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P R O C E E D I N G S

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

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

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

We will provide introductions and then explain how today's proceedings will go. So could you please state your name and your current position.

Witness Good afternoon. My name is Witness, and I'm with the United States Secret Service, part of the Uniformed Division Counter Sniper Team.

1 HSGAC Majority: Thank you. And I'd ask now that your
2 counsel introduce themselves.

3 MR. Witness Counsel Good afternoon, everyone. Witness Counsel
4 Witness Counsel on behalf of Officer Technician Witness . And
5 with me are personnel from my office. To your left and to
6 the back, Witness Counsel He is an investigator with my
7 firm, and then to his left is Witness Counsel a legal
8 assistant with my firm, as well. Thank you.

9 MR. Agency Counsel Agency Counsel Deputy Chief Counsel,
10 United States Secret Service.

11 MS. Agency Counsel Agency Counsel , Oversight Counsel,
12 DHS Office of General Counsel.

13 HSGAC Majority: Thank you. As I mentioned, there will be
14 four offices conducting this interview today, and we will
15 introduce ourselves now so that you know who the
16 individuals are.

17 My name again, HSGAC Majority. I am the Chief Counsel and
18 Chief Investigative Counsel for Chairman Gary Peters, the
19 majority staff of the Senate Homeland Security and
20 Governmental Affairs Committee. I am joined today by my
21 colleagues, HSGAC Majority , Senior Investigator for the
22 majority on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental
23 Affairs Committee; and HSGAC Majority , Deputy Chief
24 Counsel for the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental
25 Affairs Committee.

1 HSGAC Minority: Hello. Thank you for coming in. My
2 name is HSGAC Minority. I am Chief Counsel for Ranking
3 Member Paul for HSGAC minority, and I'm joined by my
4 colleagues, HSGAC Minority, our Chief of Staff, and
5 HSGAC Minority.

6 PSI Majority: Good afternoon. I'm PSI Majority.
7 I'm Counsel for Chairman Blumenthal of the Permanent
8 Subcommittee on Investigations.

9 PSI Minority: Good afternoon, sir. name is
10 PSI Minority. I am the Deputy Staff Director for Ranking
11 Member Ron Johnson on the Permanent Subcommittee on
12 Investigations. I am joined today with my colleague,
13 PSI Minority Chief Counsel.

14 HSGAC Majority: During today's interview we will do our
15 best to limit the number of people who are asking questions
16 in a given hour, so that you are only having to address
17 yourself to one person at a time. That said, from time to
18 time individuals may have follow-up and may ask questions.
19 We will do our best to ensure that there is only one person
20 talking at a time, so we have a clear record.

21 The reporter is going to create a verbatim record for
22 what we discuss today, and with that in mind, as I'm sure
23 you're familiar, please respond verbally because the
24 reporter will not be able to record nonverbal responses.
25 Do you understand?

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: This interview is unclassified. So if the
3 questions call for any information that you know to
4 implicate classified information please state for the
5 record that the question has implicated classified
6 information. Once you have clarified, to the extent
7 possible, please respond with as much publicly available
8 unclassified information as you are able to do so, to be
9 responsive to the question. Should the need arise, we have
10 the ability to participate in a classified setting and to
11 make accommodations to do so, and we will do so if
12 necessary here. Do you understand?

13 **Witness** Yes.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: It is the Committee's practice to honor
15 valid common law privileges and claims and to accommodate
16 to witness and his counsel when those claims are made in
17 good faith and are accompanied by a sufficiently detailed
18 explanation so that the Committee can evaluate the claim.
19 And when deciding whether to honor the privilege, the
20 Committee will weigh its need for this information against
21 a legitimate basis for withholding it.

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

1 If you need to take a break we will be happy to do
2 so. Our plan is to try and break on the hour -- sorry --
3 to try and break every hour, so that you have an
4 opportunity to use the restroom and to get a drink if you
5 need be. But if you have questions or if you need a break
6 please let us know, and we'll be happy to accommodate.

7 If you have any questions about what we are asking, if
8 we ask a compound question, if it is not understandable,
9 please just let us know you need us to clarify and we'll be
10 happy to do so. We'll try and ask a question in a more
11 detailed way.

12 You are required to answer questions before Congress
13 truthfully. Do you understand?

14 **Witness** Yes.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: This also applies to questions posed by
16 congressional staff in this interview today. Specifically,
17 18 USC 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false,
18 fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations in
19 the course of a congressional investigation, and this
20 statute applies to your statements here today. Do you
21 understand?

22 **Witness** Yes.

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

1 investigation. And so we would ask that you not remove
2 or make any copies of the photographs or exhibits that you
3 will be shown today. Do you understand?

4 **Witness** Yes.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: We will provide your counsel with a copy of
6 the transcript of this interview and an errata sheet to
7 ensure that we have an accurate record today.

8 Before we begin, do you have any questions about what
9 I've relayed?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: So at this time, we would like to invite
12 you or your counsel, or both, to provide any opening
13 statements or information you would like to provide, based
14 on the topics we've said we want to discuss today.

15 MR. **Witness Counsel** Thank you, **HSGAC Majority**. Again, for the
16 record, **Witness Counsel** I would like to say we are
17 honored to here today to assist this Committee effort
18 moving forward, and we will, and my client will, fulfill
19 his obligations to share with you the information within
20 his purview, that is certainly truthful, and I hope will be
21 an aid to you.

22 But I'd like to stress that my client was a member of
23 the Hercules 2 team on-site, and I am aware you have
24 information, and now I wanted to narrow that down for you
25 so you understand his role, in somewhat of narrow terms, on

1 the day of the event.

2 And what I'd like to do is I'd like to have Office
3 Technician **Witness** start to give you an overview. I
4 thought the logical place to start would be he'll tell you
5 when he got notified of this detail, traveled to PA, what
6 took place in Butler, et cetera. That way I think it I
7 might be more efficient for some of the questions that I'm
8 sure you already have written out that you may not need to
9 ask. And so we'd like to take it in that fashion, and
10 we're certainly prepared to answer the follow-up questions
11 and the bull questions, if you will -- pardon that word --
12 but the direct questions, if you will, that need to be
13 answered. So with that I turn it over to Officer
14 Technician **Witness**.

15 **Witness** Good afternoon again, everybody. I
16 first found out that I was going to be assigned to the
17 Donald Trump detail on the 11th, when I received a welcome
18 email from the Counter Sniper Advance Team leader. Our
19 instructions were to travel up on the 12th. We drove up
20 and then met and had like a quick overview of our logistics
21 and our plan for the next day, for work on the 13th.

22 On the 13th, we had an 11 a.m. start. We went to grab
23 breakfast, and got some food for the day. We drove to the
24 site, and we conducted what we call a walkthrough, where we
25 walk in the footsteps of the protectee out to the stage,

1 and we review the site in general. The team leader
2 pointed out the locations for local assets, and he pointed
3 out our locations for our postings. As [REDACTED] had pointed
4 out, I was a member of Hercules 2, and he also pointed out
5 where Hercules 1 was going to be posted. When we finished
6 up with our walkthrough we responded back to our vehicles.
7 We got our equipment and our weapons ready, and then we
8 made our way to our posting.

9 When I was up on post with my partner, we noted
10 several trees, several wood lines that blocked the three to
11 four o'clock view of the AGR building, and we observed the
12 crowd and the surrounding area. We received a BOLO, which
13 is a "be on the lookout," and in that BOLO there were two
14 photographs of an individual. I cannot recall who was the
15 original sender of the email, but the team leader had
16 forwarded it to all teams, all Hercules teams.

17 The BOLO was worded vaguely, saying that original
18 person who saw him had lost him, and mentioned that he had
19 a rangefinder. My partner and I continued to search and
20 observe the site. After we were searching for several
21 minutes I saw two white vehicles pull into the AGR parking
22 lot, but they were obscured by that tree line that I
23 previously mentioned. And from those two vehicles I saw
24 one individual emerge from the tree line, identified him as
25 a police officer, and I couldn't tell why he was moving

1 urgently, but I went over the radio with the following
2 transmission: "Security Room from Hercules, locals are
3 working something at the three o'clock, approximately 200
4 yards out."

5 We continued to observe. We were trying to pick up on
6 what the locals were actually working, but we couldn't
7 figure out. And I'd like to say that the Security Room
8 repeated my message back to me, saying that they had
9 copied. And that's when I heard the first thud and a whip-
10 like crack, and I immediately went to my radio to say,
11 "Hercules, shots fired." And I put that radio transmission
12 over, not knowing who was shooting or what direction they
13 were shooting in. But I knew I needed to trigger the
14 emergency action of the shift on the ground around the
15 protectee.

16 I heard more cracks. I thought that my partner was
17 hit, due to the proximity of these whip-like cracks and the
18 impact report. Due to my position that I took on the roof,
19 my radio antenna was pointed more towards the ground, and
20 the way that our radios really work is when they're
21 vertical the radio transmission is spread horizontally, but
22 when I am angled towards the ground my radio transmission
23 goes towards the ground, but that also works on the
24 receiving end. So radio transmissions are -- they can
25 become spotty based on your orientation with the radio.

1 But the next transmission that I heard was that a
2 local was moving up to the AGR rooftop, and I went over the
3 radio to say, "Send them up," because I did not know who
4 had put that radio transmission over. And as I was
5 observing, trying to spot this local on the roof, he all of
6 a sudden emerged from the trees that were obstructing our
7 view, and we followed him. We were worried about a
8 potential blue-on-blue incident, because we knew that
9 locals were in that area.

10 From that point, the motorcade and the protectee had
11 begun packing up and leaving the site for the hospital, and
12 that's when it was determined that my partner and I would
13 split off to go to the hospital, and when I first noticed
14 that I did not have cell service. I tried to pull up the
15 address for the hospital through my email, but I couldn't
16 load any emails.

17 And then my partner and I made our way over to the
18 hospital by driving outside of the site and ping-ponging off of
19 a different cell tower. As we were leaving, my partner's
20 cellphone was able to pick up cell service and he was able
21 to navigate to the hospital, and I followed behind him.

22 When we made it to the hospital, we began setting up a
23 new position to cover the protectee. And while we were at
24 the hospital, we took a position on the rooftop, and my
25 partner and I discussed the proximity of the rounds that

1 were being fired at the site. And I asked my partner how
2 close he thought the rounds were to our left, and he looked
3 at me and said, "I heard them on my right." And they were
4 approximately six feet between him and I when we were on
5 the rooftop at the main site.

6 From there, the LES [REDACTED] and
7 LES [REDACTED], and we were able to make it over
8 to the airport to cover the protectee's return to, I think
9 it was Bedminster, but his flight out.

10 MR. Agency Counsel [REDACTED] Agency Counsel Deputy Chief Counsel.
11 Just for the record, the Secret Service and Department of
12 Homeland Security have made available to the Committee,
13 consistent with requests from the Chairman, information
14 records that would not be publicly released. This includes
15 information and records are covered under the Privacy Act,
16 personnel, and other personal privacy information, for
17 official use only, intelligence and law enforcement
18 sensitive records.

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

23 The Secret Service and the Department are not waiving
24 any protections, and for the purposes of administrative
25 efficiency and to promote constructive dialogue during this

1 interview, are making this assertion at the outset to
2 preserve all assertions and protection from the public
3 release or disclosure of information or records used or
4 discussed during this transcribed interview.

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

10 The Secret Service and the Department have not
11 consented to, and were assured that there would not be any
12 audio or video recordings of this interview.

13 The agencies understand the interview will be
14 transcribed by a court reporter.

15 Thank you very much.

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** **HSGAC Majority**, if I may be heard? On that
17 topic, I just want the record to reflect that in the
18 preliminary remarks you gave you indicated our appearance
19 here today was voluntary. While I said we're honored to be
20 here and assist, I do want the record to be clear that at
21 my insistence and request the Service issued an order
22 compelling my client to be here today, and that is an
23 essential component of what I do. It is in no way a
24 reflection on his unwillingness to participate and
25 cooperate with the Committee. But I want the record to be

1 clear that he is compelled to be here by the Service, but
2 that does not in any way alter the answers you will
3 receive.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you both. With respect to the
5 recordings, my understanding is that the only recording
6 will be of the transcribed interview itself. I'll just ask
7 each of our offices here to confirm there are no other
8 recordings.

9 They have done so.

10 With respect to any markings or anything the
11 Department of counsel may determine requires any notation,
12 be it law enforcement-sensitive or otherwise, we would
13 invite you to make any markings you deem appropriate or to
14 do so with respect to any testimony. We will take that
15 into consideration as we assess the information we receive
16 and as we make decisions on anything the Committee will do
17 with the information it learns today in the course of its
18 investigation.

19 The Committee will be bound, however, only by Senate
20 rules and Committee rules, and we will abide by those
21 Senate and Committee rules in the furtherance of any
22 investigative effort we do. That includes any public-
23 facing information.

24 The Committee is going to work towards a public
25 report. That public report will likely draw on information

1 we learn today in this interview. However, it is a
2 practice of this Committee, and one we intend to honor
3 here, that in advance of making any public report, if we
4 rely on any non-public information in that report,
5 including information we learned today, in advance of
6 making that information public we will first provide
7 excerpts of any information we intend to rely on, and
8 provide counsel an opportunity to make any factual
9 corrections.

10 MR. **Witness Counsel** **HSGAC Majority**, with respect to the
11 recordings, I want to clarify, for my own understanding,
12 the recordings to which you refer, are those the
13 inspections and integrity recordings?

14 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm not sure I understand. All that I was
15 referring to was there is a recorder here. The sole
16 purpose for the use of that recorder is for the court
17 reporter to make a transcript today.

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** I misunderstood. I thought you were
19 going to refer to a previous recording. I wanted to nail
20 down what that was. Okay.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: That is it?

22 MR. **Witness Counsel** That's it. Thank you.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Sir, my name is **HSGAC Majority**. I'm a
25 Senior Investigator for Senator Peters here on the

1 Committee. Thank you for being here. Do you go by
2 Officer **Witness**? Is that how you're referred to?

3 **Witness** Yes, that's fine. You can also call me
4 **Witness**.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. I appreciate it. As your
6 attorney mentioned, the opening statement you gave -- your
7 opening statement covered a lot of questions we want to
8 ask, so we appreciate that. And forgive me. I might go
9 over some things you already said, because as your attorney
10 mentioned, we had all those questions prepared. So we
11 really appreciate that.

12 Can you tell me how long you've been with the Secret
13 Service?

14 **Witness** I was first hired by the Secret Service
15 back in 2009, so 15 years.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: And how long have you been with the
17 counter snipers in the Secret Service?

18 **Witness** I've been with the Counter Sniper Team
19 since 2017, so 7 years.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And what accounted for the years
21 before you were with the counter snipers?

22 **Witness** I was a firearms instructor and I also
23 worked at various branches, to include the Vice President's
24 residence and also the White House branch.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Did you have counter sniper

1 experience, or sniper experience, before the Secret
2 Service?

3 **Witness** I did not.

4 **HSGAC Majority:** Can you walk us through your chain of
5 command? So who do you report to? Who reports to you at
6 these events?

7 **Witness** My chain of command would be the
8 supervisor who is there. We tend to put a supervisor on
9 every trip that we have. But also the team leader who
10 conducts the advance work would also fit into that chain of
11 command. So typically information would go to him, the
12 team leader, and that would be relayed to the supervisor
13 who is on the trip, who then could relay back to D.C. or
14 wherever if there was an additional supervisor on a detail.

15 **HSGAC Majority:** And do you have regular team members or
16 partners, or does it change depending on the visit or the
17 event?

18 **Witness** It changes almost daily.

19 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. And you mentioned your partner in
20 your opening statement. Who was your partner that day, at
21 the event, at this rally?

22 **Witness** My partner's name was **Hercules 2**.

23 **HSGAC Majority:** **Hercules 2**?

24 **Witness** Yep, **Hercules 2**.

25 **HSGAC Majority:** And how do you spell the last name?

1 **Witness** **Hercules 2** .

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. Can you give us a sense of
3 your work schedule? So how do the shifts work? Are they
4 regular? Do you have regular days off?

5 **Witness** We have set days off, but whether or
6 not you get those days off is up to the operational tempo.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: And how much travel do you do for your
8 job?

9 **Witness** I'd probably say about 75 percent.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you work nights often?

11 **Witness** About 50-50.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And again, is that regular? Do you know
13 in advance when you'll be working nights?

14 **Witness** Sometimes.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: What was your schedule and travel like
16 in the week leading up to July 13th, the Butler rally?

17 **Witness** I can't recall.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you remember where you were in the
19 week before the rally?

20 **Witness** I can't recall.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Have staffing or resources been a
22 challenge for the Secret Service counter snipers in any
23 way?

24 **Witness** I'm sorry. Could you say that again?

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Have the counter snipers at Secret

1 Service dealt with any challenges related to staffing or
2 resources in staffing these events?

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** If I could, and I alluded to this in my
4 opening remarks, my client has a very narrow role. He's
5 given a specific set of tasks related to the counter sniper
6 function. I have to question the fairness of the question
7 because we are not here to offer a critique of the Service,
8 its funding, its mission, its allocation of resources, et
9 cetera. I don't know that that's a fair question. It
10 would be a fair question to ask how many counter snipers
11 there were. I mean, we know there's Hercules 1 and 2. But
12 I just don't think that's a very fair question to ask
13 Officer **Witness**. It's out of his purview.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: We'll try and ask more specific, both
15 respect to your question and to restate ours. With respect
16 to your own involvement as a counter sniper, have you
17 experienced any resource strains?

18 **Witness** I don't think so.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: I appreciate it. Officer **Witness**, can
20 you walk us through the difference between the terms
21 "sniper" and "counter sniper"? I guess the first question
22 is you are a counter sniper, not a sniper. Is that right?

23 **Witness** Correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. And you were a counter sniper at
25 the rally in Butler.

1 **Witness** Correct.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Can you walk us through your
3 understanding of what the difference is between those
4 terms?

5 **Witness** So counter sniper is instructed
6 professionally on how to spot snipers, so how to identify
7 snipers and identify areas where a sniper might set up a
8 position.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Are there any Secret Service snipers, or
10 are they all counter snipers within the Secret Service?

11 **Witness** All counter snipers.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Is there ever any use for a law
13 enforcement sniper at an outdoor event, or are they all, as
14 far as you know, considered counter snipers?

15 **Witness** We're all counter snipers.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: You're not aware of any local law
17 enforcement acting as snipers?

18 [Pause.]

19 **Witness** So there exists a nuance with the
20 counter sniper versus sniper role, and local jurisdictions
21 might call their counters snipers, snipers, just for ease
22 of -- or they might just call them that. That might just
23 be their name. But they are operating in a counter sniper
24 role.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And I might use the same

1 two terms interchangeably to refer to counter snipers,
2 but let me know that a distinction needs to be made in your
3 mind, moving forward.

4 **Witness** Okay.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: I appreciate that.

6 So switching to the planning for this particular rally
7 on July 13th, it's our understanding that this was the
8 first time the Secret Service sent counter snipers for any
9 events other than POTUS, VPOTUS, or an official candidate.
10 Is that your understanding?

11 **Witness** It's my understanding that that was the
12 first time we were working for the Donald Trump detail.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: So what events are protectees typically
14 receive counter snipers? Is it what I described, meaning
15 POTUS, VPOTUS, or an official candidate?

16 **Witness** I think it depends, but that's not my
17 call.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Well, you've worked previous events as a
19 counter sniper for the Secret Service before this one,
20 right?

21 **Witness** Correct.

22 **HSGAC Majority**: And what kind of events were those? Who
23 were the protectees generally? Like what kind of title?

24 **Witness** All the way to like NSSEs, foreign
25 heads of state, the Vice President, the President.

1 HSGAC Majority: Understood. And how many Counter
2 Sniper Teams are usually used at those kinds of events?

3 Witness It depends on the size of the event.

4 HSGAC Majority: Is LES common, LES teams, LES
5 teams common?

6 Witness Sometimes, yes.

7 HSGAC Majority: Okay. You said you became aware of this
8 decision to send a counter sniper unit to the Butler rally,
9 you learned that on July 11th. Is that right?

10 Witness I received a welcome email on the 11th.

11 HSGAC Majority: Do you know who decided to send counter
12 snipers to this event?

13 Witness I do not know who decided to send us.

14 HSGAC Majority: You said you received a notification.
15 Who told you that you would be going to this event as a
16 counter sniper?

17 Witness Normally the team leader.

18 HSGAC Majority: And who was that?

19 Witness That was C/S Team Lead .

20 HSGAC Majority: Do you know why it was decided to send
21 counter snipers to this event?

22 Witness No.

23 HSGAC Majority: What was your reaction to being assigned
24 to this event as a counter sniper?

25 Witness It's just another day.

1 **HSGAC Majority:** It didn't strike you as significant to
2 be assigned as a counter sniper to a former President?

3 **Witness** No.

