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2 HSGAC Majority: Good morning. This is the 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 Committee Chairman
8 Gary Peters and Ranking Member Rand Paul, as well as
9 Subcommittee Chairman Richard Blumenthal and Ranking Member
10 Ron Johnson, as part of the Committee's investigation of
11 the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt on former
12 President Trump, and the U.S. Secret Service planning and
13 security in advance of and during the events in Butler,
14 Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024.

15 On July 25, 2024, Chairmen Peters and Blumenthal, and
16 Ranking Members Paul and Johnson requested voluntary
17 transcribed interviews with Secret Service agents, and on
18 September 11, 2024, as well, with additional U.S. Secret
19 Service individuals involved in the event, including Mr.

20 [Witness]

21 We are going to provide introductions of the offices
22 who will be conducting this interview today as well as
23 instructions on how we will proceed, and as we do that, [REDACTED]
24 [Witness], I would like to start with you and just ask that
25 you introduce yourself and your title, for the record, and

1 then if counsels could introduce themselves, as well.

2 [Witness] : [Witness]

3 [Witness]

4 [Witness Counsel] : [Witness Counsel]

5 [Witness Counsel] : [Witness Counsel], as well,

6 for [Witness].

7 [HSGAC Majority] : [HSGAC Majority] for the Chief Counsel's

8 Office of the Secret Service.

9 [HSGAC Majority]: There are four offices conducting this

10 interview today. I will start with our office. For

11 Chairman Peters, my name again, [HSGAC Majority]. I am

12 the Chief Counsel and Chief Investigative Counsel for the

13 Committee. I am joined by my colleague, [HSGAC Majority],

14 Deputy Chief Counsel; [HSGAC Majority], Senior Investigator;

15 and [HSGAC Majority], Senior Counsel.

16 [HSGAC Minority]: Good afternoon. My name is [HSGAC Minority]

17 [HSGAC Minority]. I am with Ranking Member Paul, and I am here with

18 my colleague, [HSGAC Minority].

19 [PSI Majority]: And I am here today with PSI Chairman

20 Richard Blumenthal, [PSI Majority], Senior Counsel.

21 [PSI Minority]: Good afternoon, [PSI Minority]. My name

22 is [PSI Minority]. I am with Ranking Member Ron Johnson's

23 office. I am joined here today with [PSI Minority],

24 Chief Counsel, and the Staff Director, [PSI Minority]. Thank

25 you.

1 HSGAC Minority: So our plan for today is to try and go in
2 hour-long blocks. We will try and limit the number of
3 people asking questions so you do not have to shoot back
4 and forth. If we have follow-up we will try and introduce
5 that, as well. And we will plan, generally, to take a
6 break after an hour, but at any time should you need a
7 break we are happy to do so. If you need water, anything
8 like that, just let us know.

9 If our follow-up questions, if we ask a question that
10 is compound or confusing, please ask us to clarify and we
11 will be happy to do so.

12 The reporter is going to create a verbatim record of
13 what we discuss today, and with that in mind, as I am sure
14 you are familiar, please respond verbally because the
15 reporter cannot properly record a nonverbal response. Does
16 that make sense?

17 Witness: Yes, sir.

18 HSGAC Majority: During today's interview you are required
19 to provide truthful answers to responses to questions.
20 This includes questions in this interview by this
21 Committee's staff. And as you may be aware, pursuant to
22 U.S. Code 18 USC 1001, it is a crime to provide false,
23 misleading, or incomplete answers to questions, including
24 questions from staff. Are you familiar with this?

25 Witness: Yes.

1 HSGAC Majority: And is there any reason you would not be
2 able to provide truthful answers today?

3 Witness: No.

4 HSGAC Majority: Today's interview is being conducted
5 without prejudice. Should the Committee have follow-up
6 information, if we do need to follow up we will contact
7 counsel and arrange to do so. But we would ask, to
8 preserve the integrity of this investigation, that you not
9 relay to anybody outside of today's meeting the questions
10 we ask and the responses to those questions, to preserve
11 the integrity of our investigation. Does that make sense?

12 Witness: Yes.

13 HSGAC Majority: Finally, today's investigation is being
14 conducted in an open setting. We expect to be able to ask
15 questions that will elicit information that does not
16 implicate classified information. However, to the extent
17 that our questions do implicate information you know to be
18 classified, please just indicate that, and to the extent
19 possible, provide as complete an answer as you can with
20 publicly available information. Should the need arise, we
21 have the capability, and we can set up a classified setting
22 in which we can address those questions. Any questions
23 about that?

24 Witness: No questions.

25 HSGAC Majority: Do you have a statement?

1 **Agency Counsel** : Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay.

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

11 While the Secret Service and the Department have made
12 this information and records available to the Committee, we
13 continue to assert that such information and any discussion
14 of such information is not intended for public disclosure.
15 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving any
16 protections, and for the purpose of administrative
17 efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during the
18 transcribed interview, we are making this assertion at the
19 outset of the transcribed interview, to preserve all
20 assertions of protection for public release or disclosure
21 over information or records used or discussed during the
22 transcribed interview.

23 The transcript and any other attachments are protected
24 from dissemination to the same extent as the documents and
25 information they are based on. Please consult with the

1 Secret Service and the Department prior to any public
2 release or disclosure. The Secret Service and the
3 Department have not consented to and were assured that
4 there would not be any audio or video recordings of this
5 interview. The agency understands that the interview will
6 be transcribed by the court reporter, and that the court
7 reporter is recording for the purpose of assisting with
8 transcription.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: That is our understanding, as well. As per
10 past interviews, the only recording will be for the
11 purposes of creating the transcript. The Committee will
12 retain custody of the transcript. Counsels will be
13 provided access to that transcript, to make any actual
14 corrections afterwards.

15 With respect to the information we received today, it
16 is the Committee's intent to make public information it
17 learns as part of future hearings or reports, as the
18 Committee has done in an interim report released publicly
19 in September of this year, based on information we learned
20 in this investigation, and we will do so moving forward,
21 including based on information we learn today.

22 However, it is the Committee's practice, and the
23 Committee engaged in this practice with respect to its
24 first interim report, and I would expect that we would do
25 so moving forward, in advance of making any non-public

1 information public, the Committee will provide you and your
2 counsel with any information we relied on, based on today's
3 interview, and provide you an opportunity in advance of
4 making any information public, to make any factual
5 corrections.

6 Do you have any questions about that?

7 **Witness** : No.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you have any other questions before we
9 begin today?

10 **Witness** : No, sir.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : We will, again, as I said, proceed for the
12 next hour, and we will start with Chairman Peters' staff
13 asking a first round of questions, and I will turn it over
14 to my colleague now, **HSGAC Majority**, to begin.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Good afternoon, **Witness** .

16 **Witness** : Good morning.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you for being here today. We
18 appreciate it.

19 I would like to start by asking if you have taken any
20 notes, either before the rally, during the rally, or after
21 the rally.

22 **Witness** : I don't recall taking any notes before
23 or after, or before or during, but personal notes after.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : What do you mean by personal notes?

25 **Witness** : I just want to document my experience.

1 I prepared the notes to assist my counsel with the
2 recollections of events that happened that day.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. How long have you been with
4 Secret Service and in what positions?

5 **Witness** : I have been with the Secret Service
6 since January of 2009. I started off as a special agent in
7 the Miami Field Office. I transferred to the Fort Myers
8 Resident Office shortly after being in Miami for
9 approximately 1 year. I transferred to Washington, D.C.,
10 to the President's detail in August of 2017. I finished my
11 time on the President's detail in July of 2021, and took a
12 position with Mr. Trump's former detail beginning in July
13 of 2021 through current.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : What was your role with the Donald Trump
15 Detail?

16 **Witness** : I started off as a special agent. I was
17 a shift leader. And then in June of last year I was
18 promoted to ASAC.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And does second supervisor, a role that
20 you perform, based on protective events as ASAC?

21 **Witness** : Yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Just a quick question going back to your
23 notes. Did you provide those notes to Secret Service, or
24 were those notes taken, or did you create those notes at
25 the direction of your counsel?

1 **Witness** : The notes taken after the event was for
2 my counsel.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : And you mentioned you were with the
4 Donald Trump Detail beginning July 2021. Is that correct?

5 **Witness** : Yes.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : How many events have you led, you know,
7 planned, before, either with the Donald Trump Detail or
8 prior, during your tenure with Secret Service?

9 **Witness** : You want to know how many sites I have
10 been involved with since my career started?

11 **HSGAC Majority** : Roughly, in general, if you could just
12 walk us through approximately how many events you have
13 secured before and in what roles, roughly how many times
14 working advance as the lead agent or site agent or with the
15 detail.

16 **Witness** : It would be hard for me to approximate
17 each role and how many times I have done those roles. But
18 I can tell you that I have been a site agent, I have been a
19 lead advance agent, I have been a second supervisor many
20 times. I don't know the exact number.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Over 30?

22 **Witness** : Over 30 as a site agent, for sure. As a
23 lead, probably less than 30. As a second supervisor,
24 probably 30 or more.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : The Preliminary Survey for the July 13th

1 rally lists three Protective Division supervisors -- SAC
2 PII, yourself, as well as Inspector Campaign Supervisor. And we
3 understand that Inspector Campaign Supervisor was shadowing you for
4 the purposes of training. What were your respective roles
5 and responsibilities among the three of you for the July
6 13th rally?

7 Witness: I served as the second supervisor for
8 that specific event. Part of my role is to be there to
9 support the lead advance team, whether that is the lead
10 agent herself or himself, the site agent, assistant site
11 agents. Any questions they can't resolve on their own they
12 can call me on and I can provide direction to them, to
13 help, you know, whether it may be a problem with staff or
14 with the local police department, which is typically
15 handled by the local field office, but they may ask me my
16 opinion on something.

17 You know, another responsibility of the second
18 supervisor would be just as a -- you're a liaison to that
19 field office from the detail.

20 HSGAC Majority: In your role supporting the advance
21 team, is your role to support the lead advance agent as
22 well as the site agent and other advance agents, or are you
23 there to support the Donald Trump Detail agents?

24 Witness: It can be everybody on the advance team.

25 HSGAC Majority: And what did that role look like in the

1 days leading up to the July 13th rally? What support did
2 you provide?

3 **Witness**: Well, one specific example is the site
4 agent called me about access control. She had a question
5 about who could be backstage and that was unclear. And I
6 provided her guidance on, you know, having those people
7 name checked and where they needed to be.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you have any involvement in the
9 planning for the July 13th rally?

10 **Witness**: Not specifically. Our operations team
11 would have notified the field office of the trip, and I
12 would have shared any information that I have, or had
13 received prior to the event, with the advance team, for
14 them to incorporate into their security plans.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Did SAC **PII** have any involvement in
16 the planning for the July 13th rally?

17 **Witness**: What do you mean by planning, I guess,
18 specifically?

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure. So involvement in reviewing,
20 approving, provide guidance or support on the security
21 perimeter, identifying vulnerabilities, figuring out
22 staffing, those types of things.

23 **Witness**: I wasn't too heavily involved in those
24 things up until, you know, the day I had a briefing from
25 the site agent, the lead, and the assistant site agent on

1 the 12th. So leading up to that my involvement in their
2 planning is minimal.

3 HSGAC Majority : Assistant Detail Leader Assistant Detail Lead also
4 traveled to Butler for the July 13th rally. Did he have
5 any role in planning for the Butler rally?

6 Witness : Not that I can recall.

7 HSGAC Majority : And how does the assistant detail
8 leader's role and responsibility differ from yours as the
9 second supervisor?

10 Witness : I mean, if I can't resolve something I
11 can go to him, to have him liaison with staff at a higher
12 level, and he can provide, you know, hopefully, resolution
13 to something like that.

14 HSGAC Majority : I am not sure I caught the answer to
15 your question about planning. Was SAC PII involved in
16 planning at all for the July 13th rally?

17 Witness : Not in like -- no. Not really. LES

18 LES

19 LES .

20 HSGAC Majority : That day.

21 Witness : That day. LES

22 LES

23 LES

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24 LES but as far as the items that you told me, he
25 doesn't have much to do with that.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : You mentioned that if you needed
2 guidance on something you might go to the Assistant Detail
3 Leader **DSAC** . What is your general chain of command within
4 the Donald Trump Detail?

5 **Witness** : I report directly to DSAC **DSAC** .

6 **HSGAC Majority** : And he reports to SAC **PII** ?

7 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : And who does **Campaign Supervisor** report to?

9 **Witness** : **Campaign Supervisor** is -- at the time was
10 assigned as part of a supplemental GS-15, because it was
11 during a campaign season so he was part of the campaign
12 supplement supervisor team. He is not assigned to the
13 Donald Trump Division permanently.

14 **Witness** : How long had he been training to become
15 a second supervisor?

16 **Witness** : You know, I don't -- it is not something
17 you -- he has probably been a second supervisor before, so
18 it is not like you are training to become a second
19 supervisor.

20 **HSGAC Minority** : I see. And what was the reason then for
21 him shadowing you on that day?

22 **Witness** : Because it was his first week assigned
23 to the Donald Trump Detail, in the role that he was
24 fulfilling, so we were just kind of getting him acclimated
25 to what our former detail looks like because it is quite a

1 bit different than other former details.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : I see. So it is his first week within
3 the Donald Trump Detail, serving as a second supervisor.
4 So before he actually started in that role he first
5 shadowed you.

6 **Witness** : Correct.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And I would like to get a better
8 sense of the typical career progression to working a Secret
9 Service protective event. Could you walk us through
10 generally what is required? Is law enforcement experience
11 necessary? How long does one generally remain in the field
12 and investigations before being promoted to working
13 protective events?

14 **Witness** : Those timelines can shift based on the
15 needs of the Service. And I can tell you my career track.
16 I did 8 years in investigations in our Phase 1, where you,
17 you know, you are going to work white-collar crime cases
18 and do protection, where you get experience as a site
19 agent, working on a shift, doing lead advances. You may be
20 a transportation agent one day. You may work as a
21 protective intelligence agent another day.

22 That is all Phase 1 time, and like I said, I spent 8
23 years in that Phase 1 time, before moving to D.C., where I
24 started my Phase 2 assignment, which is full protection.
25 There are no more investigations in that time. During that

1 time it is more of the same. You are going to now do full-
2 time protection, which would be sites, leads, shift work,
3 et cetera. And that is a 6-year commitment.

4 What was the rest of your question?

5 **HSGAC Majority** : You mentioned that timelines can shift
6 based on the needs of the Service. Have you seen those
7 timelines shift over the years that you have been in the
8 Service?

9 **Witness** : Yes.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Have they been compressed? Can you talk
11 more about that?

12 **Witness** : I am not sure why they get compressed.
13 But like I said, I did 8 years, and I think the current
14 time frame is agents are spending 3 to 4 years in their
15 Phase 1 time, which I believe historically was usually
16 around 4 years before moving on.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you heard of any Secret Service
18 agents assigned to either POTUS or FPOSTUS shortly after
19 graduating from the Academy?

20 **Witness** : What do you mean by shortly? Do you
21 mean like --

22 **HSGAC Majority** : A year or 2 years, 3 years?

23 **Witness** : It is not uncommon currently for a 3-
24 year agent to be assigned to a protection detail.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : Does that compressed timeline concern

1 you at all?

2 **Witness** : I think it just depends on how good, you
3 know, the agent is, how the experiences they may or may not
4 have had will help shape them.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : You mentioned you did 8 years in Phase 1
6 and then another 6 years in Phase 2. Compressing that
7 timeline into 3 years, in your view, and based on your
8 experience, does that compromise the ability of the agent
9 to be able to have the experience necessary to adequately
10 provide security for protectees?

11 **Witness** : I don't think so, and with a caveat. It
12 just depends on where you are coming from. Like I came
13 from the Fort Myers office. It is a very small office with
14 four agents. We don't do a lot of protection. But like
15 our Miami office or our Chicago office or New York office,
16 basically all they do is protection. So the 3 years, they
17 have a lot of meaningful repetitions in those assignments.

18 So if they are coming from a larger office it is
19 possible that they are more prepared. If they are coming
20 from a smaller office, it may mean it could affect them.
21 But, you know, I don't know their background or their skill
22 set.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. So there are a number of
24 variables that are taken into account. Recognizing that,
25 is part of the compressed time frame due to staffing

1 shortages?

2 **Witness** : I can only assume that it is. I don't
3 work in the human resources.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : So specifically, I would like to talk
5 about the staffing for the July 13th rally. Who is in
6 charge of making the decisions within the Donald Trump
7 Detail to determine work schedules and assignments?

8 **Witness** : Our Operations Division works with each
9 shift leader on Mr. Trump's shift and Mrs. Trump and their
10 son.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : And who is that?

12 **Witness** : Barron Trump.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : No. Your operations shift leader.

14 **Witness** : PII [ph] is my operations whip.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : And he is the one who makes the
16 decisions about work schedules and assignments?

17 **Witness** : He liaisons with each shift leader, and
18 he each week he will put out a, like a needs to fill. This
19 is the upcoming trips we need to fill, and then he will
20 work with the shift leaders until a predetermined date.
21 Usually it is Wednesday or Thursday that they need to have
22 their draft schedules in to him. And then he will, you
23 know, basically massage the schedule to make sure
24 everything is covered, and any last-minute changes he can
25 just handle himself, before it is published on Friday

1 before midnight.

2 HSGAC Majority : And approximately how many shift leaders
3 are there?

4 Witness : LES . So there is the -- Mr.
5 Trump's detail has an LES shift.
6 Each one of those shifts has one shift leader and two
7 whips.

