lead]?

11 [Witness]: Yes, through cellphone.

12 [PSI Minority]: And can you just describe again what
13 specifically [C/UAS Advance Lead] told you?

14 [Witness]: It was pretty short. Like I said, he
15 called and he said, "Hey, our guy is on the roof," or he
16 said, "Guy on the roof," whatever it was, and that "he's
17 armed." So that's when I turned to [PSP Trooper] and
18 essentially said we needed to go over there. But I didn't
19 know exactly where "over there" was, which building,
20 because there were two AGR buildings.

21 [PSI Minority]: And when [C/UAS Advance Lead] relayed this
22 information to you, did he ask you where you were located
23 at that time?

24 [Witness]: No. Not that I recall.

25 [PSI Minority]: Did you say anything to [C/UAS Advance Lead]

1 after he relayed this information to you?

2 [Witness] : I don't remember verbatim, but I know
3 that I told him that we were headed that way.

4 [PSI Minority] : Did you mention anything to [C/UAS Advance Lead]
5 about your interaction with [Site Protective Intelligence Agent] ?

6 [Witness] : Not that I recall.

7 [PSI Minority] : Did you ask any further questions to
8 get further clarity from [C/UAS Advance Lead] what the individual may
9 be armed with?

10 [Witness] : No.

11 [PSI Minority] : Going back to [PSP Trooper] testimony,
12 he mentions "right before shots," do you agree with [redacted]
13 [PSP Trooper] testimony that it was right before shots that you
14 told [PSP Trooper] about an individual on the roof of AGR?

15 [Witness] : Yes.

16 [PSI Minority] : Did you say specifically "the roof of
17 AGR"?

18 [Witness] : Yes.

19 [PSI Minority] : So in the time that you received that
20 information from [C/UAS Advance Lead], the only person that you
21 relayed that information to was [PSP Trooper] ?

22 [Witness] : And the other State Troopers that were
23 behind us, to the right. There was top brass there,
24 standing behind us.

25 [PSI Minority] : Do you know those individuals' names?

1 **Witness** : I do not. They were waiting for a
2 photo line, so I don't know their names. Again, this was
3 all in a matter of seconds, so I didn't really have much
4 time to address everybody that was in there, in that
5 particular area.

6 **PSI Minority** : Are you aware of how **C/UAS Advance Lead** was
7 informed of Mr. Crooks' location?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 : Subsequent to July 13th, do you have
10 any awareness?

11 **Witness** : Of what?

12 **PSI Minority** : Of how **C/UAS Advance Lead** knew where Mr. Crooks
13 was located?

14 **Witness** : Can you restate your question? Type text here

15 **PSI Minority** : Following the event, do you have any
16 awareness now of how **C/UAS Advance Lead** knew where Mr. Crooks was
17 located and was able to inform you that he's armed and on
18 the roof?

19 **Witness** : I mean, I would assume the sniper team
20 informed him. That would be the logical explanation. But
21 I don't know for sure, no.

22 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So I want to move forward to --
23 one moment, please.

24 I'm going to quickly turn it over to my colleague, **PSI Minority**

25 **PSI Minority** .

1 **Witness** : Okay.

2 **PSI Minority** : Hi, **Witness** . **PSI Minority** with
3 Senator Johnson's office. Can you please turn to the
4 current exhibit on page 6. So at the top of this page --
5 this is the interview with Trooper **PSP Trooper** that was
6 conducted by Pennsylvania State Police, and the FBI was
7 there, as well -- PSP says, "Who told you that he tried to
8 enter the event and was turned away?" **PSP Trooper** **PSP Trooper** says,
9 "That was through **Witness** and whoever he talked to on the
10 phone." PSP trooper says, "Okay. Do you know who Agent
11 **Witness** would've spoke to on the phone?" and Trooper
12 **PSP Trooper** said, "I'm not sure. I don't think it was another
13 Secret Service. I think he was directly talking to a
14 local, but I can't know that for sure."

15 You mentioned that you got a phone number of a local
16 law enforcement officer. When did you call that number?

17 **Witness** : As I mentioned earlier, I don't
18 remember the exact time. It was after the initial two
19 phone calls with **CUAS Lead Advance** , and he gave me that number to the
20 local individual.

21 **PSI Minority** : And what was discussed? So did the phone
22 call with the local occur?

23 **Witness** : Did it occur?

24 **PSI Minority** : Yes.

25 **Witness** : Yes.

1 **PSI Minority** : And what was discussed?

2 **Witness** : The description of the individual,
3 which I already had the picture, but the description, a
4 verbal description. And he just stated that the last time
5 he saw him was in the area I described already, up in the 1
6 to 2 to 3 o'clock area of the event, and that was the
7 extent of it. It was a very short phone call.

8 **PSI Minority** : Did this local tell you where he was
9 positioned at that time of the phone call?

10 **Witness** : Not that I recall, no.

11 **PSI Minority** : Do you know if he was inside the
12 perimeter or outside the perimeter?

13 **Witness** : I do not.

14 **PSI Minority** : What actions, if any, did you take after
15 speaking with this local officer?

16 **Witness** : The actions I did take, after talking
17 to the local officer, was, as I discussed, getting in the
18 golf cart and heading up towards the front of the area
19 where he described, last seen of the individual, when I
20 encountered PI.

21 **PSI Minority** : Was this local officer seeking to
22 confront Crooks as well, at this time?

23 **Witness** : I'm unaware if he was or not.

24 **PSI Minority** : Do you have any idea why this local
25 officer was aware of the suspicious person who apparently

1 ended up being Crooks?

2 [Witness] : No.

3 [PSI Minority] : Approximately how long was this phone
4 call?

5 [Witness] : I can't recall. I know it was short.
6 That's all.

7 [PSI Minority] : Before shots are fired, did Trooper
8 [PSP Trooper] discuss Pennsylvania State Police having a vice
9 unit, plainclothes officers outside the security perimeter
10 on that day of July 13th?

11 [Witness] : Not that I recall.

12 [PSI Minority] : Are you now aware of that?

13 [Witness] : I knew there was when I arrived at the
14 AGR building, I saw guys in civilian clothes, but I didn't
15 know who they were. I just assumed they were other law
16 enforcement.

17 [PSI Minority] : Do you know if [redacted] [PSP T r] spoke to
18 any of his counterparts during this 5:50 to 6:11 time frame
19 on July 13th, and was he able to provide you with any
20 additional details of what Pennsylvania State Police was
21 doing to find Crooks?

22 [Witness] : No. He just mentioned that they would
23 be on the lookout for him. He sent out the picture that I
24 sent to him to all of his, I guess their group chat, or
25 whatever it may be. But otherwise I had no further

1 information, any further details, I guess.

2 [PSI Minority] : Do you know if any local law enforcement
3 was utilizing golf carts on July 13th?

4 [Witness] : I want to say they were, but I don't
5 know who specifically was. I remember seeing some uniforms
6 in a golf cart, but --

7 [PSI Minority] : Did you see any golf carts outside the
8 security perimeter on July 13th?

9 [Witness] : I wasn't even -- no.

10 [PSI Minority] : Did you see any golf carts on the west
11 side of AGR right before shots were fired?

12 [Witness] : No. From my perspective I couldn't
13 see that.

14 [PSI Minority] : Okay. [PII]

15 [PSI Minority] : [Witness], I want to talk to you
16 about the moment that you, as you're going to AGR, you're
17 on foot at this point?

18 [Witness] : Yes.

19 [PSI Minority] : And you're accompanied by [PSP Trooper] ?

20 [Witness] : Correct.

21 [PSI Minority] : How did you enter AGR?

22 [Witness] : There are double doors. My directions
23 are all messed up so I can't tell you exactly if it was
24 north, south, whatever. But there's double doors that we
25 entered, and we immediately started just breaking it down

1 into a puzzle, at that point.

2 [PSI Minority] : Were the doors open when you arrived
3 there?

4 [Witness] : No. There were two gentlemen ahead of
5 us, maybe three. I think it was five of us total that went
6 into the building. I could be off by a couple, one or two.
7 But I believe one of them opened the doors.

8 [PSI Minority] : Was it your understanding that it was
9 locked and then someone opened it with a key, or they just
10 pulled the door open?

11 [Witness] : I was unaware if it was locked or not.

12 [PSI Minority] : Did you see the other individual open
13 the door?

14 [Witness] : I don't recall him opening the door.
15 Not offhand, no.

16 [PSI Minority] Okay.

17 [Witness] : This all was happening very, very
18 quick, so no, I can't remember.

19 [PSI Minority] : And as you're in the building, we
20 discussed this a little earlier, but again, what were you
21 searching for?