4 **HSGAC Majority:** Did it raise any concerns in your mind?

5 **Witness** No.

6 **HSGAC Majority:** Did it cause you to plan differently or
7 operate differently at this event than you would for
8 previous events where it wasn't a former President that you
9 were protecting?

10 **Witness** I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?

11 **HSGAC Majority:** Was the fact that you were assigned as a
12 counter sniper to an FPOTUS event cause you to plan
13 differently in any way or to operate differently that day
14 than you had in previous events?

15 **Witness** No.

16 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. And to clarify, as far as you're
17 aware, this was the first time that a Counter Sniper Team
18 was given to protect former President Trump?

19 **Witness** Correct.

20 **HSGAC Majority:** Thank you. Now in terms of the counter
21 sniper presence at the Butler rally, you said there were
22 two teams of two each. Is that right?

23 **Witness** Correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority:** Were you the rifleman, in layman's terms
25 the shooter, or the observer, or am I understanding that

1 the layman's term is spotter?

2 **Witness** That's a really good question. At the
3 Secret Service on our Counter Sniper Team we operate as a
4 shooter-shooter role. We don't operate within the shooter-
5 spotter role. And that's very specific so that if a -- if
6 one of us was shot, the other could continue to fight.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: So does that mean -- was the other team
8 shooter-shooter, as well?

9 **Witness** Correct.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: Does that mean there were four counter
11 snipers who were shooters at that event?

12 **Witness** Correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: With four separate weapons?

14 **Witness** Correct.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you have different responsibilities
16 from your partner? In other words, my understanding with
17 the shooter-observer model is that you have different roles
18 or responsibilities. But if you are both shooters, you
19 didn't have different responsibilities or roles?

20 **Witness** Our roles, when it comes to shooting,
21 are the same, but as far as like the advance planning, that
22 might fill a different role.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Does one report to the other, in terms
24 of you and your partner?

25 **Witness** No.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Was there a counter sniper lead for
2 all of the four counter snipers from Secret Service there
3 that day?

4 **Witness** Yes. **C/S Team Lead** .

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And was he one of the four shooters?

6 **Witness** He was one of the four counter snipers,
7 yes.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Sorry, yes. Was he Hercules 1? He was
9 part of Hercules 1?

10 **Witness** He was a part of Hercules 1.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: And what was his role as the lead, or
12 responsibilities?

13 **Witness** His roles and responsibilities as a
14 leader to plan, pick our posts, and be the liaison between
15 all assets.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: Was there a Counter Sniper Response Team
17 at this rally?

18 **Witness** Yes.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: And what were they responsible for?

20 **Witness** Counter Sniper Response is a less-than-
21 lethal option where if we spot a suspicious, anything
22 suspicious, we can direct them to investigate further.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: How many individuals were on the
24 Response Team?

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

1 HSGAC Majority: Do you know roughly?

2 Witness At least one.

3 HSGAC Majority: At least one. Okay. Do you know where
4 that person or people were positioned?

5 Witness No.

6 HSGAC Majority: Is it generally a roving position or do
7 they usually have a post?

8 Witness It can be. It's up to the team leader
9 to decide where their best position would be, or if that
10 was roving it would also be determined by him.

11 HSGAC Majority: So correct me if I'm wrong. My
12 understanding is that the responsibility of the response
13 team is to, for lack of a better word, investigate any
14 issues that the counter snipers observe? Is that a fair
15 way to describe their role?

16 Witness Yes.

17 HSGAC Majority: And do you know if they were -- again,
18 for lack of a better word -- activated or used that day?
19 In other words did the counter snipers ever identify
20 something that they needed the Response Team to go check
21 out?

22 Witness I can't recall.

23 HSGAC Majority: Would that go over the radio if that
24 needed to be done?

25 Witness It can, or via phone, if they're having

1 communications issues with the radios.

2 **HSGAC Majority:** You said you don't recall where the
3 Response Team was. Do you happen to know if they were ever
4 to the three or four o'clock where the AGR building was?

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

6 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. Thank you. And now switching to
7 your position at the rally, Hercules 2, does that mean you
8 were the northern barn, on top of the barn that was closer
9 to the AGR side?

10 **Witness** Correct.

11 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. And so what was your clock
12 position?

13 **Witness** Our clock position was the five
14 o'clock.

15 **HSGAC Majority:** Was that the position that you and your
16 partner had planned to be in?

17 **Witness** That wasn't determined by us. That was
18 determined by the team lead.

19 **HSGAC Majority:** Right. And was that the position that
20 your team lead had decided and planned for you to be in?

21 **Witness** Correct.

22 **HSGAC Majority:** In other words, that didn't change from
23 the planning.

24 **Witness** No.

25 **HSGAC Majority:** Did you have a certain direction you

1 were planning to be facing from your position?

2 **Witness** No. We observe everything that we can
3 see from that posting.

4 **HSGAC Majority:** Meaning you had a 360-degree view?

5 **Witness** If we had a 360-degree view we observe
6 360 degrees. But I can't recall what we couldn't see off
7 in like the seven o'clock or eight o'clock position. But
8 we did the best we could to observe everything that we
9 could see.

10 **HSGAC Majority:** And again, to clarify, Hercules 1 was on
11 the southern barn roof. Is that right?

12 **Witness** Yes. Hercules 1 would've been at the
13 seven o'clock.

14 **HSGAC Majority:** Do you know why those positions were
15 chosen by the team lead?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **HSGAC Majority:** Do you know if any other positions were
18 considered?

19 **Witness** No, I do not.

20 **HSGAC Majority:** And in terms of planning for the rally,
21 I know you covered a little bit of this in your opening.
22 Were you responsible for any planning aspects ahead of the
23 rally?

24 **Witness** No.

25 **HSGAC Majority:** Did you rely on any information ahead of

1 time?

2 **Witness** I'm sorry. What do you mean?

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you given any documents, for
4 example, before the rally?

5 **Witness** Yeah. I would've received our
6 logistics and other paperwork to facilitate information
7 regarding the event.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: I'd like to hand you a document. I'm
9 going to mark it Exhibit 1.

10 [Exhibit No. 1 was
11 marked for identification.]

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Are you familiar with that document?

13 [Pause.]

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Sorry, Officer **Witness**. Did you say
15 you're familiar with that document?

16 **Witness** Yes, I'm familiar with this document.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: When did you receive this?

18 **Witness** I would've received this on the 12th.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: July 12th.

20 **Witness** July 12th.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: So the day before the rally.

22 **Witness** Correct.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know who created it?

24 **Witness** This is a document created by the team
25 lead.

1 **HSGAC Majority:** So this -- and it's titled "Site 2:
2 Butler Farm Outdoor Rally," Bates 150 -- you said the team
3 lead, **C/S Team Lead**, created this?

4 **Witness** Correct.

5 **HSGAC Majority:** Can you speak generally about how you
6 relied on this document when you were preparing for the
7 rally?

8 **Witness** Yeah, of course. This document is
9 called our CS Grids, and we use this to vector in CS
10 response to an area that we deem suspicious. I had
11 mentioned before, so we would tell them to flip to -- let's
12 just say we had an issue in this quadrant here. We would
13 tell them, hey, **LES** **[REDACTED]**
14 **LES** **[REDACTED]** and they would be able to see that, okay,
15 that's the building listed as the Lakeside Barn. And then
16 they could go over and investigate further.

17 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. Had you ever been to Butler
18 before the 13th?

19 **Witness** No.

20 **HSGAC Majority:** I'd like to talk about the perimeter of
21 the site. Can you speak to how a security perimeter
22 generally affects your responsibilities or duties, if at
23 all?

24 **Witness** It doesn't typically affect our
25 responsibilities.

1 **HSGAC Majority:** Do you scan -- again, using layman's
2 terms -- do you scan for threats beyond the perimeter only,
3 before the perimeter, or again, does it not factor into
4 that action?

5 **Witness** We observe everything we can see from
6 our vantage point.

7 **HSGAC Majority:** Were you told anything about the outer
8 perimeter that had been selected for Butler rally site?

9 **Witness** I can't recall. I don't think so.

10 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. Do you know who determined the
11 perimeter?

12 **Witness** No.

13 **HSGAC Majority:** Or do you know if that was documented
14 anywhere?

15 **Witness** I'm sorry?

16 **HSGAC Majority:** Do you know if that was documented
17 anywhere, the location of the perimeter?

18 **Witness** No.

19 **HSGAC Majority:** Can you speak to what, if at all, you
20 were told about the AGR building before the rally?

21 **Witness** When we conducted our walkthrough at
22 the beginning of the day the team lead points out where
23 local assets are, typically where the local sniper support
24 would be, and he pointed out the **LES** team in Exhibit 1,
25 on the last page. They're listed as **LES** teams. And

1 they are at the 11 o'clock and another team off of the 2
2 o'clock, inside the AGR building. I couldn't remember if
3 during the walkthrough he mentioned the LES team was
4 going to be on or inside the AGR building, but it was
5 expressed that the locals owned that building. Local
6 support around and inside the building, is what I mean when
7 I say "owned."

8 HSGAC Majority: So with that knowledge, was it your
9 understanding that that building would be secured by those
10 local officers?

11 Witness Correct.

12 HSGAC Majority: Did you have any understanding of
13 whether, and by whom, the roof of that building would be
14 secured?

15 Witness With locals in and around and a sniper
16 team on it, I assumed the building was secured. We still
17 observed that area, though.

18 HSGAC Majority: Understood. And do you know who decided
19 to assign that responsibility for that building to those
20 local officers?

21 Witness I do not know.

22 HSGAC Majority: Do you know if that was documented
23 anywhere?

24 Witness I do not.

25 HSGAC Majority: You just mentioned that you were

1 scanning everywhere, including the AGR building. So is
2 that fair to say, therefore, that the AGR building was one
3 of your -- again, for lack of a better term -- area of
4 responsibility to be scanning for threats?

5 **Witness** Yeah, we scan everywhere that we can
6 see, so sure.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: And again, turning to Exhibit 1, you had
8 mentioned the grid images.

9 **Witness** Sure.

10 [Pause.]

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** I'd like to have Officer **Witness** go
12 back to your last question, to give some further
13 explanation, because this is another one of those questions
14 that calls for a nuanced answer to understand the
15 interplay, if you will, between his role and locals.

16 **Witness** Sorry for any confusion. When we're up
17 observing, if I see something that's outside of our, even
18 if it were an established outer perimeter, we're still
19 going to act in accordance with our policies and procedures
20 to address any threat to any site. So even if it's outside
21 of our specified area of responsibility, if we can see it,
22 we're going to address it.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Yeah, thank you for that.
24 And turning to Slide 4 in Exhibit 1, my understanding is
25 that's a northward view look of the AGR building. It says

1 two o'clock. Is that right?

2 **Witness** Correct.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Was that roughly from your position?

4 I'm not sure if this picture was taken from your born or
5 the southern barn. It looks like it may even have been
6 taken from the southern barn. But is that roughly what
7 your view was?

8 **Witness** It's difficult to say because we were
9 on a different rooftop than this one, on that same page, at
10 grid coordinate between India and Juliet at number 20. You
11 can see that purple circle with the white H, that
12 designates my team roughly, a rough estimation of where we
13 would be. Obviously, we're not going to be on the very
14 edge of that rooftop. We're going to be on it. And those
15 trees that you can see from the grid squares, Juliet to
16 Golf, between 14 and 20, that angle changes as you move
17 further to what would be the east on that rooftop where we
18 were located.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Thank you. And like you
20 just said, you were not limited to the security perimeter.
21 You were certainly scanning for anything that might pop up
22 or present a threat beyond the perimeter. And then clearly
23 that included the AGR building. Is that right?

24 **Witness** Correct. Even though it's secured, we
25 still observe it.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Thank you. Did you have
2 any discussions with the state or local law enforcement or
3 counter snipers about the AGR building?

4 **Witness** I don't recall having a conversation
5 with locals.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you have any concerns about the AGR
7 building, including any potential threats or
8 vulnerabilities opposed?

9 **Witness** No.

10 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you explain why that is, why it
11 wasn't concerning?

12 **Witness** Because as mentioned before, the locals
13 were around it and inside it and elevated within it.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you know if anyone else had expressed
15 any concerns about the AGR building before the rally?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: And again, going back to your general
18 responsibilities as a counter sniper -- and again, this
19 goes to the difference between terms in "sniper" versus
20 "counter sniper" -- is it fair to characterize your
21 responsibility as within the site looking outwards for
22 threats as opposed to looking for threats within the site
23 and close to the protectee?

24 **Witness** Could you say it again?

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure. My understanding is that a

1 counter sniper is usually within a secure perimeter,
2 relatively closer to the protectee, like you were on the
3 barn, looking farther out for threats, i.e., snipers, as
4 opposed to looking inwards, such as at the crowd. Is that
5 right?

6 **Witness** Typically, but like I said before,
7 we're observing everything. So if we can see part of the
8 crowd, we can still observe part of the crowd. And if we
9 see something suspicious going on within a crowd we could
10 then launch our CS response using the grids document,
11 Exhibit 1.

12 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. And were you facing a
13 certain way for a majority of the time?

14 **Witness** I --

15 **HSGAC Majority:** From the time you posted up to that
16 position until you came down?

17 **Witness** I believe so. It would've been off to
18 the one to five o'clock. But like I said before, still
19 observing in just about 360 degrees.

20 **HSGAC Majority:** Okay. And you mentioned the local law
21 enforcement counter snipers. Do you know what their
22 positions were?

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

24 **HSGAC Majority:** But I think you mentioned there were at
25 least some in the AGR building.

1 **Witness** Yeah. It was expressed that they
2 would be in and around and elevated within the AGR
3 building.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: And did their presence in the AGR
5 building at all affect what you did in terms of looking for
6 threats on the AGR building?

7 **Witness** No.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Apologies if you said this, but
9 what time did you arrive at the Butler rally site?

10 **Witness** I can't recall.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Did you arrive with the protectee?

12 **Witness** No. We got there earlier than the
13 protectee, LES

14 LES

15 **HSGAC Majority**: And where did you come from that day,
16 that morning?

17 **Witness** Well, we started at the hotel, and then
18 went to breakfast, and then stopped to get snacks along the
19 way.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Where were you the night before? So
21 that would be Friday night, the 12th.

22 **Witness** At the hotel.

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

24 **Witness** Caught up on some sleep.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Were you in the same hotel as your

1 partner?

2 [Witness] I believe so.

3 [HSGAC Majority]: So when you arrived at the site you
4 mentioned you did walkthroughs. Is that right?

5 [Witness] Correct.

6 [HSGAC Majority]: Did you visit any areas outside the
7 perimeter, including AGR?

8 [Witness] No.

9 [HSGAC Majority]: What time did you set up your position
10 on the barn roof?

11 [Witness] I can't recall an exact time.

12 [HSGAC Majority]: Do you know if there's any point of
13 comparison, for example? I imagine you were up there
14 before the protectee took the stage.

15 [Witness] Correct.

16 [HSGAC Majority]: Do you have any other point of reference
17 in terms of things that happened and when you were up
18 there, versus when you were still on the ground?

19 [Witness] A reference point being like when the
20 BOLO was sent out?

21 [HSGAC Majority]: Well, I imagine you were up there for
22 that.

23 [Witness] Correct.

24 [HSGAC Majority]: Yeah. Anything else that happened in
25 terms of like the protectee arriving or anything before

1 that, that gave you some kind of frame of reference for
2 how early you got up on the roof?

3 **Witness** I'm sorry, no.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: That's fine. I appreciate it. You had
5 mentioned in your opening statement that you had a, I think
6 you said an obstructed view of AGR because of the trees.
7 Can you describe and elaborate on that a little bit more?
8 So how obstructed was the view of the AGR roof? You can
9 use that Exhibit 1 if you want.

10 **Witness** Sure. Using that page 4, you can see
11 where those trees are blocking view of the AGR building.
12 You have to imagine that as you move further to the right.
13 Those trees basically block our obstruction all the way to
14 the second story there, at grid square India-12.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: So did you have visibility or line of
16 sight to the position where Crooks ended up, where he took
17 his shots?

18 **MR. Witness Counsel** I'm going to have to object to that
19 question because you haven't questioned or asked my client
20 if he ever saw Crooks, established where he was. And the
21 trees are a prominent part of that. So if we could perhaps
22 lay that foundation.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Do you know where Crooks ended
24 up?

25 **Witness** No.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: No, you don't. Did you have any
2 visibility of the far slope of that roof? In other words,
3 you know, that roof is a peak. The near slope to you
4 sloped down towards the south, and the far slope on the
5 other side sloped down to the north. Did you have a view
6 of that far slope, sloping down towards the north?

7 **Witness** I can't recall.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Roughly how much time that day,
9 when you were in position, did you spend scanning or
10 observing towards that AGR building?

11 **Witness** A significant portion. I can't give a
12 -- it's not like I can go up there and time it.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And you described in your opening
14 statements hearing the shots fired. Is that when you
15 looked towards the AGR building, or had you already been
16 looking that direction in the immediate moments before you
17 heard shots fired?

18 **Witness** I had been looking in that direction
19 because I saw the officer move towards -- from the AGR
20 parking lot to the outer perimeter fence, and I was
21 scanning in that generalized area. And yeah, we were
22 observing that direction when we heard the shots ring out.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And you didn't see anyone on a roof
24 before you heard shots fired.

25 **Witness** That's correct.

1 HSGAC Majority: Did you see anyone on the roof after
2 that?

3 Witness As I said earlier, the local who came
4 up after the fact. But he emerged from the trees. He had
5 already been up there. I don't know how he got up.

6 HSGAC Majority: But you didn't see Crooks or his body
7 after he was shot, on the roof, from your position?

8 Witness No.

9 HSGAC Majority: No. Were you made aware of any threats
10 in advance of this rally either about the rally or about
11 former President Trump?

12 Witness No.

13 HSGAC Majority: Did you have any concerns ahead of the
14 rally?

15 Witness No.

16 HSGAC Majority: I'd like to shift gears and talk about
17 communications. Can you describe what communications you
18 had when you were in position on the barn?

19 Witness Yes. We were using our handheld
20 radios.

21 HSGAC Majority: How many frequencies were you on?

22 Witness I monitor three frequencies.

23 HSGAC Majority: What were they?

24 Witness I can't recall what they were off the
25 top of my head.

1 **HSGAC Majority**: Do you routinely use common
2 frequencies?

3 **Witness** Yes.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: What are they?

5 MR. **Witness Counsel** To my understanding, these are all
6 encrypted transmissions, and these numbers are likely
7 classified, and I don't believe it's appropriate for him to
8 go down that path.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Absolutely. No, we don't want any
10 classified information. Let me clarify it. Certainly no
11 classified information. I'm just trying to understand if
12 there was a call sign, just **Channel** for the radio frequencies
13 or anything like that, that you frequently use.

14 **Witness** We have call signs for frequencies that
15 we typically use, yeah.

16 [Pause.]

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** We're in a tough spot here. I respect
18 the question and understand the need to ask it. But we are
19 here, and we're defined by my client's role, and we have
20 some very serious concerns that we might be compromising my
21 client's position, the Service, and perhaps even
22 protectees, by getting into that level of detail as to call
23 signs, what a particular call sign means, what a code word
24 might mean. And I would take the position that that is
25 likely all classified information, and we simply cannot be

1 in a position where my client, in any way, compromises
2 the operation of the Service. And so we are going to
3 decline to answer that specific question.

4 But questions like that, we absolutely must refrain
5 from responding to, even though my client may possess the
6 details, which in some instances he does. But, you know, I
7 have to look out for the long-term consequences for my
8 client, and I don't want any answers he gives here to have
9 potential repercussions for him with the Service, because
10 we somehow gave up information that was not appropriate to
11 be given.

12 MR. **Agency Counsel** **Agency Counsel** here, Secret Service. We
13 agree here. I am not sure if the call signs at this point
14 will even further the story or narrative or discussion. I
15 think we can continue to provide the information without
16 divulging that at this point.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure. And to clarify, we're interested
18 in which radio -- maybe "frequency" is not the right term.
19 Maybe "channels" is more appropriate. We're trying to
20 determine who was on different -- our understanding is
21 there were different radio channels with different types of
22 law enforcement. For example, tactical channels, post-
23 stander channels, et cetera. Is that something you can
24 speak to, about which, again, channel or frequency, that
25 you were on?