8 HSGAC Majority : Who was the shift leader for the July
9 13th rally?

10 Witness : RAC CNOS Supplement [ph]. He was a CNOS
11 supplement, I believe, from -- I'm not sure what RAC office
12 he is in charge of, but he is a GS-14.

13 HSGAC Majority : Did you have any concerns about the
14 assignments for the July 13th rally?

15 Witness : No.

16 HSGAC Majority : To your knowledge, how was the July 13th
17 protective team selected from the Donald Trump Detail? Was
18 it based on experience? Availability? Something else?

19 Witness : You want to know about the advance team?
20 Is that what you said?

21 HSGAC Majority : Correct. Correct.

22 Witness Counsel : So the Donald Trump Detail only provides
23 a site agent. The rest of the advance team, in our
24 notification to the field we request what we need, and part
25 of that is the rest of the advance team. So it would have

1 been on the Pittsburgh office for that specific event, for
2 them to fulfill the lead site assistant agent, you know,
3 all the other protective intelligence. All the member of
4 the advance team would have to come from outside of our
5 detail.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : In the Independent Review Panel's recent
7 report they pointed out the significant lack of experience
8 of the site agent appointed to, assigned to the July 13th
9 rally. Were you aware of the assigned site agent's lack of
10 experience?

11 **Witness** : I knew she came from the Miami Field
12 Office. I know she had done prior sites for us
13 successfully. That is all I was aware of.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Because of her lack of experience did
15 you make any modifications in how you conducted your
16 supervisory work?

17 **Witness** : I don't think I said she had a lack of
18 experience. I just knew she came from the Miami office,
19 which is a high-tempo protection office, and she had been
20 with us, I believe, for a year, and had experienced many
21 shift movements, many rallies as a shift agent, and had
22 also successfully worked sites by herself.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : So you didn't have any concerns.

24 **Witness** : Not at the moment, no.

25 [Pause.]

1 **Witness** : So something that the Donald Trump
2 Detail had done to further educate and help agents be
3 successful in the field. One thing that we have done is we
4 have created our own -- the operations team created a
5 PowerPoint that went over some administrative things that
6 they would experience on the road, how to deal with staff,
7 how to complete correct diagrams, things to look for when
8 you are doing a site, liaisoning with local police, et
9 cetera. More of just like a refresher on things that they
10 should have learned in the Academy and then through their
11 Phase 1 time.

12 So we provided that training to as many agents as we
13 could. I don't know if it was everyone, as I sit here
14 today. But it was a substantial amount of agents that went
15 through that. And that was something that we did, like I
16 said, to help them be more successful when they were out.
17 I know SAC **PII** and DSAC **PII** also brought in a rally
18 training center, people from our Academy, to help provide
19 training on shift movements, on emergency action
20 situations, first aid, et cetera. And those were things
21 that they went above and beyond to provide our agents.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Is it accurate to say the Donald Trump
23 Detail provided additional training on top of what Secret
24 Service provides its agents?

25 **Witness** : Yes.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : And the PowerPoint training that the
2 operations team within the Donald Trump Division provided,
3 was that provided before the July 13th rally?

4 **Witness** : Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : PII , I don't believe we have received
6 a copy of that, so I would ask that we receive a copy of
7 the PowerPoint and any other documents regarding the
8 training.

9 **Witness Counsel** : Understood.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you.

11 Our understanding is the Donald Trump Detail also
12 provided a C-UAS advance agent, or a C-UAS agent, for the
13 rally. Were you aware of that, as well?

14 **Witness** : Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : We you aware of the C-UAS agent's lack
16 of experience?

17 **Witness** : He was provided experience before that
18 assignment.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Could you say more about his experience?

20 **Witness** : Our Technical Security Division came
21 down to Mar-a-Lago. I don't know the date and time. But
22 they are the experts, if you want to say that, on the
23 equipment that Agent **C/UAS Advance Lead** was operating that day. They
24 showed us how to set it up. And this was just open to
25 everyone. It just wasn't specific to the few guys that run

1 that program for us.

2 So we all had a basic understanding of that equipment
3 from them, from the Technical Security Division. And then
4 we also did like a, almost like a ride-along, like a police
5 officer would, for a new trainee, who would send out
6 someone getting ready to go out on their own with somebody
7 that has already -- knows how to operate the equipment.
8 And I believe that C/UAS Advance Lead had that opportunity before
9 the Butler event.

10 HSGAC Majority : Was that training you just mentioned
11 provided by the Donald Trump Detail at Mar-a-Lago, was that
12 a 1-hour training, do you recall?

13 Witness : That sounds correct.

14 HSGAC Majority : Okay. So other than that training, the
15 C-UAS agent had not received any other specific training
16 related to C-UAS and related to the technical capabilities
17 of the system.

18 Witness : I believe he also had the ride-along, if
19 you want to call it that.

20 HSGAC Majority : Oh right, okay. Can you explain how the
21 Donald Trump -- you have touched on this a little bit, but
22 if you could explain how the Donald Trump Detail
23 operations, CNOS operations, and then Secret Service OPO,
24 how do you coordinate among those offices for planning,
25 responsibility, resource allocation for a protective event?

1 Or I guess to put a finer point on it, is there a hierarchy
2 among those three? You know, is it ultimately up to OPO?
3 Are there instances where DTD requests something but it is
4 not received? How do you coordinate with CNOS? If you
5 could speak to that.

6 **Witness**: Sure. So typically the advance team
7 would identify a need for something, and then they would
8 submit that request with a brief justification on why they
9 are requesting it. And then the Donald Trump Detail
10 operations section -- so the CNOS operations was kind of, I
11 don't recall how long they had kind of been in the scene.
12 But typically we would put that request straight to OPO and
13 cc the Campaign Ops, the CNOS Ops section.

14 This campaign was a bit different because there had
15 not been another protectee with an existing detail running
16 for President. So CNOS Operations' function is set up to
17 provide an operations team for someone that has never had
18 protection, or doesn't have protection. So we were just
19 kind of working together. So that is why we would cc
20 everyone. But DTD would typically go straight to OPO for a
21 request.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: For campaign events, would DTD
23 Operations coordinate with Trump campaign staff, as well,
24 on how to secure events?

25 **Witness**: We work with staff closely.

1 HSGAC Majority : And which staff from the Trump campaign?

2 Witness : For this specific event?

3 HSGAC Majority : Correct.

4 Witness : I believe the lead advance for the staff
5 was Campaign Staff Lead Advance , I believe is his name.

6 HSGAC Majority : It appears that for some decisions, a
7 senior, more experienced agent from the local Pittsburgh
8 Field Office deferred to the site agent because she was a
9 member of the Donald Trump protective detail. Is this
10 standard protocol for experienced field office agents to
11 give deference to the detail operations? Is there a
12 hierarchy there? What I am trying to get at is are the
13 roles and responsibilities within the Donald Trump Detail
14 operations and the field offices, are they clear in terms
15 of who has responsibility for what?

16 Witness : I think they are clear. I mean, I
17 guess, could you just give me a specific example?

18 HSGAC Majority : Does it make sense to give deference to
19 someone that is less experienced within the Donald Trump
20 Detail operations if you are a senior agent within the
21 Pittsburgh Field Office?

22 Witness : I think if it is -- if it is maybe like
23 an administrative question, possibly. But if it goes to
24 the heart of securing the venue, then no, it should be like
25 a group, this is what we think we need.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. And you mentioned your
2 involvement in the July 13th rally substantively started on
3 July 12th, aside from responding to specific inquiries. Is
4 that right?

5 **Witness** : I didn't hear the whole question.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : You mentioned that your involvement in
7 the July 13th rally, and the planning for the July 13th
8 rally, aside from responding to specific requests from the
9 site agent or an advance agent, that it really
10 substantively started on July 12th. Is that correct?

11 **Witness** : The advance started on July -- we
12 notified the Pittsburgh Field Office on July 3rd. I
13 arrived on July 11th. My walk-through was July 13th, or
14 July 12th, and the event was July 13th.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : And was the July 12th walk-through kind
16 of your initial involvement in the planning?

17 **Witness** : It was the first time I saw the site.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : And before we get to that July 12th
19 walk-through, I would like to first understand one thing we
20 touched on, which is the organizational kind of roles and
21 responsibilities among the advance agents. So for the July
22 13th rally, who was in charge of determining the amount of
23 support needed from state and local law enforcement?

24 **Witness** : State and local relationships are
25 established by the field office. They work not just our

1 visit but every visit that is going to come through their
2 district. So we lean, as the detail, we defer to the field
3 office to establish and come up with what they need to
4 secure, you know, how many police we would need for that
5 venue or that event. Because we don't have those
6 relationships, and we definitely don't want to burn those
7 relationships and then leave town, leave Pittsburgh with
8 sort of a mess.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. Would that be the lead
10 advance agent?

11 **Witness** : Yes.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : And who was responsible for determining
13 the amount of support needed from Secret Service?

14 **Witness** : There would have been a manpower walk-
15 through with one of the supervisors from the Pittsburgh
16 office.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Would that be the responsibility of the
18 lead agent or the site agent to determine the amount of
19 support needed from Secret Service?

20 **Witness** : I believe it is a joint effort to go
21 through how many post-standers you need, specific. I think
22 we might be mixing two things as far as how many police we
23 need and how my agents we need. Those are different
24 conversations, I think. Because we only request agents
25 from OPO. We don't request local officers from OPO.

1 HSGAC Majority : Who made the decision to send counter
2 snipers for the July 13th rally?

3 Witness : I received a phone call from SAC PII
4 to request our counter sniper team, and then it would be
5 approved.

6 HSGAC Majority : Do you know what prompted this decision?

7 Witness : I received a -- not just me. It was
8 more of a, I think it was a group text message that just
9 said, you know, when you are out working your sites, if you
10 think you need our counter sniper assets please say
11 something. It was kind of a broad, nonspecific
12 information.

13 HSGAC Majority : And that --

14 Witness : And so that was like the night before,
15 and then SAC PII called me the next day and said, "Hey,
16 request counter sniper. It's already been approved. I
17 just need you to submit the paperwork."

18 HSGAC Majority : So the request for the counter sniper,
19 our understanding was submitted on July 9th, or approved on
20 July 9th. Can you talk more about the text messages? What
21 prompted the decision to send counter snipers? Was it
22 intelligence? Was it something else?

23 Witness : I believe it was intelligence driven.
24 It was --

25 HSGAC Majority : Why do you --

1 **Witness** : The information I received was we have a
2 credible, long-range threat to Mogul, and it's by the
3 typical actors, is how it was kind of relayed to me, in
4 those broad terms. I kind of knew what people were talking
5 about, but this was not in a classified setting.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Who did you receive that information
7 from?

8 **Witness** : I believe I received it from DSAC **PII**.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : And is there a -- I don't want to get
10 into anything that is classified, and we can set up a
11 separate setting, but is there any additional information
12 that is classified related to the credible threat, that you
13 are aware of?

14 **Witness** : I have never received a classified
15 briefing on that information.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : To your knowledge, did Secret Service or
17 any of the advance team change any of its planning after
18 adding two counter snipers to its operations for the July
19 13th rally, based on this credible intelligence you
20 mentioned?

21 **Witness** : So when I received the information, as I
22 have described, I immediately called the lead agent,
23 **PII**, and relayed to her in the same terms that I
24 received them. And I also called the site agent, **Site Agent**
25 **Site Agent**, shortly after I had talked to **Lead Agent**. But

1 before I hung up with **Lead Agent** she made mention that she
2 was going to request a local counter sniper, because at the
3 time of that phone call with her, Secret Service counter
4 sniper had not been approved yet.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: It was pending approval?

6 **Witness**: It was either pending or I was about to
7 submit it, you know, within the next -- it all happened
8 like within hours.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Going back to roles and
10 responsibilities, who is in charge of determining the
11 perimeter of an event, the security perimeter, if an event
12 is outdoors? The lead agent? The site agent? Who is in
13 charge?

14 **Witness**: The site agent is ultimately responsible
15 for their site. They can reach that conclusion on what
16 those perimeters need to be within the lead agent and their
17 site counterpart and the local field office. But
18 ultimately the site agents are responsible for their site.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And that would include determining the
20 security perimeter?

21 **Witness**: Yes.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you have any involvement in
23 reviewing or approving any of the resource requests that
24 the advance team submitted, so the Preliminary Survey, the
25 Manpower Request, the Site Diagram?

1 **Witness** : So all that information is submitted to
2 my operations team. It is not something I personally
3 review until it is final. I think the manpower numbers and
4 what the lead advance team is requesting is my general Ops
5 agents will liaison and call them and ask specifically what
6 they need. My agents are there to help get them all the
7 assets that they are requesting. So, you know, I may call
8 them and just ask for clarity on something so it can be
9 either written better or give us the best, you know,
10 opportunity for approval.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : Are there any supervisors that review
12 the Preliminary Survey, Manpower Request, Site Diagram, any
13 of those documents before they are finalized?

14 **Witness** : It is possible that the Pittsburgh
15 office reviewed those documents before they were submitted
16 to DTD Operations.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : And did DTD Operations review before
18 everything is submitted to OPO?

19 **Witness** : We do. We are reviewing for more
20 administrative, just things are in the same format,
21 misspellings, itineraries match the latest itinerary being
22 published by staff, things of that nature.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : Not a substantive review in terms of --

24 **Witness** : We are not questioning why they have an
25 agent here and not there, because **LES**

1 LES [REDACTED]

2 HSGAC Majority : Right. But should there be a more
3 substantive review before the request is submitted to OPO?

4 Witness : Like I said earlier, there is a
5 supervisor manpower walk-through before that is submitted,
6 to make sure that they have the numbers that they want for
7 their site. So when it reaches my operations team, a
8 supervisor from the local office has physically walked that
9 site and seen where things are going to be.

10 HSGAC Majority : So let's talk about the LES [REDACTED] walk-
11 through. I guess before we get there, what training did
12 you receive on how to conduct walk-throughs and approve
13 site plans?

14 Witness : My training has been just my
15 experiences.

16 HSGAC Majority : And before that walk-through -- what
17 time did it start? Was it in the early evening?

18 Witness : LES [REDACTED].

19 HSGAC Majority : LES [REDACTED]

20 Witness : Approximately.

21 HSGAC Majority : Before you began that walk-through, what
22 information did you receive, either from the site agent or
23 other advance members? What did you receive before, just
24 to prepare for the walk-through? Did you review any
25 documents?

1 **Witness** : I received a draft, **LES**
2 **LES** .

3 **HSGAC Majority** : A draft of the Site Diagram?

4 **Witness** : Yes, Site Diagram, Preliminary Survey.

5 I don't recall if the Counter Sniper Report was in there or
6 not yet, but I eventually saw it.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you review or receive the
8 Pennsylvania State Operations Plan or the Butler ESU
9 Operation Plan?

10 **Witness** : No. That is not something typically
11 that we include in our paperwork.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you since seen those documents?

13 **Witness** : No.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Could you walk us through -- so the
15 walk-through started **LES** -- just walk us through it.
16 Who was there? How did you conduct it? I understand it
17 started at the airport, but let's fast forward.

18 **Witness** : It actually did not start at the
19 airport. **LES** .

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay.

21 **Witness** : But **Lead Agent** , had not been
22 feeling well on the 11th, going into the 12th, that
23 midnight. When I woke up I had saw that she had sent me an
24 email that said she was feeling unwell, had spent the night
25 in the ER. So I replied all to the email and just said,

1 "Take care of yourself. Let's not worry about the
2 airport." We can see it either later that evening or the
3 next day, prior to Mr. Trump's arrival. And that I would
4 go direct with [Site Agent] on setting up the walk-through
5 at her site.

6 [HSGAC Majority]: And so who was present at the walk-
7 through? Was it you, [Site Agent], and [Campaigning Supervisor]
8 [Campaigning Supervisor] ?

9 [Witness]: And [Site Counterpart].

10 [HSGAC Majority]: And [Site Counterpart]. How
11 did you evacuate the security perimeter during the [redacted]
12 [redacted]

13 [Witness]: So my walk-throughs I want to start at
14 the arrival/departure area. As a second supervisor, my
15 [redacted] LES

16 [redacted] LES. So I want to see how we are
17 arriving. In this case it was a tented arrival. And then
18 I want to see the stage, assets around the stage, emergency
19 action from the stage, sequence of events, where our assets
20 are going to be positioned in relation to each walking path
21 movement. That is where I am focused.

22 [HSGAC Majority]: And could you walk us through after
23 that. So you are focused on the inner perimeter. Where do
24 you then go from there to evaluate, you know, other threats
25 and vulnerabilities to the site?

1 **Witness** : So when the walk-through started, **Site Agent**
2 **Site Agent** initially was telling me about some of the **LES**
3 **LES** et cetera. Initially I
4 stopped her and refocused her and told her that those are
5 important things but I wanted to start at the
6 arrival/departure area. So she took me there. We looked
7 at the tent, a large, **LES**

8 **LES**
9 She showed me where **LES** would be, and that after
10 arriving **LES** for an undetermined amount
11 of time and then proceed to a photo op area. I had asked
12 her what the push-pull scene was going to look like inside
13 the photo area, meaning where the guests were going to be
14 coming from or where are they going to exit. She wasn't
15 completely sure, so I offered my advice on where the lines
16 should stack and how they should exit.

17 And then I talked about how I wanted **LES**
18 **LES**

19 **LES**

20 So those are some of the finer details that I am
21 looking for and that I coached her on. And then we started
22 on basically the walking path to the stage. When I got to
23 the stage I noticed the first two-foot riser he took up on
24 to the walking path, you know, **LES**
25 **LES**, we just kind of stopped there and observed what

1 was around us. And I asked her what her plans were for
2 mitigation at the five o'clock. So we call our clock
3 directions off of the front of the dais, and we work in a
4 clockwise position.