22 [Witness] : So in any situation, well,
23 particularly this situation, the last word was that there
24 were two other individuals, but even if there weren't two
25 other individuals you still want to clear the building for

1 any potential other threats. Since he was on top of the
2 roof we don't know whether or not there are other threats
3 inside the building, how he got to the roof. A lot of
4 factors. So you're just looking for any other threat.

5 **PSI Minority** : When were you made aware of other
6 individuals that you may need to be on the lookout for?

7 **Witness** : I can't say specifically. It was
8 within that short time frame.

9 : Were you already inside of the building
10 when you were made aware of this?

11 **Witness** : I don't recall.

12 **PSI Minority** : Were you made aware of it prior to
13 running toward the building?

14 **Witness** : No. No. It was once we were at the
15 building then I had already lifted people up onto the roof.
16 I think it was between that time and the front door, or
17 somewhere in between, that I was told.

18 **PSI Minority** : And who made you aware?

19 **Witness** : You said who?

20 **PSI Minority** : Who made you aware of the suspicious
21 individuals?

22 **Witness** : Someone yelling. That's all. I
23 really don't remember.

24 **PSI Minority** : Was it **PSP Trooper** ?

25 **Witness** : I could not tell you.

1 PSI Minority : You mentioned earlier, I believe, that
2 you searched the building for an hour. Is that correct?

3 Witness : About an hour, yeah, I believe, 45
4 minutes to an hour.

5 PSI Minority : And did you personally search the
6 entire building?

7 Witness : I would say probably about 80 percent
8 of it. We did break up into teams of two or three, so that
9 we could cover more ground faster, which is not uncommon to
10 do, as long as you do it in unison, so you're not having
11 crossfire. So I would say probably about 80 percent,
12 because there were some parts that overlapped, because the
13 building -- I'm not sure if you know the building or not,
14 but it's multi levels, multi sections, and there's like
15 cubicle spaces, so a lot of potential hiding spots.

16 PSI Minority : And approximately how many people
17 conducted this search with you?

18 Witness : I would say anywhere between 5 and 7.
19 No more than that.

20 PSI Minority : And were you always with at least one
21 other individual --

22 Witness : Yes.

23 : -- during your search?

24 Witness : Yes.

25 PSI Minority : Was it the same individual?

1 **Witness** : So it was me and two local TAC guys.
2 I don't know their names. And then later on **PSP Trooper**
3 and I met back up, throughout the search. He broke off
4 from me at one point and went with the other group, and
5 then we ended up meeting back up again. I don't know the
6 exact time frame of all that.

7 **PSI Minority** : In response to my colleague's question
8 a few moments ago you mentioned noticing plainclothes
9 officers. Is that correct?

10 **Witness** : Correct.

11 **PSI Minority** : Did any of those officers conduct the
12 search with you?

13 **Witness** : I don't know. I don't remember. They
14 might have been part of the group that went to the other
15 side.

16 **PSI Minority** : How many plainclothes officers did you
17 see?

18 **Witness** : I saw at least two. I can't remember
19 if there was more, but I know I saw at least two running up
20 to the building.

21 **PSI Minority** : While you were in the building, were
22 you made aware of additional threats?

23 **Witness** : As far as individuals?

24 **PSI Minority** : Any threats.

25 **Witness** : It wasn't until after we got out of

1 the building and back to the Command Post that we were told
2 that there was a potential for IEDs.

3 [PSI Minority] : At approximately what time?

4 [Witness] : That timeline I don't remember. It
5 was maybe 15 to 20 minutes after we had finished our search
6 and we were back at the Command Post or Security Room.

7 [PSI Minority] : So it's your recollection that you were
8 not informed of any IEDs or potential IEDs inside the
9 building until after you left the building?

10 [Witness] : Correct.

11 [PSI Minority] : And how did you learn about that?

12 [Witness] : I do not remember. I mean, there were
13 a lot of people in the Security Room, a lot of people
14 Special Agent saying every which thing. So someone in
15 there mentioned it, and then they said that they found
16 something, I think, under the stage or near the stage or in
17 a van. There were all kinds of things being thrown out at
18 that time. I don't know which one was actually true. I
19 still don't know. I think the van one was legitimate, or
20 vehicle, but that's all I remember from that.

21 [PSI Minority] : And this information that's being
22 shared or discussed, is this through word of mouth? Are
23 you receiving messages communicating these additional
24 threats? Or are there phone calls? Text?

25 [Witness] : No. From what I heard it was in the

1 Security Room. I believe they said it over the radio, the
2 radios in the Security Room, and then other people were
3 there saying it as well, that they were investigating the
4 IED. And at one point they said stand by for potential
5 explosion or detonation of a round. But that in the
6 disarmament.

7 **PSI Minority** : And what time is that?

8 **Witness** : That wasn't long after. I mean, like
9 I said, it was right after, maybe 15, 20 minutes after we
10 were done searching the building.

11 **PSI Minority** : Any additional information regarding
12 what may be disarmed and how it's going to be disarmed and
13 who is going to disarm?

14 **Witness** : No. I still don't know.

15 **PSI Minority** : And where it's going to be disarmed?

16 **Witness** : No. That was my understanding, was
17 that it was in the event area, but again, everybody was
18 saying everything so I have no idea personally where it was
19 or what they were talking about.

20 **PSI Minority** : Would it be your expectation, as a law
21 enforcement agent on the ground, to be made aware of
22 certain information regarding locations of potential IEDs
23 or location of potential disarming of an IED.

24 **Witness** : It would, yes.

25 **PSI Minority** : And were you ever made aware of any of

1 that information?

2 [Witness] : Not intentionally to me, no. The only
3 reason I was aware was because I overheard it.

4 [PSI Minority] : Were you made aware of a remote control
5 device found near the shooter's body?

6 [Witness] : Yes.

7 [PSI Minority] : How were you made aware of that?

8 [Witness] : Again, overhearing it.

9 : Do you recall what time?

10 [Witness] : I do not.

11 [PSI Minority] : Or how you heard about that
12 information?

13 [Witness] : Again, in the Security Room, there
14 were 50-plus people in the Security Room at that point.
15 Every bit of detail was getting thrown out left and right.
16 So I guess I overheard it. I don't know who specifically.
17 There were a lot of bodies in there that I hadn't seen up
18 until that point.

19 [PSI Minority] : I want to go back for a moment.
20 Obviously, you were injured that day. Did you seek
21 treatment for your injury.

22 [Witness] : I did.

23 : When?

24 [Witness] : Immediately after the building. One of
25 the other agents saw that I was bleeding and told me to go

1 to the medical tent.

2 [PSI Minority] : Do you know if you were bleeding inside
3 of the building, during your search?

4 [Witness] : I was.

5 [PSI Minority] : How did you come to that awareness?

6 [Witness] : Someone -- again, I don't know who it
7 was. It was chaos. Someone came in and said, "Is anybody
8 bleeding?" because they wanted to clarify whether or not it
9 was another threat, someone got shot, and whatever case it
10 was. And both myself and [PSP Trooper] were bleeding, so it
11 could've been either one of our blood.

12 [PSI Minority] : And what was your understanding of why
13 [PSP Trooper] was bleeding?

14 [Witness] : He cut his hand jumping the fence with
15 me.

16 [PSI Minority] : Did you or [PSP Trooper] attempt to
17 address your injuries while you were inside of AGR?

18 [Witness] : Not necessarily, no. We weren't
19 really focused on the injuries.

20 [PSI Minority] : I want to go to, you mentioned vehicle
21 and potential IEDs. What is your understanding of a
22 vehicle being associated with an IED?

23 [Witness] : My understanding is it's not good.

24 [PSI Minority] : I'll be more specific. What was your
25 understanding of a vehicle that day being associated with

1 an IED?

2 **Witness**: I mean, it's very concerning. Like I
3 said, I had no clue about any type of potential explosives
4 or anything regarding even that nature. The concern is he
5 meant for that attack to be a heck of a lot bigger than it
6 was. Just by hearing that he had that in his possession,
7 it sounded to me that he wanted something more to happen
8 than what happened.

9 **PSI Minority**: When were you made aware that there was
10 a vehicle with IEDs?

11 **Witness**: Again, I don't know the exact time
12 frame. It was within that 15, 20 minutes or so after I got
13 done clearing the building that we were told that there was
14 potential IEDs either in the event or nearby.

15 **PSI Minority**: At that moment, were you made aware
16 that those IEDs were associated with a vehicle or that
17 there could be IEDs, generally?

18 **Witness**: They suspected that there were some
19 with a vehicle and that there were some that they said they
20 found in the AGR building. I don't know if that ever
21 proved true or not. I was never -- again, I was not given
22 that information personally.

23 **PSI Minority**: You mentioned that you left the site
24 around midnight. Is that correct?

25 **Witness**: I want to say it was a little after

1 midnight.

2 **PSI Minority** : And in the time between you clearing
3 the building, learning about the potential for IEDs, and
4 then you eventually leaving the site, did you receive any
5 additional updates regarding the location of a vehicle that
6 may be associated with IEDs?