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** I think the furthest we can go safely
2 would be for my client to identify the primary channel for
3 him and his responsibilities and role, and leave it at
4 that. Because I assure you, even though I don't know the
5 answer, I'm certain that he doesn't know which team members
6 from which teams were assigned, and on what frequencies.
7 He just knows the three frequencies that were available to
8 him, and gave his primary focus to the one that he was
9 responsible for to accomplish his mission. And beyond
10 that, we're getting into operations that I am certainly
11 unprepared to go into at this phase.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure. So again, we will reiterate the
13 caveat that you shouldn't address anything that's
14 classified. I don't think we're asking for that or getting
15 at that. You are monitoring different channels. Depending
16 on the individuals that we've spoken to there have been
17 people monitoring between one and three channels at a time.
18 We want to understand what information you're able to
19 obtain during your time there. So that means we want to
20 understand the number of channels so we know if you're on
21 the same channel as locals, if you're on the same channel
22 as the other counter snipers, or if you're on channels
23 where you can hear CAT team or others. So we want to know
24 what you can hear and how that is delineated, and try and
25 answer that without triggering any of the concerns your

1 counsel has raised.

2 [Witness] Okay. Thank you for the clarity. I
3 didn't have local channels. I only had interagency
4 channels between TAC teams, the tactical teams, the Counter
5 Assault Team, and then additional units on the ground, like
6 post-standers, like you had mentioned. And those three
7 channels allow me to do that.

8 [HSGAC Majority]: And all of those roles you just
9 described, those are all Secret Service personnel you're
10 referring to that were on radio with you?

11 [Witness] Correct.

12 [HSGAC Majority]: So you didn't have any radio connection
13 with local law enforcement or state law enforcement?

14 [Witness] Correct.

15 [HSGAC Majority]: Okay. Is that unusual?

16 [Witness] On our channels that's not normal.

17 [HSGAC Majority]: Okay. I'm going to hand you another
18 document. This I'm marking as Exhibit 2. This is a
19 document called "Counter Sniper CS Team Overview,
20 Responsibilities, and Qualifications." I don't believe it
21 has a Bates number.

22 [Exhibit No. 2 was
23 marked for identification.]

24 MR. [Witness Counsel]: We have not been provided this document
25 in preparation for the testimony here today, and I reserve

1 the right to request a break so that we can examine it.
2 Because if you have in-depth questions about the roles, our
3 focus was on the facts of the case, not a training document
4 he may have seen a year ago or in 2017, what have you. So
5 with that qualification we can proceed.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: No, I appreciate it. And, in fact, my
7 first question was going to be are you familiar with this
8 document.

9 **Witness** I understand that we have our policy
10 book, but I haven't seen this in a long, long time.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Fair enough. Can you turn to
12 page 3 under the section called "CS Communications"?

13 **MR. Witness Counsel** Give us a moment.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Sure.

15 [Pause.]

16 **MR. Witness Counsel** Your question, sir?

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Page 3, Section "CS Communications," it
18 says in the first paragraph there, in that section, "CS
19 will also maintain communications with any local and
20 Federal tactical units that are participating in the visit
21 or event." Do you see that?

22 **Witness** Yes.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And understanding that this has been a
24 while since you've seen this policy or guidance document,
25 do you take that to mean that either you or someone within

1 counter snipers for the Secret Service at that event
2 should have had radio connection to the local law
3 enforcement?

4 **Witness** That will also come down to, with the
5 CS advance being the liaison between local assets and any
6 other entity that are offering tactical support, they'll be
7 the liaison with them and have communications with them, if
8 not with a radio then a cellphone number. But to ease
9 confusion when we arrive, it's typically one point of
10 contact, and for simplicity we leave that point of contact
11 as the counter sniper team lead.

12 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. Thanks. Throughout that
13 day did you have any difficulties or challenges
14 communicating, whether it was on a radio or cellphone or
15 otherwise? I know you mentioned the issues with the cell
16 service getting to the hospital, but before shots fired,
17 did you have any issues with communication in any way?

18 **Witness** With my radio position, sometimes, even
19 being in close proximity to the same radio. Like my
20 partner, **Hercules 2**, his -- if I'm close to him, like our radio
21 frequencies will sometimes cancel out, and he will receive
22 a message but I won't receive it, even though I'm two feet
23 from him. Then, also, the orientation of the antenna can
24 affect radio signal. And then I can't recall if my cell
25 service dropped while I was up on the roof. I just know

1 that I didn't have cell service when I came down from the
2 roof.

3 MR. **Witness Counsel** And to assist my client further on that
4 answer, to elaborate for you, you have the functionality
5 issues with the portable radio and the directional
6 antennas. But imposed on top of that, because of the
7 mountainous region, the system can have dead spots, where
8 they simply would not get a signal, no matter what position
9 their radio would be in. So there's sort of a two-in-one
10 problem built in there to make you aware of.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: And shifting gears again, in terms of a
12 suspicious person report, I understand you sent out that
13 message about the locals monitoring something at the three
14 o'clock. Did you know what that was that they were looking
15 into?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: So were you aware of a suspicious person
18 at any point that day?

19 **Witness** No, other than the BOLO coming out.
20 But we tried to observe and find them, but we couldn't --
21 we didn't see anything that even matched something close to
22 his description.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. I'm going to hand you
24 another exhibit. Are we on 3?

25 [Exhibit No. 3 was

marked for identification.]

HSGAC Majority: So this exhibit is two pages. This appears to be an email. It's Bates stamped 547. The second page is just a zoomed-in version. I know it's very difficult to read that first page, that text at the top. But if you go to the second page, hopefully you'll be able to read the zoomed-in text. It looks like it's an email sent with text and pictures. It looks like it's sent at 5:53 p.m. on the 13th. Does that look right?

Witness Yes.

HSGAC Majority: You had mentioned earlier, I think, receiving an email. Is this the email that you were referring to, that you received?

Witness Correct.

HSGAC Majority: So it sounds like you did receive this at 5:53. Is that time correct?

Witness Correct.

HSGAC Majority: And this is the email that says, "Kid learning" -- that possibly may have meant to have been something else, like leaning or lurking. But it says, "Kid learning around building we are in. AGI, I believe it is. I did see him with a rangefinder looking towards stage. FYI. If you want to notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him," with the photos.

Do you know who else received it?

1 **Witness** That would've been all counter sniper
2 teams at the event. That would've been Hercules teams.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Gotcha. Just the Secret Service Counter
4 Sniper Teams.

5 **Witness** Correct.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: And what --

7 MR. **Witness Counsel** If I may, before you proceed, I think
8 this is important because we're now getting into a dynamic
9 timeline, and you need to understand that the moment this
10 information came to my client and his partner, they
11 immediately began -- in addition to the scopes, they had
12 binoculars and whatnot, and so they immediately began
13 searching anywhere for this individual in an effort to
14 attempt to identify him. So they took every reasonable
15 step that they possibly could to follow up on this BOLO,
16 but time gets compressed at this point and there's not a
17 lot of time, and my client never did, or even his partner,
18 were ever able to locate Mr. Crooks.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Yeah, I appreciate that. So in response
20 to this BOLO, did you direct your attention towards that,
21 again, roughly three o'clock area?

22 **Witness** We didn't -- the BOLO didn't narrow our
23 field of view or our area of responsibility because it said
24 that they lost him, or they lost sight of him, taking it to
25 mean that he could be anywhere because he left the area or

1 that they observed him in. So we continued to observe
2 everywhere, the entire site. We still looked in that area
3 because it was a part of our area of responsibility, but
4 because someone had observed him and lost him, it doesn't
5 mean that he's still in that same spot because they would
6 still see him. They wouldn't have said that they lost him.

7 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. So after that moment they
8 received this email at 5:53, you weren't solely directing
9 your attention at the three o'clock area.

10 **Witness** Correct. Instead we focused our
11 attention on looking for an individual that matched the
12 description at anywhere within our observable area.

13 **HSGAC Majority:** I see. That's helpful. Thank you. Did
14 you observe anyone in the general area of the three o'clock
15 that you thought might meet that description?

16 **Witness** No.

17 **HSGAC Majority:** You didn't receive any other information
18 over the radio or email or text or otherwise about a
19 follow-up on that suspicious person or anything else
20 happening at the three o'clock?

21 **Witness** No.

22 **HSGAC Majority:** And apologies if you already answered
23 this. How long -- or sorry -- which direction were you
24 facing when shots were fired?

25 **Witness** We were facing the AGR building, in

1 that general area. I can't recall exactly what, but it
2 was the general area of the AGR building.

3 **HSGAC Majority:** And how long before shots were fired
4 were you facing that direction?

5 **Witness** The majority of the time.

6 **HSGAC Majority:** But, I mean, how many minutes?

7 **Witness** I can't -- I don't know.

8 **HSGAC Majority:** Because we just --

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** I've got to interrupt. My client can't
10 quantify this because he's not watching his wristwatch as
11 he looks north, south, east, and west. And so this is a
12 dynamic situation, and once he's aware the protectee is
13 five minutes out, has arrived, what have you, it's a
14 constant scanning function. So while he may concentrate a
15 little bit of the time over at the AGR, from his vantage
16 point, which is why he's there, he is focusing on
17 everything because one threat, two threats, ten threats, we
18 don't know. And so it's not -- I don't think it's fair to
19 my client to try to pin him down that, you know, he watched
20 the AGR for 45 seconds, took a break, and looked over at
21 nine o'clock. It just doesn't work that way.

22 **HSGAC Majority:** No. Fair enough, and I appreciate it.
23 Any estimate you can give is helpful. But we established
24 you weren't looking entirely at AGR between that 5:53 email
25 and shots fired at, I believe, 6:11. But you were looking

1 in that direction.

2 **Witness** Absolutely.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Yeah, understood. Thank you. You
4 didn't receive any reports about anyone on the roof of the
5 building or anyone armed at the AGR building?

6 **Witness** Correct.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: At any point before shots were fired,
8 were you aware of any discussions or deliberations about
9 whether to take former President Trump off the stage?

10 **Witness** No.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. So now at shots fired, you
12 covered a lot of this in your opening statement, but could
13 you elaborate a little bit more about what happened? Do
14 you remember the number of shots you heard? Were you able
15 to count?

16 **Witness** No, I wasn't able to count, but it
17 seemed endless.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Endless. Could you tell what direction
19 they were coming from?

20 **Witness** Not -- I couldn't pinpoint a direct,
21 like, location where they were coming from, but I knew the
22 generalized area was the AGR building --

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Sorry. What was that at the end?

24 **Witness** Just like in that general, like, area.
25 I wasn't even sure if it was the AGR building itself. It

1 could've been beyond it, because I didn't hear a report
2 from a weapon. It sounded honestly like it was suppressed,
3 like it had a suppressor on it, because it didn't -- it
4 wasn't like a loud boom that you would expect, being in a -
5 - 200 yards away. It was muffled.

6 **HSGAC Majority:** Understood. Thank you. And I think you
7 said in your opening statement that you, in response to
8 those shots fired, you began looking to try to find the
9 source of the fires. Is that right?

10 **Witness** When I heard the shots fired, when I
11 logically assumed that it was shots fired, I immediately
12 went to my radio to get -- to start emergency action for
13 the shift. But then as soon as I was finished with my
14 radio transmission I continued observing in that area. I
15 went right back to my weapon.

16 **HSGAC Majority:** Did you ever fire your weapon that day?

17 **Witness** No.

18 **HSGAC Majority:** At any time, did you observe another
19 Secret Service counter sniper fire their weapon?

20 **Witness** No. I did not observe -- I didn't see
21 it happen.

22 **HSGAC Majority:** Since then, have you received
23 confirmation that a Secret Service counter sniper did fire
24 their weapon and hit Crooks?

25 **Witness** Yes, I heard that one of our teams,

1 Hercules 1, engaged the threat and -- and yeah, just
2 engaged the threat.

3 MR. LES: Just so you know, you probably sensed a
4 little trepidation on the part of my client. I want to be
5 clear that we prepped, and he's here today to talk about
6 the event, the events leading up to that day, what he knows
7 firsthand. And one of the instructions actually I gave
8 him, when he and I first met, was stay away from the Post,
9 the Times, social media, et cetera, because we did not want
10 to cloud his memory with later-learned facts. So asking
11 about what one of the other CS units did and so forth,
12 information after the fact that he really doesn't have
13 firsthand knowledge of.

14 And so my hope was we would limit the questioning to
15 the actual day of the event and the steps that he took and
16 participated in there. But that's why you got the unsteady
17 answer.

18 HSGAC Majority: Absolutely. Fair enough. And, you
19 know, we're not interested in, you know, what you learned
20 from social media. But did you receive any kind of
21 official confirmation about whether there was a Secret
22 Service officer-involved shooting?

23 Witness I didn't know at the time.

24 HSGAC Majority: Have you since? Again, official
25 confirmation of any kind.

1 **Witness** Yes.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: And what did you learn?

3 **Witness** I learned that Hercules 1 team member
4 successfully engaged the threat.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: And what was the team member's name?

6 **Witness** **Hercules 1 C/S**.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you. At any point did you
8 observe, see, hear, any other law enforcement fire their
9 weapon that day?

10 **Witness** I can't recall in the moment. I
11 couldn't recall.

12 [Pause.]

13 **Witness** There was one local tactical SWAT
14 entity on the ground, just maybe 10 yards from where we
15 were, with an **LES** who shot in the general direction of the
16 AGR building. I can't recall how many rounds he fired, but
17 it was after the initial volley from the AGR building.
18 There was a lull, and then he had engaged something at the
19 AGR building. I couldn't see what it even was through the
20 trees.

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** I want to interject at this point
22 because this is a critical moment for my client. We are
23 all very fortunate that President Trump was not more
24 seriously injured. Equally so, we're very fortunate my
25 client was not injured or killed. And you had to listen

1 carefully to his testimony earlier. But the shooter, who
2 he did not know where it was or who it was, began firing
3 upon him and his partner. And if you listened carefully,
4 those rounds came between them. And unless you've ever had
5 rounds winging by your head, it's an experience that you
6 don't want to have and a position you do not want to be in.

7 So now we're getting into that moment for him, and I
8 want everybody here to understand his presence of mind at
9 that point, because as he said earlier, he thought **Hercules 2** was
10 struck, because **Hercules 2** went back a little bit, although my
11 client didn't say it. **Hercules 2** went back, and initially he
12 thought he was hit. And so he still doesn't know where the
13 threat is, how many there are, et cetera.

14 So this is a very, very dynamic, tenths-of-a-second
15 evolving event, and I ask you to take that into
16 consideration as you hear my client's answers to the
17 questions you are putting forth.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes, and thank you for that, and we do have
19 specific questions about the information you relay. That's
20 very helpful, and we'll ask about it. Thanks.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Yes, and thank you again. We understand
22 it was difficult and tense, to say the least, so we
23 appreciate anything you can recall. Is there anything else
24 you can recall about that local officer who fired, for
25 example, his position?

1 **Witness** I'm thinking. Let me just look.
2 Yeah, I just want to see if there would be a better photo
3 in here. There isn't a really good photo of where he would
4 be. But maybe on page 4 --

5 **HSGAC Majority**: Sorry. Of Exhibit 1?

6 **Witness** Yes. Exhibit 1, page 4, probably in
7 like the, like Lima to Kilo, like 9 to maybe 13, there was
8 a local SWAT officer in that area. And there was a truck
9 that they were working out of at Kilo 6, where that bend in
10 the corner in the fence is for the perimeter of the venue,
11 yeah, like Kilo 6 and 7. They were working out of that
12 truck. But he positioned himself a little bit further off
13 from it. And when the events transpired, when we heard the
14 shots fired, he moved further towards like Lima 20, on page
15 4. So he kind of moved closer to us and then shot, shot
16 after there was a lull.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: And -- sorry, go ahead.

18 MR. **Witness Counsel** And to understand, at this point now,
19 both my client, or **Witness** and **Hercules 2** don't -- they don't know
20 how many attackers there may be, and they're continuing to
21 hear -- they hear the shots. They don't know what the
22 local sniper knew or did not know, whether he had actually
23 acquired a target. He had no knowledge. So this is still
24 a threat moment because he hasn't yet identified Crooks or
25 any other bad actors, so to speak. And so he can't speak

1 for what they were shooting at, what they missed or hit.
2 We don't know. But you do need to be aware that one of the
3 local sniper teams did fire.

4 **Witness** And just for clarification, I don't
5 know if it was a sniper team or if he was involved with a
6 sniper team. But he was definitely a local SWAT guy with
7 an **LES**, not a long, precision bolt gun that a sniper would
8 typically carry.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood, and thanks for the
10 clarification. And again, going to the position that you
11 saw him in, helpful to hear about the placement on the grid
12 on Exhibit 1 here. But is there any frame of reference in
13 terms of where he was in relation to the stage or any other
14 landmarks such as the bleachers, that you recall?

15 **Witness** They would've been behind the
16 bleachers, with the vehicle, and he would've been at the
17 need of -- if you can see the dirt roadway on that same
18 page, we would put like a tent in that area, he was
19 basically at the end of that tent, basically at the end of
20 that roadway right there.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: That's where he was when he fired?

22 **Witness** I think he moved closer to our position
23 as he was shooting. He kind of like moved over. It's
24 really hard to recall that exact moment because you have to
25 imagine, like I don't even know that the initial assailant

1 is down. But I can't see that area where the shots rang
2 out from, and I'm scanning for a second threat, because if
3 this is a coordinated attack then that's what I need to
4 prepare for, not the guy you can't see. It's the next guy
5 who's following up.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And I totally understand
7 that it was kind of the fog of war and difficult to
8 determine what's happening. And I understand you weren't
9 focusing on local law enforcement. So I think I know the
10 answer to the question I'm about to ask, but just to
11 clarify, did you have any understanding of what the effect
12 his shot had? In other words, do you know if he
13 neutralized Crooks or hit him?

14 **Witness** I have no idea.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. Fair enough. Have you since
16 learned anything else about that, again, through official
17 confirmation or otherwise?

18 **Witness** No.

19 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. I'm going to turn it over to my
20 colleagues now. I appreciate you being here and answering
21 our questions.

22 **Witness** Of course.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: Going back to your earlier testimony, the
24 timeline, the first time you saw the Butler site itself was
25 on the morning of the event itself, July 13th. Correct?

1 **Witness** Correct.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Looking back at Exhibit 1, which is a
3 picture of the grounds, and I'm looking at page 3, at that
4 time, that morning, where were you when you were doing your
5 initial assessment?

6 **Witness** You mean the walkthrough? Where did we
7 go for the walkthrough?

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Yeah.

9 **Witness** You'd have to flip to the very last
10 page.

11 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay.

12 **Witness** And in between the two purple circles
13 with the white H's --

14 **HSGAC Majority**: Yep.

15 **Witness** -- that red rectangle is where the
16 stage was, and that's where we went for our walkthrough.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: And during that time period you were on the
18 ground, you were not up on the roof.

19 **Witness** Correct.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: Where you would be posted later? During
21 that time when you were on the ground, could you make any
22 assessment of your visibility?

23 **Witness** Yes.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: I'm sorry. Let me ask a more specific
25 question. The tree that you've indicated in your testimony

1 that obstructed your view when you were actually on the
2 roof later that day --

3 **Witness** Correct.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: -- when you're on the ground were you able
5 to determine that that tree was going to be an issue?

6 **Witness** No.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: When was the first time you were able to
8 determine that that tree was going to be an issue with your
9 visibility?

10 **Witness** Not necessarily that it was going to be
11 an issue but that it obstructed our view of what we knew to
12 be a secured area at the AGR building when we assumed our
13 posts. That's when we noticed that.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And rough period of time during the day,
15 when did you assume your post and notice that?

16 **Witness** Approximately **LES**
17 **LES**.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: When you were discussing earlier the
19 distinction between counter sniper and sniper, based on
20 your post behind the protectee that day, your
21 responsibility involved looking outwards towards beyond
22 where the protectee was. Is that correct?

23 **Witness** Correct.

24 **HSGAC Majority**: With respect to your information from the
25 team lead about the other assets that would be there that

1 day, including state and local assets, did you have an
2 understanding that there would be other assets, including
3 state and local assets, with the responsibility to look in
4 towards the crowd and towards the protectee for threats?
5 If you did not, you can state so.

6 **Witness** I'm not entirely sure. I don't recall.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: You talked in your opening statement about
8 some of the actual difficulties with your radio
9 communications and potential difficulties, given the way
10 the radio was positioned and given the fact that based on
11 your experience sometimes the radio could even cancel out
12 between you and your partner. Was that an operational risk
13 that concerned you?

14 **Witness** Sometimes, but we have two radios, like
15 between **Hercules 2** and myself, so if one cancels out the other
16 hears and then relays the transmission. Sometimes we're
17 close enough working to each other than I can hear his
18 radio and ask him to repeat to me what that last
19 transmission was, and vice versa.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: So did or did not the state of operability
21 of your radio that day, or your understanding of how Secret
22 Service-issued radios worked, present any challenges?

23 **Witness** I can't recall, and if I didn't have a
24 radio transmission I can't recall if **Hercules 2** mentioned to me
25 that he received a transmission that I didn't.

1 HSGAC Majority: Exhibit 3, if you'll take a look at it --
2 and you referenced in your opening statement a BOLO,
3 Exhibit 3, the subject of the -- you have the From line,
4 the Sent line, the To line, and then the Subject line --
5 the Subject line in here is "Local CS BOLO." How did this
6 message come to you? How was it communicated to you?