5 So I asked her what the plans were for mitigation at
6 the five o'clock, and I believe she provided some
7 information. The other agents were with her, as well,
8 during this walk-through, so it was either her or one of
9 the senior special agents that said there was a plan to
10 mitigate that with a large crane. There was a large crane
11 with the American flag draped behind it, and that was the
12 plan, to mitigate that area, which seemed satisfactory to
13 me.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : The five o'clock area?

15 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Would that be near where the water tower
17 was?

18 **Witness** : Yes. In that direction.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : So that was to mitigation the water
20 tower vulnerability?

21 **Witness** : Just threats at the five o'clock.

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And what about threats at the
23 three o'clock, which was the AGR building?

24 **Witness** : So as we continued I noticed the buffer
25 area, because again, I am concerned with the innermost

1 circle. So as we are taking this walk-through I can see
2 that the bike rack that she had positioned was LES
3 LES. I ended up walking it off, and it
4 was around LES. So I explained to her that the LES
5 LES,
6 because after you start putting press and speakers in that
7 area it can get tight on space. So we pushed that right
8 side bike rack LES. That was the maximum we
9 could go with where the bleachers were pre-positioned.

10 And then I worked my way around basically
11 counterclockwise from that position, and ended up she had a
12 set of stairs at the LES, which was not in line
13 with the dais. So part of my responsibility as the second
14 supervisor is I am looking at emergency actions
15 specifically, and to save any amount of time that I can
16 save on if we have to LES the stage. And when I say
17 LES I mean just go up on the stage and remove the
18 protectee, like we did.

19 HSGAC Majority: I'm sorry to interrupt you. I'd like to
20 focus on the discussions as it relates to the security
21 perimeter and how the AGR building was covered. Did you
22 have discussions about scoping the security perimeter? Did
23 you talk about how that security perimeter, the middle
24 perimeter, the one outside the inner perimeter, would be
25 defined?

1 **Witness** : Yes. We had those discussions after the
2 -- what I'm there for -- I'm concerned with everything,
3 right. I wanted to know the whole security plan. [REDACTED]

4 **LES** [REDACTED]

5 **LES** [REDACTED]

6 **LES** [REDACTED]. To the cars,
7 should we need to go there, **LES** [REDACTED]

8 **LES** [REDACTED], things of that nature.

9 So I'll just finish what I told her to do there and
10 then I'll address what you're asking.

11 So I moved the set of stairs that was initially at
12 basically the back left of the stage, and I had them moved
13 to the front left of the stage, or the **LES** [REDACTED]

14 **LES** [REDACTED], which would have made SAC **PII** [REDACTED] stairs
15 directly in line with the podium, **LES** [REDACTED]

16 **LES** [REDACTED].

17 But as far as the bike rack and things that we made
18 those changes, as far as the middle perimeter and the
19 concerns at the three o'clock, I addressed -- I asked what
20 the plans were at the three o'clock, and in that kind of
21 deer run area, I kind of called it. The initial site was
22 cordoned off by bike rack and then there was a deer run,
23 which is like 50 or so yards of green area, at the three
24 o'clock there.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : I'll just show you. I'll mark it as

1 Exhibit Number 1. This is the Butler ESU Operations Plan,
2 but it's an aerial of the site.

3 [Exhibit No. 1 was
4 marked for identification.]

5 **Witness**: Okay. So I was told that -- there was a
6 fence by the AGR building and those other buildings there.
7 That was a chain-link fence, and there was a secondary
8 chain-link fence, I believe it was outside of the bike rack
9 that staff had placed to define the site from that other
10 property. I was briefed that there was going to be
11 uniformed police presence in that deer run area to help
12 secure those buildings and that green space area, and that
13 the police officers would be positioned on both sides of
14 the fence, meaning on the AGR side of the fence and in the
15 deer run area between the AGR side and the site.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you mark with an X where your
17 understanding was that the police presence would be
18 positioned, where those post-standers would be?

19 **Witness**: I didn't ask specifically where they
20 would be standing. I just referred -- they told me that
21 there was going to be police officers there, and as a
22 second supervisor, it tells me that they've thought about
23 it and that they had a plan. And additionally, they said
24 that they had spoken to our counter sniper team and that
25 they felt that they were very confident they could cover

1 those buildings, you know, from where they were and in
2 addition to where they were positioning the local counter
3 sniper team.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : And when you say "those buildings," are
5 you referring to the AGR building, which is essentially
6 three buildings?

7 **Witness** : Yes, ma'am.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : What was your understanding, based on
9 the site walk-through, of how the AGR building would be
10 covered?

11 **Witness** : That area of the site, my understanding
12 was there would be a local counter sniper team at the AGR
13 area, right, as depicted on the diagram.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you know whether the local sniper
15 team would be on the roof or in the building?

16 **Witness** : It's been my experience, since 2009,
17 that counter sniper teams are on roofs, so I didn't ask
18 that specific question.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : But when you learned there would be a
20 local sniper team, your understanding was that they would
21 be positioned on the roof of the AGR building. Is that
22 correct?

23 **Witness** : Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : And did you discuss line-of-sight
25 concerns at the Butler Farm Show ground?

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : And could you specifically -- so our
3 understanding is it's common to use physical barriers, like
4 large equipment, trucks, in this case farm equipment
5 potentially. What were the line-of-sight concerns that you
6 discussed and what potential mitigation tactics did you
7 consider using?

8 **Witness** : So at the five o'clock was the crane,
9 and then there was a John Deere tractor used at the nine
10 o'clock, and then specifically at the three o'clock there
11 was a red combine tractor that we utilized for that area.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Could you mark where that red tractor
13 was?

14 **Witness** : It's in the pictures somewhere. Do you
15 have pictures from the day? I can circle it.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : So I'm showing you what's been marked as
17 Exhibit 2.

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

20 **HSGAC Majority**: And these are redacted, but it's our
21 understanding that these are text messages either to or
22 from you. Do these look familiar to you?

23 **Witness** : They look familiar.

24 HSGAC Majority : And was this something that you sent?

25 **Witness** : It looks like somebody sent it to me.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you know who that would be?

2 **Witness** : Possibly **Site Agent** . Hard to say with
3 the redactions.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : And are these the -- is this the
5 equipment you're talking about, or is this something
6 different? It's difficult to tell with the redactions.

7 **Witness** : I don't see a picture from the three
8 o'clock.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. So let's talk about the three
10 o'clock line-of-sight concerns. Our understanding is that
11 Penske trucks were in the area and there was an offer to
12 use farm equipment to mitigate line-of-sight concerns. Is
13 that correct?

14 **Witness** : I was only aware of the farm equipment.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : Of the farm equipment. And what ended
16 up happening? Was the farm equipment used?

17 **Witness** : Yes, the farm equipment was used at the
18 three o'clock.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And using Exhibit 1, could you put an X
20 on where the farm equipment was used, roughly,
21 understanding this is an approximation?

22 **Witness Counsel** : We don't have an overhead of the day
23 of, that would actually show it. I mean, I'm sure he can
24 do his best, but --

25 **HSGAC Majority** : This is, unfortunately, the only aerial

1 that we have of the site.

2 **Witness** : So the stage would've been approximately
3 like here. I would say it's in this area.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : And just for the record, ASAC **PII** is
5 marking the area to the, like in the rabbit run, the deer
6 run that you talked about, in front of the AGR building but
7 forward the crowd and not the stage. Is that accurate?

8 **Witness** : Roughly.

9 **Witness Counsel** : The exhibit will speak for itself.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : So when you talked about farm equipment
11 and using physical barriers, was there any objection to
12 using farm equipment?

13 **Witness** : No. I thought it was a good idea.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : So to your knowledge, no one objected to
15 using any farm equipment.

16 **Witness** : Not at the three o'clock.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Did anyone object to using Penske
18 trucks?

19 **Witness** : I wasn't aware there was Penske trucks
20 available.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : We've learned that the Trump campaign
22 staff denied the use of physical barriers, such as trucks
23 and farm equipment, because the barriers would, quote,
24 "block a press shot." Is this something that you've heard?

25 **Witness** : After the events I have heard that, but

1 not during the event. Had that been brought to my
2 knowledge it would've been good information to have.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: So were you present for any of those
4 conversations on the day of the walk-through?

5 **Witness**: I recall staff having hesitation at the
6 nine o'clock. I wanted to use some line-of-sight
7 mitigation at the nine o'clock. There was a pond in that
8 area. And after some talking we just decided -- I felt
9 comfortable with an increased police presence in that area.
10 There were some outbuildings behind the fence line, and I
11 was assured that there would be police officers in those
12 alleyways to mitigate that concern.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Specifically with regard to the three
14 o'clock, the AGR building vulnerability, and considering
15 what ended up happening on July 13th, is it fair to say the
16 line-of-sight vulnerabilities from the AGR building were
17 not fully mitigated?

18 **Witness**: Yeah, I guess that's a fair statement.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: So to your knowledge, direct knowledge,
20 did the Trump campaign staff deny any requests to use
21 equipment or any type of physical barrier to mitigate line-
22 of-sight vulnerabilities?

23 **Witness**: I was not aware of staff denying line-
24 of-sight mitigation assets at the three o'clock. It was
25 never elevated to my decision-making authority.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Understood. And how about not specific
2 to the three o'clock, but any line-of-sight issue within
3 the venue?

4 **Witness** : Like I just testified to the nine
5 o'clock, that was it.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : That's it.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Who ultimately has the authority to grant
8 or deny a request as it relates to security decisions? Can
9 a staff for a former President or current President
10 protectee make that decision, or is that ultimately up to
11 the Secret Service?

12 **Witness** : If it's a security issue it's up to us.
13 We may go back and forth with them, but if it's something
14 that we need, and it's not getting done at the current
15 level, that it needs to be elevated.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you ever been involved in a discussion
17 where staff for a protectee you were responsible for
18 disagreed about a security-related decision?

19 **Witness** : I believe so. Yeah, I think so.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : With respect to this event, is that the
21 case, or no?

22 **Witness** : Did staff approach me about a security
23 issue -- is that your question?

24 **HSGAC Majority** : Yes, that's my question.

25 **Witness** : I don't recall them coming to me with a

1 security issue.

2 HSGAC Majority: And can you provide any details -- you said
3 to your recollection you may have in the past been
4 involved. To your recollection, can you provide any detail
5 there?

6 Witness: I can't provide a specific site, but
7 things that will come up are where do we put the
8 magnetometers for a walk-through, can we have them here, or
9 we want them as close to the, you know, seating area so our
10 guests don't have to walk as far, as an example. Whereas,
11 you know, from a security standpoint that's not a good
12 idea. LES, if we
13 can control it.

14 So that would be a typical conversation I may have
15 with staff, or, "Hey, we're arriving on this side of the
16 building because we like the way it looks," whereas I may
17 push to have, if there's an option to arrive inside, I'm
18 going to push for that.

19 HSGAC Majority: You just shared that ultimately the
20 decision is up to the Secret Service when it relates to
21 security. Within, then, the Secret Service, what is the
22 hierarchy? For this event, for example, who was the senior
23 official involved, either on-site or off, who ultimately
24 had authority to make decisions about security, and can you
25 delineate the line of authority on down?

1 **Witness** : I don't know that I can, who has
2 ultimate authority. I guess it's just who has the facts,
3 who has the problem that we're trying to solve.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : There are several individuals, including
5 involved in this event, with the "Special Agent in Charge"
6 title in their title. For example, you, ASAC, SAC of the
7 Pittsburgh office, SAC in the detail. To an outside person
8 that's confusing. Can you delineate the authority as it
9 relates to Special Agents in Charge among various Special
10 Agents in Charge with that title, and who is above and
11 below them?

12 **Witness** : Certainly a Special Agent in Charge can
13 make final decisions. It's their district. It's their
14 detail. They can certainly make those decisions. I can
15 also make a decision on security measures.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Is the Special Agent in Charge of field
17 office in a geography where an event is being held higher,
18 in terms of whether there's a disagreement, than a Special
19 Agent in Charge on a detail?

20 **Witness** : I don't know if there's --

21 **HSGAC Majority** : It's not set out anywhere?

22 **Witness** : Not that I'm familiar with.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : And just understanding the make-up of the
24 Secret Service itself, in general, you are part of the, and
25 were at this time, part of the Donald Trump Detail. But

1 for protectees, in general, each protectee has a detail.

2 Correct?

3 **Witness**: Yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Be it the President or former President.

5 The details themselves are part of the Secret Service.

6 Correct?

7 **Witness**: They are.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you just explain, when you rotate to
9 the detail, is there any distinction in operationally how
10 you staff? Are you, in essence, kind of separate, if not
11 physically, from, say, a particular field office or the
12 rest of the Secret Service? What are the differences, to
13 the extent there are any, being on a detail as opposed to
14 the other rotations you may do within the Secret Service?

15 **Witness**: When you're assigned to the Office of
16 Investigation, where is where you are in Phase 1, I mean,
17 you could be in a supportive role for any protectee, at any
18 one time. Outside of a few exceptions, when you're in a
19 Phase 2 assignment, assigned to a protectee, such as the
20 President or former President, you are, the majority of the
21 time with maybe a few exceptions here and there, only
22 supporting that protectee. Does that answer your question?

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes. In addition to that, what you've just
24 explained, that your sole responsibility becomes the
25 protection for the protectee themselves, are there other

1 differences -- your duration, your geographic location, the
2 way in which you communicate with the other aspects of
3 Secret Service?

4 **Witness**: I don't completely follow your question.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: If you're on a detail and, therefore, your
6 responsibility for protection means you're going to be
7 staying with that protectee, so not in your field office,
8 in your instance in Florida, not at Headquarters, are there
9 distinctions in your job? So other than the responsibility
10 you just identified, the primary responsibility of
11 protection, are there differences in how you would receive
12 training information, change in policy information, how you
13 would understand your next rotation, or anything
14 distinguishing what you do on a detail, as opposed to what
15 you do when you rotate to field offices or other parts of
16 the Secret Service?

17 **Witness**: Policy changes are, you know, published
18 from our administrative officers, just like in the field.
19 That's been my experience. As far as rotating assignments,
20 on a protective detail -- we'll take Donald Trump Detail
21 for example -- you may come to the detail on Shift ^{LES} for
22 the former President, and at any time, it could be three
23 months, it could be longer, it could be shorter, you may be
24 on the family section. I guess I'm trying to do my best
25 here. Is that what you mean?

1 HSGAC Majority: Yes. Just trying to understand, if at all,
2 the distinctions between various responsibilities an agent
3 may have within the Service.

4 On the detail, is there typically a set duration of
5 time you would serve in that position, and if so, what is
6 it?

7 Witness: You mean how long would you serve on
8 your Phase 2 time?

9 HSGAC Majority: Yeah.

10 Witness: Typically it's six years.

11 HSGAC Majority: How long have you served?

12 Witness: I was assigned to the President's detail
13 in August of 2017, and I'm still doing protection.

14 HSGAC Majority: Are you rotating to any new position or
15 staying in your current?

16 Witness: When I was promoted to ASAC, I run our
17 operations team now, and I have not rotated -- I guess,
18 what do you mean by like rotated out?

19 HSGAC Majority: Maybe I'm using the wrong terminology. But
20 do you have any plans to leave the detail for another
21 position within the Secret Service?

22 Witness: Not currently.

23 HSGAC Majority: We're going to break shortly. I just have
24 one more question, and we'll pick up with other lines of
25 questions. I'll want to return to questions related to the

1 day of. You mentioned on the day of that you eventually
2 had to **LES** the stage and remove the President, the former
3 President, in a situation that involved a security threat.

4 I guess, question one, is the definition of **LES** the
5 stage," meaning you're not just removing him; you're moving
6 him because of a security threat?

7 **Witness** : Yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that something you've ever done before?

9 **Witness** : No, outside of a training scenario.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. Let's take a break. We'll go back
11 on in a couple of minutes. Thanks.

12 [Recess.]

13 **HSGAC Minority** : **HSGAC Minority**, again with Ranking
14 Member Paul. I'm going to start -- we'll jump around a
15 little, so bear with me. And then **HSGAC Minor** will ask some
16 questions.

17 So I just want to go back to the group text. You said
18 you received the information about the threat or the
19 counter snipers through a group text. Can you repeat that
20 for me?

21 **Witness** : It was a text about if you need -- if
22 you think you need counter sniper assets to be aware of
23 them, like to not hesitate to, you know, request them.

24 **HSGAC Minority** : And do you recall the day of that text?

25 **Witness** : No.

1 **HSGAC Minority** : Just for the record, we don't have that
2 text message. That has not been produced to us. I don't
3 even think we have anything that looks relatively like it
4 in redacted form. So we would just make that request again
5 for all records to Secret Service.

6 So you're not quite sure. Do you recall if it was the
7 day before the event? A week before the event?

8 **Witness** : I don't recall. It was around the time
9 of the --

10 **HSGAC Minority** : And do you recall who else was in the
11 group text?

12 **Witness** : No.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Was it folks from the DTD?

14 **Witness** : It would've been DTD, yeah.

15 **HSGAC Minority** : So we've been trying to get this
16 timeline straight from communicating and doing TIs with
17 other folks. So my understanding, and I'd like to hear if
18 you were aware of this at the time so I'll just kind of
19 give you what I've collected as my outline of this timeline
20 of counter sniper assets going forward for Trump, and then
21 you let me know -- I'll ask some specific questions after.