7 **Witness** : No. I was in no position to get that
8 information. Usually that's going to be handled by well
9 above my pay grade.

10 **PSI Minority** : Sure. I guess in the way that you were
11 hearing about all this other information just by proximity
12 to other people, did you hear any other information
13 regarding a vehicle associated with the shooter and IEDs
14 found in or near the vehicle?

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **PSI Minority** : Were you aware of any other federal
17 entities, law enforcement entities, at the event on July
18 13th?

19 **Witness** : Other than HSI, that was all I was
20 aware of that were there during that time.

21 **PSI Minority** : After shots fired were you made aware
22 of any other additional federal law enforcement entities?

23 **Witness** : ATF and FBI showed up later on, yes.

24 **PSI Minority** : When did those officials appear?

25 **Witness** : I can't give you an exact time. That

1 whole 4- or 5-hour block afterwards really blurred
2 together.

3 [PSI Minority] : Did you meet any individuals from ATF
4 or FBI?

5 [Witness] : ATF I did, yep.

6 [PSI Minority] : Who did you meet?

7 [Witness] : I don't know his name. It was a very
8 short encounter. He said he had somebody in the vehicle,
9 and that he wanted to talk to whoever was in charge. And I
10 was just one person walking by at that time, so I went into
11 the Security Room and they said they'll go and address him.
12 And that was the end of that.

13 [PSI Minority] : And did this person show you any
14 identification?

15 [Witness] : I don't recall. He had an ATF jacket
16 on and his partner had an ATF jacket. There was another
17 guy in the vehicle.

18 [PSI Minority] : So there were at least two?

19 [Witness] : Two. Oh, there was a third person
20 they had apparently in the vehicle. So that's why I said
21 I'd go grab the supervisor, because that was the only thing
22 I really thought was the right choice at that moment. I
23 don't know where it went from that.

24 [PSI Minority] : Did they give you any indication
25 regarding what they needed to talk about?

1 **Witness** : I don't recall. I feel like he
2 might've explained something but I really don't remember
3 what he said. I was tasked with three other things at the
4 time, and then they made me a Jump Team Leader of the other
5 group, so it was a lot of tasks all at once. So I don't
6 remember exactly what he said but I did tell him I would go
7 get the supervisor, so he can explain to him what he has
8 going on.

9 **PSI Minority** : Who was tasking you with things to do
10 at this point?

11 **Witness** : The SAIC in the Security Room as well
12 as the PI, **Site Protective Intelligence Agent**, however you say her last name.

13 **PSI Minority** : **PII** .

14 **Witness** : **PII** . They wanted me to move the
15 witnesses to a separate location. That way they were
16 removed from the event. And then after that I had to
17 transport the mother and daughters to the police barracks.

18 **PSI Minority** : Did you speak with Secret Service
19 counter snipers after shots were fired?

20 **Witness** : No. I didn't hear from them at all,
21 no.

22 **PSI Minority** : Did you ever speak to **C/S Team Lead**
23 again?

24 **Witness** : No. Not since the brief at 11:00 or
25 1:00, whenever it was.

1 **PSI Minority** : Has anyone from Secret Service or DHS
2 instructed you not to speak with Congress?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **PSI Minority** : I'm going to turn it over to my
5 colleague, **PSI Minority** .

6 **PSI Minority** : So going back to when you and Trooper
7 **PSP Trooper** were on the golf cart, or heading up, and you run
8 into Agent **Site PI Agent** , this is around 5:55 p.m. on July
9 13th?

10 **Witness** : It was somewhere within that time
11 frame. I mean, 5 minutes or so, yeah.

12 **PSI Minority** : What was the plan if you did locate the
13 suspicious person and they were outside the security
14 perimeter? What were you going to do?

15 **Witness** : Interview him. That's it.

16 **PSI Minority** : So you were going to leave the perimeter,
17 the security perimeter. You were going to go outside of
18 it.

19 **Witness** : Not me particularly. I mean, whoever
20 found him, if they would encounter him, they were told to
21 interview the individual. Not arrest him or anything like
22 that because he wasn't, like I said, a threat. He was a
23 suspicious individual. So the protocol was simply just to
24 interview him.

25 **PSI Minority** : So did you ever plan to leave the

1 security perimeter to find the suspicious person?

2 [Witness] : I did not plan to, no.

3 [PSI Minority] : Why not?

4 [Witness] : I can't answer that question.

5 [PSI Minority] : But at that time you didn't know if he
6 was inside the perimeter or outside the perimeter.

7 Correct?

8 [Witness] : It was my understanding that he was
9 within our perimeter, yes, at least the middle or inner
10 perimeter is where I thought he was.

11 [PSI Minority] : So who was searching for him outside the
12 security perimeter?

13 [Witness] : I can't answer that.

14 [PSI Minority] : So you and Trooper [PSP Trooper] had no
15 discussion about leaving the security perimeter to search
16 for the suspicious person before 6 p.m.

17 [Witness] : Not that I recall. I know we were
18 heading over towards the last time or last position we knew
19 he was, but I don't remember specifically stating we were
20 to go outside the perimeter or not.

21 [PSI Minority] : Was [redacted] [Site Protective Intelligence Agent] going to leave the
22 security perimeter to search for this suspicious person
23 after you spoke to her?

24 [Witness] : I'm unaware of her actions or what she
25 wanted to do.

1 PSI Minority : Site Protective Intelligence Agent didn't tell you what she
2 planned to do when you guys split off from each other?

3 Witness : She didn't specifically say she was
4 going to out of perimeter. What she said was that her
5 partner was already over on that area that we discussed.

6 PSI Minority : And who was her partner?

7 Witness : The State Trooper counterpart.

8 PSI Minority : Do you know that person's name?

9 Witness : No.

10 PSI Minority : And that State Trooper was already
11 outside the perimeter?

12 Witness : I'm unaware of what exact location he
13 was. I don't know if he was on the outside of the
14 perimeter, middle perimeter. She said that he was in the
15 area where the individual was last seen.

16 PSI Minority : Okay. So you and Trooper PSP Trooper go back
17 towards the stage area after speaking with Agent Site Protective Intelligence Agent,
18 right?

19 Witness : Yes.

20 PSI Minority : You didn't traverse anywhere else inside
21 the perimeter to search for this suspicious person?

22 Witness : We did. So like I said, we were still
23 actively searching as we were driving back, looking through
24 the crowd, looking around the outskirts of the crowd.
25 Again, like I said, my understanding was that he was within

1 the perimeter or by that gate on the 3 o'clock side. And
2 at that time frame we also had the medical emergency and
3 then the conflicts. We had two conflicts in that time
4 frame, as well.

5 **PSI Minority** : What time did you speak with the local
6 officer you phoned?

7 **Witness** : I don't remember the time. It was
8 again after the second phone call with **C/UAS Advance Lead**, so I would
9 say 5:55-ish, 5:56.

10 **PSI Minority** : Did that local officer tell you that the
11 suspicious person was inside the security perimeter?

12 **Witness** : No. He didn't specify what perimeter
13 he was last seen. Not to me, at least.

14 **PSI Minority** : So all that local officer told you was a
15 description of Crooks.

16 **Witness** : A description of Crooks and where he
17 was last seen, as far as he was at the front of the event,
18 on the right-hand side.

19 **PSI Minority** : So he was outside the perimeter.

20 **Witness** : If that's your interpretation of it.
21 My interpretation was that he was within the perimeter.
22 I'm saying he was at the front of the event, which is
23 within the perimeter. We had middle, inner, and outer,
24 which is a pretty big difference between all three of
25 those. My understanding was that he was somewhere in

1 between one of those perimeters, not specifically one
2 individual. If you're talking about outside the perimeter,
3 that would be outside our outer perimeter, which is beyond
4 the AGR building.

5 **PSI Minority** : So that phone call with the local
6 officer, was it your belief that this local officer had
7 personally seen Crooks in that position that you just
8 described?

9 **Witness** : Yes. Because **C/UAS Advance Lead** explained to me
10 that he was the one that sent **C/UAS Advance Lead**, or called **C/UAS Advance Lead**, or
11 whatever the case was, that he was the one that saw him.

12 **PSI Minority** : But to be clear, you and **PSP Trooper** did not
13 go up to that position.

14 **Witness** : Correct.

15 **PSI Minority** : And why not?

16 **Witness** : As I stated earlier, we did not go
17 that route because our senior agent described that she and
18 many other, and her counterpart, were already in that area
19 searching, for us to go down and look in the area of where
20 we were prior to. So I took those orders and carried them
21 out. I went back down towards the staging area and looked
22 around the back side and on the 3 o'clock side.