7 Witness It would've been sent to my email.

8 HSGAC Majority: And that was the email of what, your
9 government-issued cellphone?

10 Witness Yes, I can view my email on my personal
11 or my government-issued phone.

12 HSGAC Majority: And you described in your opening kind of a
13 detailed set of actions you took when this came in. When
14 this came in, given your other existing radio
15 communications you had and the work you were doing at the
16 time, how did you become notified? Was it an audio alert
17 that you immediately looked at?

18 Witness I can't recall whether Hercules 2 was on his
19 phone and showed me and I flipped through it or if I had
20 received it on my phone and I looked at it too. But it
21 came via email, and we looked at the pictures, we read the
22 message, and then we continued to observe specifically for
23 this individual.

24 HSGAC Majority: Now the radio communications you had, I
25 think you testified earlier, the individuals able to

1 communicate and hear on those channels were solely Secret
2 Service individuals. Correct?

3 **Witness** Correct.

4 **HSGAC Majority**: This, from your cellphone, to your
5 knowledge, did this come from state and local law
6 enforcement individuals?

7 **Witness** I do not know where it came from
8 because I received it from the team leader.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: And other than your cellphone, would there
10 have been any other way for your to learn about any
11 warnings being communicated from a state and local
12 official? Was there another way that that state and local
13 official might be able to communicate in a way that would
14 reach you?

15 **Witness** I don't think so.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: With respect to your early testimony I'm
17 going to ask this question, and then we can pause. I
18 didn't understand what you were saying, but I think based
19 on what your counsel said you were talking about actual
20 shots that were fired. You said that you thought your
21 partner was hit, and then you said, "Impact report." Were
22 you asking for clarification about that?

23 **Witness** No, sorry. That's a -- that is a
24 firearms term. Impact report meaning if a bullet strikes a
25 piece of steel, the steel will ring. If the bullet impacts

1 like a rock, it will sound different. But the report
2 that I heard was different from anything I'd ever heard
3 before in my life, in that it sounded as if it was
4 traveling through soft tissue.

5 HSGAC Majority: So what were you communicating when you
6 said "impact report"?

7 Witness That I heard around impact soft tissue.

8 HSGAC Majority: Okay. Did that turn out to be the case?

9 Witness No. Hercules 2 was not hit. I don't know
10 how.

11 HSGAC Majority: And then to your understanding, again,
12 referring to your opening, you believe there was a shot
13 fired that made impact somewhere in between you and your
14 partner. Is that correct?

15 Witness I heard that report after the -- during
16 the first volley of fire, but I heard the cracks right next
17 to us, and I was unsure of the proximity of the report of
18 that round. But it led me to believe that it was so close
19 that it had struck my partner.

20 HSGAC Majority: Were you and your partner standing inches
21 away? A foot away?

22 Witness We were maybe six feet from each other.

23 HSGAC Majority: And to your knowledge, have any shells been
24 recovered from the site you were at?

25 MR. Witness Counsel Can you define the site? You mean up

1 on the roof?

2 HSGAC Majority: Up on the roof.

3 Witness Not our roof. But I'm not sure of the
4 other roofs.

5 HSGAC Majority: Just trying to understand whether it was
6 confirmation of a shot there. So to your knowledge you
7 don't know.

8 Witness I don't know.

9 MR. Witness Counsel Okay. HSGAC Majority, I mean no disrespect,
10 but they're on the receiving ends of the projectiles
11 leaving the barrel, and so many evidence of shots would be
12 casings where they originated versus if bullets impacted.
13 And this is another nuanced area, and I just want to hit
14 it, because, you know, my client, in the moment, based on
15 his total training, his experience, what they're trained
16 for in these types of circumstances, his audible signals,
17 listening and hearing the rounds, believing there is a soft
18 impact or a soft tissue impact, and again, seeing Hercules 2
19 going backward, led him to conclude that there was, in
20 fact, an injury to his part.

21 HSGAC Majority: Yes, I'm sorry. I said shells. I meant
22 round.

23 Witness No worries.

24 MR. Agency Counsel The other thing too, HSGAC Maj, we also refer
25 you to the FBI. I mean, they're the ones that conducted

1 all of the investigation on the evidence recovered on
2 that day.

3 HSGAC Majority: This is the first we're hearing of this.
4 We just wanted to learn the details we could.

5 Okay. At this point we'll take a break, and we'll
6 reconvene in 5-ish minutes. Thanks.

7 [Recess.]

8 MR. Witness Counsel Thank you very much. Again, Witness Cou

9 Witness Counsel Based on the line of questioning from both of
10 you gentlemen I want to make a point. My client is going
11 to say I'm correct or I'm incorrect, but just bear with me,
12 because I want this dynamic to be understood.

13 So my client described for you certain limitations
14 with the handheld radio that they use, and I know everybody
15 is clear on that. I was reading everybody. However, the
16 cellphone service is a different issue, and here in D.C.
17 we're very fortunate because we get messages
18 instantaneously. Somebody texts you, you get it right
19 away. Email, you get it right away. In that part of the
20 country, no, it doesn't work that way.

21 And so my client's knowledge of the BOLO, and most
22 importantly the photograph, he can't say precisely the
23 actual time he saw it or when it was sent. So the team
24 leader could've sent it two or three minutes before, but
25 that's how the cellphone service in that part of the

1 country, in that state, works. And so I would submit
2 there was more than likely a delay in the transmission of
3 that BOLO via email, and I wanted the Committee to be clear
4 on that. Because my client is answering as best as he can
5 with respect to time, but as I mentioned earlier, at this
6 point everything is moving very fast. And so please
7 understand there is likely, and I'm sure there was, a delay
8 in the transmission and receipt of the emails, and I'm
9 going to turn it to Officer **Witness** to see if he agrees or
10 disagrees with me.

11 **Witness** I agree. That's correct.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: And just so we have a clear record from the
13 witness, **Witness**, do you have anything to add or
14 anything else to provide in addition to your counsel's
15 statement just now?

16 **Witness**: No.

17 **HSGAC Minority** **HSGAC Minority** Senator Paul's office,
18 and first of all, as I've said to everybody that comes
19 before us, thank you for what you've done for your
20 profession. I understand it's a lot of work.

21 So I am going to refer to Exhibit 1, that you have,
22 and it's this, and we're primarily going to focus on page
23 4. You all have that in front of you?

24 **Witness**: Yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority** The first question I'd ask is, you

1 know, carefully looking at that, does that accurately
2 depict the view that you had while you were in your
3 position?

4 **Witness** : No, it's not perfectly accurate, no.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So with that, the grid would be
6 a little different from your view, correct --

7 **Witness** : Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** -- than what's on here.

9 **Witness** : Correct.

10 **HSGAC Minority** So you didn't have a grid created for
11 both positions. It was only a grid created for one
12 position. Correct?

13 **Witness** : There was only a grid created for one
14 position. Correct.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And you didn't create this.
16 This was by your lead?

17 **Witness** : Correct.

18 **HSGAC Minority** : Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. **Witness Counsel** Not to put too fine a point on your
20 question and the answer but I want everybody to be clear,
21 because the angles, that makes the tree canopy as depicted
22 in the exhibit even more pronounced in terms of its
23 obscuring effect on my client and his team member, **Hercules 2**.

24 **HSGAC Minority** I appreciate that because you're
25 helping me with my question. That was precisely what I'm

1 getting at. When you're there and you see that -- when
2 you're there in your position, and as we said, with that,
3 now when you go to your location, that wasn't chosen by
4 you, it was chosen by your lead, you get there, and
5 specifically this day you get there and you realize that
6 part of your 360 coverage is inhibited by a visual tree.
7 Correct?

8 **Witness** : Correct.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Who would make the decision to say, "I
10 can't cover an area," which would be a vulnerability,
11 correct, if you can't cover an area?

12 **Witness** : From my vantage point, yes, but there
13 are other entities in the area that this specific issue
14 with the tree, the locals were owning that building. So
15 it's not as big a red flag as I think your question would
16 allude to.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And I think earlier you said that you
18 were told you couldn't -- I guess to the best of your
19 recollection that the locals were located inside and
20 elevated, I believe is what you said. Is that correct?

21 **Witness** : Correct.

22 **HSGAC Minority** But yet you weren't clear if they could
23 see the roofline.

24 **Witness** : Which roofline are you --

25 **HSGAC Minority** You weren't clear that that counter

1 sniper team that was in the AGR building could see the
2 roofline, just based upon the information you were given.

3 Yes, sir.

4 [Pause.]

5 **Witness** : During our briefing with the Counter
6 Sniper Team lead, **C/S Team Lead**, it was expressed that the
7 local team would be elevated inside the AGR building, on
8 the second floor. What their view was wasn't discussed.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Yeah, no, the reason I'm asking
10 that, and it's not to pinpoint one person or the other, but
11 sitting in here I can see that roofline but I can't see
12 this one. Do you see what I'm saying? So you couldn't see
13 that because of the tree. Could you have, or could the
14 team leader do in the advance -- I don't want to say "could
15 he," because I think that's speculating. In your
16 experience, when you see those obstructions, and not having
17 clear knowledge that someone does have that rooftop
18 covered, are you allowed to bring that up to your team
19 leader that maybe we need to look at this a little harder?
20 Is that part of your position?

21 **Witness** If I understand the question correctly,
22 the team leader has ultimate authority over our postings.
23 I can't just move off and go post somewhere else. "

24 **HSGAC Minority** But can you make a recommendation?

25 **Witness** : Well, that's part of the advance

1 procedure is that the team lead would consider as when he
2 goes to Butler he stands on the roof that I'm supposed to
3 be standing on the following day, during the event, and he
4 will see those limitations and then recommend if it's
5 impossible to cover it, even with two teams, to have local
6 support or some other countermeasure in place, so that area
7 isn't such a vulnerability. And when he said during the
8 walkthrough that the locals owned the AGR building, meaning
9 they have units around and inside, it implied that it's
10 secure.

11 **HSGAC Minority** So would the question have to be, to
12 your lead, did he actually, in fact, stand in your position
13 and look, I guess. It's not something you can answer,
14 right? It's in his purview that he's supposed to.
15 Correct?

16 **Witness** : I can only answer from my perspective.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah, exactly. And it's very important
18 for you, as a counter sniper, working with other counter
19 sniper teams, to understand everyone's area of
20 responsibilities and their coverage limitations. Correct?

21 **Witness** : Yes.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And if we can't cover a roof, is there
23 other mitigations that can be taking place, such as
24 eliminating line of sight?

25 **Witness** : Absolutely. It sounds like you've done

1 this before, in using our phraseology, and saying
2 blocking line of sight. And there was a countermeasure in
3 place. There was one blocking vehicle, a large dump truck,
4 on that same page, page 4. It would've been in close
5 proximity to that canopy at Mike 1 through 6.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

7 **Witness** : There was a blocking vehicle in that
8 general area.

9 **HSGAC Minority** I think I only have --

10 [Pause.]

11 MR. **Witness Counsel** Thank you for your indulgence. I want
12 to clarify the answer to -- not the answer so much but get
13 it in the record -- the answers my client has been giving.
14 Because the role of the canopy is significant, but I'm
15 going to have my client quantify, using the exhibit, as to
16 the unobstructed view they had of the AGR building, so that
17 you have a better understanding of what this team could see
18 versus the complete, undisturbed line of sight as to
19 Hercules 1. If that's okay.

20 **HSGAC Minority** That's fine, and I think that's why my
21 first question was if that picture accurately depicted his
22 view, because it's hard for us -- for him, technically --
23 to show us on the grid what he was seeing, which is
24 technically what Hercules 1 was seeing. Am I correct in
25 that?

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority** But yes, go right ahead. If you would
3 like to explain that, that's great. Thanks.

4 **Witness** : So it might be advantageous to try and
5 use like a percentage, whereas we could only really see
6 that two-story section of the AGR building. If you're on
7 page 4 that would appear on grid squares India and Juliet 9
8 through 12. The tree line was basically almost all the way
9 up to there.

10 **HSGAC Minority** And that's interesting because as you
11 were talking, that's where I had my pen laid, probably
12 about where you --

13 **Witness** : So you have them --

14 **HSGAC Minority** So I appreciate you talking about that.
15 And the last question I had was talking about the lack of
16 communication, and I understand that perspective. When we
17 were talking about, and I think your counsel mentioned, the
18 delay in receiving the cellphone notifications, who was
19 that cellphone, just so I'm clear, we said it was coming
20 from the lead. Who was that cellphone communication coming
21 from, to give you that notification of they're dealing with
22 a disturbance at three o'clock and there's also an issue as
23 relayed through the email transmittals.

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** I need to make a point of
25 clarification. I don't believe my client testified that

1 there was -- that the BOLO related to the three o'clock
2 position. My client will clarify, but I believe my client
3 had the BOLO, which was separate from what he independently
4 observed when the local units responded into the parking
5 lot. So they're separate, and my client can tell me if I'm
6 wrong.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Well, my point was this. Were you in
8 close enough proximity to your team leader or anyone else
9 that if they had intel and all communications fell that you
10 all could just speak verbally without using your
11 cellphones? Because I don't know how far apart you were at
12 that point.

13 **Witness**: It's a really good question, and one
14 that even looking at the photos you can't really tell.
15 Because this is an outdoor rally with Trump and the crowd,
16 it is so loud, and they have loudspeakers that are about
17 level with my head, and they, stretched out, would probably
18 extend past this room. They had two large cranes holding
19 these gigantic speakers up, and they're --

20 **HSGAC Minority** So you were operating with Peltors too?

21 **Witness**: I have a specific headset that I can
22 eliminate outside sound, and that's what you see in the
23 photo, with the boom mic and the earpieces that go in. It
24 wasn't so loud that I needed those, but I certainly
25 couldn't have verbal communication with the team behind me.

1 **HSGAC Minority** And my last question, just to clarify
2 for the record. The line of sight issue was not discussed
3 before the event, or was that identified -- the obstruction
4 that you knew you were going to have with the tree, that
5 was identified before you were going to the roof?

6 **Witness** : No. The obstruction from the tree was
7 identified when we assumed posts, **LES**
8 **LES** .

9 **HSGAC Minority** And you related that to who?

10 **Witness** : That was just between me and **Hercules 2** .

11 **HSGAC Minority** That was never relayed to the lead
12 agent, the lead counter sniper?

13 **Witness** : We didn't -- no, we did not relay it to
14 the lead counter sniper because it was assumed that he took
15 the post during his advance procedures and chose that one,
16 regardless of a line of sight issue with the trees, because
17 the AGR building was to be secured by locals.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you for that, because that,
19 again, clarifies my first question. Thank you.

20 **Witness** : Thank you.

21 **HSGAC Minority** How many Counter Sniper Response Teams
22 were there at the Butler site?

23 **Witness** : At least one.

24 **HSGAC Minority** And who was on that team?

25 **Witness** : I don't know their name, but the

1 Counter Sniper Response Team is typically made up of LES
2 Secret Service agent.

3 HSGAC Minority So just LES Secret Service agent?

4 Witness : Correct. And sometimes they'll be
5 paired with a local asset.

6 HSGAC Minority And what Secret Service agent was
7 assigned to that role?

8 Witness : I don't know their name.

9 HSGAC Minority Did you communicate with that person?

10 Witness : The team lead communicated with him
11 that afternoon.

12 HSGAC Minority And how did they communicate?

13 Witness : I don't know. I wasn't there.

14 HSGAC Minority Do you know what they communicated
15 about?

16 Witness : I assume all things related to the
17 detail.

18 HSGAC Minority So if we can go to -- do you still have
19 Exhibit 2 in front of you?

20 Witness : Yes. Yes.

21 HSGAC Minority So if you look at page 2 of Exhibit 2,
22 Counter Sniper Response Team Procedures and Protocols, it
23 appears, in the second paragraph, that Counter Response
24 Teams should consist of LES Secret Service LES
25 and LES local uniformed LES. So to you

1 knowledge there was no local police officer?

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

3 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And what is the role of the
4 Counter Sniper Response Team?

5 **Witness** : They investigate anything that we find
6 suspicious. We vector them in using Exhibit 1, the counter
7 sniper grids.

8 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know if anything was -- any
9 suspicious activity was relayed to the Counter Sniper
10 Response Team that day?

11 **Witness** : I don't -- I didn't relay anything
12 suspicious to the Counter Sniper Response Team.

13 **HSGAC Minority** If another counter sniper --

14 MR. **Witness Counsel** **HSGAC Minority** if could interrupt. My
15 apologies. Quite frankly, my client is now being asked
16 questions that really are outside of his area of knowledge,
17 because he was able to testify for you that the standard is
18 **LES** . Whether that
19 happened at this event, he simply does not know, and I'm
20 very concerned about him giving answers or potentially
21 speculating as to what the CS Response Team did, how it was
22 assembled, how it was staffed with personnel, et cetera.

23 So I'm just concerned about this line of questioning
24 because it's just outside of his purview completely as to
25 Butler.

1 **HSGAC Minority** If one of your colleagues, one of the
2 other counter snipers communicates something to a Counter
3 Sniper Response Team, is that something that would be made
4 aware to you?

5 **Witness** : Sometimes it can. Sometimes they'll
6 use a radio to correspond with them, but sometimes they'll
7 also go over a cellphone directly to not tie up an air
8 wave.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And if they communicate via radio
10 frequency, are you on the same radio frequency?

11 **Witness** : Yes, and if my radio was in the correct
12 orientation and not, you know, the transmission wasn't
13 cancelled out by my proximity to my partner, then I
14 would've received it. But I didn't receive anything via
15 the radio that CS response was utilized by a sniper team at
16 that event.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And do you know where the Counter
18 Sniper Response Team was pre-positioned?

19 **Witness** : No.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know what time the Counter Sniper
21 Team lead briefed the response team?

22 **Witness** : I don't know exactly what time, but it
23 would've obviously occurred after we arrived to the site to
24 conduct our walkthrough.

25 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And remind me, when you conducted

1 your walkthrough where did you -- I think you said it
2 earlier, but can you remind me where exactly you walked
3 through?

4 **Witness** : We walked directly to the stage, and
5 then we pointed out our postings, and then returned to our
6 **LES** So just the stage.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was the BOLO you received, that
8 we discussed earlier, was that the only BOLO that you
9 received that day?

10 **Witness** : Correct.

11 **HSGAC Minority** At a normal event do you typically
12 receive BOLOs? Is that something that's frequent, or is it
13 relatively infrequent, in your experience?

14 **Witness** : It happens time to time. It's not out
15 of the ordinary.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Is there a typical level of formality
17 that comes with the BOLO?

18 **Witness** : I'm not sure I understand.

19 **HSGAC Minority** I think you mentioned earlier that it
20 seemed informal, or it was not very detailed.

21 **Witness** : Oh, oh. The Secret Service has
22 specific guidelines to follow when producing a BOLO, and
23 that's basically so that we can understand in real time,
24 quickly, and disseminate, understand this information and
25 begin searching for an individual. But when it comes from

1 an outside source, perhaps they don't follow the same
2 protocol. And I don't know where the BOLO originated. I
3 just know that it was forwarded to me in a format I was
4 unfamiliar with.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And I just want to clarify. So
6 was your radio, were you on the **Channel** channel?

7 **Witness** : I don't recall what the radio channels
8 were on that day.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you know if you were on the
10 **Channel** channel, that radio frequency?

11 **Witness** : Again, I'm not sure what radio channels
12 were being utilized on that day.

13 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do those sound familiar?

14 **Witness** : Yeah.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. So potentially?

16 **Witness** : Potentially.

17 **HSGAC Minority** And do your radio frequencies change
18 every time you are at an event or do they remain --

19 **Witness** : Just give me one second.

20 [Pause.]

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** **HSGAC Minority** just to try to help with
22 the answer to your question, we are again getting into what
23 I believe is classified terrain. But I would offer this,
24 and **LES**, which is part of
25 the security protocols, but the **LES**

1 LES . So for example, LES
2 LES
3 LES ,
4 so to speak, and then the LES
5 LES LES , and my client simply doesn't
6 recall back to the 13th of July what those were on that
7 day.

8 HSGAC Minority Okay. And again, we don't want to get
9 into classified information. But I will note that the
10 Secret Service did produce documents to us, and we can hand
11 that out as an exhibit -- what exhibit are we on, Exhibit
12 4? -- that names radio frequencies, Pro Channel Pro Channel and
13 Channel Clear, Channel Clear. So I don't think that's
14 classified. I mean --

15 [Exhibit No. 4 was
16 marked for identification.]

17 MR. Witness Counsel For the purposes of my objection, I
18 don't know what the Committee has.

19 HSGAC Minority Okay.

20 MR. Witness Counsel So this Exhibit 4, that was just
21 presented to me, it looks like about 30 or 40 pages, and
22 I'll briefly look it over.