22 Based on testimony that we've received, sometime in
23 the first week of July there was a discussion and some kind
24 of determination that I guess was made by the Deputy
25 Assistant Directors of the Headquarters level, that going

1 forward the Donald Trump Detail would have counter sniper
2 support at outdoor rallies, going forward. So that was,
3 you know, testified to us that that happened sometime in
4 the first week of July, and it appears it was before July
5 5th, because that's when SOD was made aware of this
6 decision to implement it.

7 Is that something that you were aware of?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. And there was a rally in Doral on
10 July 9th. Is that right?

11 **Witness** : I recall that.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Were you there that day? Were you
13 working that event?

14 **Witness** : No.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : No. Okay. There have been reports
16 that, at that event, right before, that's when the Trump
17 campaign found out about certain credible threats to Trump.
18 Are you aware of that?

19 **Witness** : No.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And then on that same day, July
21 9th, the Secret Service counter sniper was approved for
22 Butler. Is that right?

23 **Witness** : Sounds correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. So when you became aware of the
25 Secret Service counter sniper being approved for Butler,

1 was your understanding that this was going forward all
2 events would have a Secret Service counter sniper?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So your understanding was that
5 still individual events, you had to request it if you felt
6 a need.

7 **Witness** : Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : And that text message, do you feel like
9 that was communicating to you that this decision had been
10 made, that these assets were now available in the different
11 way that they were not available necessarily going
12 previously, if that makes sense?

13 **Witness** : No. I think it was just, the heart of
14 the information was if you think you need this, if our
15 agents need this at their sites, that they should now
16 request it, because previously it was not something that we
17 would get.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So it was kind of like now you
19 can request it and it'll be approved?

20 **Witness** : Considered, maybe.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : Considered. So were there previous
22 requests that were made for counter sniper support that
23 were not approved?

24 **Witness** : I can recall one specifically.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Can you tell me a little bit more about

1 that?

2 **Witness**: Pickens, South Carolina. I don't know
3 the date. It was an outdoor rally Mr. Trump had, like in a
4 downtown setting. Buildings, you know, left and right on
5 the street there. A lot of line-of-sight concerns, being a
6 city setting, urban, or suburban, whatever, you know, a
7 city setting rather.

8 And we had sent out, on our own, the SAC and the DSAC,
9 you know, advocated for this asset by sending out someone
10 experienced to make a, you know, justifiable PowerPoint to
11 present to the folks at Headquarters that can make these
12 decisions. So they did that, and we submitted it, and it
13 was ultimately not approved.

14 **HSGAC Minority**: I'll ask a couple of questions about
15 that, but when you say "ultimately not approved," are
16 things like explicitly denied, or is it just it's never
17 answered or never approved in a formal way? Like how does
18 that work in how it's communicated back down?

19 **Witness**: That specific incident, I don't know if
20 it was a verbal denial or an email, or if it was just left
21 untouched. I don't know.

22 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And so you said there was a
23 PowerPoint. Do you recall like what kind of justification
24 was included in there? We don't have that document either,
25 just for the record.

1 **Witness** : I don't know if I've seen it
2 specifically. I don't recall exactly what was on it. But
3 historically it would've been like pictures and distances
4 to concerns, and why we need the counter sniper asset and
5 why it would be effective.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : And that was specific to that particular
7 event in South Carolina?

8 **Witness** : Pickens.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Yeah, okay. And do you know who that
10 PowerPoint was presented to within Headquarters?

11 **Witness** : No.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Are there other requests, non-
13 counter sniper requests, that you are aware of that the DTD
14 team made to Headquarters that weren't approved or were
15 explicitly denied?

16 **Witness** : We've made requests for counter assault
17 team that were denied.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : How many times? Was this a one-time
19 denial?

20 **Witness** : No. It's more than one.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : More than five? We're just trying to
22 get a better understanding --

23 **Witness** : Probably.

24 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay.

25 **Witness** : You know, my operations team, I would

1 just have them request it. And if it was available
2 sometimes we did get it, and then sometimes we didn't. I
3 don't know exact number.

4 **HSGAC Minority**: And any of those, were they explicit
5 denials rather than just not fulfilled requests?

6 **Witness**: I believe so.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: Do you recall if all of the ones that
8 were not fulfilled were explicit denials, or if --

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

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. And then so CAT requests. Any
11 other requests for assets that were denied or not
12 fulfilled?

13 **Witness**: We would request Uniformed Division
14 advance agents sometimes, and those were not granted. They
15 would still help us. They would still send Uniformed
16 Division personnel for screening, but they would put it
17 basically on the lead and the site agent to kind of figure
18 out what a Uniformed Division lead advance agent would
19 typically do, where to set up, power sources, you know,
20 kind of the normal check boxes. And they would be
21 available for, you know, phone calls if those people had
22 questions on if this was a good idea to put them here
23 versus there. But those were things that were kind of put
24 back on the detail to figure out.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And what was the general feeling among

1 the agents on the detail about, I guess, what seems to be
2 some kind of recurring theme of not getting all the assets
3 that were requested?

4 **Witness** : We wanted the assets, so, I mean. I
5 understand there are other variables in a plan, why things
6 are not given. I don't know. I don't have the entire
7 picture of, you know, the needs of every detail. But
8 certainly we always wanted the assets. Mr. Trump's events
9 were typically very large, and we felt like it would've
10 helped our posture.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : Did former President Trump at the time
12 have an elevated threat environment compared to other
13 formers, in your opinion?

14 **Witness** : You'd have to ask the Protective
15 Intelligence Division, but he certainly had threats against
16 him.

17 **HSGAC Minority** : Is that something that the Protective
18 Intelligence Division would share with you all, as the
19 Donald Trump Detail?

20 **Witness** : I don't recall ever getting like a
21 verbal briefing from them, but they do put out some work
22 products. So I don't want to say never, but they do put
23 out work products. I don't know off the top of my head
24 exactly if it's comparing Mr. Trump's threat level to
25 another protectee.

1 **HSGAC Minority** : But, I mean, I think it's generally
2 acknowledged that there was a heightened threat
3 environment, I mean, especially given the decision in the
4 first week of July, at the Headquarters level, to provide
5 counter sniper support going forward.

6 **Witness** : Yes.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Do you have a security clearance?

8 **Witness** : Yes.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : What level?

10 **Witness** : Top Secret.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : SCI?

12 **Witness** : I believe so.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Can you run me through, so you
14 were the second supervisor at the time. You're the ASAC
15 now. Can you run me through the leadership level of the
16 Donald Trump Detail team with the names and the titles,
17 just because I'm getting confused. So just for my
18 clarification.

19 **Witness** : No problem. So ASAC is my title.
20 Second supervisor, think of it as like a position. Like
21 the site agent or the lead advance agent, second supervisor
22 is just my role for that trip.

23 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So there's the SAC. Can you run
24 me through the DTD leadership structure?

25 **Witness** : Sure. So you have a SAC, DSAC --

1 HSGAC Minority : And the names, please.

2 Witness : Sure. SAC PII , DSAC

3 DSAC . ASACs at the time would've been DSAC

4 ASAC , ASAC , ASAC , ASAC , and ASAC

5 ASAC . And that's the supervisor structure, and

6 then from there it goes to Special Agent.

7 HSGAC Minority : Okay. And so the Independent, I think

8 SGAC Minor will correct me, but the Independent Review Panel

9 report, page 7. I'm not going to pass it around. I'm just

10 going to read it for you. It talks about the intelligence

11 and what was shared prior to the event. And it says, "Both

12 the leader and the assistant leader of former President

13 Trump's personal detail had been read in on this

14 intelligence," and it's referring to whatever the counter

15 sniper -- whatever intel was behind the decision to send

16 the counter sniper support for the Butler event. Not

17 specific to Butler, but just in general.

18 So you were not read in on any specific intelligence?

19 Witness : No.

20 HSGAC Minority : Okay. So who were the two people on DTD
21 that were read in?

22 Witness : I can assume. I don't know those
23 specific, how they refer to them. I don't know. We don't
24 use that language.

25 HSGAC Minority : Yeah.

1 **Witness** : But I would assume it's SAC **PII** and
2 **DSAC** .

3 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Have you ever been read in on
4 intelligence related to your protective detail duties?

5 **Witness** : Yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : When was the last time?

7 **Witness** : 2017.

8 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So a long time ago.

9 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Is it helpful to have details about the
11 nature of the threat, classified details, if they exist, do
12 you think, in order to help you do your protective job?

13 **Witness** : I operate as if there is already --
14 having the intelligence, I guess confirms what you area
15 already planning for anyways. It doesn't change how I
16 approach a site.

17 **HSGAC Minority** : Do you think that the group text, do you
18 feel like you had enough information about the nature of
19 that threat from that group text?

20 **Witness** : Yes.

21 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. So you don't think that you
22 would've done anything different had you known any more
23 detailed information?

24 **Witness** : I don't believe so.

25 [Pause.]

1 **Witness** : Okay. Just for clarity, regarding the
2 text, I don't know exactly what it said. But I recall the
3 text or the phone call or both said that this was, you
4 know, be watch line-of-sight issues for a long-range
5 threat. So that's what I remember.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : So, I guess, what does that mean to you?

7 **Witness** : A long-range threat, really it could be
8 anything. But, I mean, certainly a shooter comes to mind.

9 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Had you ever worked an event
10 where **C/S Team Lead** , **C/S Team Lead** , was the counter sniper
11 advance?

12 **Witness** : I don't believe I've met him.

13 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. What about **Officer Technician**

14 ?

15 **Witness** : I have not met him.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. We interviewed **C/S Team Lead** , and we
17 asked him a lot about his role as counter sniper advance.
18 And we asked him if he got on the roofs of the barns where
19 they were going to be located, and he said he did. But he
20 said he only got on them to see if the agents that were
21 place there would fall through, not to look for all line-
22 of-sight concerns from their positions. Does that concern
23 you?

24 **Witness** : Yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Is that something you knew before right

1 now?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : Has there been any after-action report
4 or anything that has been given to you all as the DTD,
5 going forward, for events going forward, based on the
6 situations that have occurred?

7 **Witness** : I don't know if they were -- I believe
8 there was something put out. I don't recall exactly who
9 published it. But, you know, I've tried not to read a lot
10 about exactly what happened, but I believe there was some
11 literature published.

12 **HSGAC Minority** : Knowing what I just told you, would you
13 feel comfortable having **C/S Team Lead** as the counter
14 sniper advance at another event?

15 **HSGAC Minority** : I have full confidence in our Counter
16 Sniper Division. They undoubtedly saved my life on July
17 13th.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : Would you want them to go and look
19 around for long-range threats, full 360 and line-of-sight
20 concerns from the positions of the counter snipers?
21 Because, I mean, someone died.

22 **Witness** : I understand. It's certainly a learning
23 point to take. But as far as their ability, they have my
24 confidence.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Just one last question from me on the

1 denial of requests or unfulfilled requests. Was there a
2 feeling among DTD that any of that was politically
3 motivated?

4 **Witness** : Can you repeat that?

5 **HSGAC Minority** : On the denial of requests or the
6 requests that went unfulfilled, was there any feeling that
7 the reason why those assets were not provided was
8 politically motivated?

9 **Witness** : I have nothing to suggest that.

10 **HSGAC Minority** : Were there any conversations among any
11 DTD individuals, that you participated in or you aware of,
12 about it potentially being politically motivated?

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

14 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. I'll pass it to **HSGAC Minority**.

15 **HSGAC Minority** : **HSGAC Minority** with Senator Paul's
16 office. What time did you arrive on July 13th, the day of
17 the rally?

18 **Witness** : Arrive where?

19 **HSGAC Minority** : At the site, Butler fairgrounds.

20 **Witness** : The motorcade arrived sometime in the
21 evening, around, I think it was around 5. So I was at the
22 airport waiting for him to land.

23 **HSGAC Minority** : And you came in on the motorcade?

24 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

25 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. When you arrived, I understand a

1 lot of moving parts, taking care of your protectee and the
2 bubble around him. Did you take a look around the site as
3 you're bringing him in and notice anything, specifically
4 the line-of-sight mitigation things that you were told were
5 going to be in place for you? Because I think it your
6 testimony you've already confirmed that there were some
7 concerns of the three o'clock, five o'clock area.

8 When you're there, did any of that catch your
9 attention?

10 **Witness**: So when I arrive, you know, I'm working
11 the former President very closely, along with the SAC. **LES**

12 **LES** So when we
13 arrived I relieved SAC **PII** to go look at the stage area
14 with **Site Agent**, so I was inside a tent until he basically
15 took the stage. So I didn't really have the opportunity to
16 walk the site to make sure things were implemented as I was
17 briefed.

18 **HSGAC Minority**: What was SAC **PII** going to the stage
19 with **Site Agent** to specifically look at? Were there some
20 things that they were looking for?

21 **Witness**: So I brief SAC **PII** the night before.
22 I suggested that he **LES**,

23 **LES**

24 **LES**

25 So part of that is him going to check out how he's going to

1 get to his position.

2 And then the rest is just the site agent giving him a
3 real quick -- you've got LES [REDACTED]
4 whatever it is, LES [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]
5 LES [REDACTED] You know, LES [REDACTED], if
6 it already hasn't been. And that's it.

7 **HSGAC Minority**: So he was advancing the steps of the
8 former President before he took the stage, and they were
9 going over the emergency egress.

10 **Witness**: That's my -- I wasn't there when they
11 briefed him, but typically, yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority**: That's typically what they would do.
13 Correct?

14 **Witness**: Yes.

15 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Going back to your testimony on
16 meeting with Special Agent PII [REDACTED], you pointed out multiple
17 things that you had to correct there.

18 **Witness**: Mm-hmm.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: Is that typical that you would have to
20 make that many corrections for, as you said, an experienced
21 agent, when you arrived, to make that many corrections?

22 **Witness**: I don't believe I called her
23 experienced. I just said she came from a high-trafficked,
24 you know, protection office with a lot of repetitions, and
25 that she'd been in our detail for approximately a year, I

1 think.

2 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. So is that normal to go to a
3 site and have that many issues, which sound to me like
4 quite a few just right there, at the stage area, that you
5 had to immediately deal with.

6 **Witness**: Mm-hmm. There's usually some adjustment
7 at each site that I want to see. But things like the bike
8 rack and the stairs should have been caught, in my opinion.

9 **HSGAC Minority**: Okay. Thank you. When you worked as a
10 lead or a site agent in your career, did you review the
11 local operations plans, ops plans?

12 **Witness**: No.

13 **HSGAC Minority**: Can you explain why?

14 **Witness**: That's how I was trained. I just wasn't
15 -- that's not to say I didn't meet with the local law
16 enforcement and go over exactly where they were going to be
17 and what they were going to do. But as far as reviewing
18 their paperwork, that's not something I would do.

19 **HSGAC Minority**: After July 13th, would you do that now?

20 **Witness**: I think it could be helpful.

21 **HSGAC Minority**: Because you've testified, and we've
22 heard a lot of people testify that they assumed where the
23 local -- and you even used the term "counter snipers" were
24 going to be. But yet in their ops plan it's very clear
25 that they were operating in a sniper role, which you, as an

1 experience agent, understand the difference between a
2 sniper and counter sniper, that their operations were
3 different.

4 So my point is, why are so many people just not
5 looking at the plan that locals were putting in place,
6 which would eliminate the ambiguity of who is doing what?

7 **Witness**: Like I said, I'm just not familiar with
8 doing it that way. That's not to say it's something we
9 shouldn't consider.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: Thank you. You mentioned your notes
11 afterwards. Did you note anything in there of what
12 failures you identified and how those could be corrected?

13 **Witness**: I think he testified that the notes
14 were prepared at the direction of counsel. We'd like to
15 protect that privilege, if that's okay with you.

16 **HSGAC Minority**: Absolutely.

17 Moving to the Donald Trump Detail training that you
18 said that you all had, for **Site Agent** and others, that you
19 all went above and beyond, giving them a refresher course,
20 and you even talked about the C-UAS team getting the
21 training they did, do you believe the one-hour training is
22 sufficient to operate the equipment that **C/UAS Advance Lead**
23 operated?

24 **Witness**: So that program was not -- it was
25 something that DTD saw a need for. It wasn't something

1 Headquarters, you know, gave to us. We developed that from
2 within our ranks to help secure our sites. And we provided
3 the training that we thought was needed for someone to
4 successfully operate that equipment. And, you know, C/UAS
A e Lead
5 did successfully operate that equipment that day.
6 It worked when former President Trump was on the stage. He
7 troubleshooted, you know, the problems he had earlier in
8 the day. But before we arrived it was working, and it was
9 being used, to my knowledge.

10 HSGAC Minority : Except during the time that Crooks was
11 flying his drone.

12 Witness : I've learned that after the fact. I'm
13 not sure that it would've been operational had it been
14 working anyways, because, you know, the -- what is it, the
15 FAA kind of sets the TFR times on when it will be
16 operational. So I'm not completely confident it would've
17 been operating anyways if there weren't issues.

18 HSGAC Minority : Were there any concerns raised by the
19 advance team that were not addressed?

20 Witness : Could you be more specific?

21 HSGAC Minority : Any concern at all. When you do an
22 advance you're looking for threats, you're looking for
23 vulnerabilities, and you're creating mitigation procedures.
24 Was there anything that was brought up that was not
25 addressed, to your knowledge? I know you mentioned that

1 you didn't have time to see the, I guess, three o'clock
2 position because of your proximity to the protectee, which
3 is understandable.

4 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

5 **HSGAC Minority** : But to your knowledge, was there
6 anything there that was discussed in the advance process
7 that was not implemented on July 13th?