23 **PSI Minority** : So that phone call with the local law
24 enforcement officer that you had, was there any other
25 description that was provided to you? Did he have anything

1 in his hands at the time? Was he carrying anything? Was
2 there any other description besides -- well, what was the
3 description you were given?

4 **Witness**: He was saying he had a gray shirt,
5 blonde hair, tan pants, and that was pretty much the extent
6 of it. There was nothing about anything in his hands,
7 other than the rangefinder, but there was nothing else
8 other than the rangefinder, and I was told that by **C/UAS Advance Lead**.

9 **PSI Minority**: But the local phone call, did they talk
10 about the rangefinder with you?

11 **Witness**: No, because the purpose of that phone
12 call was to get a description of the individual.

13 **PSI Minority** But you already had the photo.

14 **Witness**: Yeah, but I wanted him to explain to
15 me the description and where he last saw him.

16 **PSI Minority**: And which direction was Crooks headed at
17 this point, that the local officer told you?

18 **Witness**: I don't remember him telling me what
19 direction he was headed in, just where he last saw him.

20 **PSI Minority**: After the phone call with the local
21 officer, did you relay any of that information to the
22 counter sniper teams on the barns?

23 **Witness**: No. Like I stated, I have not talked
24 to counter sniper teams at all, during the event, and they
25 did not reach out to me about any potential threat or

1 suspicious individual. It was just the Security Room.

2 **PSI Minority** : So was there any plan to leave the
3 security perimeter to look for the suspicious person?

4 **Witness** : There was no specific plan to do that,
5 no.

6 **PSI Minority** : I'm just having trouble understanding how
7 that's possible.

8 **Witness** : I mean, in hindsight, if we're talking
9 about hindsight, yeah, I would've done a lot of things
10 differently, as would anybody else that was there. But
11 looking back at it, we have an outer perimeter for a
12 reason. We have an inner perimeter for a reason. We have
13 a middle perimeter for a reason. Everybody is there to do
14 their job. My understanding was that that area was
15 entirely covered, and then more so once we sent PI and her
16 counterpart there. So at the time I carried out my duties
17 as I was directed.

18 **PSI Minority** : So at the time, on July 13th, at that
19 5:50, 6:00 hour, you meet with Agent **Site Protective Intelligence Agent**, at that
20 time your thought is that she is going to handle going over
21 to that direction where you were told by a local law
22 enforcement officer that Crooks was over in that direction,
23 the 1 to 3 o'clock position.

24 **Witness** : Yes, and I relayed that to her and she
25 had told me she had already known that.

1 **PSI Minority** : Did you relay on the radio, email, text
2 anything to the rest of your colleagues in the Secret
3 Service that "I had spoken to **Site Protective Intelligence Agent** and she's going to
4 go out that direction to see if they can find the
5 suspicious person"?

6 **Witness** : No, I did not.

7 **PSI Minority** : Why not?

8 **Witness** : Again, hindsight, sure, I could've,
9 but so could she. So could Security Room. They already
10 knew the information. I mean, it was not exactly clear. I
11 probably should've, yes.

12 **PSI Minority** : Do you know if anyone else within the
13 Secret Service, that was outside the perimeter on July
14 13th, who was actually stationed to do security outside the
15 security perimeter, are you aware of --

16 **Witness** : No.

17 **PSI Minority** : -- any Secret Service people positioned?

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **PSI Minority** : Is that unusual, from your experience
20 working these events?

21 **Witness** : No. Out of perimeter and beyond is
22 usually handled by state and local.

23 **PSI Minority** : And outside of the phone call you had
24 with that local law enforcement officer, did you speak with
25 any local law enforcement during the day?

1 **Witness** : I mean, other than my State Trooper
2 counterpart? No. Up until shots fired is when I asked the
3 individuals behind me, as well as Trooper **PSP Trooper**, "Hey,
4 which AGR building is what?" That was the only interaction
5 I had with other local law enforcement. There was nothing
6 prior to or anything like that.

7 **PSI Minority** : And going back to after shots are fired,
8 you go over to the AGR building, you sweep the building,
9 and you're at the Butler Fairgrounds until about midnight.
10 Before you left that night were you aware of how Crooks
11 arrived at the rally?

12 **Witness** : I was not.

13 **PSI Minority** : Did you hear anything about his vehicle
14 being located and discovered and searched?

15 **Witness** : The only thing I heard about the
16 vehicle was that he had potential IED in it. I mean, I
17 assume that meant they searched it. But no, I did not hear
18 anything specifically at all about that.

19 **PSI Minority** : Right. So we have Tom Crooks' vehicle.
20 I think you mentioned the white van, as well.

21 **Witness** : I don't know what color the van was.

22 **PSI Minority** : Okay. But there was a van I think you
23 mentioned.

24 **Witness** : From what I understood there was a
25 van, yes.

1 **PSI Minority** : So can you talk to me about what the van
2 was, when it was discovered?

3 **Witness** : I cannot. As I said, I only overheard
4 it in the crowd of individuals all speaking about every
5 type of thing that was going on at that event. It was very
6 chaotic. So there wasn't any particular thing that I heard
7 other than that there was a vehicle, a van, that they
8 suspected had IED.

9 **PSI Minority** : Did you utilize just your Secret Service-
10 issued cellphone that day?

11 **Witness** : Yes.

12 **PSI Minority** : Did you send any messages on your
13 personal phone?

14 **Witness** : In what regard?

15 **PSI Minority** : Work-related messages on your personal
16 phone?

17 **Witness** : No. Only to tell my family that I'm
18 okay. Everything was handled on my work phone.

19 **PSI Minority** : Understood.

20 **PSI Minority** : Sir, just one additional question and
21 then we'll take another five-minute break.

22 **Witness** : Okay.

23 **PSI Minority** : Are you aware of any face sheets being
24 made or created prior to this event?

25 **Witness** : Face sheets?

1 **PSI Minority** : Have you heard of that phrase before,
2 face sheet?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **PSI Minority** : Or just photos with names or faces of
5 individuals to either be on the lookout for.

6 **Witness** : We have lookouts, or they're called
7 lookouts, or Be On the Lookout, a BOLO.

8 **PSI Minority** : And these BOLOs are created for each
9 event, or are they specific to just be on the lookout
10 generally?

11 **Witness** : A little bit of both. Depending on
12 the area and whatnot they'll put out potentials that we've
13 encountered before, PI, Protective Intelligence, cases. So
14 if someone previously made a threat online and they're in
15 that area of, say, in this case a rally, we'll put that
16 lookout, a state lookout or nationwide lookout, whatever it
17 may be, in that email that they'll put out, what whatever
18 the individual's face is or demographics, and then an
19 explanation of what exactly their case is.

20 **PSI Minority** : So you will sometimes, prior to events
21 or any situation involving a protectee, you will sometimes
22 receive this type of information in an email?

23 **Witness** : Correct. Protective Intelligence
24 Division will put it out.

25 **PSI Minority** : Did you receive any such information

1 prior to the July 13th Butler rally?

2 [Witness]: No. They said there was no adverse --
3 there's a verbiage they use, but essentially there was,
4 from my understanding, no threat.

5 [PSI Minority]: And if there was some sort of threat
6 then you would expect to receive this additional piece of
7 information that you just described?

8 [Witness]: Yeah. It doesn't necessarily have to
9 be a threat either. Like I said, it could be somebody who
10 was on the radar for us just for sitting in front of the
11 motorcade on a motorcade route. We'll put that out there
12 because there's still a concern that they might do it
13 again. So it doesn't necessarily have to be a threat, as
14 well.

15 [PSI Minority]: So just so I understand, information
16 regarding intelligence, adverse intelligence let's just
17 say, it could be the case where there is no adverse
18 intelligence, but you still may receive this information
19 regarding an individual to be on the lookout for?

20 [Witness]: Correct.

21 [PSI Minority]: And again, in the case of the July 13th
22 rally in Butler, you did not receive any information, any
23 be on the lookout information?

24 [Witness]: Off the top of my head I can't recall.
25 I may or may not have. But I don't recall there being

1 anything.

2 **PSI Minority** : Okay. At this point we'll take another
3 five-minute break and we'll go off the record. Thank you.

4 **Witness** : Thank you.

5 [Recess.]

6 **HSGAC Majority** : **Witness Counsel**, are you on the line?

7 **Witness Counsel** : Yes, I am. Thank you again for checking.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : All right. We'll go back on the record.

9 Special Agent **Witness**, thank you very much for your time.

10 My name is **HSGAC Majority** and I work for Chair Peters. I
11 have a few follow-up questions. Thank you again for being
12 here today.

13 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Can you please move your
14 microphone closer?

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you hear me now? Okay.

16 I'd like to ask a few follow-up questions on your
17 training. You mentioned you graduated from the Academy in
18 September 2023. Is that correct?

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

20 **HSGAC Majority** : How was counter sniper response agent
21 covered in your training?