23 HSGAC Minority Yeah, based on --

24 MR. Witness Counsel But --

25 HSGAC Minority Well, --

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** -- this is my point, though. My
2 point is my client is an employee of the United States
3 Secret Service, and I don't want him to be later accused or
4 investigated for improperly sharing information with the
5 Committee or revealing information he shouldn't share.
6 That's why I'm being so cautious.

7 **HSGAC Minority** Of course.

8 MR. **Witness Counsel** Please don't think me as being
9 obstructionist. It's simply --

10 **HSGAC Minority** It's just -- I want to clarify for the
11 record. And it's on page 2 of that document, just so you
12 could see it, at the bottom, "Radio Frequencies."

13 Do you know where the UAS system was deployed on the
14 day of the event, at the Butler event? UAS counter
15 measures?

16 [Pause.]

17 MR. **Witness Counsel** Thank you for your indulgence. Could
18 you repeat your question that was standing?

19 **HSGAC Minority** Yes. Do you know where the UAS
20 countermeasures were deployed at the Butler site?

21 **Witness** : No.

22 **HSGAC Minority** You don't know? You don't know where
23 they were deployed. Were there UAS countermeasures
24 deployed on that day?

25 **Witness** : That's not in my roles and

1 responsibilities for CUAS.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. You noted earlier that you had
3 some radio frequency issues. Is it possible that a UAS
4 countermeasure could have impacted your radio frequency?

5 **Witness** : I'm not sure.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Has that ever occurred in the past?

7 **Witness** : Not to my knowledge.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. And so in your role there's no
9 awareness, or you don't interact with the UAS operator or
10 any of that?

11 **Witness** : Correct. We don't integrate with them.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. I'm going to pass it back to
13 **HSGAC Minority** .

14 **HSGAC Minority** In your role, have you ever been
15 assigned to do the lead advance on a site?

16 **Witness** : I've done the counter sniper lead.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Yeah, yeah, that's what I mean, yeah.
18 Sorry. Yes, you are not the lead agent. Lead counter
19 sniper responsibilities, have you taken that before, for
20 previous events?

21 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So in that role, you are the one
23 responsible, as we discussed before, for creating the plan
24 for your operation. So you could kind of walk us through
25 you, not specifically July 13th, but what your process is

1 when you are the lead counter sniper doing the advance.
2 And I'm not looking for any top secret clearance stuff or
3 what you're looking for. But can you just give us some
4 general things that concern you as a counter sniper. You
5 mentioned your job is to see the snipers and also to
6 anticipate their hides.

7 **Witness** : Yes.

8 **HSGAC Minority** So can you just walk everyone kind of
9 through that process. Is that clear?

10 **Witness** : Yes.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you.

12 **Witness** : So in my role as a counter sniper our
13 mission statement is to observe, locate, identify,
14 communicate, and if necessary, neutralize any long-range
15 threat. And we accomplish that by walking in the footsteps
16 of the protectee, wherever that may be, and we identify an
17 area that might look in or have line of sight on our
18 protectee, so that we can coordinate with all available
19 assets to mitigate the possibility of a long-range attack.

20 **HSGAC Minority** What specifically are you looking for?

21 **Witness** : I'm looking for any area that someone
22 could launch an attack from, that any sniper could launch
23 an attack from. So specifically -- or I'll give examples -
24 - like I'm looking for rooftops, grassy fields, a grassy
25 knoll, that we're all familiar with. We're looking for

1 anything that throws up a red flag, where if I'm going to
2 be the guy launching the attack, where am I going to launch
3 it from? And I work for however much time I'm given to
4 mitigate that from happening, and using any tool at my
5 disposal.

6 **HSGAC Minority** So you're playing a dual role here.
7 You're looking through the world through an assailant.

8 **Witness** : I'm playing a chess match with myself.

9 **HSGAC Minority** And then you're making countermeasures
10 to what you would do if you were the assailant to mitigate
11 those vulnerabilities and risks. Correct?

12 **Witness** : That's correct.

13 **HSGAC Minority** That's all I have. Thank you.

14 **Witness** : Yes, sir.

15 **PSI Minority** Officer **Witness** , **PSI Minority** with
16 Senator Johnson's office. How you doing? I want to sort
17 of start by going back a little bit to when you first heard
18 about this, July 11th. I know we talked about you have
19 worked lead before. It seems like you've worked a number
20 of events as a counter sniper. Is two days a typical time
21 frame for you for sort of getting alerted to, that you're
22 going to be deployed for an event and sort of getting
23 prepped and ready for an event?

24 **Witness** : It depends on the operational tempo.
25 Sometimes it's **LES** hours. That's extraordinary, but it's

1 happened before. We're launched whenever we get the
2 notification.

3 **PSI Minority** I guess what I'm asking for is this
4 type of rally event, right, that's a preplanned event, what
5 is the average sort of lead time that you would have for
6 that event? When would you be notified normally of a
7 preplanned event?

8 **Witness**: It varies greatly.

9 **PSI Minority** Is two days on the shorter side?
10 Longer side?

11 **Witness**: Two days is on the shorter side --
12 excuse me. I'm still getting over COVID. Two days is
13 shorter, **LES** with
14 **LES** **LES**
15 **LES**.
16 Sometimes going **LES**.
17 **LES**. We
18 know they'll be attending. Sometimes that's **LES**
19 in advance. But as far as the notification for me, that
20 can change on a whim. If someone is taking sick leave and
21 I could backfill for them, it comes down to availability.

22 **PSI Minority** Understanding extraordinary
23 circumstances, I think understanding that two days is the
24 shorter time is sort of helpful for me in framing this
25 whole perspective. So do you know when Agent **C/S Team Lead** was

1 first alerted that your team would be deploying to the
2 event?

3 **Witness** : **C/S Team Lead** is an officer
4 technician, like myself. There is a distinction between
5 us.

6 **PSI Minority** Apologies. Apologies.

7 **Witness** : No worries. No worries. I'm not aware
8 of when he was notified of when he would be traveling for
9 the advance.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. Fair enough. As we are getting
11 to the day of the event I want to make sure we have our
12 timeline as tight as possible because it's helpful for us.
13 So you arrive at the event. Do you arrive with the other
14 three Secret Service counter snipers? You all arrived as a
15 team?

16 **Witness** : Correct.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. And then when you're there are
18 you all together as a team until you ascend the roof?

19 **Witness** : I'm sorry. Could you repeat that
20 again?

21 **PSI Minority** When you're on-site, are you all four
22 together the whole time until you take your positions on
23 the roof, or do you break apart and everybody sort of
24 dissipates a little bit?

25 **Witness** : **Team Lead**, on that day, broke off to go and

1 disseminate paperwork. He broke off from us. But **Hercules 2**,
2 myself, and **Hercules 1 C/S** all stayed behind and stayed
3 together.

4 **PSI Minority** Understood. And again, to the best of
5 your knowledge, what was Officer **C/S Team Lead** breaking off to
6 distribute paperwork to the local units, or was he
7 distributing paperwork to some of the other Secret Service
8 units?

9 **Witness**: I'm not entirely sure. I just know he
10 left us with a handful of paperwork and he returned without
11 it.

12 **PSI Minority** Understood. Do you know if Officer
13 **C/S Team Lead** met with any of the local units while you guys
14 were on-site that day, on July 13th?

15 **Witness**: I wouldn't know. I wasn't with him the
16 entirety of his time when he was away from us.

17 **PSI Minority** None of them came over to you guys
18 while you were standing in front of the barns. There were
19 no local officers who spoke with any of you while you were
20 at the barns.

21 **Witness**: Correct.

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. How did you guys access the
23 barns?

24 **Witness**: We used an OSHA-compliant ladder.

25 [Laughter.]

1 **Witness** : I don't know if it was an OSHA-
2 compliant ladder, but we got to the roof.

3 **PSI Minority** Was it a ladder on-site, or had you
4 brought your own?

5 **Witness** : It was on-site. They were provided for
6 us.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. And do you know -- I know we
8 talked about it and you're not sure the exact time when you
9 got up on the roof. But approximately?

10 **Witness** : Approximately **LES** prior to the
11 protectee's arrival to the site.

12 PSI Minority Okay. I'm going to pass around a set
13 of documents, or a set of pictures. It's Exhibit 5.

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

16 PSI Minority Okay. So I'm just going to explain
17 what they are for you.

18 **Witness** : Oh, thank you.

19 **PSI Minority** Because there's no explanation on it.
20 These are pictures that were taken by one of the local law
21 enforcement officers. They appear to show either your team
22 or one of the other teams taking a roof, and there's a time
23 written next to them of 5:07:22. Does that sound about
24 right, about 5:07 when you're taking the roof?

25 MR. **Witness Counsel** We need a moment to try to orient

1 ourselves and identify this photograph. I'm not going to
2 allow my client to get pinned down on a precise time. He's
3 consistently stated approximately LES prior to the
4 protectee's arrival. And the answer to this question
5 hinges upon the precise time that the former President
6 arrived, and I don't want to box my client in on that. So
7 just give us a moment, please.

8 PSI Minority Sure.

9 [Pause.]

10 MR. Witness Counsel So my client is going to answer your
11 questions as best as he's able, but I would further note
12 for the record that the exhibit we were presented with has
13 not an official timestamp that's contemporaneous with its
14 taking, but instead somebody has evidently written in
15 17:07:26. So we have to rely on that particular time. But
16 again, understand. My client is not looking at his
17 wristwatch. He's focused on the mission. And if that's an
18 accurate or inaccurate time, we can't say one way or the
19 other. But he's prepared to answer your questions as to
20 the subject matter of the photographs.

21 PSI Minority Okay. So does that appear to be you or
22 one of the other Secret Service teams taking the roof?

23 Witness : It appears that it might be.

24 PSI Minority Okay. So when you get up to the roof,
25 about how long does it take you to set up once you're up on

1 the roof?

2 **Witness** : A couple minutes.

3 **PSI Minority** Okay. Do you see anything happening
4 around the crowd? Is there anything of note that you're up
5 there, you're looking around for, besides the obstruction
6 from the tree line?

7 **Witness** : Yeah, that's a great question. When we
8 get up, you know, we're not just focused on setting up our
9 equipment. **LES** **LES**

10 **LES**

11 **LES**

12 **LES** We will begin building a profile of what we can
13 and can't see, we'll begin discussing our limitations with
14 areas of responsibility. And yeah, we'll basically **LES**

15 **LES**

16 **LES**, and we're discussing
17 things related to the detail as we're getting everything up
18 and ready. But just because we're **LES**

19 **LES**. As
20 a matter of fact, it begins the moment we're walking to
21 post.

22 **MR. Witness Counsel** Before we proceed, and for
23 clarification, we were handed a document. I would note
24 it's not marked. I presume it's Exhibit No. 5?

25 **PSI Minority** It's Exhibit 5, yes.

1 MR. **Witness Counsel** Okay. So it's not marked. But for
2 purposes of the record, it is four photographs taken by
3 someone, and the most prominent component is the United
4 States flag. So I just want to get that into the record,
5 as well, that this is the exhibit we're referring to.

6 **PSI Minority** And I'm happy to clarify on that
7 exhibit. As I said at the top, they were taken by a local
8 law enforcement officer --

9 MR. **Witness Counsel** You stated that, yes.

10 **PSI Minority** -- who was on the site. Yes, sir.

11 Okay, so you're up on the roof. I know you said
12 you're discussing limitations of your setup. So are you
13 discussing that with your partner?

14 **Witness** : Correct. I'm discussing with **Hercules 2**.

15 **PSI Minority** Okay. And that includes the limitation
16 of sight that you have with that tree line, that hey, we
17 can't see this section of the building.

18 **Witness** : Correct.

19 **PSI Minority** Are you expressing concern that you
20 can't see that section of the building, or is it merely
21 just noting the fact?

22 **Witness** : We're just making a mental note,
23 because again, the locals are to have owned that building,
24 units in and around. So although we are still observing
25 it, it is not the biggest red flag.

1 **PSI Minority** Sure. And I know you said that
2 you've previously done counter sniper leads for an event,
3 where you would have established the other counter sniper
4 positions. Correct?

5 **Witness** : Correct.

6 **PSI Minority** In your experience as a lead, would you
7 have set up a counter sniper position that had a
8 significantly obstructed view? And I'm calling it a
9 "significantly obstructed view" here because you could not
10 see most of that roofline. You could only see the double
11 building.

12 MR. **Witness Counsel** I absolutely must object to that
13 question. I will not allow my client to be put in the
14 position of second-guessing the command decisions made
15 above him. Officer Technician **C/S Team Lead** is a very well-
16 respected counter sniper, and he selected that for a
17 reason. It's not my client's place to question why he
18 selected it, and I don't think it's fair to put him in that
19 position, given the circumstances we are in, for him in any
20 way to second-guess Officer **C/S Team Lead**. And I'm absolutely
21 directing him not to answer that question.

22 **PSI Minority** Okay. Let me rephrase it. If you were
23 the lead and you were placing snipers in a position, would
24 you select a position that had an obstructed view?

25 **Witness** : Sometimes it's unavoidable. And you're

1 really trying to do the best you can with what you have,
2 and when **Team Lead** says that the AGR building was secured, was
3 owned by the local law enforcement, and that was the
4 primary area with an obstructed view, again, it wasn't the
5 biggest red flag because a countermeasure was put in place
6 for what you could consider a blind spot.

7 **PSI Minority** Gotcha. You rely on your team leader
8 to make the judgment call.

9 **Witness**: Absolutely.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. I want to pass around another
11 document. We're going to zoom forward in time a little
12 bit. This will be Exhibit 6.

13 [Exhibit No. 6 was
14 marked for identification.]

15 MR. **Witness Counsel** Any objection to me hand-marking your
16 Exhibit 5?

17 **PSI Minority** No. Go ahead, sir. It continues on
18 the back.

19 [Pause.]

20 **PSI Minority** So I can provide additional context.

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** If you could give us just one more
22 minute.

23 **PSI Minority** Sure.

24 [Pause.]

25 MR. **Witness Counsel** Thank you for your indulgence.

1 **Witness** : Thank you.

2 **PSI Minority** So, what Exhibit 6 is, is a text
3 message thread between one of the local law enforcement
4 officers and one of the Secret Service counter snipers. I
5 can tell you that our understanding is that this is with
6 the lead Secret Service counter sniper on the site that
7 day. And I'm going to just read it off. It says, "Kid
8 learning around building we are in." I believe he means
9 lurking. "AGR I believe it is. I did see him with a
10 rangefinder looking towards stage. FYI. If you want to
11 notify Secret Service snipers to look out. I lost sight of
12 him. Also a bike with a backpack sitting next to it in
13 rear of building that was not seen earlier." And the
14 timestamp on that is 17:45, so 5:45.

15 And if we flip over to the back, it appears that the
16 Secret Service counter sniper who received this message
17 says, "Roger. I'll notify teams on AGR side."

18 Were you aware of this text message on July 13th?

19 **Witness** : No.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. Do you understand that teams on
21 AGR side would've referred to your Hercules team?

22 **Witness** : I could assume so.

23 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did you receive notification of
24 this, other than that BOLO?

25 **Witness** : The only notification that resembles

1 this is the BOLO that I received via work email, and
2 again, I don't know if my partner, **Hercules 2 C/S**, received it and
3 showed me on his or if I received it on mine. I can't
4 remember.

5 **PSI Minority** Okay. Let's jump back to the BOLO,
6 Exhibit 3. And I know it's tiny text, so we'll turn to the
7 second page to make it easy to read.

8 **Witness** : I have good eyes.

9 **PSI Minority** I can imagine. So looking on the back,
10 it looks like this goes to four -- I'm sorry. It's from
11 one individual. I don't know who. It's a redacted email.
12 We don't have the names. But each one has UDS next to it.
13 What's UDS?

14 **Witness** : UDS stands for Uniformed Division
15 Special Operations Division or Uniformed Division Sniper.
16 I think it's Uniformed Division Special Operations
17 Division.

18 **PSI Minority** Understood.

19 **Witness** : It's a specialty unit.

20 **PSI Minority** So as you -- and I think you stated
21 this earlier, but I just want to clarify. The four
22 individuals who appear to be on this would've been the four
23 counter snipers that day.

24 **Witness** : That's correct.

25 **PSI Minority** And I know that your attorney, Mr.

1 **Witness Counsel** stated that there were some communication
2 issues that day, some delays with the email. But this is
3 timestamped 5:53. Do you remember receiving this email
4 right around 5:53? Does that sound about right to you?

5 **Witness** : I assume so.

6 **PSI Minority** Okay. And it looks like it's got the
7 same description along with the images that were in that
8 text message we just talked about earlier.

9 **Witness** : Correct.

10 **PSI Minority** So about eight minutes after that text
11 message was sent, that's when you were first notified of
12 the suspicious individual with a rangefinder near the AGR
13 building. Would this BOLO have been distributed to that
14 counter response sniper?

15 **Witness** : If it was it --

16 **PSI Minority** Or I'm sorry. Counter Sniper Response
17 unit on the ground.

18 **Witness** : I don't know if it was.

19 **PSI Minority** Okay. But that individual doesn't
20 appear to be on this email.

21 **Witness** : Yeah, it doesn't appear that they were
22 CC'd on that email.

23 **PSI Minority** Would this type of suspicious
24 individual be something that would be communicated to the
25 Counter Sniper Response Unit on the ground?

1 **Witness** : Counter Sniper Response **LES**

2 **LES** and in a large venue like this we want to save them
3 for when we specifically recognize and have a location for
4 a suspicious individual, where we would then launch them to
5 go intercept the individual. And the way that the BOLO was
6 worded, we hadn't located the individual because rather
7 than vectoring us in on a specific area, when they said
8 that they had lost sight of him, it then opens up our field
9 of view that now we have to search the entire venue for
10 this suspicious individual.

11 So if I were to -- I can't say if he was launched by
12 the other Counter Sniper Team, but we didn't send the
13 Counter Sniper Response Unit because we didn't see an
14 individual to send them to.

15 **PSI Minority** To be clear, I'm not asking if he was
16 launched. I guess what I'm asking is would this type of Be
17 On the Lookout, with an individual identified as using a
18 rangefinder toward where the protectee was known to be
19 standing, would that be something that would typically
20 launch a Counter Sniper Response Unit?

21 **Witness** : So the Counter Sniper Response Team
22 would only be launched to a recognized individual or a
23 suspicious area, in the event we actually saw it or
24 perceived it or them. And we would then send them right to
25 it.

1 **PSI Minority** So it takes visual confirmation of
2 the counter snipers of the threat or suspicious individual
3 to launch the unit. It's not just a report to you that
4 there is someone in a vicinity. You have to see it to
5 launch the unit.

6 **Witness** : Correct.

7 **PSI Minority** Got it. Okay. Understood.

8 I want to move into another record, and that's going
9 to be Exhibit 7.

10 [Exhibit No. 7 was
11 marked for identification.]

12 [Pause.]

13 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to provide some
14 context on this one because I'm sure it's a little bit --
15 so this is local radio communications log from July 13th.
16 It would've been some of the local law enforcement officers
17 that were on the ground, their log of the radio coms.

18 **Witness** : Okay.

19 **PSI Minority** And before we dive into it I just want
20 to talk a little bit about your communications access that
21 day. So I know you said you had three radio channels that
22 you were monitoring that day. Did you have three radios or
23 was it one radio and you had to switch channels throughout
24 the time?

25 **Witness** : It was one radio with **LES**

1 LES [REDACTED] into it, and LES [REDACTED].

2 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Understood. And was one of those
3 channels a more sort of broader scope channel, so it
4 reached more people, and then were the other ones more
5 narrow as you went, or did each channel reach the same
6 number of people and the same group of people?

7 Witness [REDACTED]: Technically, there's a channel
8 dedicated for specialty. We call it a TAC channel. It's
9 tactical assets, Secret Service tactical assets. Then
10 there's Secret Service, post-standers, and Uniformed
11 Division at like checkpoints. And then there's what we
12 would call the shift radio channel, where the people
13 directly around the President, or former President, their
14 radio channel. So more channels have more people
15 monitoring them. Like the LES [REDACTED] channel will naturally have
16 less people on it, but the Security Room, the Central
17 Command would relay any pertinent information on one
18 channel to all.

19 PSI Minority [REDACTED] So your understanding was regardless of
20 whatever channel you were communicating on, the Security
21 Room would pick it up, and if it was noteworthy would then
22 broadcast it to everybody else who was out there that day.

23 Witness [REDACTED]: Bingo.

24 PSI Minority [REDACTED] Okay. Let's talk a little bit about
25 the local side of the house. I know you didn't have access

1 to the local coms from your radio. Were you offered a
2 local radio? Did anybody say, "Hey, we're going to have
3 local radios for you?"

4 **Witness** : No.

5 **PSI Minority** Do you know if anybody offered Officer
6 **C/S Team Lead** local radios for the team?

7 **Witness** : No.