8 **Witness** : Not that I'm aware of. I recall one
9 thing when we arrived. I had sent out **Campaign Supervisor**
10 to inspect the **LES**, that we ended up
11 using. I asked him to make sure it was clear, because I
12 believe it was bike-racked off prior to our arrival, just

13 **LES**

14 **LES**

15 And so I sent him out there before former President
16 Trump took the stage, and it was, in fact, not open. So
17 Inspector **LES** made that open and clear, which ended
18 up being pretty critical.

19 **HSGAC Minority** : I only have a couple more questions and
20 I'll pass it over to my colleague.

21 You mentioned that you reviewed the Security Plan
22 before it went final, or did you review it after it went
23 final?

24 **Witness** : It wasn't a review. It was just here's
25 our paperwork, and I looked it over prior to getting to the

1 site so Agent PII could give me her briefing.

2 HSGAC Minority : That's the last question I have, and
3 I'll pass it to my colleagues.

4 PSI Minority : Witness , thank you for your time
5 today. My name is PSI Minority . I'm with Ranking Member
6 Ron Johnson's office.

7 I just want to go back to something that you discussed
8 earlier regarding the request denials or requests that were
9 made that were never approved, regarding the counter
10 sniper. You mentioned that you didn't know the date, but
11 do you recall the year?

12 Witness : I don't. I can only guess.

13 PSI Minority : Was it this year?

14 Witness : I want to say it was 2023, but I'm not
15 sure.

16 PSI Minority : And when a request is made and then
17 never approved or denied, is there a reason given for that?

18 Witness : It's usually like a vague, just can't
19 support it at this time. Nothing specific.

20 PSI Minority : And is that usually shared verbally or
21 via email, text?

22 Witness : It can be both. It's usually verbally
23 or preferably email.

24 PSI Minority : In this specific situation, do you know
25 who would've sent or received that type of communication?

1 **Witness** : No. Specific to Pickens? Are we still
2 talking about --

3 **PSI Minority** : To, I think it was the South Carolina
4 event?

5 **Witness** : Yeah, okay. I wasn't in Operations -- I
6 don't believe I was in Operations at that time. So it
7 could've been the second supervisor on that trip. It
8 could've been the SAC. It could've been the DSAC. It
9 could have been all three of them.

10 **PSI Minority** : Do you know their names in this
11 specific situation?

12 **Witness** : The SAC is **PII**, the DSAC is
13 **DSAC**.

14 **Witness** : Okay. I want to just quickly go back
15 to your description of the counter drone equipment on the
16 day of the rally. I think you mentioned that it was your
17 understanding that it was working early in the day and then
18 it wasn't. Is that correct?

19 **Witness** : The opposite.

20 **PSI Minority** : Oh, okay.

21 **Witness** : It wasn't working early in the day and
22 then it was working when the former President was at the
23 site.

24 **PSI Minority** : Okay. I appreciate the clarification.
25 Now I want to touch on the text that you received regarding

1 the use of counter snipers. You mentioned that you didn't
2 recall the date of when that was sent. Do you know who
3 sent that text?

4 [Witness] : I believe it was the [DSAC]
5 [redacted], but it could've been SAC [PII], as well.

6 [PSI Minority] : And earlier you talked about how it was
7 communicated that there was a credible, long-range threat
8 to [LES].

9 [Witness] : Yes.

10 [PSI Minority] : And [LES] being Mr. Trump?

11 [Witness] : Yes.

12 [PSI Minority] : And that was communicated to you
13 separate from this text?

14 [Witness] : Well, I think that text would have
15 captured --

16 [PSI Minority] : Okay.

17 [Witness] : -- that.

18 [PSI Minority] : And you do not recall who else would've
19 received that text message. Is that correct?

20 [Witness] : I believe it was the Donald Trump Detail
21 supervisors. Just the supervisors.

22 [PSI Minority] : Did you reply to that text?

23 [Witness] : I may have just indicated like a
24 received, but that's it.

25 [PSI Minority] : Did anyone else reply to the text?

1 working supervisors." If there was a credible, long-range
2 threat that you believe was based on adverse intelligence -
3 -

4 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

5 **PSI Minority** : -- would it be your expectation that
6 that would be mentioned in this section of the Preliminary
7 Survey?

8 **Witness** : I guess if it could be written in a way
9 that was not classified.

10 **PSI Minority** : When you learned that there was a
11 credible, long-range threat, was it given to you in a
12 classified setting?

13 **Witness** : No.

14 **PSI Minority** : Do you think --

15 **Witness Counsel** : Sorry.

16 **Witness** : The information I was given for clarify
17 was not specific to Butler. It was just specific to any
18 visit in which you may think you need counter sniper
19 assets, that you should request them.

20 **PSI Minority** : Do you think that if someone read this
21 intel section they would be aware about a credible, long-
22 range threat to the protectee at this event?

23 **Witness** : Not this specific section.

24 **PSI Minority** : Is there any section in this
25 Preliminary Survey where anyone who was reading this

1 document to prepare to protect, to provide security at the
2 rally, that they would've been made aware of a credible,
3 long-range threat?

4 **Witness** : As I testified earlier, once I received
5 that I briefed the lead agent personally, and she runs, or
6 he runs, the advance team. How they disseminate that
7 information is, you know, outside of my capabilities. But
8 as far as what I'm looking at in front of me on the
9 Preliminary Survey, I don't see anything. I mean, there is
10 a counter sniper team depicted on the Preliminary Survey,
11 and if you are familiar with working with a former detail
12 that may pique your interest on why we're receiving them.
13 But I don't see anything specific to your question.

14 **PSI Minority** : You brought up something that I want to
15 get to regarding the actions that you took after receiving
16 this information. I think you mentioned earlier that
17 sometime after you received this text you took a phone call
18 from SAC **PII** about the counter snipers.

19 **Witness** : I believe I did, yes.

20 **PSI Minority** : Do you recall when that occurred?

21 **Witness** : I believe the text was later in the
22 evening, and I don't know if I didn't receive it and read
23 it until that next morning. I don't recall exactly when.
24 But I believe I received the phone call from SAC **PII**,
25 you know, the next day from the text message.

1 PSI Minority : And could you tell us any content of
2 that conversation?

3 Witness : It was just please request a counter
4 sniper team. It will be approved. That's it.

5 PSI Minority : Did you discuss any more than that?

6 Witness : No. I don't think we did.

7 PSI Minority : So then after you had that call you
8 mentioned earlier that you eventually called Ms. PII. Is
9 that correct?

10 Witness : Yes.

11 PSI Minority : How soon after?

12 Witness : Immediately.

13 PSI Minority : And why did you call her?

14 Witness : Because she's the lead advance agent for
15 the trip.

16 PSI Minority : In testimony to the Committee, Lead Agent
17 told us -- this is a quote -- "I received another phone
18 call from the second supervisor from Trump Detail stating
19 that we would be getting a Secret Service counter sniper
20 advance and that I would be receiving the names from SOD or
21 Special Operations Division. In his phone call he
22 discussed that there was credible intel that he could not
23 tell me as to why we were getting a sniper asset." Then
24 the question is, "Did you ask any more questions?" Lead Ag
25 Lead Agent replied, "I told him he needed to call my supervisor

1 about whether whatever credible intel he had, and I knew
2 enough that when he would say 'You're not going to tell me
3 over the phone,' because that's something classified."

4 So just to take a step back from that, did **Lead Agent**
5 tell you that you need to call her supervisor about this
6 information?

7 **Witness** : I don't recall that.

8 **PSI Minority** : Would that be something that you
9 would've felt the need to do, that in addition to calling
10 **Lead Agent**, and I think later you mentioned that you called
11 **Site Agent**, that you would also need to call **Lead Agent**
12 supervisor?

13 **Witness** : How I understand it and how I've worked
14 it as a lead myself, I never have received something quite
15 this, well, on this scale. But I work for my SAC, and if
16 get something that needs to be briefed to him, specifically
17 if I'm the lead advance on a large visit like this, it's my
18 responsibility to brief my direct supervisor on what I've
19 learned, because I report to them. It's our district. So
20 it was my opinion that she should have briefed her direct
21 supervisor.

22 **PSI Minority** : **Lead Agent** told us that you told her that
23 there was credible intel and that you could not tell her as
24 to why counter snipers were being assigned to the event.
25 Is that accurate?

1 **Witness** : Sounds accurate.

2 **PSI Minority** : Did she ask you why they are receiving
3 counter snipers?

4 **Witness** : I don't recall she asked me
5 specifically, but I think it's possible.

6 **PSI Minority** : And did you tell her that you can't
7 tell her why they're receiving counter snipers, outside of
8 just there was credible intel?

9 **Witness** : If I did it's because I didn't receive -
10 - I mean, I just showed you how I received the information,
11 so I just didn't have it. I relayed to her basically what
12 was relayed to me in the same kind of terms.

13 **PSI Minority** : Did you ever relay to her that there's
14 classified information regarding the reasoning behind the
15 receipt of counter snipers for the event?

16 **Witness** : I don't believe I did.

17 **PSI Minority** : Did she ever ask if any information
18 regarding the use of counter snipers is classified?

19 **Witness** : The use of counter snipers?

20 **PSI Minority** : Did she ever ask whether the fact that
21 counter snipers were going to be assigned to the even was
22 based on classified information?

23 **Witness** : I don't think so.

24 **PSI Minority** : Do you know whether **Lead Agent**
25 communicated to her supervisor any information about the

1 conversation you had with her?

2 [Witness] : I don't know.

3 [PSI Minority] : Do you know who [Lead Agent] supervisor
4 is?

5 [Witness] : I know the SAC of the district is [redacted]
6 [SAIC Pittsburgh] .

7 [PSI Minority] : Okay. Did you ever have any
8 conversations prior to the July 13th rally about the use of
9 counter snipers for the rally?

10 [Witness] : No.

11 [PSI Minority] : You mentioned that you also called --

12 [Witness Counsel] : I'm sorry to interrupt. Conversations
13 with anyone?

14 [PSI Minority] : With [SAIC Pittsburgh]

15 [Witness Counsel] : Oh, [SAIC Pittsburgh] Okay.

16 [Witness] : Specific to [SAIC Pittsburgh] , no.

17 [PSI Minority] : Okay. You mentioned that you also
18 called [Site Agent] . Is that correct?

19 [Witness] : I did call her.

20 [PSI Minority] : And how soon did you call her?

21 [Witness] : I called her -- well, before I knew we
22 were going to -- let me think of the timeline here. I
23 don't know the exact timeline, but I know I called [Site Agent]
24 [Site Agent] because at the time I called her I was unsure if we
25 were getting the counter sniper asset. So I sent her -- I

1 used to work in the President's Operations Division, the
2 sitting President's Operations Division, when Mr. Trump was
3 the sitting President. And I was assigned to the First
4 Lady's detail, all of her operations and logistics. And so
5 I had an old template on how to request counter sniper,
6 which was a Word document -- take a picture of what you're
7 looking at, get a distance, and a brief description on why
8 this would be an effective, kind of like we did for Pickens
9 but this was in a Word document format. In an attempt to
10 set [Site Agent] up for a successful, you know, submission
11 of that.

12 And this is like before I knew we were getting the
13 counter sniper asset, I sent that to her and kind of walked
14 her through, hey, I need you to do this. I asked her to
15 ask the local field office for a rangefinder so she could
16 get distances from where the stage would be. And I sent
17 her that document.

18 Now very shortly after I sent that document, maybe
19 within the hour, I learned we were going to get counter
20 sniper assets, and then I had my operations team reach out
21 to [Site Agent] and say, "Don't worry about the Word
22 document that [Witness] just sent you, because we're
23 getting Secret Service counter sniper. That's part of
24 their advance. They'll do this for you."

25 So I forget the original question, but --

1 PSI Minority : Yeah, no, I appreciate the background.
2 So to clarify, did you personally call Site Agent ?

3 Witness : Yes.

4 PSI Minority : And when was that? Was that after the
5 call with Lead Agent ?

6 Witness : Yes.

7 PSI Minority : Shortly after?

8 Witness : Yes.

9 PSI Minority : And what did you communicate to
10 Site Agent?

11 Witness : Same general, pay attention to your
12 line-of-sights, long-range threat. That's basically it.

13 PSI Minority : And did she ask any questions to you
14 about any specifics? Did she ask you if you could share
15 any specifics as to why counter sniper assets are being
16 assigned?

17 Witness : I don't recall her asking any follow-up
18 questions. I just remember acknowledging that she
19 understood what I was saying.

20 PSI Minority : And in addition to calling Lead Agent ,
21 why did you feel it was necessary to call Site Agent ?

22 Witness : Because it's her site. She's building
23 it out, right, something she needs to take into
24 consideration.

25 Witness : Did you make any other calls to any

1 other agents working the event that day regarding the
2 assignment of counter snipers to the event?

3 **Witness** : I contacted our operations team.
4 They're not assigned to the advance but I did let them -- I
5 believe it was **CNOS Supplement** . He was a CNOS supplement
6 to our operations team, and I asked him to submit the
7 paperwork for that asset. That's all I can recall.

8 **PSI Minority** : And **CNOS Supplement** is in Operations, you
9 said?

10 **CNOS Supplement** : He's assigned to a field office. He was
11 on a temporary assignment to our detail during the
12 campaign. **LES**

13 **LES** . That's pretty
14 standard.

15 **PSI Minority** : Okay. And when did you contact **LES**
16 **CNOS Supplement** ?

17 **Witness** : I don't know the exact date or time but
18 it was basically as soon as I got the information that we
19 needed to request it. I didn't wait.

20 **PSI Minority** : And maybe if you could just help us
21 understand the type of information you asked **CNOS Supplement** to
22 put together. Is it a document? Is it an email request?

23 **Witness** : It's an email. It would've been sent to
24 Counter Snipers Operations Team, requesting a lead advance
25 agent for this rally. It was just an email.

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1      PSI Minority : Does CNOS Supplement -- would someone need
2      to specify how many counter snipers would be assigned to
3      the event?
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4 **Witness** : That's the function of the advance
5 counter sniper. So he's going to go out there, she's going
6 to go out there and determine we need X amount of teams to
7 cover the site.

8 **PSI Minority** : Did you make these calls on your
9 personal phone or was this your work phone?

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

11 **PSI Minority** : Would it be typical for you to make
12 these types of calls on a personal phone as opposed to a
13 work phone?

14 **Witness** : It's whatever's close by, you know.
15 It's usually my work phone, but if I have a personal phone
16 near me it could be that. I just don't know. Typically I
17 would try and use my work phone.

18 **PSI Minority** : Okay. I do not believe that we have
19 received any call logs related to these communications. We
20 would like those.

21 **Witness Counsel** : I don't have access, obviously, to his
22 personal phone, but I will coordinate with his attorney.

23 **PSI Minority** : Understood. I'm going to turn to the
24 next exhibit, that I'll mark as Exhibit 4.

25 [Exhibit No. 4 was

marked for identification.]

PSI Minority : Witness , I'll give you a moment to take a look at this. Are you familiar with this email?

[Pause.]

Witness : This is July 12th. I don't know if I was on this email or not. It doesn't refresh my memory at all.

PSI Minority : And what is the reason why you can't tell whether or not you were on this email?

Witness : Well, it's redacted, and the FROM is from the Protective Intelligence Division to someone on DTD.

PSI Minority : And you can't recall if this was sent to you?

Witness : I don't recall.

PSI Minority : For the record, this Committee did not apply the redactions to this email. This email was redacted by Secret Service or DHS. And just to give context, the subject line of this email is "The arrest was made," and it's sent from a redacted individual at Secret Service to another redacted individual on the DTD. And that person wrote, on July 12th, "Don't have many other details right now, but the subject is in custody. Not expecting any press. Still sealed as far as I am aware."

Witness : Yeah.

1 **PSI Minority** : And then it goes on.

2 **Witness** : I would just say that, you know, Mar-a-
3 Lago is a dynamic place to protect. It's possible that --
4 I don't know what this email is just talking about. I
5 mean, it's dated July 12th and 13th, around and on the day
6 of Butler events, but I don't know that it's related. I'm
7 just putting that out there.

8 **PSI Minority** : Are you aware of an individual named
9 Asif Merchant.

10 **Witness** : It doesn't sound familiar.

11 **PSI Minority** : Okay. So just to be clear, you are not
12 aware of any arrest of an individual relating to the
13 protectee, or as a threat to the protectee, on July 12th?

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

15 **PSI Minority** : Okay. Has anyone from DHS or Secret
16 Service instructed you not to speak with Congress?

17 **Witness** : No.

18 **PSI Minority** : I'm going to turn it over to my
19 colleague, **PSI Minority** .

20 **PSI Minority** : Hey, good afternoon. Thank you for being
21 here. So could we walk through, in more detail, once you
22 arrive at the Butler scene, what you did, what was your
23 role, and walk us through up to shots fired.

24 **Witness** : You want to know on July 13th from when
25 I arrived in the motorcade to shots fired.

1 PSI Minority : Yes, sir.

2 Witness : When we arrived and pulled into

3 LES , as expected, everything seemed good. I
4 recall my radio had LES

5 LES so I had phone ahead to Site Agent

6 Site Agent to get the LES for me, which is usually kept in the

7 LES And she told me she would have that for me
8 at the arrival/departure area. So when I initially

9 arrived, Mr. Trump LES , and I went and she had the

10 LES in that area. LES , did a

11 LES , LES

12 loud and clear, and I did the same. So I knew the radio

13 was operational now, as it should be.