22 **Witness** : It's a simple PowerPoint presentation.
23 They go over it with you. There's no like shooting
24 requirement or nothing like that. It's just a simple
25 academic training.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : How many days or hours did you receive
2 on training as a counter sniper response agent?

3 **Witness** : It was a class, I believe, so maybe
4 two hours.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you participate in any mock events
6 or simulations as either a counter sniper response agent or
7 a protective intelligence agent?

8 **Witness** : We would do PI, but I don't remember
9 us ever doing a CS response in the Academy, as like a
10 hands-on training.

11 **HSGAC Majority** You're currently in Phase 1 of your
12 training. Correct?

13 **Witness** : Correct.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Through the Field Office?

15 **Witness** : Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : How many protective assignments have you
17 done since you graduated training?

18 **Witness** : At least 20, if not more.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : In what roles?

20 **Witness** : So our roles vary every single time.
21 I've done CS response --

22 **HSGAC Majority** : But July 13th was your first time doing
23 CS response. Correct?

24 **Witness** : Correct.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : What other roles have you --

1 **Witness** : There's a lot, sorry. There's an
2 arrival/departure agent, which is where the motorcade pulls
3 in. There's a stairwell agent, which is as it sounds. You
4 stand in a stairwell. There's CSU, which is like a counter
5 surveillance agent.

6 **HSGAC Majority** All those you were previously assigned
7 as a protective agent?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. Have you worked as a protective
10 intelligence agent before?

11 **Witness** : I don't recall ever working as a PI,
12 no.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you worked as a post-stander
14 before?

15 **Witness** : Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : And is it typical for special agent like
17 yourself, who recently graduated, new to the position, be
18 assigned to work a protective assignment for the former
19 President?

20 **Witness** : It is very likely, and it happens
21 almost the day you graduate. Some people it happens the
22 day after they graduated.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Specifically with regard to July 13th,
24 you mentioned a counter sniper response agent has a number
25 of duties. Aside from responding to any direction from the

1 counter snipers in response to a potential threat, what are
2 your other duties?

3 [Witness] : So up to that time prior to the
4 arrival of the protectee you're simply just helping out all
5 the other post-standers. You're what we call as a relief
6 agent. You go to all the variety of posts that are
7 throughout the event, ask them if they need a relief to use
8 the head or the bathroom, or grab food or snack real quick.
9 So that's generally what you're doing. The same thing with
10 PI, unless there is something that pops off for PI as far
11 as someone trying to get into the event or whatever cases
12 that it. But for CS response you're simply a relief agent
13 until [LES] out.

14 [HSGAC Majority] : From your perspective, both performing
15 the role of protective intelligence agent and a counter
16 sniper response agent, are the roles and responsibilities
17 clear to you --

18 [Witness] : Yes.

19 [HSGAC Majority] : -- at each position?

20 [Witness] : Yes.

21 [HSGAC Majority] : Whose job is it to respond to medical
22 emergencies? You mentioned on July 13th you responded to a
23 number of medical emergencies. Is that because Secret
24 Service and/or state and locals were short staffed, or is
25 it because that is part of your job as a relief agent?

1 **Witness** : So it's kind of an unwritten ordeal.
2 If there is a medical emergency and you're able to assist
3 in that moment, you're able to assist and carry it out,
4 that's fine as long as it's not keeping you from your other
5 duties. There was no one on either relief at the many
6 medical emergencies I responded to that day. And simply
7 what we're doing, we're not necessarily getting in the
8 crowd and doing CPR on somebody or whatever. We're more so
9 trying to contact EMS and giving them a route in to those
10 individuals by separating the crowd and getting them out of
11 the way so that way it's handled efficiently.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : And on the morning of July 13th, at the
13 10 a.m. brief, the Secret Service brief you attended, did
14 you receive any documents, any maps? I know the site
15 diagram you received in advance. But did you receive
16 anything on that day so you had a thorough understanding of
17 the lay of the land at the Butler Farm Show?

18 **Witness** : We had the, I can't remember if it was
19 the night before or the day of, they gave you a packet. It
20 covers all that. It covers how many EOD teams we're going
21 to have, canines, it shows an aerial view of the event
22 area, where certain posts will be positioned at. And that
23 depends on the site agent and how detailed they want to get
24 with that exactly, because you can get very detailed if you
25 want to and break it down to where each local officer is

1 going to be standing or uniformed vehicle, whatever the
2 case may be. But we received one of those as well as the
3 CS packet I got from the CS lead.

4 HSGAC Majority : Did you feel prepared in advance of the
5 rally that day?

6 Witness : I did. I had all the documents that
7 we typically get for a protection assignment.

8 HSGAC Majority : Did you feel that you had an adequate
9 understanding of the Butler Farm Show grounds and
10 surrounding area?

11 Witness : Yes.

12 HSGAC Majority Had you worked with Special Agent C/UAS Advance
13 before? Lead

14 Witness : No.

15 HSGAC Majority : Had you worked with Special Agent
16 Site Protective Intelligence before?
Agent

17 Witness : No.

18 HSGAC Majority : Did you meet either of them at the brief
19 in advance?

20 Witness : Yes.

21 HSGAC Majority : I'd like to ask a couple of questions
22 related to communications. You mentioned that you first
23 received information about the suspicious individual with a
24 rangefinder around 5:50 from a call from Special Agent
25 C/UAS Advance , but -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- he did not
Lead

1 provide any context regarding the suspicious individual
2 with the rangefinder other than there was an individual at
3 the rally who had a rangefinder. Is that correct?

4 **Witness** : Correct.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : And at 5:42 p.m., and I'm reading from a
6 printout of the Butler ESU PD Ops 4 radio, a Butler ESU
7 commander radios out to the Butler ESU radio, quote, "Jut
8 an FYI. We had a younger white male, long hair, lurking
9 around the AGR building. He was viewed with a rangefinder,
10 siting the stage. He was up against the building. I
11 believe he was looking up at us, and he walked around the
12 side of the building. We lost sight of him. There was a
13 bike with a large backpack sitting beside it. It's parked
14 in the rear of the building. That wasn't there earlier."

15 Did you receive any of that information?

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

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Would that have been helpful to you?

18 **Witness** : Extremely helpful.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Why?

20 **Witness** : It gave the exact description of where
21 he was last seen, what he was potentially on a bike, and
22 that he was not just using the rangefinder but looking at
23 law enforcement with the rangefinder. All that brings to
24 light a heck of a lot more concern rather than just
25 somebody that we saw with a rangefinder.

1 that's an autocorrect from "lurking," "around building. We
2 are in AGR I believe it is. I did see him with a
3 rangefinder looking toward the stage. FYI, if you want to
4 notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him. Also
5 bike with a backpack sitting next to it in the rear of the
6 building that was not seen earlier."

7 So you did not receive this. Correct?

8 [Witness] : No, ma'am.

9 [HSGAC Majority] : Would this have been helpful information
10 for you to have received?

11 [Witness] : Yes, it would.

12 [HSGAC Majority] : Would that have changed the way that you
13 conducted your search for the individual?

14 [Witness] : Yes, it would, because we would know
15 the building that he was at and that he was actually near
16 the building, not on the side of where the building, that
17 direction, I guess.

18 [HSGAC Majority] : I'll turn it over to my colleagues.

19 [Witness] : I would just like to follow up on a
20 couple of questions my colleague asked, in terms of the
21 training process. Can you tell us if you had any law
22 enforcement experience before you joined the Academy?

23 [HSGAC Majority] : I did not. I was military for 13
24 years.

25 [Witness] : Military. Generally what did you do for

1 the military?

2 [Witness] : Air crewman and water survival
3 instructor.

4 [HSGAC Majority] : You said water survival?

5 [Witness] : Yes.

6 [HSGAC Majority] : What branch was that?

7 [Witness] : Navy.

8 [HSGAC Majority] : When you joined the Secret Service
9 Academy, what was your understanding of how the development
10 process would play out? In other words, was there a rough
11 number of years you'd have to serve in a Field Office,
12 whether you'd have to serve in the Uniformed Division,
13 before you would be assigned a high-profile protectee
14 event?

15 [Witness] : So there was no requirement as far as
16 getting a high protectee. I mean, like I said, there are
17 agents that the day after training were a site agent for
18 POTUS. So, I mean, it doesn't necessarily matter as long
19 as you're qualified, you've got your creds. At that point
20 you are free to use where they see fit. So yeah.

21 [HSGAC Majority] : When you say POTUS, you mean the current
22 sitting President?

23 [Witness] : Yes.

24 [HSGAC Majority] : And when you say site agent, my
25 understanding is that "site agent" is a specific term that

1 one individual is assigned. Do mean that or do you mean
2 just an agent assigned to a particular site?