8 **PSI Minority** Okay. How were you supposed to get in
9 communication with any of the local law enforcement that
10 day, if you needed to?

11 **Witness** : It would've been through **█**

12 **C/S Team Lead** .

13 **PSI Minority** And as you understand it, how was
14 Officer **C/S Team Lead** supposed to then relay that communication
15 to locals?

16 **Witness** : Through whatever means he coordinated
17 during the advance.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. So as far as you know -- I'm
19 sorry. You had no direct knowledge of any way to get in
20 contact with local law enforcement other than just telling
21 Officer **C/S Team Lead** about something, and he would take care
22 of it from there.

23 **Witness** : Yeah, I assume so, yeah.

24 **PSI Minority** Okay. Did you have any way to hear any
25 incoming local traffic that day? So if the locals were

1 responding to something, if they were dealing with
2 something, was there any way for you to be made aware of
3 it?

4 **Witness** : No.

5 **PSI Minority** Do you know if Officer **C/S Team Lead** had
6 any way to receive local communications that day?

7 **Witness** : Again, whatever means he coordinated
8 during his advance.

9 **PSI Minority** Okay. We talked a little bit about the
10 Command Post and the Security Room. Would they have been
11 able to route local communications, or would there have
12 been a mechanism in there for local communications to route
13 through to you all?

14 **Witness** : I do not know, because that was not a
15 part of the -- I was not a part of the planning process,
16 and I did not see the Security Room.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. Okay. I want to just go through
18 some of these quickly. On page 11 of these communications
19 --

20 [Pause.]

21 **PSI Minority** -- and if we start up at the top, at
22 18:08:20, it looks like we have a report, "Someone's on the
23 roof." And then further down, "I have someone on the roof
24 with white shorts." It looks like they continue to talk
25 about the individual up there. And then further down, at

1 18:09:32, "Can you see the roof of the AGR building?"
2 It would appear they're talking about the roof of the AGR
3 building. Do you remember, is this around the time that
4 you started to see activity around that sector, that three
5 o'clock?

6 **Witness**: My actions aren't really timestamped.
7 It's hard to know. I know it happened after the BOLO came
8 out.

9 **PSI Minority** Do you know approximately when you
10 would've radioed out your -- let's say, how close to the
11 shots being fired do you recall saying, "Hey, there's folks
12 around the building"?

13 **Witness**: Well, I think you might have it a
14 little backwards, because I put out the policy activity
15 before the shots rang out. So I saw the two white vehicles
16 move in. I couldn't identify them for the canopy. But
17 then I noticed that one of them was a police officer, and I
18 immediately went to my radio and said, "Security Room from
19 Hercules. Locals are working something at three o'clock,
20 approximately 200 yards out." And that's all I had.
21 That's all I knew was that. I just relayed it to the
22 Security Room, who then relayed it to everyone on the
23 ground, I assume, because they repeated their transmission
24 on a channel that I was monitoring.

25 **PSI Minority** Understood. I guess what I'm getting

1 at is, so you do the BOLO, or not the BOLO. You do the
2 radio call out over your radio saying, "Hey, there's
3 activity over there. I've seen folks around the building.
4 I see law enforcement around the building." And I'm
5 paraphrasing you.

6 **Witness** : Mm-hmm.

7 **PSI Minority** And then shots rang out. What I'm
8 trying to figure out is, between when you put out that
9 radio call and the shots, about how much time passes? Are
10 we talking minutes? Seconds?

11 **Witness** : Maybe a couple of minutes.

12 **PSI Minority** A couple of minutes?

13 **Witness** : Maybe. That area is --

14 **PSI Minority** As best as you recall.

15 **Witness** : It's a blur. It all happened so fast.
16 But I assume a minute or two.

17 **PSI Minority** Okay. No, that's helpful. I want to
18 go back quickly to the BOLO. As you get the BOLO, do you
19 talk with your partner up on the roof about the BOLO at
20 all? Do you guys have any discussion about what you've
21 just received?

22 **Witness** Yeah, we talk about it. We say -- I
23 think we said if they lost them he may have changed
24 outfits, so we're now looking for potentially an individual
25 who is matching the physical traits, like the hair color,

1 hair style, the glasses or no glasses, and things that
2 can be changed quickly. So we're trying to discuss whether
3 or not we see anyone that even matches the body type of the
4 individual in the photographs.

5 **PSI Minority** Got it. And is there any discussion
6 about putting out a radio call, further disseminating this
7 information that was just disseminated to you by Officer
8 **C/S Team Lead**?

9 **Witness**: No, not a radio transmission. It came
10 to me from an email, so I assumed we got it from some other
11 source that -- I figured maybe we were the last people to
12 receive this information. We were just one branch that
13 this information passed to.

14 **PSI Minority** Okay. Give me one second.

15 [Pause.]

16 **PSI Minority** I'm going to turn it over to my
17 colleague, **PSI Minority**

18 **PSI Minority** Officer **Witness**, thank you for your
19 time today, sir.

20 **Witness**: Of course.

21 **PSI Minority** So I want to pick up where my colleague
22 left off, at the moment of you receiving the BOLO and then
23 you making that radio transmission. After you made the
24 radio transmission did you receive any radio transmissions
25 prior to shots fired?

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

2 **PSI Minority** After you made the radio transmission
3 did your partner interact with you verbally, like, you
4 know, make a comment about the radio transmission?

5 **Witness** : I don't recall. I mean, my tunnel
6 vision was pretty strong, and like trying to figure out
7 what the heck was even going on. Because there was so
8 little radio traffic. I would like to note that the locals
9 working something at the three o'clock is something that
10 typically comes to us. That's information that doesn't
11 originate from us. The locals are working something, and
12 usually their airwaves are picked up by somebody in the
13 Security Room, and they relay that information to us, to
14 try and vector our attention into something. It's highly
15 uncommon for us to put information like that over the radio
16 as the originator.

17 **PSI Minority** And after you made that call on your
18 radio, did you see activity in the direction of the three
19 o'clock, local law enforcement activity increase?

20 **Witness** : Not in particular. Just that officer
21 that ran out of the tree line, just trying to figure out
22 what he was focusing in on. I really couldn't -- there
23 wasn't a large commotion in the crowd either, so it was
24 hard to vector in on what exactly was unfolding.

25 **PSI Minority** And by the time you made the radio

1 call, what direction are you and your partner facing?

2 **Witness** : The AGR, two to three o'clock area.

3 **PSI Minority** And were you facing that direction up
4 until the points of shots fired?

5 **Witness** : Yes.

6 **PSI Minority** Do you know what direction the other
7 Hercules team was facing at this point?

8 **Witness** : No.

9 **PSI Minority** At the moment that you received the
10 BOLO, do you know what direction the other Hercules team
11 was facing?

12 **Witness** : No.

13 **PSI Minority** Did you pay any attention to what
14 direction the other Hercules team was facing?

15 **Witness** : I was very focused on the one to four
16 o'clock area, because that was our primary area of
17 responsibility that I knew they weren't necessarily looking
18 in that area. But I don't know, because I didn't look over
19 at them. I was so focused in on my area of responsibility.

20 **PSI Minority** Are you aware of any point of Hercules,
21 anyone on Hercules 1 facing towards the AGR building?

22 **Witness** : No.

23 **PSI Minority** You've mentioned before about your
24 sight limitations, and we talked a lot about that. And you
25 did mention that you spoke about those limitations with

1 your partner up there. I just want to be clear for the
2 record, did you relay any of your sight limitations to
3 anyone on Hercules 1?

4 **Witness**: No, because it was assumed that the
5 team lead on Hercules 1 already made his way to my post and
6 it's why he picked it, and then provided the
7 countermeasures or coordinated with the local units to
8 secure the AGR building.

9 **PSI Minority** Is it typical to ever relay site
10 limitations once you take post?

11 **Witness**: Not typically, because the team lead,
12 we trust that he conducted his advance appropriately and
13 assumed the posting that he expected us to take on the day
14 of the event.

15 **PSI Minority** I'm going to turn your attention to
16 Exhibit 8, I believe.

17 [Exhibit No. 8 was
18 marked for identification.]

19 **PSI Minority** This is a photograph taken the day of
20 the rally, July 13, 2024, and the source is AP. It is not
21 timestamped, but Officer **Witness**, can you identify the
22 individuals in this photograph?

23 **Witness**: On the left is **Hercules 2**, and on the
24 right is myself.

25 **PSI Minority** And you are on the right?

1 **Witness** : Correct.

2 **PSI Minority** Do you know what time this would've
3 been?

4 **Witness** : No, I have no idea what time that would
5 be.

6 **PSI Minority** Does a counter sniper need to request
7 permission, or need to receive permission to fire at a
8 shooter?

9 **Witness** : No.

10 **PSI Minority** Was any request -- was any such request
11 made on July 13th by any of the counter snipers --

12 **Witness** : No.

13 **PSI Minority** -- to fire? No. Who was your
14 supervisor at the event?

15 **Witness** : The detail supervisor was **Hercules 1 C/S**.

16 **PSI Minority** Sergeant --

17 **Witness** : **Hercules 1 C/S**.

18 **PSI Minority** Is it typical for a counter sniper to
19 be made aware of the security perimeter prior to an event?

20 **Witness** : Not typical.

21 **PSI Minority** Did you know whether the AGR building
22 was outside the perimeter when you took post?

23 **Witness** : No, I didn't know if it was inside. I
24 just knew that the locals had owned it.

25 **PSI Minority** I want to go back to Exhibit --

1 MR. [Witness Counsel] We need a moment, please.

2 [PSI Minority] Sure.

3 [Pause.]

4 MR. [Witness Counsel] Thank you.

5 [PSI Minority] I want to go back to Exhibit 4, that
6 was introduced earlier into the record. It's the large
7 packet. The first page of the packet is labeled
8 "Preliminary Survey." That document itself is actually a
9 10-page document out of this entire packet. Have you seen
10 this document titled "Preliminary Survey" before, the first
11 10 pages?

12 [Witness] : I'm sorry. What was the last part?

13 [PSI Minority] Have you seen this document before,
14 Preliminary Survey for this event?

15 [Witness] : No.

16 [PSI Minority] Okay. And going back to Exhibit 1, I
17 believe -- do you have that on hand?

18 [Witness] : Yes.

19 MR. [Witness Counsel] Just for clarity of the record at this
20 point, I want to be on record stating that I characterize
21 this document as 30 or 40 pages, which I stand by. The
22 main document, the body of the document that you're
23 referring to, is, in fact, 10 pages, but there are probably
24 three times that many supporting pages.

25 [PSI Minority] If you would like to -- counsel, if you

1 want the record to be clear, I'm happy to introduce just
2 the Preliminary Survey into the record and have your client
3 --

4 MR. **Witness Counsel** Oh no. You went to the trouble to
5 point out it was only 10 pages. Therefore, I want to
6 clarify the record and state it's not. It is a document
7 consisting of approximately 30 to 40 total pages. Thank
8 you.

9 **PSI Minority** Turning back to Exhibit 1, sir, did you
10 mention earlier that you had received this document prior
11 to the rally?

12 **Witness** : Correct.

13 **PSI Minority** And was this the only document that you
14 received prior to the rally regarding planning for the
15 rally?

16 **Witness** : No. I would've also received the
17 logistics, which is just all the information necessary for
18 the event itself.

19 **PSI Minority** And when did you receive that document?

20 **Witness** : At the same time I received the Exhibit
21 1.

22 **PSI Minority** And who provided you that document?

23 **Witness** : That would be **C/S Team Lead**, the team
24 lead.

25 **PSI Minority** Have you worked with the other counter

1 snipers that were posted at this event before?

2 **Witness** : I had.

3 **PSI Minority** How often?

4 **Witness** : How often? Tough to say. I don't
5 really log how many times I work with each individual. But
6 routinely, over the course of my seven years.

7 **PSI Minority** Do you know members of former President
8 Trump's detail?

9 **Witness** : I can't say that I do.

10 **PSI Minority** Do you know how long the Secret Service
11 agent that fired at the shooter had the shooter in his
12 sights?

13 **Witness** : If it was **Hercules 1 C/S** who pulled the
14 trigger, he's a Sergeant Technician. He's not an agent.
15 But I do not know how long he would've had the individual
16 in his sights.

17 **PSI Minority** I'm going to turn to the next Exhibit,
18 which will be Exhibit 9.

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

21 **PSI Minority** This is a reported email that was
22 published by a reporter, Susan Crabtree, on July 30, 2024.
23 This is an image of an email that this reporter published.
24 Are you familiar with this email?

25 **Witness** : Minimally. Minimally familiar with the

1 email.

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

3 **Witness** : I received the email, but I don't have
4 it in my inbox. It's a referred to.

5 **PSI Minority** What was your reaction when you
6 received this email?

7 **Witness** : It was sent out late at night, and I
8 had an early shift the next morning. My reaction was I'm
9 going to bed.

10 **PSI Minority** Did you read the email?

11 **Witness** : A couple of lines, and then went to
12 bed.

13 **PSI Minority** In the email, do you know who sent this
14 email?

15 **Witness** : I remember the individual who sent the
16 email.

17 **PSI Minority** Do you work with that individual who
18 sent the email?

19 **Witness** : I have worked with the individual who
20 sent the email.

21 **PSI Minority** Has this individual shared with you his
22 or her sentiments that were expressed, that are expressed
23 in this email before?

24 MR. **Witness Counsel** I think in fairness to my client we
25 need to read this line by line before we answer any

1 questions. Refer the questions, okay.

2 [Pause.]

3 MR. [Witness Counsel] Just to clarify, sir, my client made
4 reference to his inbox, and what he was referring to is
5 that document, not because of anything he did, no longer
6 exists in his inbox. He didn't delete it. It's just not
7 there. And I just want you to be clear on that.

8 [PSI Minority] Thank you, counsel. Do you know, how
9 that your counsel raised this point --

10 [Witness] : Yeah, if I could -- oh, I'm sorry.

11 [PSI Minority] Yeah, no problem. Please take your
12 time and continue to read.

13 [Pause.]

14 MR. [Witness Counsel] Is there a second copy available?

15 Thank you.

16 [Pause.]

17 [Witness] : Thanks for letting me finish that.

18 [PSI Minority] Absolutely. I want to go back to the
19 comment that your counsel made before about how you noticed
20 it in your inbox and then it was gone. Is that an accurate
21 way to describe that?

22 [Witness] : Correct.

23 [PSI Minority] Did you delete this email?

24 [Witness] : No.

25 [PSI Minority] Do you know how it was removed from

1 your inbox?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **PSI Minority** Is this the first time that you noticed
4 an email being removed from your inbox without you deleting
5 it?

6 **Witness** : I couldn't recall if it has happened
7 before. It's not something I would notice.

8 **PSI Minority** Is it typical that an email that you
9 have read is then removed from your inbox without you
10 deleting it?

11 **Witness** : No, that's not typical.

12 **PSI Minority** I want to go to the email itself, and
13 understanding that you did not write this, that someone
14 else wrote this, do you agree with the sender's words?
15 I'll read it from the first paragraph. This begins in the
16 second like, "The Agency needs to change. If not now,
17 when?"

18 **Witness** : I don't necessarily agree.

19 **PSI Minority** Could you elaborate please?

20 **Witness** : Well, who would be situationally
21 dependent. Like I've been in charge or I've been tasked
22 with trying to find technologies, rifles, weaponry,
23 observation devices that increase our efficiency. So in
24 that aspect, yeah, we're changing and evolving by
25 increasing our capabilities. I'm not entirely sure what

1 his objective was with the phrase.

2 **PSI Minority** The sender also wrote, in that same
3 paragraph, "The technicians who worked on 7/13/24, in
4 Butler, PA, did their job with their hands tied. Secret
5 Service supervisors, quote, 'knew better,' end quote, and
6 the foot soldiers working made the best of a bad situation
7 that resulted in a civilian death and a near-miss of the
8 protectee, and our technician shooting and killing the
9 suspect," end quote.

10 Do you believe that the technicians who worked the
11 event that day did their job?

12 **Witness** : Yes.

13 **PSI Minority** Do you believe that Secret Service
14 supervisors, quote, "knew better," end quote?

15 **Witness** : I don't know what he means by that.

16 **PSI Minority** Do you believe that, quote, "foot
17 soldiers working made the best of a bad situation," end
18 quote?

19 **Witness** : I don't know what he means by that
20 either.

21 **PSI Minority** After you -- well, let me back up.
22 When did you notice that this email was removed from your
23 inbox?

24 **Witness** : Sometime the next day.

25 **PSI Minority** Did you notify anyone or talk to anyone

1 about it?

2 **Witness** : No.

3 **PSI Minority** Are you aware of other counter snipers
4 receiving this email?

5 **Witness** : I don't know. They may have. It's not
6 like a topic of discussion.

7 **PSI Minority** Have you spoken with anyone, any of
8 your other colleagues, about this email?

9 **Witness** : I may have. I don't know. I don't
10 remember.

11 **PSI Minority** And the individual who sent this email,
12 you said you know this person. Did you talk to this person
13 about this email?

14 **Witness** : No.

15 **PSI Minority** How do you know who sent this email?

16 **Witness** : As a coworker.

17 **PSI Minority** In the version that you received, was
18 the name of the individual on the email?

19 **Witness** : Yes.

20 **PSI Minority** Okay. One final question, and thank
21 you for indulging. Has anyone from DHS or the Secret
22 Service told you not to speak with Congress?

23 **Witness** : No.

24 **PSI Minority** Okay. Thank you. I think now we'll
25 take a five-minute break, if that works for everyone, and

1 we'll go off the record.

2 [Recess.]

3 **PSI Majority** Hi. Good afternoon. I'm **PSI Majority** with
4 Senator Blumenthal's staff. Thanks again for speaking with
5 us. I just have a couple of questions. If we can go back
6 momentarily to the BOLO, at Exhibit 3. I just want to go
7 back to the BOLO at Exhibit 3. I have a couple of
8 questions about that.

9 Am I right that I heard you say that you received this
10 via email at or around the timestamp on the email, 5:53
11 p.m.

12 **Witness** : Correct.

13 **PSI Majority** And you said that after you received
14 the BOLO you started looking for someone that met the
15 description of the person in the images in this email. Is
16 that right?

17 **Witness** : Correct.

18 **PSI Majority** Did that continue -- did your searching
19 continue from the time you received the email to the time
20 that shots fired, or when did your searching end?

21 **Witness** : The searching ended when we were
22 determined to be the team to go to the hospital.

23 **PSI Majority** Can you describe how you searched for
24 someone meeting this description?

25 **Witness** : Absolutely.

1 **PSI Majority** What did you do?

2 **Witness** : So we use our observation devices, our
3 binoculars, our laser rangefinders, and eventually our
4 scopes that are attached to our rifles to search for this
5 individual.

6 **PSI Majority** Did you use all three of those tools?

7 **Witness** : That's correct.

8 **PSI Majority** That's it for me. Thank you.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : You testified earlier that it was
10 communicated to you that locals owned the building.
11 Correct?

12 **Witness** : Correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : And you also testified earlier, in response
14 to questions about your areas of responsibility -- "you"
15 meaning the United States Counter Sniper Team -- for, that
16 "we have responsibility looking out," and that
17 responsibility included outward and that building. Is that
18 right?

19 **Witness** : Our area of responsibility is really
20 everything that we can observe. Although it may be
21 specified to one specific area, we're still observing
22 everywhere. So we assume that everything is our area of
23 responsibility.

24 **HSGAC Majority** : So can you reconcile for me these two
25 statements, in terms of how you then assessed your

1 responsibilities in light of these two -- I don't want
2 to label it, but these two facts, both that you are
3 responsible looking out, and you have been told -- and
4 "out" includes AGR -- and that you have been told that,
5 quote, "locals own that building."

6 **Witness**: So our area of responsibility, being
7 360, meaning we're observing those areas, and if we see
8 something suspicious that's when we would run it up the
9 chain or send a -- we would take action. The locals owning
10 an area would be a countermeasure to a blind spot in our
11 area of responsibility. So if I can't see a section
12 somewhere, taking another local asset, Secret Service
13 asset, and putting them physically in that blind spot, or
14 can see the blind spot for us, would alleviate the blind
15 spot for the team that can't see it.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you restate the word you used to
17 describe them. I'm not sure I caught it. Did you say it
18 mitigated or it alleviated?

19 **Witness**: I think I testified alleviated, but
20 mitigated that area.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Meaning the same thing.

22 **Witness**: Yes, sir.

23 **HSGAC Majority**: And then from the time you took your
24 position on the roof and began your role, to the actual
25 shooting, at any time did you ever see a local law

1 enforcement official on the AGR building?

2 **Witness** : Not until the local SWAT officer came
3 onto the roof and appeared from the tree line on that small
4 sliver of the roof that we could see.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : And about how long before the shooting
6 occurred was that?

7 **Witness** : That was after the shooting had
8 concluded.