14 After that I walked into LES where SAC

15 PII is, and I relieved him so he could go and see the

16 stage area with Site Agent . I recall taking Mr. Trump to

17 the photo line area LES ,

18 and just kind of watching the public come in to take their

19 photo with him and exit. And during that time I recall SAC

20 PII coming back, and LES

21 LES , and he was just kind of letting me

22 work it as he was waiting for it to finish up.

23 As it finished, because Mr. Trump was running behind

24 that day, there was supposed to be an interview also after

25 the photos, but they decided to do it after the event, just

1 to speed up the timeline. I recall after the photos, the
2 person that was going to be doing that interview came in.
3 He wanted just to greet her and say thank you. So she came
4 in, and when she came in I pushed LES [REDACTED]
5 LES [REDACTED], because typical that's where I should
6 be, LES [REDACTED], and then SAC PII [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]
7 LES [REDACTED].

8 So that happened. I went out and LES [REDACTED]
9 LES [REDACTED], LES [REDACTED]
10 LES [REDACTED] That's when I told [REDACTED] Campaign Supervisor to go check
11 on the LES [REDACTED], and he did. We cleared that up. And
12 then, you know, his music queued up. "Proud to Be An
13 American" LES [REDACTED], LES [REDACTED]
14 LES [REDACTED] And he did. He walked out. There was
15 a set of American flags in front of the tent door to lead
16 out to the stage, and he walked out, LES [REDACTED]
17 LES [REDACTED]
18 LES [REDACTED] And, you know, he walked out as we
19 planned. SAC PII [REDACTED] went right. I stayed to the LES [REDACTED]
20 LES [REDACTED].

21 We walked him out to the stage. It was incredibly
22 loud, a very enthusiastic crowd that day. Nothing abnormal
23 at that time that would've caused us to do anything
24 different at that moment. To me it looked like the shift
25 and myself and the SAC were in good position for anything.

1 And then we eventually worked him to our final positions.

2 LES [REDACTED]

3 LES [REDACTED]

4 LES [REDACTED]

5 And then President Trump began his speech. For about
6 four or five minutes he was giving remarks. The crowd was,
7 again, just very, very loud. And I recall that the
8 Hercules team, which is our counter snipers, came over the
9 radio and said, "The locals are working something at the
10 nine o'clock," and then they corrected themselves,
11 basically within the same breath, and said, "No, it's the
12 three o'clock."

13 And so I kind of had eye contact with SAC PII [REDACTED].
14 We've worked many events together. And I noticed we both
15 kind of waited for an update on what that was, and we
16 didn't receive that update. And between the time we got
17 that information and, you know, a few seconds later,
18 really, I saw SAC PII [REDACTED] tell [REDACTED] Site Agent [REDACTED] to go figure out
19 what was going on. I saw him like kind of motion her
20 offstage, and I knew what that meant. It's too loud for
21 her to hear anything, so she's going to go offstage and
22 figure out what's going on.

23 And by the time she left, you know, she was maybe gone
24 20 seconds or so, I heard the first -- no more radio
25 updates. The only radio traffic I heard that day was, that

1 I can be for certain on, was what I just testified to,
2 about what our counter snipers put out over the radio. I
3 recall that pretty vividly.

4 When I heard the first crack of the -- I didn't know
5 what it was at the time. What I'm about to explain is my
6 brain kind of processing three separate things in a matter
7 of a second or under. But when I heard the crack, July 4th
8 was not too long before that, and the first crack sounded
9 like -- I've got a nine-year-old and a five-year-old, and
10 they were throwing those little poppers in our driveway.
11 And that's what it sounded like to me. I was like, that
12 memory was triggered immediately.

13 And then within that same kind of thought I was
14 thinking maybe there's a heckler behind us with caps, and
15 you know, almost like one of those poppers that you'd shoot
16 off at, you know, New Year's Eve or something. That's what
17 it sounded like. And so I'm waiting for someone to tell me
18 what's going on behind me. And kind of during that last
19 thought there I heard the second crack, and just
20 instinctively just didn't really think about much else
21 after that and went on and **LES** the stage. And as I was
22 running up I yelled, to the former President, "Get down.
23 Get down. Get down," and kind of caught him as he moved to
24 the ground. And I recall just kind of holding him and
25 pushing him up towards the front of the stage **LES**

1 LES

2 as I could.

3 And then I went to the ground with him. I didn't lay
4 on top of him, because I needed him to still be able to
5 breathe. So I just kind of just covered his head, neck,
6 and vital organs above his chest as best I could with my
7 entire body. You know, as I kind of caught him and moved
8 to the grown, PII, SAC, was also kind of zippering
9 in on his midsection and lower half, almost at the same
10 time. I recall, you know, being over Mr. Trump, and I
11 asked him if he was okay. I said, "Sir, are you okay?" and
12 he said, "I think so."

13 And then I noticed a pool of blood forming in front of
14 him as I was looking down on him. And Campaign Supervisor,
15 I believe, gave me the white towel that you see in all the
16 photos. He dropped it down onto me, and I recognized it as
17 Mr. Trump's sweat, you know, the thing he cleans his face
18 with at rallies. So I was familiar with what it was, and I
19 immediately grabbed it and applied pressure to the wound.

20 And I initially had put it on his left ear, and then
21 he corrected me and said, "No, it's my right ear." Almost
22 his humor in that moment kind of reassured me that he
23 wasn't really badly injured. He was alert. He was very
24 calm, honestly. He was speaking clearly. So from a
25 medical triage standpoint I felt like we were in good

1 shape.

2 And by then every agent was on the stage, and he was
3 completely covered. And then at some point while we're on
4 the stage, it was either [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] or what I heard
5 through my radio, or both -- I believe it was both --
6 "Shooter down. Shooter down." And when we heard those
7 words, collectively, we pulled him to his feet and escorted
8 him off the stage, stage left, [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED] and
9 evacuated.

10 [REDACTED] PSI Minority : Thank you. So going back to when you
11 arrived [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED], did the motorcade come down
12 Meridian Road into Brady Paul Lane?

13 [REDACTED] Witness : I don't remember the names of the roads.
14 It was to the rear of the stage. [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED] If you're in the
16 driver's seat, driving towards the arrival/departure, to
17 the left are some like residential homes, and then to the
18 right is kind of an open, grassy area. And, you know, we
19 had talked about that area during the walk-through.

20 [REDACTED] PSI Minority : As part of the motorcade, [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] Witness : You're talking about [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED]

1 **PSI Minority** : Yeah, like the main arteries into the
2 rally that day. Were there local cops enforcing, you know,
3 you can't park your car on the side of the road?

4 **Witness** : I recall the local police having signage
5 up that said that there was no parking allowed on the
6 street. Now, there were residential homes also on that
7 street, so there were people in their front yards having
8 parties, excited for his arrival. But I do recall there
9 being like a DOT, you know, sign, specific for that event.

10 **PSI Minority** : And that would've been on Meridian Road,
11 which is the route that goes behind the Farm Show?

12 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

13 **PSI Minority** : Do you know the exact time that you
14 arrived with the protectee on July 13th, what time that
15 was?

16 **Witness** : No.

17 **PSI Minority** : Was it around 5:30?

18 **Witness** : Sounds correct.

19 **PSI Minority** : Outside of the radio transmission from
20 Hercules about the locals who were working something at the
21 9 a.m., and then they immediately correct to the 3 p.m., I
22 just want to be clear. You working that day, you did not
23 see any other type of commotion or any type of law
24 enforcement working something, either inside the rally or
25 outside the rally, from your vantage point?

1 **Witness** : I did not.

2 **PSI Minority** : Did you hear anyone say, quote, "On the
3 roof" before shots were fired?

4 **Witness** : I don't recall that.

5 **PSI Minority** : After the assassination attempt, and when
6 you had time to maybe review your phones, text messages,
7 was there any messages or phone calls you received in the
8 lead-up of shots being fired at 6:11 p.m. on that day?

9 **Witness** : No. I was in communication with Site
10 **Site Agent** all day, asking her how things were going,
11 wanting status updates on, you know -- medical conditions
12 were one of the big threats that day. It was hot, large
13 crowd. Dehydration was an issue. So I like to pass that
14 information along to SAC **PII** and the staff coming in,
15 just to let them know, hey, you've got, you know, X amount
16 of people here, and we've had this many transports. Just
17 so they kind of know what's going on, on the ground. But I
18 didn't receive anything outside of that. And **C/UAS Advance** also
19 let me know about his problems with the software.

20 **PSI Minority** : So reviewing your phones and text
21 messages, emails, you did not receive any images of Thomas
22 Crooks, be on the lookout, to any of your devices?

23 **Witness** : No.

24 **PSI Minority** : Did you at all receive images of the
25 assassin after the event?

1 **Witness** : I've seen images of him after the event.

2 **PSI Minority** : Do you know if Thomas Crooks was on any
3 federal, state, or local radar before July 13th?

4 **Witness** : I do not.

5 **PSI Minority** : Did you interact with any other federal
6 agencies before, during, and after the event -- FBI, ATF?

7 **Witness** : So Homeland Security Investigations
8 supplemented us that trip, as post-standers. As far as
9 before, that would be my only -- and outside of
10 Pennsylvania State Police, you know, they helped us with
11 motorcade things. I wasn't directly in communication with
12 them, but I recall them being there. Those are local
13 assets for that. That's kind of like before. You know,
14 afterwards, obviously I've been interviewed by other
15 agencies.

16 **PSI Minority** : Okay. It's 3:43, and I think we're going
17 to take a break.

18 [Recess.]

19 **HSGAC Majority** : We'll go back on the record and divide
20 the remaining time that we have left.

21 So I'd like to go back and ask a couple of follow-up
22 questions about the line-of-sight issues we spoke about the
23 day prior to the rally. We've been told by members of the
24 advance team that the campaign staff denied requests to use
25 physical barriers such as farm equipment and Penske trucks

1 to mitigate line-of-sight concerns. Should this
2 information have been elevated to you?

3 **Witness** : I recall using farm equipment for some
4 line-of-sight. The Penske trucks, I did not have any
5 awareness of. If those were denied I certainly would've
6 like to have known about it.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : And does campaign staff have the ability
8 to overrule security decisions that the Donald Trump Detail
9 believes are appropriate?

10 **Witness** : No.

11 **HSGAC Majority** : And what specifically were you told
12 about how the AGR building would be covered, on July 12th?

13 **Witness** : I was briefed that there would be police
14 officers on the AGR side of the fence and additional police
15 officers on the area in between the site and the AGR, as
16 well as overwatch from Secret Service counter sniper and
17 local counter sniper.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : Did you have any concerns with regard to
19 the coverage of the AGR building as a vulnerability to the
20 protectee?

21 **Witness** : No. The best counter snipers in the
22 world told me they had it covered, and I was good with
23 that.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : So for the walk-through, you were
25 responsible for reviewing the in-person site security

1 setup. Is that correct?

2 [Witness] : Say that again.

3 [HSGAC Majority] : During the July 12th walk-through, you
4 were responsible for reviewing in-person the site security
5 setup, to make sure that everything is adequate and
6 appropriate.

7 [Witness] : I'm briefed on what it will look like on
8 game day, on the 13th. [LES]

9 [LES]

10 [HSGAC Majority] : Understood. According to the
11 Independent Review Panel, they issued a report in
12 September, and in the report they wrote, "A senior agent
13 from the Trump detail tasked with reviewing in-person the
14 site security setup in the run-up to the rally did not
15 engage in appropriate follow-up after a, quote, 'more
16 junior detail member'" -- improvising here -- "relayed
17 generic information regarding how the AGR building would
18 supposedly be secured. That was not consistent with the
19 diagrammatic depiction of security resources in the site
20 layout diagram."

21 Are you familiar with this critique?

22 [Witness] : No.

23 [HSGAC Majority] : Do you know who this critique is in
24 reference to?

25 [Witness] : No.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Are there any other senior agents from
2 the Trump detail tasked with reviewing in-person the site
3 security setup in the run-up to the rally, aside from you?

4 **Witness** : It was me and **Campaign Supervisor** .
5 That's it from the Donald Trump Detail.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : And during the site walk-through, did
7 you discuss which buildings would be swept?

8 **Witness** : Every building inside the site would be
9 swept.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Based on the unique layout of the Butler
11 Farm Show and the number of vulnerabilities on the exterior
12 of the security perimeter, should the AGR building have
13 been swept?

14 **Witness** : Like I said, I was briefed that it was
15 being covered. Think of a second supervisor walk-through.
16 You want to make sure that things have been thought of, and
17 if they haven't been thought of then how are we going to
18 fix that. The AGR buildings had been thought of, and their
19 plan was to have a uniformed presence there and counter
20 sniper overwatch. So from my perspective, it's okay. Like
21 I said, I'm concerned about the innermost circle, the
22 President's movements, and all the assets onstage, where
23 the cars are, posted capabilities, where can we go if we
24 have to **LES**

25 So when I'm briefed that those things have been

1 thought of and that there's police not just on one side of
2 the fence but on both sides of the fence, and that we have
3 overwatch from extremely capable people with advanced
4 training on counter sniper, I feel okay with that.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Moving forward to the day of the rally,
6 you mentioned you **LES**

7 **LES** And during that whole time were you positioned
8 in the tents behind the stage?

9 **Witness** : So when we arrived I was in the tents,
10 and then when Mr. Trump took the stage **LES**

11 **LES**

12 **HSGAC Majority** : Prior to your arrival at the rally site,
13 were you aware there would be two Command Posts, so one
14 Secret Service Security Room and then a state/local Command
15 Post?

16 **Witness** : I was briefed on the 12th that it would
17 be a joint Command Post, or joint Security Room, which to
18 me means everybody that's going to be there has a seat at
19 the table, which would be what I'm accustomed to. So I
20 would have no reason to ask **LES**

21 **HSGAC Majority** : Who briefed you on that?

22 **Witness** : I believe it was **PII**.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : And so your understanding, it was a
24 joint Security Room, that kind of **LES**

25 **LES**

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : Full integration between local, state,
3 and Secret Service.

4 **Witness** : That was my understanding.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : Were you in direct communication with
6 any local law enforcement or state law enforcement that
7 day?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : In the event a suspicious person is
10 identified at a large rally site such as the Butler Farm
11 Show, whose responsibility is it to track down and confront
12 the suspicious person?

13 **Witness** : It depends on what we have available to
14 us. In this specific instance, a protective intelligence
15 advance agent or a site protective intelligence site agent
16 would be primary.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : Were you aware that the counter sniper
18 response agent as well as the protective intelligence agent
19 were both looking for an individual, a suspicious
20 individual, with a rangefinder?

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

22 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that information that should have
23 been elevated to someone of your level?

24 **Witness** : Yes.

25 **HSGAC Majority** : And I just want to confirm. I know you

1 testified to this before, but I want to confirm. You did
2 not receive any text messages, emails, or any other
3 communications, whether it was verbal, a phone call, in
4 person, informing you about a suspicious individual with a
5 rangefinder, gauging the stage at the rally?

6 [Witness] : No.

7 [HSGAC Majority] : And you were not informed about the
8 suspicious individual on the roof for three minutes,
9 between 6:08 and 6:11 p.m.

10 [Witness] : I had no knowledge.

11 [HSGAC Majority] : And you did not receive the BOLO that
12 was sent out by the Secret Service counter sniper team at
13 5:52 p.m. Is that correct?

14 [Witness] : I don't recall receiving that.

15 [HSGAC Majority] : LES

16 LES

17 LES I
18 believe it is. I did see him with a rangefinder looking
19 towards stage. FYI. If you want to notify Secret Service
20 counter snipers to look out. I lost sight of him. Also a
21 bike with a backpack sitting next to it in the rear of the
22 building was not seen earlier."

23 Is that information that you should have been made
24 aware of?

25 [Witness] : Absolutely.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Is that information that the site agent
2 should have been made aware of?

3 **Witness** : Yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you know why the site agent was not
5 made aware of that information?

6 **Witness** : Are you saying that it's a fact that she
7 was not? I'm not aware if she was or was not.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Our understanding is that this
9 information was not relayed to the Secret Service advance
10 individuals on the day of the rally. Is that information
11 that should have been relayed to the site agent, and if so,
12 to your knowledge where is the breakdown?

13 **Witness** : Everybody should have been aware of
14 that. It's critical information.

15 **HSGAC Majority** : And so the only radio traffic you heard
16 was the counter snipers over the radio that the locals were
17 working a three o'clock, a situation at the three o'clock.

18 **Witness** : Correct. They said the locals were
19 working something at the nine o'clock, and they corrected
20 themselves and said three o'clock.

21 **HSGAC Majority** : I'd like to go back in time and then go
22 forward in time. So going back in time, before you arrived
23 at the rally site, our understanding is the C-UAS advance
24 agents with the Donald Trump Detail testified that he told
25 you around 2 p.m. that the C-UAS system was down. Do you

1 recall that?

2 **Witness** : Yes.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : What steps did you take to help him get
4 the system back up and running?

5 **Witness** : Well, he told me what he was doing. He
6 told me that he was in communication with the manufacturer
7 and TSD, which is -- that's the correct advice. He already
8 knew what to do.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : So from 2 p.m. until 4:33 p.m., the C-
10 UAS system is down, which allowed Crooks to fly a drone
11 undetected for 11 minutes, beginning at 3:51 p.m. Did that
12 concern you at all, that the system was down for two-plus
13 hours?

14 **Witness** : That was the first time I had
15 experienced that it wasn't working. But it wasn't overly
16 concerning because Mr. Trump wasn't there yet.

17 **HSGAC Majority** : But at the same time, this would have
18 been an opportunity to have a potential interaction with a
19 potential suspicious individual, someone flying a drone
20 around the site of a political rally prior to a former
21 President speaking. Correct?