3 **Witness** : That's one individual assigned to
4 that. So for example, I was a site agent for JD Vance, so
5 I was in charge of that site that he would visit. You
6 carry out an advance on that site as a site agent, and you
7 have a list of things you need to look for and discuss with
8 whoever is the host of that event. And then you cover all
9 your bases -- fire, police, TAC teams, EOD, canine, the
10 whole list.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : When did you serve as the site agent for
12 Senator Vance?

13 **Witness** : It was in, about two weeks after July
14 13th. It was in August, I believe.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : So you were coming up on a year out of
16 the Academy at that point.

17 **Witness** : Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : So I guess my understanding is incorrect
19 in that recent graduates have to spend at least some time
20 in a field office doing like financial crime
21 investigations, and then some time at lower level protectee
22 events before they can be even considered being assigned to
23 a high-level protectee event. That's not a correct
24 understanding? It can happen right out of the Academy?

25 **Witness** : Correct. You can get assigned a

1 protection assignment for any of them or potential a site
2 or a lead as a new agent out of the Academy, yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: And understanding that you're relatively
4 new to the Service, is it your understanding that's a new
5 practice at the Secret Service?

6 **Witness**: No. I believe it's been a practice
7 for a while.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: You touched on this earlier, but
9 regarding intelligence I just want to make sure I'm clear.
10 In terms of intelligence, about any adverse intelligence
11 before the event or any kind of threats you were made aware
12 of, you weren't made aware of any threats specific to the
13 Butler event or any adverse intelligence before the event.
14 Is that right?

15 **Witness**: Correct. I had nothing.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: And the same question regarding to the
17 protectee. So you weren't aware of any adverse
18 intelligence or threats to former President Trump before
19 the event?

20 **Witness**: Not to my knowledge, no.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you made aware of any intelligence
22 or threats related to the government of country of Iran?

23 **Witness**: Just from like social media and
24 everything. Not particularly with the job, no. Sorry.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Not through the Service or through DHS?

1 **Witness** : No.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : And going back to communications, I just
3 want to make sure again we're clear, do you routinely use
4 your work cellphone at events like this. That's not
5 unusual?

6 **Witness** : That's not unusual at all.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you have any issues with cellphone
8 service that day?

9 **Witness** : I did not, no.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of others who did?

11 **Witness** : I am not.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : And I think you said earlier you
13 couldn't recall which Secret Service frequency you were on,
14 whether it was **LES** or **LES**

15 **Witness** : No. So to clarify on that, every
16 event that we have in protection, like I said, I've done
17 over 20 in the last year, we use a different channel most
18 of the times, and generally it's **LES** as post-standers,
19 it's on **LES** But each event sometimes they change it
20 up, so that way you don't have too many people on one
21 channel, or whatever the case may be.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : If you don't recall the specific
23 frequencies, can you recall generally who you were in
24 contact with? In other words, was it specific types of
25 agents that you were on the same frequency as but others

1 were on a different frequency?

2 [Witness] : Just Secret Service, and so -- sorry.
3 Secret Service and HSI that were at the event were on one
4 channel. CS and the detail, they were on a different
5 channel than what we would be on.

6 [HSGAC Majority] : So you were on a different channel from
7 CS, including Officer [C/S Team Lead] ?

8 [Witness] : Correct.

9 [HSGAC Majority] : Did you have a capability to get in
10 touch with them if you needed to?

11 [Witness] : I did.

12 [HSGAC Majority] : What was that?

13 [Witness] : I mean, cellphone. That's what he
14 told me to contact him was via cellphone.

15 [HSGAC Majority] : Okay. How about radio contact with
16 state or locals. Did you have any direct contact with them
17 via radio?

18 [Witness] : No. Only through my counterpart.
19 That was it.

20 [HSGAC Majority] : Okay. You may have just answered my
21 next question, but if you needed to get in contact with
22 state or locals, either to give them information or to
23 request information, what would be the mechanism? Would it
24 be through that trooper that you were partnered with?

25 [Witness] : For me, yes, but other post-standers,

1 they wouldn't necessarily have that available to them.
2 They are not paired with a State Trooper counterpart, if
3 that makes sense.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Are you aware of anyone else having
5 direct line of communications with state or locals?

6 **Witness** : Security Room, and as well, the PI.
7 We all have direct interaction with state and local.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Were there any other difficulties
9 communicating that day?

10 **Witness** : Just the radio that we discussed
11 earlier, not being able to hear, and then going through the
12 cellphone as a secondary.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm handing you another document. It's
14 marked Exhibit 8.

15 [Exhibit No. 8 was
16 marked for identification.]

17 **HSGAC Majority** : So this is Bates 2235. It's an email
18 from July 13th, at 4:28 p.m. So the email at the top says,
19 "All post-standers and Site 2 advance switch radio traffic
20 from [redacted] to [redacted]."

21 Do you recall receiving this email?

22 **Witness** : Yes. So as I mentioned, multiple
23 channels were used, so if we're stepping on somebody else's
24 motorcade, I believe Mr. Trump's spouse was there as well -
25 - not at the event but in close enough range we were

1 catching some of her detail's radio traffic. So they kept
2 trying to switch radio channels to put us on our own, that
3 wouldn't be stepped on, I guess.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : So interference or bleed-over from
5 another Secret Service detail in the approximate
6 geographical area was causing that problem, is your
7 understanding?

8 **Witness** : Correct.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : So did you switch your radio as
10 requested here?

11 **Witness** : I did, and I was tasked by Security
12 Room to make sure others did, as well.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : I know you said earlier you had trouble
14 hearing, but do you remember experiencing that bleed-over
15 or that interference?

16 **Witness** : I do not remember offhand. Sorry.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : So again, regarding your experience with
18 the Academy and training, you know, you're kind of in a
19 unique position in that you're a relatively recent graduate
20 of the Academy but also have this incredibly relevant
21 experience with this event. Considering that, what you
22 through in the Academy, the training you received, and then
23 your experience less than a year later at the July 13th
24 event, in your opinion does any of the Secret Service
25 training need to change, that you received at the Academy?

1 **Witness** : I would say yes. Communication,
2 obviously, is an important factor, a very important factor.
3 And knowing these positions that we stand, like I mentioned
4 earlier, we can potential stand at any position, at any
5 given time. You can be in control of an event that is now
6 for POTUS or the next day it's for a relative or a son or
7 daughter of an individual. That footprint varies
8 dramatically between those, as I'm sure you all know, as
9 far as what logistics you need for each of those.

10 So having that kind of training and understanding
11 would better prepare people, as well, when they get out to
12 the field, to handle a situation such as this, I guess.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : To that point, did you feel prepared, as
14 the site agent for Senator Vance?

15 **Witness** : I did. I'm a bit OCD when it comes to
16 that stuff, so I was a little overkill, I think, with my
17 event, as I was told from our SAIC.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : Well, beyond your personal preparations,
19 do you feel you received the necessary training from the
20 Service before you were put in that position?

21 **Witness** : I did. So for me, specifically, at my
22 office, and some other offices may, as well -- I can't
23 attest to those -- they do have prior work-ups for those
24 sites. A lot of sites we reuse, and they've already been
25 advanced prior to, so all you have to do is essentially go

1 back and revisit it, make sure that things are the same, or
2 if they have changed you update the go-bys, and then you
3 discuss with the local law enforcement, fire department,
4 EMS, and everybody. So my office was very good with
5 assisting me with that.

6 And then sometimes you do have a site assist, which
7 comes from like POTUS or in this case Donald Trump, which
8 will be LES people that will carry out that site advance.
9 I think we moved to LES at this point.

10 But I personally, to answer your question, I felt like
11 I was pretty well prepared for mine.

12 HSGAC Majority: And regarding your injury, are you fully
13 healed, back to work?

14 Witness: I am. I never was out of work.

15 HSGAC Majority: Other than the medical care, did the
16 Service or DHS perform any evaluation before you were
17 cleared to go back to work?

18 Witness: No.

19 HSGAC Majority: Did you, at any point, get placed on any
20 kind of telework status or administrative status or any
21 kind of adverse personnel action after the Butler event?

22 Witness: No. personal

23

24 So they let me stay home with her for two days
25 and then I started advancing that site for Vance.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : At any point that day did you see any
2 drones being flown, whether it was law enforcement or
3 civilian?

4 **Witness** : No.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you participated in any after-
6 action reviews with the Secret Service or DHS?

7 **Witness** : As in like interviews like this? Is
8 that what you're asking?

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Yes, whether it's the mission assurance
10 investigation or the DHS Independent Panel?

11 **Witness** : Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : When were those interviews?