9 **HSGAC Majority** : Sorry. After. So again, from the time you
10 took your post up until the shooting, you did not see any
11 local law enforcement officers on the AGR building. Is
12 that accurate?

13 **Witness** : Correct.

14 **HSGAC Majority** : And then from the time you took your post
15 up until the shooting, did you see any local law
16 enforcement officers in the immediate proximity of that
17 building?

18 **Witness** : I did.

19 **HSGAC Majority** : Can you describe that for us?

20 **Witness** : From the two vehicles that pulled into
21 the AGR lot and the one officer emerging, in addition to
22 the local tactical asset that was observing like the same
23 area that we were, that I discussed earlier, near the truck
24 that was parked near the corner and the fence. And I can't
25 recall if I saw any additional units, but I believe **Hercules 2**

1 made mention that he saw some from his vantage point
2 further left of my position on the roof.

3 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you orient us in time, when
4 approximately these observations occurred?

5 **Witness**: Around the time of the BOLO maybe.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: You had mentioned earlier that in events
7 where you are the lead for planning, the things you look
8 for are areas that could look in on a protectee, and that
9 what you do then is to coordinate with assets to work to
10 mitigate those areas because they are risks or threats. Is
11 that right?

12 **Witness**: Correct.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: In those instances, have you had occasion
14 to be placed inside of a building?

15 **Witness**: Are you asking if any of my postings --

16 **HSGAC Majority**: In a counter sniper role.

17 **Witness**: -- if I've posted in a building? Yes.

18 **HSGAC Majority**: When you have been in that building, in
19 that counter sniper role, is your vantage point immediately
20 up against a visual area like a window, or is it behind --
21 is there approximately -- what I'm trying to understand is
22 when you're in a building as opposed to when you're out of
23 a building, what is your line of sight?

24 **Witness**: It changes from building to building.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: And had you either -- well, I'll break it

1 into several questions. Prior to the shooting that day,
2 had you ever been inside the AGR building?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Have you ever been in the AGR building?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : So I'm going to look back at Exhibit 3.

7 When this comes across, and I just want to -- I know it's
8 been written into the record but I want to read it so it
9 helps you with a response to this question -- when this
10 come across, and it says, "Kid learning around building.
11 We are in AGR I believe it is. I did see him with a
12 rangefinder looking towards the stage. FYI. If you want
13 to notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him.
14 Also bike with a backpack sitting next to it in rear of the
15 building that was not seen earlier."

16 When that comes across, who then, among the entities
17 that are there, has the responsibility to identify and
18 mitigate that? And if the answer is several entities, can
19 you please describe who those would be and what their
20 responsibilities would be.

21 **Witness** : So when we receive a BOLO like this
22 there's a Protective Intelligence Unit that sometimes
23 accompanies a detail. They'll want to interview the
24 individual if it's been determined that they're suspicious
25 and were in any capacity to the protective mission. Local

1 units that have jurisdiction in the area can also
2 assist, and if we had spotted this individual, as I
3 mentioned earlier, if we had a precise location and could
4 dispatch our Counter Sniper Response Team, we would've sent
5 them, if we spotted the individual.

6 **HSGAC Majority**: And now not in general but with respect to
7 this specific BOLO -- and I guess referencing that if you
8 want to notify SS snipers to look out -- what would have
9 the four counter snipers, Secret Service counter snipers,
10 including you, what would your responsibility be at this
11 point with respect to receiving this information?

12 **Witness**: To continue to observe. To try and
13 locate this individual.

14 **HSGAC Majority**: And then last question from me. In your
15 opening you mentioned at one point there became a concern
16 for you of blue-on-blue violence. I'm sorry, not violence.
17 You were concerned about police officer casualties. Is
18 that correct?

19 **Witness**: Correct.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: What raised that risk level, and where
21 exactly was the concern most --

22 **Witness**: That's a really good question because
23 as this unit or as this event unfolded, a lot of units are
24 moving around quickly, with urgency, and we are attempting
25 to identify a specific threat. But as we were scanning

1 with our high-powered rifles against this AGR building,
2 we're trying to take into LES

3 LES

4 LES

5 LES, and if not, LES

6 LES. And then

7 also the possibility of mistakenly taking -- if a local law
8 enforcement goes up with a long gun and we're not aware of
9 it and we automatically see someone with a long gun, and
10 shots have been fired in that general direction, a fear of
11 a blue-on-blue incident is raised, especially with how fast
12 things are occurring in those moments.

13 HSGAC Majority: And on this particular day, and at this
14 particular moment, first, it's correct to say among the
15 planning you had done, that included -- and I may get this
16 wrong -- not colors, but identification of what law
17 enforcement would be wearing, so you would have some
18 awareness that day. Is that right?

19 Witness: I don't recall seeing their uniforms or
20 photographs of what they would be wearing.

21 HSGAC Majority: At the point that this risk level was
22 raised, were you aware of specific local law enforcement
23 locations within that building, so you already knew of
24 threats, or no?

25 Witness: No. Not in what specific locations

1 they would be within the building. Just that they were
2 going to be inside the building. And if they were going to
3 be inside the building, I would assume that they had free
4 range within the building and authority to be in any room.

5 **HSGAC Majority**: So you did not know specific locations.
6 You only knew they would be in the building.

7 **Witness**: Correct.

8 **HSGAC Majority**: Got it.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: Officer **Witness**, I have some questions
10 about the equipment you used. Did you have binoculars with
11 you that day?

12 **Witness**: I did.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: And can you walk us through -- my
14 understanding is you have binoculars and a scope. Can you
15 walk us through the difference and what you use each for?

16 **Witness**: Absolutely. With binoculars what
17 you're doing is scanning an area, increasing your
18 magnification, and the ability to see into darker areas.
19 You're also picking up better detail than you could with
20 your naked eye. So being able to spot an individual at
21 distance would become easier. But a scope is attached to a
22 rifle, and it has a graduated reticle inside it, **LES**

23 **LES**

24 **LES**.

25 **HSGAC Majority**: Once you got the BOLO, you said you

1 started searching for the suspicious person. What piece
2 of equipment did you use to search for this suspicious
3 person in the BOLO?

4 **Witness**: So initially we used naked eye, then
5 binoculars, then our laser rangefinders, and then
6 ultimately our scopes.

7 **HSGAC Majority**: And again, just as a layman, not
8 understanding the difference in the equipment, why the
9 decision to use the scope after using the binoculars and
10 the rangefinder?

11 **Witness**: Because the situation was evolving in
12 such a way where the transition from observing to
13 implementing lethal force needed to be reduced as much as
14 possible.

15 **HSGAC Majority**: I see. So it's not anything about the
16 technical capability of a scope to enable you to see
17 something. It's just that it's attached to your weapon,
18 and you thought you might be eventually needing to use the
19 weapon. That was the --

20 **Witness**: Precisely.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. And what escalated that
22 thought process, that you thought that it's not just a
23 suspicious person. It's not getting to the point where I
24 might need to use my weapon.

25 **Witness**: Just the urgency of the situation, and

1 then certainly the rounds breaking around us.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: Oh, this was after shots fired, you
3 mean?

4 **Witness**: I can't recall if we went to guns right
5 away, but I continued to observe through my binoculars
6 until either I saw **Hercules 2** get on his gun, and figured, well,
7 if he's on his gun I should probably be on my gun, not
8 looking through binoculars, because he perceived something.
9 And it's not something we talk about. It's not a dialogue,
10 because this situation is evolving so quickly it becomes
11 second nature where if he's on a gun, I'm going to get to
12 my gun and observe through my scope. And there's no
13 reduction in capability when switching to that. You're
14 just reducing the time it would take to put the binoculars
15 down, pick up the rifle, get in the scope, and then address
16 a threat.

17 **HSGAC Majority**: Understood. Thank you. And actually
18 that's a good segue to my next question. Can you go back
19 to the Exhibit 8? It's the photo of you and **Hercules 2** on the
20 roof. I believe that's Exhibit 8. So you're looking
21 through your scope there, right?

22 **Witness**: I can't exactly tell when I'm in a
23 position like that. I'm on the right. When I'm in a
24 position like that I can easily look over the top of my
25 scope to use naked eye for -- like I said, I have pretty

1 good eyes. I can see clearly to LES ,
2 especially if something is on a roof. But transitioning
3 back and forth from scope to naked eye is a tactic that I
4 implement.

5 HSGAC Majority: Understood. But you weren't looking
6 through your binoculars in this photo.

7 Witness: Correct.

8 HSGAC Majority: Right. Gotcha. Thank you. And
9 apologies if we covered this, but do you recall roughly --
10 I know you don't know exactly minutes or time -- but do you
11 recall roughly how long you were looking through your scope
12 in the direction of the two or three o'clock at AGR, as
13 opposed to binoculars, and just -- because we covered a
14 minute ago you explain that, you know, you were scanning
15 with binoculars, but once you started using the scope it
16 was a heightened sense of alert. So do you have a sense of
17 how long you were in that heightened sense using the scope
18 in the direction of AGR?

19 Witness: No. I'm not sure.

20 HSGAC Majority: Okay. Do you know what cell service
21 your work cellphone is on?

22 Witness: I believe Verizon.

23 HSGAC Majority: And do you routinely use your cellphone,
24 your work cellphone, while you're in position as a counter
25 sniper, either to send or receive texts, send or receive

1 emails, or make or receive calls?

2 **Witness** : I'm sorry. What was the beginning of
3 the question?

4 **HSGAC Majority** : Do you routinely use your work cellphone
5 while you're in position as a counter sniper?

6 **Witness** : When I'm on post we'll typically use
7 our work phones for communications.

8 **HSGAC Majority** : On post as a counter sniper?

9 **Witness** : Correct.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : And do you use it for communications
11 like texts and emails?

12 **Witness** : Yes.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. Did you observe, including see or
14 hear, any drones that day?

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **HSGAC Majority** : Okay. I think that's all I have. My
17 colleague has a couple more.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : Thank you again for your time today.

19 I'm **HSGAC Majority** with Senator Peters. Just a quick
20 follow-up on something you just said about looking through
21 your scope. Did I understand correctly that in your role,
22 both at this event as a counter sniper and at previous
23 events where you worked as a counter sniper, that you would
24 only go onto your scope if you thought there was a
25 potential need to use your weapon?

1 **Witness** : Not always, but sometimes.

2 **HSGAC Majority**: What are the other circumstances where
3 you would be looking through the scope?

4 **Witness** : So when we get up to our posts we will
5 typically see if our position that can we build to shoot is
6 viable for things like recoil management, and then the
7 physical limitations. I'm not sure how into the weeds you
8 want me to get. But there are certain setups that I can
9 run with my weapon that would allow me to better use the
10 rooftop or position that I'm on. But we would do something
11 called taking like a sighter, where I would test a position
12 to see if it was a good position to build.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: Okay. I think I understood most of
14 that.

15 **Witness** : Like an administrative kind of thing.

16 **HSGAC Majority**: But is it fair to say that everything
17 you just described would be part of your, you know, your
18 setup or --

19 **Witness** : Yes.

20 **HSGAC Majority**: -- assessment of the situation? So once
21 you are actively, you know, once you are already set up and
22 your main responsibility, as I understand it, is
23 surveillance, in that situation are there other
24 circumstances you would use your scope if you were not
25 anticipating the possibility of using your weapon?

1 **Witness** : Sometimes, because the **LES**
2 **LES** .

3 **HSGAC Majority**: Got it. And just looking back at other
4 events that you've worked in a counter sniper role, roughly
5 how common is it for you, in a surveillance capacity, to be
6 using your scope.

7 **Witness** : It varies technician to technician.
8 It's all personal preference.

9 **HSGAC Majority**: So it would not necessarily be an
10 indicator that there's a likelihood of a threat. It would
11 vary from situation to situation?

12 **Witness** : Not always.

13 **HSGAC Majority**: I think that's all I have right now.
14 Thank you.

15 **HSGAC Minority** On Exhibit 9 that you know we were
16 discussing earlier, I just want to clarify for the record.
17 You received this email on your work email?

18 **Witness** : Correct.

19 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you. Was there a Counter
20 Surveillance Unit at the Butler site?

21 **Witness** : I'm not sure.

22 **HSGAC Minority** Are there typically Counter Surveillance
23 Units assigned?

24 **Witness** : Yes.

25 **HSGAC Minority** How do you, in your role as a counter

1 sniper, work with Counter Surveillance Units?

2 **Witness** : So on the advance side of things, if
3 local assets are unavailable to mitigate like those blind
4 spots, we can request if the Counter Surveillance Unit
5 could dedicate a unit to remain in a blind spot.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if that request was made?

7 **Witness** : I do not.

8 **HSGAC Minority** Who would make that request?

9 **Witness** : That would be the team leader.

10 **HSGAC Minority** So **C/S Team Lead**?

11 **Witness** : Correct.

12 **HSGAC Minority** And you're not aware -- I'm sorry.

13 You're not aware if there was one? So there may have been?

14 You're just not sure?

15 **Witness** : I'm not sure.

16 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Would you be notified if there
17 was a Counter Surveillance Unit, who those individuals
18 were?

19 **Witness** : Sometimes I am, but not always.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Was there a Protective
21 Intelligence Unit assigned to the Butler site?

22 **Witness** : I'm not sure.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Do you know if there was a protective
24 intelligence advance agent?

25 **Witness** : I don't know. I wasn't a part of the

1 planning process.

2 **HSGAC Minority** What is the role of the protective
3 intelligence? I'm just trying -- because there's -- so
4 there the Counter Surveillance Unit, the Counter Sniper
5 Response Team, and then Protective Intelligence Unit. I'm
6 trying to keep it all straight.

7 **Witness** : I'm not the best person to ask that,
8 but they're basically investigator where if, say, the CS
9 response agent intercepts an individual, the protective
10 intelligence guy would follow up if the counter sniper
11 response thought the guy was suspicious or had some
12 protective threat or posed some protective threat to the
13 detail.

14 **HSGAC Minority** And if we could go back to Exhibit 3, I
15 believe, which is the email with the pictures. I don't
16 know if you can read it. It's fuzzy. I had to write it
17 out for myself. It says -- I'm assuming the reference to
18 PI in that email stands for Protective Intelligence?

19 **Witness** : I assume the same thing.

20 **HSGAC Minority** It says, "From local police near AGR, if
21 spotted please notify PI at" and then there's a blank -- I
22 assume it's a redaction -- "or go direct with Security
23 Room." So can you explain to me what that would mean in
24 terms of reporting?

25 **Witness** : So if we had observed the individual,

1 we would've notified the protective intelligence agent
2 to go to the individual. I would probably link him up with
3 the Counter Sniper Response Team because I have the grids
4 LES [REDACTED].

5 But that's exactly what it means is you can notify a PI
6 and/or the Security Room via the radio if you spot the
7 individual.

8 HSGAC Minority And so typically would you go directly
9 to the Counter Response Team or can you go to either the
10 Protective Intelligence Unit or the Counter Response Team?

11 Witness : I can't say that I've encountered a
12 BOLO like this one before. Like I said before, it's in a
13 format I'm unfamiliar with.

14 HSGAC Minority And what does it mean to go direct with
15 Security Room?

16 Witness : Go direct would be relay what
17 information you have right to them rather than through the
18 PI, then to the Security Room.

19 HSGAC Minority And to your knowledge, was there
20 anything relayed to either the PI or directly to the
21 Security Room?

22 Witness : No.

23 HSGAC Minority Okay. A couple more questions. Did
24 C/S Team Lead tell you that he communicated with the Counter
25 Sniper Response Team that day?

1 **Witness** : I assume so. Yes, he did. Yes.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall when he told you that?

3 **Witness** : That would've been before the protectee
4 arrived and before we posted.

5 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Do you recall what Federal
6 agencies were present at the Butler site?

7 **Witness** : No. To my knowledge it was just the
8 Secret Service.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you have the ability to
10 communicate direct with the Counter Assault Team?

11 **Witness** : Via our TAC channel, yes.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Did you communicate with them?

13 **Witness** : I believe we radio checked them.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you ever had to fire your
15 weapon?

16 **Witness** : In training.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Never in a -- when you're in a
18 protective situation, deployed?

19 **Witness** : Correct.

20 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Did you document your
21 recollection of events following the incident? You know,
22 did you write it down? Were you asked to do so?

23 **Witness** : I have notes.

24 **HSGAC Minority** Did you submit that to anyone?

25 **Witness** : No.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you interviewed by anyone
2 the night of the incident?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Were you interviewed by anyone after?

5 **Witness** : Yes.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Do you recall when that was?

7 **Witness** : A few days after the incident.

8 **HSGAC Minority** So you went to the hospital, and then
9 did you go to the airport after?

10 **Witness** : Correct.

11 **HSGAC Minority** And then were you released, or were you
12 -- were you expecting to be interviewed that night?

13 **Witness** : I don't know what I was expecting that
14 night, but I was released. I was permitted to return home.

15 **HSGAC Minority** And who released you?

16 **Witness** : That would've been the sergeants on-
17 site.

18 **HSGAC Minority** And so you didn't encounter any FBI that
19 evening?

20 **Witness** : I don't know if I encountered them, but
21 they did not interview me that night.

22 **HSGAC Minority** And when you were interviewed, who did
23 you interview with?

24 **Witness** : I interviewed with the FBI,
25 Pennsylvania State Police, and my Inspections.

1 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Were you aware of an arrest
2 the day before the incident of an individual who was
3 plotting an assassination attempt on a politician or U.S.
4 officials?

5 **Witness** : No.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Have you been made aware of that since?

7 **Witness** : No.

8 **HSGAC Minority** This is the first time you're hearing
9 about that?

10 **Witness** : Correct.

11 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you seen an after-action
12 report on the event?

13 **Witness** : No.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Have you heard about a potential after-
15 action report being drafted?

16 **Witness** : No.

17 **HSGAC Minority** So you don't know if a draft interim
18 report was submitted to OPO or PID within a 30-day
19 deadline?

20 **Witness** : No.

21 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. That's all for me.

22 **HSGAC Minority** **HSGAC Minority** Senator Paul's office.
23 I've just got a couple of things. The first thing is a
24 record of clarification, because through the further
25 discussion after I spoke we've heard the terms "risk" and

1 "threat," "mitigation" and "elimination." And I just
2 wanted to clarify for when I discuss it, when I talk about
3 threat and risk elimination, that's threat removal. And
4 mitigation, in my terms, is threat reduction. It's not the
5 elimination of a threat. So I just wanted to, for the
6 record, I think we're tracking, but I just wanted to make
7 sure that we're talking about the same thing.

8 We're going to refer now to this Exhibit 5. It was
9 the photo of two individuals walking up a roof. You said
10 it was probably you. Your counsel said the big flag.
11 First of all, I don't like heights, so I kind of don't like
12 doing that.

13 But my question for you, when looking at that, and
14 when you and your partner were getting ready to take the
15 roof, was there any concern or discussion about the scope
16 of the roof being too much for you to safely acquire that
17 position and operate?

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **HSGAC Minority** And the last thing I would have to say
20 is would it be safe to assert that through your testimony
21 today you emphasized multiple times that these events are
22 fairly highly compartmentalized in your operation space.
23 And you all rely on every part of the team doing their job
24 correctly. And that if one part of the operation fails it
25 can result in overall failure in the event protection.

1 So would it be safe to say that you all operate on
2 trust of other teammates doing their job?

3 **Witness** : Correct.

4 **HSGAC Minority** From the top to the bottom.

5 **Witness** : Correct.

6 **HSGAC Minority** Thank you very much.

7 **HSGAC Minority** **HSGAC Minority** with Ranking Member
8 Paul. When you have been the advance, counter sniper
9 advance, for events, have you ever requested and had
10 counter surveillance denied?

11 **Witness** : I don't request counter surveillance.

12 **HSGAC Minority** Okay.

13 **Witness** : That's not my role or responsibility.

14 **HSGAC Minority** Who requests that?

15 **Witness** : It would be the counter surveillance
16 advance.

17 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Have you ever requested and had
18 the Counter Sniper Response Teams denied?

19 **Witness** : Yes, but it's more like they don't have
20 the personnel for it. It wouldn't necessarily be like
21 denied.

22 **HSGAC Minority** So the Secret Service could not
23 provide the personnel to fill the role, as opposed to
24 saying you don't need it.

25 **Witness** : I think so, and I don't know that I've

1 ever encountered that on any of my advances.

2 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Following up on some of **HSGAC Majority's**
3 questions, you had said that sometimes locals will be
4 arranged to make up for a -- to mitigate a risk, one that
5 might not be able to be mitigated by your position. Whose
6 responsibility is it to request or to arrange for those
7 locals or other mitigating -- other mitigation for that
8 risk? Is it the counter sniper advance, or is it the site
9 lead, or is it somebody else?

10 **Witness**: It could be multiple entities within
11 the Service, but ultimately the responsibility would be the
12 Counter Sniper Team, although sometimes the Counter Assault
13 Team would act as a liaison in instances where we can't get
14 an advance to a protective detail.