22 **Witness** : Had it been on, we're assuming that it
23 would've been on and operational, yes, it would've been.
24 If all those assumptions happen, that he's there and
25 everything's working and the **LES**

1 [REDACTED],

2 [REDACTED] that would've
3 been great information. It just simply didn't happen,
4 though, you know, unfortunately.

5 [HSGAC Majority]: And so the C-UAS system being down is
6 entirely separate from the temporary flight restriction
7 zone. Correct? Those two things operate independently.
8 You can have a C-UAS system that can detect drones
9 independent of having a TFR zone. Correct?

10 [Witness]: Sure. The TFR is just a note that FAA
11 puts out. It's not Secret Service, you know --

12 [HSGAC Majority]: And our understanding is the C-UAS agent
13 testified that he requested an extension for the TFR zone.
14 He was concerned that the President might be speaking
15 longer than 6:15, and wanted to make sure that the TFR
16 covered the time in which he was on the stage. And he
17 raised those concerns to you. Do you recall this?

18 [Witness]: I don't recall that.

19 [HSGAC Majority]: We've learned that the TFR, the request
20 for a TFR extension, was denied without explanation. Were
21 you aware of this?

22 [Witness]: He wanted to extent it beyond -- so not
23 before the rally but after.

24 [HSGAC Majority]: Correct.

25 [Witness]: I was not aware of the denial, and I

1 don't know who did that.

2 **HSGAC Majority** : And you weren't aware of the denial. Do
3 you know where the denial came from? Did it come from
4 Secret Service? Did it come from FAA?

5 **Witness** : I can only speculate.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Only if you know.

7 **Witness** : I don't know.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. I'll turn it over to my colleague
9 for a couple of drone questions, and then we'll move
10 forward in time.

11 **PSI Majority** : Just to go over the issues with the
12 drones again, because you had mentioned previously that
13 you're not certain but you believe that **C/UAS Advance Lead**
14 **[REDACTED]** was part of, am I understanding this correctly, a
15 group briefing, where the TSD went over how the equipment
16 worked?

17 **Witness** : That's how I remember it.

18 **PSI Majority** : And then that there was also sort of a
19 ride-along that he potentially went on. Correct?

20 In general, in your role, making sure the protectee is
21 covered, how do you see the role of C-UAS as, I guess,
22 complementing your role?

23 **Witness** : I think it's an excellent program. It
24 helps us complete our 360-degree protection of site by
25 having that capability. So I think it's important.

1 **PSI Majority** : And so how often do you put thought
2 into whether all the pieces of a site are operational or
3 functioning the way they're supposed to, or is that outside
4 of the purview of your responsibilities?

5 **Witness** : As it relates to a drone?

6 **PSI Majority** : Sure. I mean, as part of making sure
7 that the security plan is complete and that everything is
8 working the way it's supposed to, how much thought do you
9 put into the C-UAS function?

10 **Witness** : One, I want to make sure that we
11 actually have it because, like I said earlier, this wasn't
12 an asset that we always got. It's if our own division
13 could supply it. It wasn't like it came from TSD, which we
14 get now. We had TSD come down and train a couple of guys
15 that were willing to do it, and when we could we deployed
16 them. So it's an important asset, **LES**
17 **LES** .

18 **PSI Majority** : Sure. And you don't run the D.C.
19 office. I guess in retrospect, have you had a chance to
20 read the Interim Report we put out?

21 **Witness** : No.

22 **PSI Majority** : It suggested that **C/UAS Advance**
23 fundamentally, from what we were hearing, fundamentally
24 didn't understand how the equipment worked or how to really
25 be on how to plug the pieces together. Does that seem

1 concerning to you?

2 **Witness** : The equipment worked.

3 **PSI Majority** : I mean, yes, but that's a technical
4 distinction that kind of -- it didn't work until after the
5 assailant had used a drone to surveil the site. It didn't
6 work until four hours after it was supposed to work. So
7 saying that it worked is an incomplete statement.

8 **Witness** : Okay. I mean, he got it to work. He
9 did everything, I think, correctly to troubleshoot what he
10 was experiencing. He called the right people. And
11 ultimately it worked. As I've said earlier, we can only
12 guess if it would've been operational when the drone was up
13 in the air. We don't know that we would've been
14 operational with the C-UAS system.

15 **PSI Majority** : So, I mean, because I understand. It
16 seems like one that -- again, this is not fully within your
17 purview, and I get that. But I guess just from the
18 perspective of your comfort in feeling that you have all
19 the assets you need in place, there is one aspect of the
20 training of Mr. **PII**, but then also there's the aspect of
21 when he called tech support that it took multiple hours for
22 them to locate the experts necessary to actually figure out
23 what was going wrong. Does that raise any concerns, that
24 it took so long for tech support to -- and that might be a
25 contracting issue, that might obviously go up the chain.

1 But just as a base level, does that concern you that it
2 took that long for tech support, whatever contract they had
3 with tech support, to work through those issues?

4 **Witness** : It would certainly be nice to have
5 immediate access to the experts.

6 **PSI Majority** : Thanks. That's all I've got.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : Excuse me. **HSGAC Majority** with
8 Senator Peters. I've got a couple of quick follow-up
9 questions on what you were discussing earlier. One thing I
10 want to make sure I heard correctly. When you were
11 speaking about your understanding of how the AGR building
12 would be covered, did you say that you were briefed that
13 there would be a uniformed police presence on both sides of
14 the fence in that area?

15 **Witness** : Yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : And that was **Site Agent** ?

17 **Witness** : Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : When you say both sides of the fence,
19 you mean that area in between the two fence lines as well
20 as the side where the AGR building was present?

21 **Witness** : Yes. There was like a chain-link fence
22 and --

23 **HSGAC Majority** : And do you recall anything more specific
24 about, you know, what she said in terms of, you know, which
25 state or local agencies would be providing that presence

1 and if there would be vehicles or uniformed patrol walking
2 around, or anything along those lines?

3 **Witness** : No. It was just there's going to be
4 uniformed presence on both sides of the fence.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : And that was a verbal briefing?

6 **Witness** : Yes.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : And did you ever see any, you know,
8 diagrams or other paper depicting where the uniformed
9 presence would be?

10 **Witness** : So I recall her diagram. It's pretty
11 standard **LES** **PII**

12 **LES**

13 **LES** . It's just to acknowledge that there is a
14 presence there, I've thought about this, and it's going to
15 be covered.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : And was your expectation that Agent **PII**
17 would've received more detail from your state and local
18 partners about, you know, even if your diagram only showed
19 something high level, would you have expected Agent **PII**
20 to have had a conversation with state or local partners
21 saying, you know, we're going to have X number of uniformed
22 officers on foot, X number of, you know, vehicles, and
23 here's specifically where they're going to be?

24 **Witness** : For the second supervisor walk-through
25 it probably would not get that granular.

1 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. But when she was briefing you,
2 saying, you know, there's going to be a uniformed presence
3 on both sides, would you have expected her to be aware of a
4 greater level of detail than what she conveyed to you, or
5 you would have expected her to just, you know, hear from
6 state and locals, we'll have some presence?

7 **Witness** : She told me that she actually walked
8 that area with the locals. So it was my understanding
9 that, you know, she had that rapport with whomever was
10 going to be there and where they were going to be
11 positioned and how many.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : And then did you become aware at any
13 point, that day or after the fact, that there -- your
14 understanding is that while there were patrol cars in
15 between the two fences, there were not any uniformed
16 officers patrolling the area on the AGR side of that second
17 fence. Did you come to learn that at any point?

18 **Witness** : Not before the event.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : And is that unusual that, you know, what
20 actually happened on the ground is different than what you
21 were told and what the expectation would have been?

22 **Witness** : I'm sorry. Say that again.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : You know, is that unusual -- I guess the
24 question is you would expect, in your experience, have you
25 had other instances where you were told this is where state

1 and locals are going to be and then come to find out later
2 that that was not, in fact, the case?

3 [Witness] : I don't recall a specific instance.

4 [HSGAC Majority] : Thanks. And one separate question. I
5 want to talk specifically about the time period right
6 before the former President took the stage. So you were,
7 at that point, with President Trump backstage before he
8 went on to speak?

9 [Witness] : Yes.

10 [HSGAC Majority] : And at events like this, or protectee
11 events, is there any kind of, you know, standard, [LES]

12 [LES]

13 [LES]

14 [Witness] : [LES]

15 [LES]

16 [HSGAC Majority] : Okay. So you would expect, [LES]

17 [LES]

18 [LES]

19 [LES]

20 [Witness] : [LES]

21 [HSGAC Majority] : You rely on your colleagues in the
22 Secret Service to raise any issues if there were.

23 [Witness] : Correct. Correct.

24 [HSGAC Majority] : And we've talked about how, you know, at
25 the time or later, around 6:00, I give or take a couple of

1 minutes, we know now that both the protective intelligence
2 agents and the counter sniper response team were actively
3 engaged in looking for this suspicious individual and had
4 not made contact or, you know, interviewed him, detained
5 him. Is that something that you would expect any number of
6 agents with that knowledge to raise prior to a protectee
7 taking the stage?

8 **Witness** : I would've liked to have known all the
9 information before we took the stage.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. And with all the other agents
11 working the event, were they aware -- would they have known
12 that -- would they have received any notice prior to the
13 President taking the stage where, you know -- **LES**

14 **LES** so
15 that agents could raise something if they had a concern
16 that was outstanding?

17 **Witness** : **LES**

18 **LES**

19 **LES** So that does happen. It did
20 happen. I can't say for certain. It's just so automatic
21 that it's something that I'm just --

22 **HSGAC Majority** : **LES**

23 **LES**

24 **LES**

25 **Witness** : **LES**

1 LES

2 Now if they were scanning on their radio, LES

3 LES, they would've heard it. If they were not
4 scanning, then they wouldn't hear it.

5 HSGAC Majority: And is there a standard practice or
6 expectation that they should be scanning to follow those
7 movements?

8 Witness: They should be scanning -- we didn't
9 have Secret Service agents that day, though, so I can't
10 completely fault them. We had Homeland Security
11 Investigation agents, who are fine people, but they're not
12 Secret Service agents. And so that may not be something
13 they're totally familiar with.

14 HSGAC Majority: Okay. Got it. That's all that I have.
15 I'll turn it over to my colleagues. Thank you.

16 HSGAC Majority: Just a couple additional questions on
17 the day of the July 13th rally. One thing I wanted to
18 clarify is you initially, the day before, were briefed that
19 there would be a joint Security Room with all the key
20 players involved. Is that what you thought was happening
21 on July 13th?

22 Witness: Yes.

23 HSGAC Majority: So you did not know that there were
24 actually two Command Posts?

25 Witness: I was under the impression it was one

1 joint Security Room.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: And moving forward to when shots were
3 fired, I know you spoke about, in detail, your movements
4 and how you responded to protect the President. I want to
5 ask a couple of specific questions about protocol. When
6 you moved to cover the President to make sure he was
7 protected, what is the protocol to move the protectee off
8 the stage? Do you have to wait until you hear "shooter
9 down"? Do you hold for a specific period of time? Could
10 you walk us through the protocol?

11 **Witness**: Sure. I'm not sure there's a specific
12 set of rules. It's a very dynamic situation where multiple
13 rounds are being shot. You've got counter assault team
14 guys coming on the stage to set up a perimeter. For that
15 specific day, once we heard "shooter down" we felt pretty
16 good that it was an appropriate time to move.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: And in the event where you experience
18 something like this but do not have counter snipers and may
19 not hear "shooter down," would the protocol be -- maybe
20 it's not a protocol, as you mentioned; it's dynamic,
21 depending on the situation -- to hold with the CAT team,
22 creating that barrier?

23 **Witness**: The question is in a hypothetical
24 situation, if I didn't have counter sniper and the same
25 events unfolded, the same thing happened but we just don't

1 have counter snipers. Is that your question?

2 HSGAC Majority : Yes.

3 Witness : I don't know if any of us would be alive
4 if we didn't have counter sniper.

5 HSGAC Majority : And I guess one other question. So why
6 not move him off the stage immediately, considering he was
7 shot?

8 Witness : One, I didn't know he was shot. I
9 didn't know it was confirmed that he had been hit. I did
10 see blood but I didn't know how he was bleeding. And we're
11 behind cover. LES

12 LES agents on
13 top of him. Although we're exposed, we're still safe. So
14 it's instinct.

15 HSGAC Majority : Understood. So moving forward, why, as
16 you moved him off the stage, why -- I think there were a
17 couple of critiques of why waiting to let the President get
18 his shoes, and why it let him expose himself to raise his
19 fist.

20 Witness : I believe he left in his socks. We
21 moved him off the stage as fast as we could. To me it
22 seemed textbook, to be quite honest with you.

23 HSGAC Majority : So you have no -- I know this probably
24 all was a blur, but looking back there wasn't anything in
25 your view where you waited to let him get his shoes or

1 allow him to expose himself by, you know, raising his fist
2 up.

3 **Witness** : He didn't get his shoes. He left in his
4 socks. And we moved him off the stage, shielding him with
5 our entire bodies as we moved **LES** It was
6 pretty textbook.

7 **HSGAC Majority** : And I'd like to ask a couple follow-up
8 questions. The Independent Review Panel report noted that
9 it is **LES**

10 **LES**

11 **LES** The panel found that while the
12 process enhancement by the Trump detail, and this is their
13 words, quote, "appears to have been well intentioned and
14 sensible to improve the quality of site planning, it may
15 have inadvertently also contributed to the ambiguity
16 regarding overall site security ownership and leadership
17 responsibilities on the 13th."

18 Do you agree with this assessment?

19 **Witness** : I think the integration of our agents
20 has been extremely well received by the field offices, from
21 its inception up until recently, **LES**

22 **LES** We're being given agents from the current
23 President's detail for site advance work.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm sorry. Could you say that again?

25 **LES**

1 **Witness** : Not right now. Like I'm talking within
2 the last few days, **LES**

3 **LES**

4 **LES** We could still send one, but
5 honestly, the travel has been minimal since the election.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Another critique from the panel was that
7 multiple experienced senior personnel from local field
8 offices tasked with advance work, quote, "failed to
9 properly develop the Site Security Plan in a way that was
10 responsive to basic security planning principles." Do you
11 agree with this assessment, and if so, what needs to change
12 to ensure security planning is aligned with basic security
13 planning principles? Examples they included were, you
14 know, effective mitigation of high-angle line-of-sight
15 risks, effective flow of communication, integrating state
16 and local roles. Those are just a few examples.

17 **Witness** : I think how we've responded after this
18 event, it would have been helpful then, just, you know, the
19 full complement of assets.

20 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm sorry. Could you clarify that?
21 What do you mean?

22 **Witness** : Like the counter sniper, counter
23 assault, a larger counter assault team, all the advance
24 personnel that go with those assets. **LES**

25 **LES**

1 LES Those LES pieces,
2 you know, are there to help the site agent, as well, on
3 what they see from their training and experience on what
4 needs to be helped to secure that site. So having those
5 things, having those kinds of assets for our detail
6 would've been helpful prior to Butler.

7 HSGAC Majority : Would have a counter surveillance unit
8 have been helpful?

9 Witness : Yes.

10 HSGAC Majority : Do you know why one was not requested?
11 Did you recommend that one be requested?

12 Witness : We did not request one. That never came
13 in from the advance team. I don't know if we ever got a
14 Counter Surveillance Division team prior to Butler,
15 Pennsylvania. It was not a standard practice.

16 HSGAC Majority : But given the unique nature of this site
17 and the threat that had recently come in against President
18 Trump, should a counter surveillance unit have been
19 requested?

20 Witness : It would've been helpful. Mr. Trump had
21 a lot of outdoor rallies. I mean, just because we were
22 outside at Butler was not really unusual.

23 HSGAC Majority : Are there certain, whether it's
24 cultural, institutional norms or customs within the Secret
25 Service that, you know, should be reevaluated as it relates

1 to whether it's giving deference to inexperienced
2 protective detail agent or the campaign staff, who do not
3 specialize in security, or something else, based on your
4 decade-plus of experience with the agency?

5 **Witness**: I think if we, you know, we should
6 definitely look at what's happening with a protectee that
7 might be running for office versus, you know, a traditional
8 former President who may not be holding the types of events
9 that Mr. Trump was holding. They're very different, in my
10 experience. So maybe some kind of evaluation on what could
11 be provided to those situations. Granted, this is the
12 first of its kind, so --

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you contribute to the final Site
14 Survey after the event?

15 **Witness**: No.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Was there a final Site Survey, to your
17 knowledge?

18 **Witness**: It's standard practice to submit a final
19 survey. There should've been.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: I don't believe we've received a copy of
21 the final Site Survey, so I'll just add that to our request
22 list.

23 To your knowledge, have any Secret Service personnel
24 involved in the July 13th event been removed from duty,
25 reassigned, place on leave, or terminated?

1 **Witness** : On DTD?

2 **HSGAC Majority** : Or anyone in a field office, anyone to
3 your knowledge, whether it's within the detail or within a
4 field office.

5 **Witness** : I know Agent **PII** has been put on, I
6 don't know what the exact classification of it is, but she
7 does not operate at work anymore.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you received any disciplinary
9 actions or administrative leave from Secret Service after
10 the event?

11 **Witness** : No.

12 **HSGAC Majority** : What happened at the July 13th rally was
13 a near miss or what Secret Service refers to as an unusual
14 protective event or incident. Are you aware, have you been
15 involved in any event like this in the past, or are you
16 aware of any events like this in the past?