13 **Witness** : The ISP interview was, I don't
14 remember the dates offhand. It was very shortly after the
15 event. And then the Independent Review Panel, that was --
16 I can't remember when that was. I don't remember. It was
17 after that one. So it was the FBI and then the ISP and
18 then the DHS, and the Independent Review Panel. I think it
19 was in August, yeah, for that one.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Is there anything else you think that
21 the Committee should be aware of as we investigate this
22 incident and moving forward, in terms of reforms that we
23 haven't discussed today?

24 **Witness** : I mean, as I said, communication. If
25 we can all get ourselves on the same channel, and maybe not

1 necessarily on the same channel, because obviously that
2 would be too many voices in one spot. But it would be very
3 helpful, as I'm learning today, to have emails that are
4 sent to everybody regarding a potential individual like
5 this, because a father would still be alive and this kid
6 would've been, you know, handled well before he was.

7 But having a universal communication for state, local,
8 and us, whoever the federal entity is there, HSI and Secret
9 Service, a joint email like that would be helpful or some
10 type of unified communication, you know, to relay this kind
11 of information. There's no reason -- this is the first
12 time I'm seeing this stuff, and I was CS Response. That,
13 to me, is very frustrating.

14 And to be clear, as well, in my case, for the CS folks
15 in that building, clarifying that it was not secure, as we
16 thought it was secure, and to have local and state that are
17 assigned to those positions to relay if they move or if
18 they take a break, or stuff like that, to all of us, as
19 well, would be ideal, so that way we know their movements,
20 as well.

21 Obviously, further training never hurts, as well.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: I appreciate you answering our
23 questions. I will turn it over to my colleagues.

24 **HSGAC Minority**: Again, this is **HSGAC Minority** with
25 Senator Paul's office. I would just thank you for your

1 candor in your last answer. It's the first time we've
2 heard that, so I appreciate that.

3 Let's go back to a little bit of what my colleague,
4 **PSI Minority**, was hitting on. Back to the moment when you
5 started hearing about this suspicious person, and you
6 received multiple calls, you started looking for this
7 individual, did you sense a growing sense of urgency to
8 find this individual as the minutes went by?

9 **Witness**: So yes and no, and what I mean by that
10 is many of these events we get suspicious individual calls.
11 At almost every single one I've been to we've had a
12 suspicious individual. We interview them and we carry on.
13 That doesn't mean that you get complacent with it, by any
14 means. However, this individual was seen with a
15 rangefinder. He was outside of our immediate area by the
16 stage, which doesn't necessarily mean to stop a search at
17 any means. However, yeah, so I'm --

18 **HSGAC Minority**: I guess my point is that when someone
19 continues to be brought up on radio or cellphones or texts,
20 that would probably indicate a sense of, okay, this person
21 really needs to be found. And as time went on, I guess
22 that's what I'm asking you. Did you feel that urgency that
23 we need to prioritize and find this person?

24 **Witness**: I did. The closer it got to Mr. Trump
25 getting up on the stage, again though, we had no

1 description that he was armed or that he was a threat. You
2 know, at the time, like I said, I was also dealing with the
3 medical emergency and then people fighting. There was a
4 lot going on. It was very much chaos. But yeah.

5 **HSGAC Minority**: So when you have multiple issues, as
6 you say, chaos, in your training experience are you
7 instructed or trained how to prioritize or triage threats
8 or ongoing situations to deal with the most serious issue
9 before moving to the next?

10 **Witness**: Yes. So in this situation, a
11 suspicious individual that was last seen at the back of the
12 rally was definitely a concern. Yes, I agree. However,
13 with the information that I had at the time, a fight
14 breaking out and individuals having a conflict right next
15 to the stage, directly in the path of where former
16 President Trump was, that took priority at that moment.
17 But immediately once that was resolved, we went back to our
18 search.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: So you mentioned a while ago that you
20 wanted to know, when you reached out to the local person, a
21 little bit better description of that individual, hear it
22 from them. And one thing you wanted to know was where were
23 they last seen. Why would you want to know where they were
24 last seen?

25 **Witness**: Just so we can direct our efforts in

1 that general area, at least.

2 HSGAC Minority: Which leads me to the next question,
3 because you also testified that, you know, you only knew of
4 one or two people going to that area, and that's why
5 yourself -- and we didn't get on the radio to send other
6 people there. Am I correct in that?

7 Witness: No. So only the two people that were
8 our individuals. There was already state and local that
9 were stationed along that area, so I guess I should
10 clarify. They went over there with those individuals and
11 were already searching. So it was more than just two
12 people. There was also state and local in that area, as
13 well, within that perimeter. As I mentioned before, middle
14 and outer perimeters are all state and local.

15 HSGAC Minority: Are you considering the middle
16 perimeter, between the two fences, where the PSP had their
17 cars parked, before you get to the other fence that was the
18 fence to the AGR building?

19 Witness: Correct.

20 HSGAC Minority: Okay. So inner was within that fence
21 line, middle is the portion between the two fences --

22 Witness: Mm-hmm.

23 : -- and then outer perimeter was out of
24 that fence line, including the AGR perimeter grounds. Am I
25 correct on that?

1 **Witness** : Yes. Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. What's the purpose of an
3 "attempt to locate" on the radio, or a BOLO?

4 **Witness** : The purpose of it? To find an
5 individual and interview them and remove them as being a
6 potential threat or suspicious individual, get
7 clarification on their purpose of being there.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you know of an "attempt to locate"
9 that was broadcast out to everyone to look for this
10 suspicious person?

11 **Witness** : I'm unaware of it, no.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. I've got a couple more questions
13 here. If you would, go back to the Exhibit 6, I think, is
14 the transcribed interview with your counterpart, Trooper
15 **PSP Trooper**, and got to page 7.

16 I'll start with a question. Okay. At any point prior
17 to the shooting were you made aware of a suspicious person
18 being on the roof of the AGR building?

19 Let's focus on the statement next, from Trooper

20 **PSP Trooper**. "Right before the shots, this is what I started to
21 get into, right before the shots were fired, **Witness** came
22 up to me, where we were post, he hits me on the back and
23 says, 'He's on the roof of the AGR.' And then we're like,
24 'Excuse me, he's on the effing roof.' Excuse me, turn,
25 came back around, tell their counterparts that some lady

1 that they talked to, I will pull out a personal phone. He
2 pulled out a map from the Ops plan, and I said, 'This is
3 where the AGR -- this is the AGR building there.'"

4 Is that the discussion you were telling me that you
5 had right before the shots were fired? You didn't know
6 where the AGR building was, what they were talking about?

7 **Witness** : Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : How long did that conversation take?

9 **Witness** : Seconds.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Estimate. I mean, 5 seconds, 10
11 seconds, 15 seconds?

12 **Witness** : I mean, from the time I got the phone
13 call to the shots fired, in between there it was probably
14 15 seconds maybe. I don't know.

15 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you know how long it took the shift
16 team to cover former President Trump once the shots were
17 fired?

18 **Witness** : I do not.

19 **HSGAC Minority** : According to the Independent Review,
20 two seconds. So if they can cover him in two seconds when
21 shots were fired, if someone would've got on the radio
22 within 15 seconds, and said, "Shooter on the roof," could
23 we assume that the shift detail would've got him covered
24 within 15 seconds?

25 **Witness** : I will reiterate, I was on a different

1 channel than the detail, so therefore that would require me
2 to have to look at my radio and, as well, change the
3 channel. The Security Room that gave me that information
4 could've very well as easily done that --

5 HSGAC Minority : Agree.

6 Witness : -- and it would've been done way
7 sooner, and he would've been removed from the stage. So I
8 thought in the moment for me to change my radio and waste
9 time on doing that, we can assess and get on over to the
10 building. Yes, unfortunately, he took his shots when he
11 did. But in a moment's notice I acted the way I felt best.

12 HSGAC Minority : And I don't want you to think that
13 that's pointed only to you, because it seems to be like an
14 issue that, as you said in your providing information,
15 better communications --

16 Witness : Mm-hmm.

17 HSGAC Minority : -- would certainly be beneficial moving
18 forward.

19 Witness : Absolutely.

20 HSGAC Minority : And that was the purpose of bringing up
21 that, is that we see a time there that, yes, we keep
22 hearing within seconds, but yet Acting Director Rowe was
23 very proud of the fact that they got him covered within two
24 seconds, which is great. I agree. I don't want it to get
25 lost that we're talking about information passed within

1 seconds, because that's all it really took was to cover the
2 President, former President, at that time.

3 I'll finish with thank you for your military service,
4 and I'm glad you came out well.

5 [Witness] : Thank you.

6 [HSGAC Majority] : That's all I have.

7 [PSI Minority] : Agent [Witness] , [PSI Minority] with
8 Ranking Member Johnson. Let's stay on this quickly. So
9 that line came back around to tell their counterparts "that
10 same lady that we talked to." Is it your understanding
11 that that would be referring to Agent [Site Protective Intelligence Agent] , "that same
12 lady that we talked to"?

13 [Witness] : Yes.