15 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. You mentioned -- I think this
16 was also in regard to **HSGAC Majority's** questions, about concern about
17 maybe hitting the local officers inside the building
18 because of the weapon you're using. What's the caliber of
19 the weapon, and what model weapon are you using?

20 [Pause.]

21 MR. **Witness Counsel** I certainly respect the question, but
22 based on my rudimentary understanding of counter sniper and
23 their training, we, I think, are getting into another area
24 that would be a misstep for my client to offer that
25 classified information. Because there are just so many

1 different varieties, weapons available, bullets, et
2 cetera, et cetera.

3 And so your question as worded, at least, I'm
4 instructing my client not to answer it. But if you're
5 going to ask specific questions about that document, again
6 I have to raise the issue that this is information that my
7 client does not have the authority to publicly disseminate,
8 not that we're in the general public. And so that would be
9 my position on that line of questioning.

10 **HSGAC Minority** Exhibit 8, the picture of you and your
11 partner on the roof. What is the weapon that you're using
12 there?

13 **Witness** : That's a precision long-range bolt gun.

14 **HSGAC Minority** The manufacturer?

15 [Pause.]

16 MR. **Witness Counsel** I am sorry, sir. I cannot let my
17 witness answer that question. The Service knows, and his
18 superiors know the complete and total history of that
19 weapon, and I believe it's their place to reveal that
20 information rather than my client, because I don't want my
21 client disclosing information he should not be disclosing.
22 He knows the answer, and I'm not playing coy or trying to
23 be obstructionist, but it's not my client's place to get
24 into that information because there's a great deal of
25 information that goes into how that rifle ultimately comes

1 into the hands of a counter sniper. And my client
2 simply can't go there. I'm not trying to get in your way,
3 sir. I'm not trying to obstruct. It's just that's the
4 reality, and it's beyond my client to give that
5 information.

6 **HSGAC Minority** We'll table that for now. What about
7 simply the caliber, of you're worried about overpenetration
8 or penetration through the walls?

9 **Witness** : It's a **LES** .

10 **HSGAC Minority** **LES** ?

11 **Witness** : Now you're asking the chambering.

12 [Pause.]

13 MR. **Agency Counsel** Yeah, **Agency Counsel** Why don't we just
14 table this discussion on the weapon. We can always provide
15 this as an agency.

16 **HSGAC Minority** I will just say, given the heavy
17 redactions we've received on basically every document we've
18 received from the Agency, if that's a commitment to provide
19 this information I will take it.

20 MR. **Agency Counsel** It's a commitment that I'll go back and
21 take it up with Secret Service and DHS, and we'll get back
22 to you. That's the commitment, that we'll get back to you.

23 **HSGAC Minority** Just to clarify, for the record, is that
24 because you're unsure whether or not that information is
25 classified, or what is the justification for not providing

1 the answer right now? If there is a legal
2 justification, that's fine, but it's unclear to me what
3 that is.

4 MR. **Agency Counsel** Two things. One, it's not necessarily
5 classified, but potentially sensitive. Secondly, it's
6 established that **Witness** today, as the record says,
7 was not the shooter on the 13th. So that's a question
8 about his weapon as opposed to others.

9 **HSGAC Minority** Since you mentioned the shooter, are
10 we going to have the shooter made available to us for an
11 interview like this?

12 MR. **Agency Counsel** We are going to get back to you on the
13 shooter. Right now there's still an ongoing investigation
14 by the Pennsylvania State Police and the FBI. He's still
15 under -- of anybody, he's under investigation, and we will
16 get back to you on the time and place -- not place -- the
17 time when he will testify. He also has private counsel
18 who has a role to play in this discussion too.

19 **HSGAC Minority** I just have two more quick questions.
20 Who was the counter surveillance advance for the Butler
21 site? Do you know?

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

23 **HSGAC Minority** And do you know if **C/S Team Lead** considered
24 the water tower at all as a potential staging location for,
25 or positioning location for the counter snipers?

1 **Witness** : I'm not sure what he wound up
2 considering. All I can speak to is that my final position
3 was on the northernmost barn roof.

4 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. We traveled there, and obviously
5 didn't go up the water tower but I saw it, and it was very
6 high. It seems like it would have a very good view of the
7 entirety of the site. Is that your recollection, or was
8 that your view? I'm not an expert, so that was just me
9 from the ground.

10 **Witness** : That's a really insightful question.
11 Just because a position has a height advantage doesn't
12 necessarily mean, like I was talking about on the advance
13 work, doesn't mean it necessarily looks in on a protectee.
14 And conversely, it doesn't necessarily mean that we can see

15 **LES**

16 **LES** . So although you gain a height
17 advantage, you may also be sacrificing elsewhere.

18 **HSGAC Minority** Okay. Thank you.

19 **PSI Minority** : Officer **Witness** , this is **PSI Minority**
20 again, Ranking Member Ron Johnson's office. A few
21 follow-up questions I'd like to turn back to Exhibit 8,
22 the photograph of you and your partner on the roof. In
23 this photograph, you and your partner are both facing a
24 specific direction. It looks like your partner may have --
25 and forgive me, maybe you should describe because I don't

1 know the technical word -- what is his weapon mounted
2 on?

3 **Witness** : That's a tripod.

4 **PSI Minority** Okay. A very technical word.

5 [Laughter.]

6 **PSI Minority** Once a counter sniper is set up in this
7 position, how long does it take for that individual to
8 change positions, as in face a different direction?

9 **Witness** : It will vary. It will obviously vary
10 person to person. I don't know how long it might take **Hercules 2**
11 to change position. He's a big guy, so I assumed maybe a
12 second longer than it would take me to switch over. That's
13 not a challenge.

14 **PSI Minority** Can you describe -- does the weapon
15 have to be dismounted and then the tripod sort of turned
16 around and then remounted?

17 **Witness** : That's a really good question. No, it
18 doesn't have to be, but you have several options in this
19 specific system. He could unlatch part of it and it
20 swivels just like a camera tripod would, if you can imagine
21 that, if you any experience with that. The weapon can
22 swivel and pivot on its mount. He also has the option to
23 disengage the weapon system from the tripod and go to a
24 position like I built in the photo, where I'm using my
25 bipod. Or he could pick up the entire system, do a 180,

1 and look in the other direction.

2 **PSI Minority** And I'm not talking specific about this
3 event or this picture, but as you go to any event and you
4 scan the crowd, you can move the weapon around fairly
5 easily?

6 **Witness** : Correct.

7 **PSI Minority** Okay. I'm going to go ahead and turn
8 to the next exhibit, which will be Exhibit 10.

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

11 **PSI Minority** And I'll give you a moment to take a
12 look at it. It's two-sided, front and back.

13 [Pause.]

14 **PSI Minority** Now that you've had a moment to look at
15 it, I'll describe what it appears to be to me, and then you
16 can let me know one way or the other. But this appears to
17 be a text message that was sent with an image or an
18 attachment. Are you familiar with this communication?

19 **Witness** : No. I have not seen this before.

20 **PSI Minority** And by not seeing this, you did not
21 receive a message on July 13, 2024, 7:31:04, with this
22 attachment?

23 **Witness** : Correct.

24 **PSI Minority** And have you seen this image before,
25 that appears to show a map of the AGR building?

1 **Witness** : No.

2 **PSI Minority** Are you familiar, generally, with this
3 application and its layout?

4 **Witness** : Yes, with an asterisk. This appears to
5 be an **LES**, an application called **LES**, whereas my agency
6 uses **LES**, which is the same application but for the Apple
7 operating software. So for iPhones and iPads. This one
8 appears to be on a device that isn't that.

9 **PSI Minority** And just to be clear, are you saying
10 that Secret Service exclusively uses the iPhone, and
11 therefore this can't be an image of a Secret Service phone?

12 **Witness** : I'm not sure. I'm not sure if the
13 Secret Service exclusively uses iPhones, but I did not
14 receive this image.

15 **PSI Minority** Just over the course of day-to-day
16 business, would it be normal for you to receive a message
17 through this application, indicating a suspicious package
18 or any other things of note?

19 **Witness** : We use the application, but it's
20 uncommon to receive messages via the application.

21 **PSI Minority** What do you use the application for,
22 generally?

23 **Witness** : The counter sniper -- or I'm sorry, the
24 counter assault advance will **LES** with
25 the **LES**,

1 [REDACTED] LES [REDACTED], to get an area. We can
2 also track assets on the ground that have the application
3 up and the setting enabled to allow their location to be
4 shared.

5 [PSI Minority] Are you aware of a suspicious package
6 located near the AGR building at 7:31 p.m.?

7 [Witness] : No.

8 [PSI Minority] Are you aware of any suspicious package
9 on July 13th, located near the AGR building?

10 [Witness] : Not at all.

11 [PSI Minority] Are you aware of a remote device found
12 near the shooter's body?

13 [Witness] : No.

14 [PSI Minority] Are you aware of whether the shooter
15 had a vehicle with explosives?

16 [Witness] : At the time I did not know, but I've
17 heard through conversations around the office that that was
18 a potential, not long after the fact.

19 [PSI Minority] You heard that after July 13th?

20 [Witness] : Yeah.

21 [PSI Minority] Okay. I want to now go back to Exhibit
22 4, that we talked about earlier, and this is the packet of
23 information. And to make it easy I just want to ask about
24 page 1. On that page, sir, you'll see a section that's
25 labeled "Advance Team." Do you see that?

1 **Witness** : Yes.

2 **PSI Minority** And underneath it you'll see areas that
3 indicate different responsibilities. There's also an area
4 that indicates names of individuals. Those are all blank.
5 We did not redact those names. They came to us redacted.
6 But I want to ask you if you are familiar with people who
7 participated on the advance team of this event.

8 **Witness** : Only the counter sniper advance.

9 **PSI Minority** So keeping that in mind we'll just go
10 down this list really quick.

11 **Witness** : Sure.

12 **PSI Minority** Do you know who the lead was at the
13 event?

14 **Witness** : No.

15 **PSI Minority** The airport site agent?

16 **Witness** : No.

17 **PSI Minority** The site agent?

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **PSI Minority** The site counterpart?

20 **Witness** : No.

21 **PSI Minority** Intelligence?

22 **Witness** : No.

23 **PSI Minority** Counter sniper?

24 **Witness** : Yes.

25 **PSI Minority** And who was that person?

1 **Witness** : **C/S Team Lead** .

2 **PSI Minority** And the TSD?

3 **Witness** : No.

4 **PSI Minority** Those are all the --

5 MR. **Witness Counsel** If I may intercede here for a minute.

6 I don't want you to think my client's totally uninformed.

7 That's all on the agent side. He has no idea who those

8 people are.

9 **PSI Minority** Thank you. I'll turn it over to my
10 colleague, **PSI Minority**

11 **PSI Minority** **PSI Minority** just a couple more
12 questions and then we'll get you out of here. Do you know
13 who was running the communications or Security Room on July
14 13th?

15 **Witness** : No.

16 **PSI Minority** Do you know how many agents or officers
17 were stationed in the Security Room?

18 **Witness** : No.

19 **PSI Minority** Do you know if any local officers were
20 stationed in the Security Room?

21 **Witness** : No.

22 **PSI Minority** Sticking with communications, at past
23 events that you have worked, have you had access to local
24 radio communications?

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

1 **PSI Minority** At past events that you have worked,
2 have you had access to local radio communications?

3 **Witness** : Yes, but not like having one of their
4 radios. Instead, working with, alongside them.

5 **PSI Minority** Can you just unpack that a little bit
6 as to what you mean? So you didn't have their radios but
7 you would be paired with a local? Is that fair?

8 **Witness** : Sometimes, yeah. When it's feasible,
9 that is an option.

10 **PSI Minority** Okay. And in the situations where it's
11 not, how would you normally have access through local
12 radios?

13 **Witness** : Through the Counter Sniper Team advance
14 TL, the team lead.

15 **PSI Minority** So similar to how it was set up on July
16 13th.

17 **Witness** : Correct.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. I know you mentioned that **[REDACTED]**
19 **C/S Team Lead** was the lead counter sniper for the July 13th
20 rally. Right?

21 **Witness** : Yes.

22 **PSI Minority** And that **Hercules 1 C/S** was the supervisor
23 for the July 13th rally. Is that correct?

24 **Witness** : Was the supervisor for the Counter
25 Sniper Team.

1 **PSI Minority** Can you just explain to me how that
2 interplay works with a lead agent, or a lead officer, and
3 then a commanding officer, it sounds like, who would be the
4 sergeant? How do they interplay?

5 **Witness** : It's a good question. It's an
6 interesting chain of command where the officer, **Team Lead**, would
7 go out and do his advance, and he would receive a
8 supervisor long after the fact would come and work. In
9 case anything came up during the course of the detail they
10 would act as a supervisory role if like there was an
11 accident or some type of critical incident, where **Team Lead**
12 isn't necessarily the most prepared for.

13 **PSI Minority** If the supervisor disagreed with the
14 lead counter sniper officer's recommendations or planning
15 for the event, could the supervisor override the lead
16 officer?

17 **Witness** : I think so, but that's highly uncommon.

18 **PSI Minority** Okay. Who did **Hercules 1 C/S** report to?

19 **Witness** : Who does he report to?

20 **PSI Minority** Yes, sir.

21 **Witness** : He reports to our lieutenants through
22 our chain of command.

23 **PSI Minority** Who is that lieutenant?

24 **Witness** : It would be **C/S lieutenant** and **C/S lieutenant**

25 **C/S lieutenant**

1 **PSI Minority** Okay. And on July 13th, were they
2 based in Washington, D.C.?

3 **Witness** : They may have been. I'm not -- they
4 are operational, as we are, so they could be anywhere on
5 the planet.

6 **PSI Minority** Understood. Thank you. One last set
7 of questions. I know you mentioned that the blind spot was
8 sort of mitigated by the fact that locals were over there,
9 and your understanding was locals had authority of that
10 area, the AGR building, to three o'clock, from your
11 position. Can you explain what you mean by authority? Is
12 that just the local sniper units that were stationed there,
13 or was it your understanding that there would also be local
14 patrol who was working that area throughout the day, and
15 that that's how that was going to be secured?

16 **Witness** : It's assumed that it's a police entity
17 with jurisdiction for that specific area.

18 **PSI Minority** Does that mean, your understanding was
19 there would be local police patrol there --

20 **Witness** : Yes.

21 **PSI Minority** -- or just the -- yes, okay. And then
22 the local snipers who are positioned there -- and again, I
23 want to, putting it in the head space of you're a lead in
24 the pasts, when you have been paired with local snipers.
25 Have you visited or reviewed their locations and their

1 positions that they would be placed in for an event?

2 **Witness** : I have done a lot of advances, so it
3 would be hard to recall a specific instance where I did
4 that, and ultimately I don't have the authority to tell a
5 local where they can post in their own jurisdiction.

6 **PSI Minority** So let's talk about a specific instance
7 where they are mitigating a blind spot. If the local
8 officers are being positioned there to mitigate a blind
9 spot, would you review that as the lead agent to ensure
10 that it was covering the blind spot for your counter sniper
11 units?

12 **Witness** : I would trust their input and their
13 capabilities and their abilities as snipers. I can't
14 speculate what I would or wouldn't do in this specific
15 instance.

16 **PSI Minority** Let's put it another way. Would it be
17 the responsibility of the lead agent to review the
18 positions of a local sniper unit to ensure that they were
19 covering a potential blind spot?

20 **Witness** : It's tough to -- I don't know if I can
21 answer because I'm not part of the planning process for
22 this specific one.

23 **PSI Minority** Zooming out from this specific one,
24 right. As a lead agent you've been -- I'm sorry -- a lead
25 officer, you've been a lead counter sniper officer on a

1 site, would it be your responsibility as a lead officer
2 to review the local positions to ensure that it was
3 mitigating a potential blind spot?

4 **Witness**: It also depends on the blind spot. If
5 they, the locals, tell me that they're going to post in a
6 position and I see it, and I say, "Yeah, that position
7 looks like it would mitigate," then I'd be satisfied with
8 that. It doesn't necessarily mean I would have to go and
9 assume the post and check. Sometimes that's not even
10 feasible.

11 **PSI Minority** Okay. Thank you.

12 **HSGAC Majority**: The former and acting Secret Service
13 directors have both testified before Congress to
14 operational failures that occurred on July 13th. Based on
15 your experience, what, if any, failures occurred on the
16 13th, or in advance of it, that contributed to the
17 assailant's ability to fire shots at the President -- at
18 the former President, sorry.

19 **Witness**: Sir, I can only speak to my performance
20 on that day, and I did my job to the best of my ability.

21 **HSGAC Majority**: Thank you for that. And your
22 responsibilities specifically, as a counter sniper, setting
23 that aside, earlier you testified, in response to questions
24 that -- and correct me if I don't get the wording right --
25 technicians did not make any errors that day. Is that

1 roughly accurate to what you said?

2 **Witness** : Correct.

3 **HSGAC Majority** : And by "technicians," are you broadening
4 out and speaking of the entire Counter Sniper Team?

5 **Witness** : Correct.

6 **HSGAC Majority** : Zooming out further, and if you can't
7 answer, you can't answer. With respect to any planning
8 that you are aware of that day, on the part of the Secret
9 Service, do you believe there were any errors that
10 contributed to the eventual attempted assassination?

11 **Witness** : Because I wasn't a part of the planning
12 process I can't make a determination.

13 **HSGAC Majority** : With respect to communications systems,
14 solely limiting it to the knowledge you have and the
15 systems that you had, do you believe that those
16 communications systems and the way in which the Secret
17 Service employed them, as an organization, had any role in
18 failures that day that are related to the eventual
19 assassination attempt?

20 **Witness** : Well, I know that I lost cell service
21 briefly, but I can't speak to anything else outside of my
22 performance.

23 **HSGAC Majority** : With respect to coordination between
24 Federal and state and local law enforcement entities that
25 day, do you have any view on whether there were errors with

1 respect to that coordination that contributed to the
2 failures that day?

3 **Witness** : Again, I can't speak to anything beyond
4 my performance.

5 **HSGAC Majority** : And with respect to resources I'll ask the
6 same question.

7 **Witness** : Again, we ourselves as a resource, and
8 with the way we performed on that day, I think we did our
9 jobs.

10 **HSGAC Majority** : And the last question I'll ask related to
11 this line of questioning. You mentioned a blind spot, and
12 mitigation efforts. In your view, should there have been
13 more mitigation efforts taken on the part of the Secret
14 Service, once these blind spots were known? And I'll as a
15 follow-up in a minute.

16 **Witness** : I believe the mitigations were
17 sufficient.

18 **HSGAC Majority** : And with respect to local law enforcement's
19 role, do you believe, knowing at that point in time, on
20 July 13th, that a blind spot exists, and you communicated
21 it up your chain, do you believe that there were any
22 additional obligations that the local law enforcement
23 entities should have taken that day?

24 **Witness** : Again, I can't speak to anything beyond
25 my performance, sir.

1 HSGAC Majority: I want to ask counsel for the Agency
2 just one clarification question here. There was discussion
3 today, with respect to communications, about concern over
4 classification. I just want to make clear, we've been
5 provided productions including with respect to
6 communications, that lists Channel and Channel We've had prior
7 testimony regarding the Secret Service communications. It
8 is our understanding that we have not been provided with
9 any classified information and that no prior testimony
10 involves any classified information. I just want to
11 clarify for the record that that is your understanding, as
12 well.

13 MR. Agency Counsel That's correct.

14 HSGAC Majority: Thank you, Witness We're going to
15 conclude today's interview. I want to thank you very much
16 for your participation today. We greatly appreciate it.
17 And counsel's, I want to thank you, as well.

18 We have tried to cover every topic here. I will
19 reiterate my request that with request to exhibits that
20 have been introduced we find an accommodation to provide
21 relevant information to those key documents, and I can
22 discuss further with counsel. We may, as I stated at the
23 beginning, have further questions that we need to address,
24 and if we do we will be sure to follow up.

25 That said, as I mentioned at the beginning, we would

1 ask that you not speak about what we have discussed in
2 this interview with anyone outside of who is in the room
3 today, to preserve the integrity of our investigation.

4 And with that, barring any last-minute questions, we
5 will conclude today's interview, and thank you again.

6 **Witness** : Thank you.

7 [Whereas, at 6:27 p.m., the interview was concluded.]
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Committee Errata

Page	Line	Correction
81-82	25-1	Strike “So to you knowledge” and replace with “So do you have knowledge”
119	8	Strike “how” and replace with “now”
120	16	Strike “like” and replace with “line”
141	10	Strike “direct” and replace with “directly”
159	24	Strike “pasts” and replace with “past”

Witness Counsel Errata

Page	Line	Correction
70	7	should read “a round” as in a projectile from a firearm instead of “around”
108	14	“policy activity” should be “police activity”
118	4	“it’s a referred to” I think I said “it’s been removed”.