17 **Witness** : No. I mean, 43 years ago was the last
18 time something basically like this happened.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : To your knowledge, did anyone complete
20 **LES** which is the **LES**
21 **LES** after this event?

22 **Witness** : I believe one was completed.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : And I also don't believe we have
24 received a copy of this. I would ask for that, as well.
25 To your knowledge, were there any Secret Service

1 protocols or policies that day that were deviated from or
2 not followed on July 13th?

3 **Witness** : Not that I'm aware of.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Is setting up two command posts contrary
5 to Secret Service protocol?

6 **Witness** : I've come to learn that it is not
7 unusual.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : The former and acting Director of the
9 Secret Service have both testified before Congress that
10 operational failures occurred that day. Do you agree that
11 there were operational failures, and if so, please opine.

12 **Witness** : I believe communication was the biggest
13 learning point from this day. I think if we had the
14 communications with the appropriate people, information
15 flow, I think this gets avoided.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : To your point on communications, the SAC
17 of the Buffalo Field Office, who ran the Security Room on
18 July 13th, suggested that a second supervisor who had done
19 the walk-through run the security post in the Security
20 Room. Do you agree with that suggestion?

21 **Witness** : Absolutely not. I'm sorry. Basically
22 he wanted me to run the radios?

23 **HSGAC Majority** : I'm not saying you specifically. Moreso
24 a recommendation forward looking and how to improve
25 communications. I'm curious whether you --

1 **Witness** : I guess just be careful. Second
2 supervisors would not perform that function. So if he
3 wants a suggestion is to have additional people in the
4 security room --

5 **HSGAC Majority** : It should be someone else. It is not
6 within the role of the second supervisor, is what I'm
7 hearing you say. Is that correct?

8 **Witness** : That's correct. **LES**

9 **HSGAC Majority** : And last question before I turn it over
10 to my colleague. What changes, to your knowledge, has
11 Secret Service, including the Donald Trump Detail,
12 implemented since July 13th?

13 **Witness** : Say it again.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : What changes or reforms has Secret
15 Service, including the Donald Trump Detail, implemented
16 since July 13th?

17 **Witness** : Well, they've increased our -- we
18 basically have a similar style posture to the sitting
19 President, which is, you know, **LES**

20 **LES** Some of the larger --
21 when it was possible they would send a **LES**
22 agent to conduct the lead, instead of just the field
23 office. I'm not saying that, you know, Agent **PII** was from
24 a big detail so she had big detail time as far as doing
25 advance work, but a change that happened after that was

1 agents that were on the sitting President's detail
2 supplemented our trips, and when they could, they would run
3 those trips if manpower allowed. So that was a positive
4 change, I thought.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: Just a few questions and I'll turn it over
6 to our colleagues. Who has the authority to remove a
7 protectee from the stage?

8 **Witness**: It's the Secret Service.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Who, within the Secret Service, physically
10 in proximity to any protectee, is only going to be the
11 detail. Correct?

12 **Witness**: Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: So wouldn't it be only the detail that has
14 the actual capability to remove a protectee?

15 **Witness**: From the stage, yes.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: So is there any communication prior to an
17 event about responsibilities with respect to flow of
18 information to details that is unique to information that
19 needs to go to a detail?

20 **Witness**: I'm not sure I follow.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: You indicated in response to questions from
22 my colleague, in at least three different instances, that
23 there was information you would've liked to have known
24 about in this event -- **LES**, the individual with the
25 rangefinder, the individual lurking around.

1 **Witness** : Okay.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Among all of these pieces of information,
3 why would that have been relevant for you, as someone with
4 direct proximity to the President, to have?

5 **Witness** : Because in those instances that
6 happened, that information is critical to, one, maybe we
7 hold at the airport until this person is found. It just
8 gives us opportunities to make better decisions. That
9 information flow, you know, ideally would've went either to
10 the lead agent or to the field office supervisor, you know,
11 to me in some form, whether it was through the lead or
12 whether it was through SAC **PII**. It could've happened in
13 any one of those information flows.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: So our Interim Report identified as one of
15 the major failures, communications breakdowns themselves.
16 And among the changes you identified as having happened
17 since this event, I've not heard anything specific to
18 communications. So have there been any changes, or in your
19 opinion, should there be any changes specific to
20 communications that are relayed to individuals in direct
21 proximity to a protectee?

22 **Witness** : I change on how I receive the
23 information. I mean, I think the plan is there. It just
24 wasn't executed on the 13th.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: You stated earlier that on the 13th the

1 former President arrived in [REDACTED], and that, in
2 your view, was a good thing. Is that accurate?

3 [REDACTED] Witness : Yes.

4 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority : And why is that good, in your view?

5 [REDACTED] Witness : Because it covers where the protectee is
6 exactly at.

7 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority : And is it accurate to say that that's
8 preferable, specifically for an outdoor event, because the
9 more coverage you have, the more he is blocked from public
10 view until he is ready to be in public view, the safer it
11 is.

12 [REDACTED] Witness : It's not specific to an outdoor. I've
13 worked plenty of indoor rallies where the [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. That's not uncommon. [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

16 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority : Let me ask you a different question then.
17 Is an outdoor venue, in your view, as opposed to an indoor
18 venue, something that presents specific and, to some
19 degree, greater risks than an indoor event?

20 [REDACTED] Witness : Indoor events, in my opinion, are
21 preferred. They are easier to secure. There is less --
22 what's the word I'm looking for? -- there's less things we
23 have to consider on mitigation, or they're defined by the
24 interior of the building.

25 [REDACTED] HSGAC Majority : Is one of the risks of an outdoor event

1 related to the ability, depending on line-of-sight
2 concerns, or rather than ability, I should say, the threat
3 of some firearm-related risk, unique to an indoor event,
4 where there is greater certainty that all attendees will
5 pass through a magnetometer?

6 **Witness**: I think that's true. There is a greater
7 certainty that all the attendees will pass through, for an
8 indoor venue, whereas an outdoor venue, long-range threats
9 **LES** you know. There could be long-range
10 threats at an outdoor rally that are outside of any
11 perimeter.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And in your experience, and since you began
13 up until today, has the risks of firearms and high-capacity
14 magazines and firearms capable of longer range threats, has
15 that risk increased for outdoor protectee events?

16 **Witness**: Rephrase the question, please.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: In the time in which you've been an agent,
18 is it in your view a greater threat with respect to long-
19 range capabilities of certain weapons than when you began?

20 **Witness**: I don't think so.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Why is that?

22 **Witness**: From my training and experience, from
23 when I came onto the job, there's always been weapons
24 capable of shooting at a long range.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: You mentioned an assassination attempt

1 hasn't happened in 43 years. In your time on the job, have
2 you personally been involved in any event in which a
3 firearm has been discharged?

4 [Witness] : No.

5 [HSGAC Majority] : I'm going to turn it over to our
6 colleagues.

7 [HSGAC Minority] : [HSGAC Minority] with Senator Paul's
8 office. I've got a few more questions for you. One is do
9 you know of any requests made by the Donald Trump Detail
10 for [LES]

11 [LES] that was ever denied? I know you use it now, but
12 was there ever a time that you remember you requested it
13 and it was denied?

14 [Witness] : I don't recall.

15 [HSGAC Minority] : I think you mentioned it a little bit,
16 but are you satisfied with the changes implemented since
17 July 13th? And the reason I ask you, you know,
18 unfortunately experience is the greatest teacher in
19 security, and you have a lot of it. And it appears you
20 have a lot more left in you. So that's the question I
21 wanted to really put forward. Are these the changes that
22 you believe needed to happen, and what other -- I want to
23 reiterate -- changes do you feel need to be implemented so
24 we don't repeat July 13th of 2024?

25 [Witness] : Okay. I do like the changes that

1 happened afterwards. I think they were beneficial. I
2 think there should be, you know -- I don't know what
3 exactly it looks like, but some kind of assessment of just
4 because they're a former President doesn't exclude why they
5 should or should not get something. That should not be a
6 factor. It should be based on other things. Their status
7 as a former President should not have any bearing on if we
8 get campaign glass or don't get campaign glass, or things
9 that are normally associated with a sitting President.

10 **HSGAC Minority**: In our testimonies, and we've heard
11 from **C/S Team Lead**, he had information at
12 1745 hours of the issue that was going on in the three
13 o'clock. Did he have a means of communication to you or
14 the other people on the shift? Could he contact you by
15 radio or any other means to let you know that?

16 **Witness**: If I was at the site, my radio was
17 operational. I'm not sure. Were we at the site yet when
18 he would be contacting me?

19 **HSGAC Minority**: 1745 you said you were on-site. You
20 said you arrived **LES**

21 **Witness**: Okay. Then yes, he would've had the
22 means.

23 **HSGAC Minority**: And I'm just going to ask you this
24 again. That is information you think should've been shared
25 with you.

1 **Witness** : Absolutely.

2 **HSGAC Minority** : Because you made the statement, the
3 best counter sniper in the world was there, the counter
4 sniper team.

5 **Witness** : Yeah, their team.

6 **HSGAC Minority** : But that best counter sniper team in
7 the world didn't ensure that the AGR roof was covered. But
8 let me finish. Site advance, Donald Trump Detail advance,
9 counter sniper advance, and lead advance. My question to
10 you is, is that the responsibility of each of those
11 individuals to ensure that that line-of-sight or
12 vulnerability threat was mitigated, because it takes a
13 team.

14 **Witness** : You know, the way it was briefed to me
15 it was mitigated. The execution of that did not work.

16 **HSGAC Minority** : I think that you're explaining what I
17 think we've heard from a lot of people. The process was in
18 place but people failed. Because you're in a position to
19 where you're relying totally upon the advance team for
20 their diligence to provide that layered protection for when
21 you arrive. Because you mentioned that **PII**,
22 you told them to pay attention to line-of-sight issues due
23 to the long-range threat that was brought to your
24 attention. Should this have raised their security posture
25 and attention to detail to a higher degree?

1 **Witness** : I think so. I think it's part of the
2 reason why I shared it.

3 **HSGAC Minority** : So you're probably familiar with the
4 Cooper's Code of Mindset Readiness, the Color Code,
5 Cooper's Mindset Readiness Color Code. Does security
6 posture change from time to time, and does that mindset
7 change based on intel or information that's being passed on
8 to you?

9 **Witness** : Certainly our readiness changes when
10 certain information is passed to us, or not passed to us.

11 **HSGAC Minority** : And the last question I have. I guess
12 this is the downfall of being considered an Agent in Charge
13 in a supervisory role. I'm going to ask you this. Knowing
14 what you know now, and knowing that the roof of the AGR
15 specifically was compromised by Thomas Crooks, and
16 ultimately exploited by him, who -- and I'll just make it
17 easier for you so you don't have to -- what role is
18 responsible to ensure that that does not happen?

19 **Witness** : I believe candid and detailed
20 conversations have to happen during the advance on these
21 types of problems that were identified, because they were,
22 because I was briefed on how they were mitigated. It's
23 communication. It's liaising with your local
24 counterparts. It's walking the site. It's being at the
25 site.

1 **HSGAC Minority** : But what role, whether it's the site
2 lead, who is responsible to ensure that that actually
3 happens? It's great to have a plan, but someone has to
4 ensure that that plan is enacted. What role -- because
5 you've done it --

6 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

7 **HSGAC Minority** : -- who is responsible for that, to
8 ensure that it is taken care of?

9 **Witness** : So ultimately the site agent is
10 responsible for their site, and how they brief me, they
11 need to make sure it's implemented that way. Now there are
12 things we can do to make sure that happens. If I'm made
13 aware of it, I can help do that. But if I'm in the blind,
14 or if any other agents there don't know about it, then we
15 can't help get them to how we know they thought things were
16 going to be. If something's off, they need to raise that
17 issue.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : And I'll finish with that because
19 that's the last thing I wrote -- intelligence is only good
20 if disseminated properly for action. Would you agree with
21 that assessment?

22 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

23 **HSGAC Minority** : Thank you for your time.

24 **PSI Minority** : **PSI Minority** . Did Thomas Crooks attempt
25 to enter the Butler rally?

1 **Witness** : I was never briefed on that.

2 **PSI Minority** : What time did local law enforcement in
3 the AGR building spot an individual with a rangefinder?

4 **Witness** : Like I said, I was never given that
5 information. I don't know.

6 **PSI Minority** : We understand, through text messages,
7 that local law enforcement communicated with each other
8 that at about 5:16 p.m. Thomas Crooks was spotted with a
9 rangefinder, so nearly an hour before shots were fired. Do
10 you know how Thomas Crooks arrived in Butler, Pennsylvania?

11 **Witness** : No. No. I wasn't briefed on Thomas
12 Crooks at all until, you know, there's the media. But I
13 don't know.

14 **PSI Minority** : What do you know about Thomas Crooks?

15 **Witness** : White male, from the area.

16 **PSI Minority** : Were you briefed about where Thomas
17 Crooks' vehicle was ultimately parked, and that there was
18 IEDs in the trunk of the vehicle?

19 **Witness** : I don't recall a specific briefing, but
20 I had heard that information, you know, sometime after the
21 events, between then and now.

22 **PSI Minority** : What information specifically?

23 **Witness** : I recall somebody, I don't know who,
24 said he had like a clicker device on him. And I think just
25 from, you know, news outlets, that there were things in his

1 vehicle consistent with what you described.

2 **PSI Minority** : So Thomas Crooks ultimately parked his
3 Hyundai Elantra right outside the AGR building. Is that
4 news to you?

5 **Witness** : News to me.

6 **PSI Minority** : He couldn't park any closer. He was
7 right across from the driveway into the AGR building.

8 Did Thomas Crooks act alone?

9 **Witness** : I don't know.

10 **PSI Minority** : We understand Secret Service radio
11 communications were not recorded on July 13th. Is that
12 correct?

13 **Witness** : I've come to learn that.

14 **PSI Minority** : Are they recorded now?

15 **Witness** : Yes. It's my understanding they are.

16 **PSI Minority** : How does that work?

17 **Witness** : You'd have to ask the CIO. I'm not much
18 for that.

19 **PSI Minority** : You mentioned earlier that there was
20 going to be local uniformed presence at or around the AGR
21 building. Do you know what specific local law enforcement
22 was supposed to be there?

23 **Witness** : No.

24 **PSI Minority** : Do you know if Pennsylvania State Police
25 were supposed to cover the AGR grounds?

1 **Witness** : I do not.

2 **PSI Minority** : Did you know that Pennsylvania State
3 Police had undercover vice unit officers at the Sheetz and
4 were deployed around 5:49 p.m. to go locate Thomas Crooks?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **PSI Minority** : Do you know if any Secret Service
7 personnel ended up on the AGR grounds before shots were
8 fired?

9 **Witness** : Say that again.

10 **PSI Minority** : Do you know of any Secret Service
11 personnel that was at the AGR grounds, seeking to find
12 Thomas Crooks, before shots were fired?

13 **Witness** : No.

14 **PSI Minority** : Do you know that a local law enforcement
15 officer, **Butler ESU**, took a shot at Crooks on top of
16 the AGR building that day?

17 **Witness** : I've heard it after.

18 **PSI Minority** : What did you hear?

19 **Witness** : I heard -- I didn't know his name --
20 that the local counter sniper team had shot. This is
21 obviously during the unfolding, after we **LES** the stage,
22 is my understanding, and that his round struck the weapon.
23 That's what I heard.

24 **PSI Minority** : Were you interviewed by the Pennsylvania
25 State Police and the FBI?

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **PSI Minority** : When did that occur?

3 **Witness** : I don't know the exact date.

4 **PSI Minority** : We can check the date and get back to
5 you.

6 **PSI Minority** : Was that interview recorded?

7 **Witness** : I believe it was.

8 **PSI Minority** : Is there anything that we haven't asked
9 that you'd like to tell us?

10 **Witness** : No.

11 **PSI Minority** : Thank you.

12 **Witness** : Thank you very much for your time today.

13 This is going to conclude our interview. As I mentioned at
14 the beginning, while we've tried to be comprehensive, we
15 reserve the right, should we need to, to revisit any
16 questions, and we would ask that you not relay any
17 information we discussed today.

18 Before we conclude the interview, and I'll follow up
19 with the Secret Service, but in today's interview a number
20 of documents that I believe are responsive to our original
21 July requests for documents and information, which is not
22 specific to individual interviewees, I believe a number of
23 documents that are responsive to that request exist within
24 the custody and control of the Secret Service but have not
25 been provided to the Committee. I'd ask that you follow up

1 and ensure that those documents have been received. You
2 should have a notation of all of those. That includes,
3 without limitation, the PowerPoint training by the DTD, the
4 text messages that were discussed today, **Witness**
5 cellphone log, the final Site Survey, the Unusual
6 Protective Event document, and if there are others I'd ask
7 you to follow up with us and get back to us.

8 Of note, I do want to make reference to one document
9 that has been produced to us, that I believe is not
10 exclusive to other relevant information. We received, as a
11 part of the ongoing productions, document with the Bates
12 Number 012892. And as our colleagues relayed during the
13 interview, this document is an email, and the subject title
14 of the email is "The Arrest Was Made," and the email date
15 is July 12, 2024, the day before the rally.

16 Based on information we have, including subsequent
17 requests from this Committee to the Department of Homeland
18 Security, this does not appear like it would be the only
19 document related to the arrest being referenced here. So
20 we'd ask that Secret Service and Department of Homeland
21 Security review records within their custody and control
22 and ensure that we receive all responsive documents and
23 information, and would thank you for your additional
24 efforts there. And **Witness**, thank you, as well, for
25 your time today and your counsel's time.

1 Thank you, and that concludes this interview.

2 [Whereas, at 5:02 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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