14 [PSI Minority] : Was Agent [Site Protective Intelligence Agent] near you?

15 [Witness] : I didn't know she was until we turned
16 around. She was near where the top brass were, the State
17 Trooper [PSP Trooper] .

18 [PSI Minority] : So you alerted Agent [Site Protective Intelligence Agent] that
19 there was an individual on the roof at the same time.

20 [Witness] : Yes. She was in that same exact area
21 that I yelled it out to all of them.

22 [PSI Minority] : You yelled it out loud?

23 [Witness] : Well, not loud. I mean, it was loud
24 enough for them to hear me. They were directly behind me.

25 [PSI Minority] : Okay. When you hear that information

1 you have enough time to turn around and yell to Agent
2 [Site Protective Intelligence Agent]. Does it cross your mind to send a text message
3 or call Agent [C/S Team Lead] and say, "Hey, we just got a report
4 of a guy on the roof with a gun"?

5 [Witness]: No, it does not.

6 [PSI Minority]: Would that information have been
7 helpful to them on the roof?

8 [Witness]: That information, from my
9 understanding, would've only come from a sniper team, and
10 they were all on the same channel. Taking my phone out and
11 sending a text would've taken longer than changing the
12 channel on my radio. So that would've been more time
13 wasted.

14 [PSI Minority]: It was your understanding that all of
15 the sniper units were operating on the same radio channel,
16 so the Secret Service snipers and the local snipers.

17 [Witness]: Not on the same channel, but on the
18 same communication chain.

19 [PSI Minority]: So that they all could share
20 information.

21 [Witness]: Correct.

22 [PSI Minority]: But you didn't know that for certain.

23 [Witness]: No. No.

24 [PSI Minority]: So as the counter sniper response
25 agent, if you were made aware of information of a threat,

1 because an individual with a gun is now elevated to a
2 threat, was it your responsibility to make sure that the
3 counter snipers were aware of that information?

4 **Witness**: When I received it from the Security
5 Room, that's usually who it's coming from is the counter
6 sniper team. So if they're reaching out to the Security
7 Room and the Security Room is telling me, that's usually
8 the chain of command on how it goes. They're getting that
9 information from the sniper team to the Security Room to
10 me.

11 **PSI Minority**: So help me understand that a little bit
12 because I believe when we talked, or when you talked to my
13 colleagues earlier your role was to respond to threats, or
14 individuals identified by the counter snipers who were on
15 that roof, right. So they would reach out to you directly
16 and say, "Hey, can you go check this person out?" or would
17 they relay that then to the Security Room and then to you?

18 **Witness**: Ideally they should have -- they could
19 have done both. They never reached out to me. But yeah,
20 they should've done both.

21 **PSI Minority**: So you assumed the counter snipers did
22 relay that to the Security Room. You didn't have any
23 reason to actually believe that that was the case at the
24 time.

25 **Witness**: Other than -- no, I guess not, no.

1 **PSI Minority**: Okay. Again, you didn't think to check
2 in with them, right, because we get this at 5:50, and I
3 want to walk back a little bit. Because you get this at
4 5:50 from Agent **C/UAS Advance**, you get the pictures. You don't
5 think at that point, maybe I should text these pictures
6 over to Agent **C/S Team Lead** up on the roof.

7 **Witness**: Well no, because if I recall, and I
8 don't know if I stated this earlier or not, they said that
9 the picture was from the sniper team, through a scope.

10 **PSI Minority**: So your belief was that the Secret
11 Service snipers had taken that picture through the scope.

12 **Witness**: I don't know which snipers. They just
13 said it was through a sniper scope, so I don't know whose
14 it was. And they didn't give coordinates, like they were
15 supposed to give coordinates as far as where that
16 individual is. That's why they gave me that chart.

17 **PSI Minority**: Okay. So you didn't know if it was the
18 Secret Service counter snipers who had taken that picture.
19 So again I ask, does it cross your mind at that point that,
20 hey, maybe I should alert my counter snipers who are up on
21 the barn roof that I'm receiving information that there's
22 an individual being identified here.

23 **Witness**: In hindsight, yeah, that would've been
24 a good idea.

25 **PSI Minority**: Okay. Let's go forward a little again.

1 You get that phone call. You get the description from the
2 local, right, so you now know it's not one of your counter
3 snipers who is up on the barn roof who has last seen this
4 individual. At that point then does it cross your mind to
5 say, hey, let me give my Secret Service counter snipers a
6 call and give them this update that I just got from the
7 local. Maybe they don't have it yet.

8 [Witness]: No. Again, the sniper teams are
9 always on the same channel. I mean, that's what they were
10 from my sight. They all communicate on a common ground,
11 whether it be through text, phone call, or radio. So I
12 guess from that understanding, yeah, I just assumed that
13 they had already all known. So yeah, also again, in
14 hindsight, sure, it would've been a good idea to send a
15 text, I guess, of what we found out.

16 [PSI Minority]: Did you have the ability only to
17 communicate with Counter Sniper [C/S Team Lead], or did you have
18 the ability to communicate with the other three Secret
19 Service counter snipers?

20 [Witness]: Just [C/S Team Lead]. He told me he would
21 contact me via cellphone.

22 [PSI Minority]: So I know you said your understanding
23 is that the counter snipers are all going to be on their
24 own communication channel, whether it's radio, text
25 message, or some way to communicate with each other. How

1 does that come to be your understanding?

2 **Witness**: Because he's CS lead, so he handles
3 both the state, local, whoever they're using, as well as
4 his snipers. So he is the lead of the sniper teams. So he
5 coordinates with them, they do the advance together,
6 everything they do is together. So just like all the post-
7 standers are all going to be on one channel, the detail is
8 all on one channel, TAC teams are on one channel.
9 Everybody has their own channel. It's not assumed; it's
10 known, which I am now clarifying.

11 But back to why I kind of, in that case assumed, that
12 they were on the same channel, because TAC teams as well as
13 detail, all of us are on our own channels.

14 **PSI Minority**: I just want to clarify. When you're
15 saying "channel," are you talking about radio channel?

16 **Witness**: Yes.

17 **PSI Minority**: Right. So I'm talking about the local
18 counter snipers and Secret Service counter snipers.

19 **Witness**: So am I.

20 **PSI Minority**: Your understanding was they had a radio
21 channel, or you assumed that they had a radio channel that
22 they could communicate.

23 **Witness**: So like when, to give you an example,
24 with our event I have four sniper teams at my advance or my
25 site. They were given a Secret Service radio, as well.

1 That's common practice, to give the local TAC teams one of
2 our radios too, to coordinate on the same channel, so that
3 way they can hear both sides of it, their side and, as
4 well, ours. And they can relay information to us, as we
5 relay information to them.

6 [PSI Minority] : I just want to make sure. Is that the
7 practice that was in place prior to July 13th or post July
8 13th?

9 [Witness] : My knowledge it's been a practice
10 since I've been on, a very short time.

11 [PSI Minority] : Okay. So again, just so we're
12 abundantly clear here, your understanding of that day, how
13 the communications were supposed to work, was that the
14 Secret Service was supposed to exchange radios with the
15 local counter snipers so that they could communicate with
16 the Secret Service counter snipers who were on the roof.

17 [Witness] : Yes.

18 [PSI Minority] : Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
19 colleague.

20 [Witness] : Okay.

21 [PSI Minority] : Hey, [PSI Minority] with Senator Johnson's
22 office. In the position you had in Butler on July 13th,
23 was there any policy that prevented you from leaving the
24 security perimeter?

25 [Witness] : Not that I'm aware of, no.

1 PSI Minority : So you could've left the perimeter at
2 Butler to find this person.

3 Witness : Yes.

4 PSI Minority : But you didn't.

5 Witness : Correct.

6 PSI Minority : Do you know if Crooks was on any local,
7 state, or federal law enforcement radar before July 13th?

8 Witness : No.

9 PSI Minority Since July 13th, are you aware of what
10 type of vehicle Thomas Crooks used to get to Butler and
11 where he parked that vehicle?

12 Witness : I am not.

13 PSI Minority : Is there anything else that this
14 Committee needs to know about your time at Butler?

15 Witness : No. I think we covered it.

16 [Pause.]

17 HSGAC Majority : Thank you very much for your time here
18 today. We've done our best to ask all the questions that
19 we are able, although we are still in the process of
20 obtaining documents and information. And if we have any
21 follow-up questions we will reach out to you, Secret
22 Service, and your counsel.

23 Witness : Okay.

24 HSGAC Majority : With that, as we mentioned in the
25 beginning, we would ask that you not speak about what was

1 discussed in this interview with anyone outside of who is
2 in the room today, to preserve the integrity of our
3 investigation.

4 Again, thank you very much for your time, and with
5 that we'll go off the record.

6 [Whereas, at 1:50 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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